



THE SLATE

The Monthly Newsletter of
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, Maryland

November 2023

Sunflowers

“This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5 NIV)

Since I ‘retired’ from active duty in disaster recovery, I have been trying to organize all the memorabilia I collected from these mission trips. I found the following poem.

You are a Sunflower Person (author unknown)

You have a special radiance that shines on those around you,
Stemming from God’s joy and light that constantly surround you.
You scatter seeds of kindness, and take it as your mission
To share your cheerful smile and your sunny disposition
Grounded in God’s goodness, you have to know it’s true –
You make the world more beautiful just by being YOU!!

This poem reminds me of the mysterious appearance of sunflowers in the D’Iberville, Mississippi area the summer following Hurricane Katrina. Sunflowers were not planted in the area. These came from the scattering of the seeds from the bird feeders.

The residents believe that God’s hand was at work in the planting of these seeds and it was an omen from Him that even in the darkest times, the sun will shine. The sun shown in all of His servants that came to help with the rebuilding of the area.

Even in your darkest times, the sun will continue to shine and He will be with you.

Shared by Nelson Lewis

Photo by Patti Gibney

We each have been inspired, encouraged, enlightened.... 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

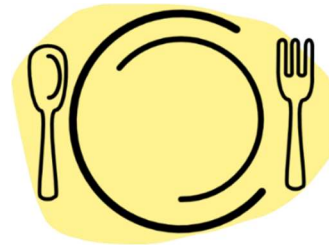
Worship services begin at 11:00am and teachers are available to teach youngsters during “Kids Church.” You can keep in touch with Slate Ridge happenings by checking the SlateRidgeChurch.org website and/or Slate Ridge’s Facebook page.

Communion

Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, with The Rev. John V. Carlson filling the pulpit.

Pastor Supply Schedule

- November 5 - Mr. David Yensan
- November 12 - Rev. Melissa McDade
- November 19 - Rev. Melissa McDade
- November 26 - Rev. James Biller
- December 3 - Rev. John V. Carlson



Greeters/Ushers for November

The Scott Kefauver family

Closers for November

- Nov 5 - Brian Amos
- Nov 12 - Bill Scarborough
- Nov 19 - Cathy Panos
- Nov 26 - Steve Hess

NEXT CLEAN PLATE IS Wednesday, November 1st

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Frequency: Once per month; 1st Wed of the month

Contact Marian Koegel, Chef for November, if you want to offer a dessert.

Next Clean Plate is Wednesday, December 6th.

Meetings

- The Session will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm.

Looking Ahead: Decorating the Sanctuary

The congregation is invited to begin the decoration process by staying after church on November 26, to decorate the windows and help bring up the tree frame. Debbie and Steve Hess will pick up the poinsettias on Thursday, November 30 and upon arrival back at Slate Ridge, the decorating will begin in earnest. Help from willing hands is welcomed on Thursday afternoon and again on Friday to construct the poinsettia tree and finish decorating the Sanctuary prior to the Delta Christmas Fair (Dec 1-3) and our own Slate Ridge Greens Sale (Dec 2-3).



Homecoming Celebration and Recognition of 50-year Members, October 29

Slate Ridge’s Homecoming 2023 will be celebrated on Sunday, October 29. The traditional 11:00 am. service will speak to the glory of God through scripture, message, and song. Our guest speaker is Mr. Nick Cienski. A special part of our

Homecoming service is always the recognition of those who have been members of our congregation for fifty or more years. We look forward to many of these special individuals being with us in person on that day. There will be an extended coffee hour, both prior to and after the service.

Deacons News

- Joyce Myers will be sending cards in November; 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.



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.

North Harford Dance

Dance in Hyde Hall is scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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

(September)

	2023	2022
Income	\$ 6,968.59	\$ 6,950.23
Expense	<u>10,268.03</u>	<u>9,273.36</u>
Net Income	-3,299.44	-2,323.13

Peace and Global Offering, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Thank you to friends and the Slate Ridge church family for your generous support (\$465.00) of the Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of the four special PC(USA) offerings of the year.



Birthdays!

3 Sadie Gibney	18 Jacob Howell
7 Joan Jones	19 Emily Wagner
9 Ben Smith	22 Todd Fleischmann
12 Debbie Hess	26 Rhett Gibney
17 Greg Hunt	30 Todd Gibney

Praying for You

- Andrea has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Mary Gerlach's friend, Mary Nelson, is very ill.
- Wilson, son of Henry Heaps, is very ill.
- Sandy Scarborough is in constant pain.
- Carolyn (Orr) Manigat was hospitalized with Covid.
- Scott Schubert has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Anna Deaver, seriously injured in an accident more nearly seven months ago, is receiving care at Lorient of Bulle Rock. You can track her progress by logging in to CaringBridge.org.
- Debbie Glenn, wife of one of our Pulpit Supplies, Steele Glenn, is receiving hospice care.
- Bill's friend, Michael, father of two small children, has heart issues and is on life support.
- Lou Gezy is receiving dialysis 3 days a week and needs transportation assistance.
- Dave Stewart's sister, Jean, has been diagnosed with cancer and will receive chemo and radiation.
- Mark has Alzheimer's.
- Beverly Hannah has stage 4 lung cancer and now spots have been discovered on her brain.
- Philip Rutledge has been diagnosed with cancer.



With our sympathy and prayers

- The family of Chris (Thomas C. Henderson), husband of Melinda (Tindy) (Jones) Henderson, father of Will, and son-in-law of Joan Jones. Chris lost his battle with cancer on September 22.



Annual Slate Ridge Christmas Greens Sale

We will be holding our ninth annual Christmas Greens and Decorations Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, December 2, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm** and **Sunday, December 3, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. This event is our primary fundraiser for the year. A huge selection of large wreaths, including very large wreaths by Jessica Geczy and lovely magnolia wreaths by Dave Barringer, greens, swags by Calla Lloyd and Kellie Babylon, fresh floral arrangements and shell wreaths will be available. Delicious homemade baked goods, fudge, and jellies will be offered for sale; we will also feature a table of "flea" Christmas items and will happily accept any donations for it. Organizers include Pat Kefauver and Calla Lloyd, co-chairpersons and Mary Gerlach, senior advisor. Many thanks to Missy Kefauver for her very much appreciated assistance throughout the week's prep and the weekend sale, and to Luianne Potter for organizing and managing the Bake Table.



Inclement Weather Notification

Let's hope we don't have to use this - but we're approaching the season where our worship service may be cancelled due to inclement weather or power outages. If you are already on the list, you know that we use the robocalls all-year round. If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the list to receive cancellation notices (via a phone call at 8AM on snowy Sunday mornings), please add your name to the Robo Call list which is posted on the board in the vestibule - or contact Linda at the church office to be added to the list. Three items to keep in mind: (1) it will work only if the power and cable are working at Linda's home. (2) If your answering machine is set up to screen/reject robocalls (by punching 8 to bypass), the call will not go through. (3) The calls are sent from Linda's home number (717-456-7075), so perhaps add it to your call-list so that you don't automatically reject or delete the call. And, as always, use your best judgment in regard to driving in winter road conditions. The announcement will also be on the Slate Ridge Facebook page.

A Ghostly Experience!



Wow! By the time you are reading this, I'm thinking it should be just about Halloween! Can you imagine where the year went? How much thought have you given to ghosts this month? This year? It came to me today when thinking of what to devote this month's note on, that maybe ghosts would be a great topic. Driving through town you can't help but notice all the ghostly decorations, both lit and unlit, hung to celebrate the Halloween season... I must admit I've never been a great fan of Halloween...too many scary costumes, spooky houses, and spider webs...and oh, those ghosts...swinging from the porches and light posts, swaying in the wind!

But after only a minute of thinking about ghosts, my heart lightened, and I smiled...all ghosts aren't bad or scary... May I ask that you take a huge leap with me? May I ask when is the last time you gave a ghost a serious thought? When have you given serious thought to the Trinity, and in particular to the Holy Spirit, oft times referred to as the Holy Ghost?



What a gift the Holy Spirit is when we receive Him through our salvation! If we allow ourselves to listen to Him, He provides guidance, conscience, and protection... Romans 14:17 reminds us that through the Holy Spirit, we are provided God's righteousness, peace and joy! The Holy Spirit will guide us in the direction God wants us to go... He will help us keep our feet on God's chosen steps for us, provide us the strength we need to follow God's directions, instead of our own. Maybe Halloween is the perfect time to remember not only the Holy Spirit, but the Trinity as a whole... and what God has done for us through the sacrifice of His only Son! Is it possible that we can use this reminder to provide the ultimate treat for someone who still doesn't have it! Let's make sure during this Halloween, we take time to share with someone that special Treat from God... He intends for us to share it, to bring others into His arms... let's do our best to see how crowded Heaven can be!

Joyfully thinking and praying for all!



The Slate Ridge Poinsettia Tree

Poinsettias will be placed in the traditional fresh Poinsettia Tree in honor or in memory of loved ones. They will be enjoyed by all during the Christmas season and can then be removed and enjoyed in your home following the **7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, December 24.**

Each plant will cost \$8.50 and can be ordered by dropping off the order/payment or by mailing it to: Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1630 Chestnut Street, Cardiff, MD 21160. **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19.**

Person Ordering _____ Phone # _____
 In Honor of: _____
 In Memory of: _____

I have enclosed \$8.50 for each Poinsettia. Total _____

Yes, please send a card to the person(s) being honored.

Their address is: _____

Month of November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLEAN PLATE 5-7pm	2 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	3 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	4
5 Mr. David Yensan Worship Service with & Kids Church 11:00am	6 <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	7 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	8	9 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	10 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	11
12 Rev. Melissa McDade Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	13 <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	14 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	15 Session 7pm	16 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	17 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	18
19 Rev. Melissa McDade Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	20 <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	21 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	22	23 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	24 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	25
26 Rev. James Biller Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	27 <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	28 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	29	30 Office Open Poinsettias arrive – Decorate the Sanctuary <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	Dec 1 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Decorate the Sanctuary	Dec 2 Greens Sale

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We have a new Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/slateridgechurch

BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE,
THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE.
TEST ME IN THIS," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY,
"AND SEE IF I WILL NOT THROW OPEN THE
FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH
BLESSING THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE
ROOM ENOUGH FOR IT.

MALACHI 3:10

