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The Monthly Newsletter of
Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, Maryland

October 2024

From the Pastor's Desk.

What an amazing year it has been already. It is always wonderful, and little bit amazing, at how quickly things seem to move in church life. Yet we know that God is in charge of it all. October is shaping up to be another wonderful ministry filled month. We are planning a special Homecoming service for October 27th and will be starting to plan for the Greens Sale that will take place in December. Of course, we'll also have our continuing weekly Bible Study that takes place every Thursday morning. Also, did you realize that next year we celebrate Slate Ridge's 275th Anniversary? Stay tuned for more information on that. We hope that whether it is in Bible Study, outreach projects, or Sunday worship that you will be a part of it all.

There is a seasonal aspect to life that closely mirrors the seasons of the year. Many times, it seems that we are overly busy at this time of year. But just because we're busy we don't need to be burdened. Jesus says many wonderful things, and one of my favorite Jesus sayings is: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."(Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV) Growing up I had a tendency to think this meant Jesus wanted us to take it easy, or to live a life of leisure. I always wondered why that never seemed to manifest itself. Of course, that is not what Jesus is saying at all. Jesus is telling us in this moment, that if we ground the work we do – whether for the church, or our families, and even our community – in God, we will find not a life of ease but a life of joyful work.



We're not called to live easy lives; we're called to faithful living. That faithful living includes not only going to church and being involved in the life of Slate Ridge, but also recognizing that we all belong first to God; and that all we have and all we are is God's to begin with. Living includes giving thanks to God at the end of a busy day for the places where you saw his grace shining through. Jesus reminds us in this passage from Matthew that there will be work to do; but you need not be overwhelmed by it, because Jesus is with us every step of the way and as much as we desire to lead lives of faith for Jesus, Jesus will always be faithful to us.

Pastor Carroll





Slate Ridge Worship

Worship services are now being live-streamed via You Tube (The channel is: Slate Ridge Church). The service which includes a Children's Message begins at 11:00am and there is a Fellowship time prior to the service, beginning at 10:30am. Teachers are available to teach youngsters during "Kids Church." The service is posted weekly to the SlateRidgeChurch.org website and Slate Ridge's Facebook page.

Greeters/Ushers for October

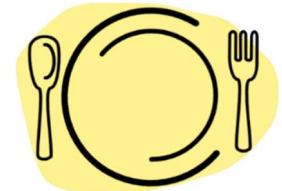
Janet Whiteford and Jeff Potter

Closers for October

- Oct 6 - Steve Hess
- Oct 13 - Nelson Lewis
- Oct 20 - David Stewart
- Oct 27 - Brian Amos

Meetings

- The Session will meet Wednesday, October 16, at 7pm.



CLEAN PLATE
Wed, October 2, 2024
 From 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
 1st Wed of the month
 Next Clean Plate - Nov 6/
 Turkey Dinner

Deacons News

- 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.



Per Capita 2024

The Per Capita for 2024 is \$38.00 per member which goes to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to defer administrative costs. The Session Finance Committee elects to pay the Per Capita on all our active members. We thank all who contribute their portion.



Bible Study "The Chosen"

Each Thursday, beginning in September, we will watch one episode of "The Chosen" and then discuss what we have learned. Time is 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Bring your friends.

Flowers on the Organ

Flowers were shared by Phyllis and John Fenwick and Patti Gibney.

North Harford Dance

Dance will be starting in October, here in Hyde Hall.



Homecoming Celebration and Recognition of 50-year Members, October 27

Slate Ridge's Homecoming 2024 will be celebrated on Sunday, October 27. The traditional 11:00 am. service will speak to the glory of God through scripture, message, and song. 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. Following the service will be a light luncheon.

Nomination of Church Officers

The nomination form is included within this newsletter (on Page 7) and can be used to assist you in prayerful consideration of your nominations for church officers. If you cannot easily bring the form to church, please feel free to contact Ron Sturdivant, Nominating Committee Chair, or any Session member. We would like to have your suggestions by **Sunday, October 20.**

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

Slate Ridge is participating in the Presbyterian Church-USA's Peace & Global Witness Offering which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. The campaign ends on October 6 (World Communion Sunday). Ron Sturdivant and Jeff Potter are your Mission POCs on the Session.



Sunflowers in Jarrettsville

Slate Ridge is again participating in the **Sunflowers in Jarrettsville.** (The field is adjacent to the where the Lions Club holds its annual carnival next to Smith Hardware.) The project raises money to help families in need in our community throughout the year. Local churches and businesses participate, along with many volunteers. It begins this weekend, September 27, 28, and 29. You can assist by baking cookies. Slate Ridge is providing cookies for sale this weekend - September 27-29. If you would like to bake cookies - please no nuts or peanut butter- place 3-4 cookies in a sealable plastic bag and get them to the church by Thursday afternoon, September 26th. Please provide your name and phone number; health department regulations require this. If you have any questions, you can contact Steve Hess at stevehess74@gmail.com or call 443-417-7126.

You can learn more about **Sunflowers in Jarrettsville** - who they are and what they do; a schedule of events, directions, parking, etc. at the following link: [Sunflowers In Jarrettsville](#). If you would like to volunteer to assist- working the entrance, selling arrangements or refreshments, or cutting sunflowers, you can sign-up using this link signup.com/go/QmyTgbT.



Or just visit; it is a beautiful sight.

Photo by Patti Gibney

Help Me Not Only to Serve, But To Allow Others To Serve Me!

Sound familiar? If so, it could mean you may not only have been in our church this past Sunday but that you were also paying attention to the words we prayed together.

Do you ever find it easier to help others than to accept help from others? I know I do! I also know it is a sign of being too "prideful." I pray you don't know Pride as well as I sometimes do. He shows up quite silently sometimes and takes me by surprise. Pride has the ability to allow me to think that I don't need others to help me...I can handle life all by myself! After all, I pray daily, sometimes I would say I pray almost constantly...I find myself talking to God while I'm driving, cleaning...just trying to quiet my soul and calm my spirit...with God in my corner, why would I need anyone else to help me out? Pride sneaks in just when I'm at my low point and convinces me "it's ok, just push through." He convinces me that needing help would make me appear weak. In reality, I'm grateful that I also am often wise enough to realize Pride is one of the devil's best friends. He can cause me to take my eyes off those who through their love of Christ have reached out to help, not only because they saw a need, but because they also had a need. Christ gives us a Servant's spirit! When we don't allow those who care about us, those who love us, to share our burdens...not only do we miss out, but we strip them of the opportunity to share their Servant's spirit.

I pray for you as I ask you to pray for me that we realize our God given Servant's Spirit is a gift to allow us not only to help those we can, but to allow those who can, to help us!

Praying for a "joyfilled" day for all!

*"Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too."*

From the Servant Song.



OCTOBER



Birthdays!

Anniversaries!

4 Eric Six	19 Meela Reese Loper
7 Linda Heaps	21 Amy Hanna
10 Kim Fleischmann	22 Sara J. Munch
10 Barbara Miller	23 Jeff Lovelidge
15 Bill Scarborough	27 Matt Heaps
16 Mike Johnson	28 Tory Jones
18 Deborah Nelson	30 Beth Van Hart

15 Charlie & Kelly Farmer
29 Bill & Sandy Scarborough



Praying for You

- Our country.
- Mary Gerlach, home from hospital.
- Nelson Lewis, continued prayers for health issues.
- Cindy Seibel, treatment for cancer; surgery is scheduled for October.
- John Dooley, Jr., surgery for broken foot.
- Terri Robinson's sister-in-law, Teresa Knox, is on the lung transplant list.
- Sandy Scarborough, constant pain.
- Bill's friend, Opher and family, prayers for safety and protection.
- Phyllis's friend, Jean's husband Bob, has PSP in its terminal stage.
- Phyllis's brother-in-law, John, has congestive heart failure.
- Janet's sister, Beverly, tires easily, and has severe back pain.
- Ruth (LeMaster) Tarbert is at Hart Heritage.
- Andrea, breast cancer; Sheryl Shubert, stage 2 breast cancer; Terri Cornwell, stage 2 breast cancer; Jen, cancer; Natalie, cancer; Sonya, breast cancer and treatment; Scott Shubert, thyroid cancer; Doris Grim, breast cancer.
- Mark, Alzheimer's; Danielle; Worley Umbarger, Lyme; Jake Standiford, 12 year-old, seriously burned; Anna Deaver, remains comatose since r accident and has moved to Sterling Care, Bel Air, MD.





Shared by Pastor Carroll

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses (Aug 2024)		
	2024	2023
Income	\$ 4,357.02	\$ 5,714.00
Expense	<u>17,600.59</u>	<u>14,000.84</u>
Net Income	\$- 13,243.57	\$ - 8,286.84

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 initiate the prayer chain with our prayer partners.



Clean Plate Date Changes

Due to the conflict with our Greens Sale, our Clean Plate meal will be on the Second Wednesday of the month (**December 11**). January's Clean Plate will also be on the Second Wednesday of the month (**January 8**).



**Tenth Annual Slate Ridge Christmas Greens and Decorations Sale,
Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8.**

This event is our primary fundraiser for the year. More details later!



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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 last worship service at Slate Ridge prior to Christmas Day.

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 24.**

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 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	2  Clean Plate 5-7pm	3 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00	4 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	5 AA mtg 4:30 pm.
6 Pastor C. Fitzgerald Worship Service with Children's Message & Kids Church 11:00am World Communion Sunday	7	8 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	9	10 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00	11 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	12 AA mtg 4:30 pm.
13 Pastor C. Fitzgerald Worship Service with Children's Message & Kids Church 11:00am	14	15 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	16 Session 7pm	17 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00	18 Office Open 9:00 ~ 3:00pm	19 AA mtg 4:30 pm.
20 Pastor C. Fitzgerald Worship Service with Children's Message & Kids Church 11:00am Officer Nominations Due	21	22 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	23	24 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00	25	26 AA mtg 4:30 pm.
27 Pastor C. Fitzgerald Worship Service with Children's Message & Kids Church 11:00am Homecoming	28	29 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	30	31 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00		

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THE 2024 CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING FORM

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), every congregation has the right and privilege of electing, ordaining, and installing its own officers. This year's Church Nominating Committee is chaired by **Ronald Sturdivant** and consists of the following Official Board Members: **Janet Nicholson** from the Board of Deacons, **Steve Hess** from the Board of Trustees, as well as those who have been elected from the congregation to serve as Members-at-Large: **John C. Johnson and Debora Hess**.

The Committee requests your assistance in suggesting names of members whom they might consider in forming their list of nominees for this year. Prayerfully consider yourself as a name to add to our list. Please know that your help is not only encouraged but will be greatly appreciated. Though this form allows for only a certain number of suggestions, feel free to list as many names as you wish.

ELDERS -- Those who serve on the Session are people chosen from and by the congregation. Together with the Pastor, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and are charged with the duty of strengthening and nurturing the faith and life of the congregation. Elders should, therefore, be persons of dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel (both within the church and the larger community.)

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

DEACONS -- The office of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of compassionate character, sympathetic understanding, and brotherly and sisterly love should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of the Deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

TRUSTEES -- The Board of Trustees is given the responsibility of overseeing the repair and maintenance of all church property. In this capacity, they serve on behalf of the congregation in matters of receiving, holding, transferring, and managing the property of this particular church. Those elected to this board should be persons of dedication, commitment, and good judgment.

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

We value your assistance in this process, and ask in the weeks ahead that you prayerfully consider those who would best serve the needs and interests of this congregation. **You may place this insert in the offering plate, bring it to the Church Office at your convenience, or mail it to Ron Sturdivant, c/o Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1630 Chestnut St., Cardiff, MD 21160.**

Please return by Worship Service, Sunday, October 20, 2024