

THE SLATE

The Monthly Newsletter of
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, Maryland

June 2023

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV)

My oldest son, Gideon, began playing cello in sixth grade and was often required to play “living room concerts” for us in order to prepare for school performances. During his last living room concert of junior high school, he put his bow in his lap midway through his second song and stared at his sheet music for an uncomfortable amount of time. “I have eight measures of rests right now,” he finally explained. “Just pretend you can hear the other instruments playing.”

Later that week, when I heard him perform the same composition with the full school orchestra, it was an entirely different experience, completely devoid of any awkward moments. This time, I barely noticed when his cello went silent because the music continued with violins, violas, and basses. As each musician followed the conductor, what would have been individual sounds combined together not a beautiful melody.

It made me think about how Jesus creates each of us with special gifts and abilities for the specific purpose of serving Him. In my quest to serve Jesus with all my heart, I sometimes forget that I was never meant to serve Him in isolation or to meet every need myself. Instead, I am part of a greater body of believers, with each of us serving Jesus according to His perfect timing for our lives. When I follow Jesus like a musician follows a conductor, even my time of rest contributes to the greater song of His glory.

Faith Step: What gifts has Jesus given you to serve Him? Ask Him if now is a time for rest or action.

Submitted by Marian Koegel, Clerk of Session

From Mornings with Jesus, April 23, 2023 devotion. Written by Emily E. Ryan.

We each have been inspired, encouraged, enlightened, comforted.... by things we have read and/or reflected upon. Please consider sharing your readings and/or personal reflections with others through our monthly newsletter, The Slate. You can contact Luianne (410-688-0603 or luiannepotter@gmail.com) or Linda at the church.



Slate Ridge Worship

Worship services begin at 11:00am and teachers are available to teach youngsters during “Kids Church.” Slate Ridge’s Facebook page (in the name of Rose Amos) will be kept up to date.

Come early and enjoy Fellowship with your church family. Slate Ridge worship service time will remain at 11:00am throughout the summer.

Pastor Supply Schedule

- June 4 - Rev. James Biller
- June 11 - Mr. Steele Glenn
- June 18 - Mr. Carroll Fitzgerald
- June 25 - Rev. James Biller

Special Music Schedule

- Aug 6 - Grace Anne Shaw
- Aug 13 - Rose Barranco
- Sep 3 - Matt Kineke
- Sep 10 - Teresa Pomraning

Greeters/Ushers for June

The Scarborough Family

Closers for June

- June 4 - Nelson Lewis
- June 11 - Steve Hess
- June 18 - Nelson Lewis
- June 25 - David Stewart

Meetings

- The Deacons will meet on Sunday, June 4, after worship.
- The Session will meet on Wednesday, June 21 at 7pm.

Deacons News

- Missy Kefauver will be sending cards in June; reach out to her if you think of someone who needs a reminder of God’s love for them.
- If a member of our church family, or of the local community may need a meal or two (because of hospitalization and recovery following surgery, etc.), the Deacons Contact person for meal support is Janet Nicholson. Janet’s contact info: 410-937-7753.



Flowers

The flower chart is in the Gathering Room. May flowers were given by:

- Ann Z. Wenrich in loving memory of her mother, Margaret Zimmerman’s birthday.
- Marian Koegel, in honor of all of the women in our lives.
- Patti Gibney.

Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayer, or if you would like to participate in our Prayer Chain, please contact Linda in the Church Office. Linda will start the prayer conversations going with the first person on the list. That person will pray and in turn, will contact the next person on the list. We can work with you to make it happen; contact Linda in the church office.

These Days Daily Devotionals

Copies of the July-September devotionals are on the table in the Gathering Room.



Per Capita 2023

The Per Capita for 2023 is \$37.00 per member which goes to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to defer administrative costs. Your 2023 envelope box contains an envelope for this purpose. The Session Finance Committee does elect to pay the Per Capita on all our active members. We thank all who contribute their portion.

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses

(April 2023)

	2023	2022
Income	\$ 79,517.54	\$ 6,777.28
Expense	\$ <u>10,181.66</u>	\$ <u>10,767.19</u>
Net Income	\$ 69,335.88	- 3989.91

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Update

The generous Slate Ridge family contributed \$1,185.00 for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance campaign. The donation was sent quickly so that it will be received and matched by an outside agency before the deadline. You are making a difference!

Pentecost Offering, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Foundation of Faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) At Slate Ridge this year, this offering will run through June 4.



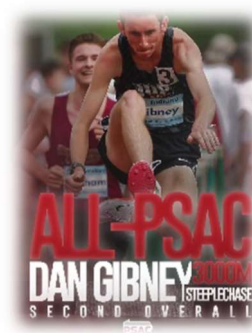
Praying for You

- Mary Gerlach continues to recover after a fall.
- Joan Jones's son-in-law, Chris Henderson, battling brain cancer, is receiving rehab for weakness in his legs.
- Allison, 2-year-old great-granddaughter of Joyce Myers continues testing and treatment.
- Wilson, son of Henry Heaps, is very ill.
- Sandy Scarborough is in constant pain.
- Joe and Dot Devilbiss's granddaughter, Anna Deaver, John Carroll HS Senior, seriously injured in an accident several months ago, has moved to Lorient of Bulle Rock.



A Joy!

- Dan Gibney, son of Sara and Todd, and grandson of Patti and Jim, earned All PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference) recognition coming in 2nd in the 3000 meter Steeplechase at the PSAC championships held at Slippery Rock University on May 12 with a time of 9:35.00. Just a few weeks prior, Dan won the Paul Kaiser 10K (25 laps) Invitational at Shippensburg. He broke his own personal record as well as that in the history of the Paul Kuhn Invitational.



News from the Kennedys

The latest letter from the Kennedys (Missionaries) arrived in late May and is posted outside the office.



Thank you from Pastor Ken

Dear friends at Slate Ridge,

I again wanted to thank you for 8 wonderful years of service together. When I was at Myerstown, I knew my ministry was coming to an end in the foreseeable future and I didn't want to end my ministry as an Interim; I wanted someplace I could call my own. And, praise God, The Slates opened up. I can't thank you enough for these past 8 years.

I also wanted to thank you for your very generous gift; I think Ann and I have already figured out what to do with it – our yard will thank you. And thank you for the final sendoff(s). To see people from the churches I have served almost did me in. It was a great celebration. Thank you.

Ken



Birthdays

1	Kenneth Ruiz	18	Phyllis Fenwick
2	Mary Gerlach	19	Michael Heaps
2	Barbara Stewart	19	Sarah Virden
5	Brandon Warner	22	Edwin Barton
5	Lacey Warner	26	Andrew James Dorville
9	Jessica Vogelsong	27	Hanna Morales Hess
10	Abigail Davis Sliger	27	Kelly Farmer
10	Andrea Potter Schmitt	28	Marian Glass
11	Brian Amos	29	Thomas Scarborough
15	Hunter Stokes	30	Kevin Gibney

Anniversaries

3	Brandon & Emily Warner
6	David & Joy Howell
10	Robert & Carol Wise
14	John & Phyllis Fenwick
19	Ed & Bert Jackson
22	Edward & Angela Norris
23	Jeff & Luianne Potter
24	Jim & Patti Gibney
25	David & Lindsay Howell
25	Stan & Fran Mathews



Thank you from Mason-Dixon Community Services, Inc. (Delta)

A card was received from Mason-Dixon Community Services, Inc. (Delta) on May 9, 2023.

"Thank you so much your generous donation! YOU are helping us make a real difference in this community. We truly appreciate your continued support!"

Ashley Soules

Center Manager

Slate Ridge Indoor Yard Sale

The indoor sale event will take place on Saturday, **July 29, 2023** at Slate Ridge Church from 8AM to 1PM. Tables are available for vendors, crafters and those with yard sale items. The Gathering Room upstairs and the Fellowship Hall downstairs are ready to be filled with tables full of treasures.

Tables will be available for \$15 each. Set up can start at 7AM on the day of the sale or the night before. Those wanting to set up the night before the sale will need to contact Slate Ridge office at 410.452.5177.

It is that time of year to clean out those items in your homes, sell those products that people love or show your crafting talents. Pass this on to friends, family and neighbors. So put it on your calendar.

Contact Marian Koegel at 717.676.3149 or Linda at Slate Ridge for table reservations.



Recognition of our Graduates



Annalee Kay Boyd graduated from kindergarten at Harford Christian School. She is the daughter of Brandon and Stephanie Boyd, granddaughter of Al and Terri Bracey, and great-granddaughter of Janet and the late Phil Nicholson. Annalee is looking forward to starting first grade at Harford Christian School this fall!!

Michael Bracey is the son of Terri and Al Bracey and grandson of Janet and the late Paul Nicholson. Michael graduated from Ohio University with a Masters in Fine Arts, majoring in Prop Design. He is currently employed at the American Shakespeare Theater as the Head of Prop Design and Creation. American Shakespeare Theater is located in Staunton, VA.



Audrey Dooley is the daughter of Ellen and Lewis Dooley and granddaughter of Julie and John. Audrey recently graduated from preschool.

Ryan Gibney is the son of Sara and Todd Gibney and grandson of Patti and Jim. Ryan graduated from Lebanon Valley College (LVC) in Annville, PA with a BS in Exercise Science and CSCS certification (Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist). He returns to LVC in the fall to pursue his career goal as a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy). Currently, Ryan has been doing a weekly clinical rotation at Drayer Physical Therapy Institute and enjoys working with patients. While at LVC, Ryan has been a member of the football team (Go Dutchmen!), playing linebacker and serving as a team co-captain. He returns this fall to play another eligible year due to Covid shutdowns. He has been voted to serve as co-captain again. Ryan is an active member of the Annville-Cleona Fire Department in Annville where he has given over 600 volunteer hours. He is also an active member of Eureka VFD in Stewartstown. Prior to graduation, he was recognized at LVC with a Gold Star award for his public service to the community. He is a member of Fawn United Methodist Church.



Madeleine Allison Mae Newton (Maddie) is the daughter of Erin (Hess) and Will Newton and the oldest granddaughter of Steve and Debbie Hess. Maddie was baptized at Slate Ridge and is a member of Norrisville Methodist Church. Maddie is graduating from North Harford Middle School 8th grade where she has achieved distinguished (straight A's) honor roll through all of Middle School. She will be attending North Harford High School in the fall. She is active in Girl Scouts, most recently receiving her Silver Award. Maddie has been dancing since she was 4 with the North Harford Rec Dance program.

She has classes in ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop. You can frequently find her dancing around the house. Maddie has been in the band at school since the 4th grade as a percussionist. She has been in the auditioned jazz band at NHMS since the 6th grade along with the concert band and plans to join the marching band at NHHS. This year she was the percussion section leader and a member of the All-County Band for Harford County Middle Schools. She also plays field hockey for the Jarrettsville rec council. In addition, Maddie enjoys spending time with friends, reading, and camping with her family.

Paul Thomas Weidow graduated from St. John Catholic High School in Washington, DC. He will be going to Spain in August to play soccer for their professional soccer team. Paul is the son of Paul and Janine Weidow and grandson of John and Phyllis Fenwick.



*Don't tell me the sky's the limit
when there are footprints on the moon.*

Month of June

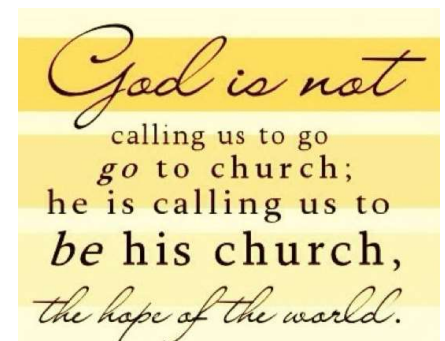
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We're on Facebook!

Any questions contact Rose Amos
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Count your many blessings....