

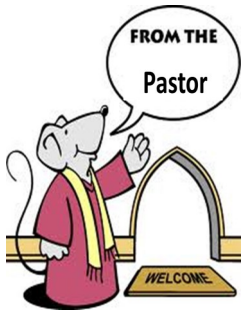
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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*Beloved Partners in Ministry,*

*One of my favorite celebrations in the liturgical life of the church is the Feast of Pentecost. This is where we celebrate the "birthday" of the church as the Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples and all those gathered together in Jerusalem. We often celebrate the day by wearing red and celebrating communion to remember our connection with the church throughout the ages.*

*This year Pentecost falls on May 20<sup>th</sup> and in addition to celebrating the founding of the Christian church, we will also have the opportunity to celebrate other milestones in the life of the church. May 20<sup>th</sup> happens to be the day that our local high school will hold its graduation ceremonies and so we have the privilege of recognizing and celebrating with three of our own seniors, Makayla Warrick, Dillan Keeley, and Nick Speziale. This year's seniors were confirmed in 2014, making their public profession of faith and confirming the promises made at their baptisms.*

*We also will be welcoming a new child of God into our midst as we baptize Noah Glidewell. Noah's parents, Bethany and Matt, will make promises to live as faithful disciples and to teach the faith to him. As a congregation we will also promise to guide and nurture Noah, praying for him and encouraging him to know and follow Jesus.*

*This wonderful day of many celebrations reminds us of our walk of faith. In witnessing Noah's baptism, we are all reminded of our own baptism and inclusion into the family of God. In celebrating our young people, we are reminded of our own professions of faith and the people who have nurtured us since we were young. In the Sacrament of Communion and hearing again the story of Pentecost, we are reminded of the nourishment we have in the body of Christ and the connection we have to the church, past, present, and future.*

*We are connected to one another through our faith, through our connection to Christ's church and through the power of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to bless us as we work together for the good of God's kingdom and all of humankind. Pastor*

*In Christ' peace,*

*Pastor Jamie*

**May  
Responsibilities**

**Elder:**

Chuck Hudzik

**Deacon:**

Marnie Bonsall

**Liturgists:**

**Greeters:**

5/6 Brooke & Jeff Kaschak  
5/13 Yvonne & Scott Rentz  
5/20 Jan & Ken Rambo  
5/27 Beverly Myers &  
Gloria Murray

**Story Circle:**

5/6 Lori Brendlinger  
5/13 Michelle Meyers  
5/20 David Rummell



**Sunday  
May 20**

## NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



E-mail your news to  
the church office:  
Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.  
net or call:  
330-652-5712

**Sympathy to the family and friends of Randy Pugh** who entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, April 4. Randy joined First Presbyterian Church in 1974 and was ordained Elder in 2016.

**Sympathy to the Rambo Family** on the death of Ken's brother, Bill Rambo, on April 11.

**Congratulations to our Honor Roll students:**

**Mineral Ridge**

**3rd grade: Tyler Pugh**

**6th grade: Ian Erb—all A's**

**9th grade: Evan Erb**

**11th grade: Abbey Strohmeyer**

**12th grade: Makayla Warrick**

**Congratulations to Olivia & Mason**

**Meyers.** Can you believe it?! Olivia & Mason are part of a Destination Imagination team that got selected to participate at the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the end of May. Their team is busy fundraising for the trip and practicing before the big week! Congratulations to the "Imaginators" of Howland Local School District.



**CHURCH GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ARE SELLING TEE SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS.** They will be grey with our logo in red. Short-sleeve T's \$10, long-sleeve T's \$12, & sweatshirts \$15. There is an order form included in this newsletter. **Money must accompany order.**



**Mahoning Valley Association of Churches**

*Together We Serve, Together We Celebrate*

## TASTE OF THE FAITHS FESTIVAL

**Monday, May 14 at 5:30pm**

St. Charles Church Social Hall

7345 Westview Dr.

This is a great time to meet and socialize with your neighbors of other faiths and denominations while you enjoy appetizers, main courses, salads and desserts. The food and beverages are provided by congregations of the Mahoning Valley. There will be Pick-a-Prize Auctions and entertainment at 6:30pm

Cost is \$15.00 per person—you can make advance reservations or pay at the door with cash or check.

**PRAYER LIST****Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell      Bob Bowskill      June Keeley

**Health Concerns**

Joan Williams      Andria Crawford  
 Helen Redmond      Abel Rios  
 Judi Henninger      Michelle Griffiths  
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)  
 Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)  
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)  
 Wanda Burns (Sandy Larmey's friend)  
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)  
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)  
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)  
 Susan & Martin Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friends)  
 Sean Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' nephew)  
 Zac Weber (Kathy Graham's future son-in-law)  
 Laurie Carl (Betty Garland's daughter)  
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)  
 Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)  
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)  
 Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

Paul Stevens (Beverly Myers son)  
 Michael Rios (Abel Rios' son)  
 Mary Johnson-Hardwood (Mark Rendes' friend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)  
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
 Kambree (Postlethwait's friend)  
 Chris Johnston (Kim Crozier's cousin)  
 Patricia McMahan (Sandy Larmey's friend)  
 JR Miller (Yvonne Rentz's uncle)

**Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support**

Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister  
 Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
 Someplace Safe      Needle's Eye  
 Niles Community Services  
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
 Refugees  
 Disaster victims      World Leaders  
 Casa de Buen Trato  
 Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
 Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)  
 Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

**PRAYER LIST**

*Names will be kept on the prayer list for approximately six weeks unless the office hears otherwise.*



**Deacons**  
 Called  
 To Serve

**OUR DEACONS**

Marnie Bonsall  
 Lori Brendlinger  
 Rusty Garland  
 Bethany Glidewell  
 Melissa Keeley  
 Diane Koch  
 Valerie Meyers  
 Marty O'Neill  
 Debbie Rendes  
 Ken Wilson



**From our  
 Parish  
 Nurse**

**WHEN TO CALL 911**

Dialing those three numbers is the fastest way to get life-saving help.

But how do you know it's a true emergency?

In a medical emergency, every second counts. The faster you get expert care, the more likely you are to survive a heart attack, stroke, or other health crisis. But first, you must detect the danger signs and seek help.

**RULE NO. 1? — TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!****IF YOU THINK IT'S BAD ENOUGH, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY CALL!****RED FLAGS**

These symptoms may be telltale signs of an emergency and warrant a call to 911:

**Vomiting**—Vomiting blood requires emergency attention. So does vomiting that is severe, lasts 24 hours or more, or accompanies chest pain, severe stomach or rectal pain or a recent head injury.

**Pain**—Beware of sudden, intense pain, especially along with dizziness or shortness of breath. Severe abdominal pain could be appendicitis or a perforated ulcer. A headache that feels different from previous headaches could signal a stroke.

**Loss of Consciousness**—Fainting occurs when the blood supply to the brain suddenly drops in a person with diabetes, very low blood sugar can cause loss of consciousness. Fainting also could be a sign of a heart attack, abnormal heart rhythm, or seizure.

## MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



### Bake Sale May 13

**As a Children's Mission Project**, our Christian Education and Mission Committees are having a bake sale Sunday May 13th after Worship. The two committees have joined forces with the goal of supplying a local animal shelter with supplies to care for many of their abused and neglected animals. This Summer with your support we will be able to help animals within our community. If you are able, please bring a baked good that we can sell. If you aren't a baker but like baked goods, please stop by and purchase an item or two in support of our mission project. Maybe even grab a goody for a lovely lady in your life, after all it is Mother's Day!



### Deacons' May Project—Thanking teachers!

The Deacons will be collecting snack items to make trail mix for the teachers at Seaborn and Mineral Ridge High School. Some examples are jars of various types of Peanuts, M & M's, plain or Peanut, raisins, pretzels, mini marshmallows, banana chips, granola... We are going to put these items in mason jars, and take to the school with small Ziploc bags (yes those too) for the teachers to make up their own little snack to keep them going throughout the month of May. Be creative. We love those teachers!



## INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



Pentecost will be on Sunday, May 20. Each year we have a special Pentecost offering in which our church keeps 40% of the funds to be designated to "make an impact on young people within [our] community." Our church will donate to the local organization Making Kids Count. Making Kids Count is a non-profit organization in the Mahoning Valley that provides programs and services to children in need. Some of the programs they offer include comfort kits to foster children, after school tutoring and also a summer food program.

### Financial update

Financial records from the first quarter of 2018 show that our general fund offering is significantly less compared to previous years. This is concerning considering we need to meet a monthly goal of 11,000 in order to make our church budget of 131,201. We have yet to meet this goal during this first three months of this year.

	2016*	2017	2018
January	8,783	10,484	9,969
February	13,136	7,946	10,373
March	14,854	12,154	7,562
Totals	36,774	30,584	27,904

\*This is the last year the church participated in the Friday Fish Fry.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



### JESUS SAID ....

**"TEACH THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU."**

In our congregation we have many who teach. We all do that by our actions especially as we treat one another. They say that a child will observe how adults treat each other and learn from that. We also have some special teachers that teach in our classrooms each Sunday during the program year. We have **Michelle Meyers** who faithfully is in the classroom every Sunday with our youngest of children. She helps them to know that God loves them especially by the love she shows them. In our multi-age classroom we have **Lori Brendlinger** and **Debbie Rendes** who use a wonderful curriculum that helps our children learn Bible stories and what those stories should mean for them. **Katie Lindahl** has been available to teach our

youth but alas it seems that our youth all have jobs and are working on Sunday mornings. Our adults attend class in the lounge where **Pastor Jamie** has led us through some very interesting studies this past year.

In addition to those who are teaching in the classrooms we have **Debbie Rendes** who maintains our supply room and **Sue Rendes** who sends baptism and birthday cards to our children. **Marty O'Neil** is the smiling face that opens the door at the south side entrance and greets all church school attendees with a big smile and sometimes even a hug.

We want to thank them all for being willing to commit to teach in the classrooms every Sunday. We are ever so grateful for their commitment to the teaching ministry of our church.

Others who have made a commitment to help watch our children Kindergarten and under during worship when they leave

for Story Circle are:

**Bethany Glidewell, David Rummell, Val Meyers, Lori Brendlinger, Debbie Rendes, Sue McCabe, Brooke Kaschak, Matt Glidewell, Melissa Keeley, Sherry Gleason, Katie Lindahl, Jill Fabian, Diane Reinhart, Nicki McMullen, Patty Postlethwait, McKenzie Shaffer and Michelle Meyers.** Each of them has taken on this responsibility two or three Sundays during the program year. We are very grateful for their service to our youngest of worshippers. We are always looking for others that would be willing to take a turn at Story Circle.

### WANTED!!! SOMEONE COLLEGE AGE OR OLDER!

During the summer we hire someone college age or older to take on the responsibilities of Story Circle. We pay \$10 a week and that is for 15 Sundays from May 27 through September 2. That person is responsible to be in attendance each Sunday unless he/she gets a substitute. If you know of someone who is interested talk to Carole Rummell or e-mail at [bcrummell@aol.com](mailto:bcrummell@aol.com) or text 330-207-2395. We will do a background check on the person whom we employ. This does not need to be a person from our membership.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO ARE GRADUATING

Our three high school graduates this year are all graduating from Mineral Ridge High School on May 20, 2018. We are pleased to be able to recognize them in worship on that morning with a small gift as they commence on the next part of their life journey. Our high school graduates are **Makayla Warrick, Dillan Keeley** and **Nick Speziale**. In the summer issue of the Church Mouse we will give you more information about their future plans. We would also like to let others know of higher education degree graduates as well at that time. We need your help in knowing who those graduates are. At this time we only know of **Michael Craver, Rosie Gleason, McKenzie Shaffer and Danielle Williams**. Please let Jane Meyers or Carole Rummell know of others and what degree they receive.



## THIS-THAT-AND-THE OTHER THINGS



### The Unveiling of Racism in America Workshop—May 12—9am to 3pm.

Pastor Jamie and the Session are excited to be hosting a community workshop on Racism in America. Minister King preached for us back in November of last year. The workshop will last from 9am-3pm and will include time for fellowship and discussion, music, and brief lectures. Lunch will be provided. Our main goal

is to begin fostering conversation and forming relationships that will continue into future events and gatherings with our neighbors in Mineral Ridge and neighboring churches in Youngstown. Our community churches, the Weathersfield Trustees and School Board have all been invited and Minister King will be bringing members of several Youngstown churches with him to take part in this day of conversation and community building. There is a \$5 registration fee to cover lunch and handouts, but scholarships are available if that causes a hardship. We want to make sure that ALL are able to participate in this workshop. Please sign up with Pastor Jamie or look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



### Baccalaureate Service

#### Mineral Ridge Baccalaureate

You are invited to join the Mineral Ridge High School graduating class of 2018 at the Mineral Ridge Church of Christ on THURSDAY, May 17 at 6pm for their Baccalaureate worship service. The service will be followed with a time of refreshments and fellowship.

#### Young Adult Cookout

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, May 26 from 4:30-8:00pm, under the pavilion at the church. Pastor Jamie hopes to have pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs. Others coming are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. We'll keep hoping for nicer weather! This is a great time to join us if you haven't made it to a gathering before! Hope to see you there.



### NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR BORROWING.

Summer is always a good time to take on reading a new book or two. We do have two new books available in Fellowship Hall on the small table against the south wall. One is for children (or for parents to read to their children) and one is for adults.

Help nurture the faith of the children in your life with ***Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible***. This engaging resource features 150 popular Bible stories that are organized by 13 themes, including Strong Women and Men; Listening for God; Parables; Healings and Miracles; and more. *Growing in God's Love* features diverse artwork from more than twenty artists to appeal to a variety of ages and learning styles. Three reflection questions—Hear, See, Act—are included at the end of each story to help children further ponder the message of the story. *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* is ideal for children ages 4-8. You can also purchase this book by going to PC(USA) Store on the internet. It would make a wonderful gift for the children in your life.

Presbyterians often have questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs that are basic to Christian faith itself. Featuring a unique question- and-answer format, ***Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*** is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of these questions on important topics and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologian. Certain sections will be more easily read than others. Suggested for you is the beginning section which answers what was the Reformation and What does "Protestant" mean? Section 5 will be of special interest as it addresses topics such as what is the authority of Scripture, what is free will and what is the priesthood of all believers among other interesting topics. Section 6 is titled Dividing issues among Protestants. This section talks about what the Lord's Supper means to the different denominations among others topics. It is probably not a book to read from cover to cover, but one that you can jump from section to section.

In Memoriam

***Randall S. Pugh***

United with First Presbyterian Church  
June 1, 1974

Joined the Church Triumphant  
April 4, 2018

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord  
henceforth . . .*

*that they may rest from their labors,  
for their deeds follow them."*

- Revelation 14:13



**Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God and in Memory of**

***Randall S. Pugh***

**have been given by:**

Bryan & Melissa Keeley

Ms. Donna Thompson

Mr. & Mrs. Adam Thompson

John C. Hudzik

Patricia & Christopher Streamo

David & Carol Creps

Russell & Sarah Day and Mike & Jeri Lee O'Brien

Glen Laraway, Claudia, Zapka, and Gerald Zapka

Carole Rummell

Mr. Andre Thompson

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Thompson

James & Kristin Gray,

Michael & Janice Clark,

Darryl & Jane Meyers



### **Tip #1: Only Place These Recyclables in the Curbside Recycling Container**

Keep it simple and focus on these four categories of curbside recyclables:

Paper, including newspapers, envelopes, junk mail, phone books and magazines

Flattened cardboard, file folders, and poster board

Plastic bottles and containers

Aluminum and tin food and beverage cans

Composite packaging, such as cardboard and plastic used together in a 24-pack of bottled water where there is a cardboard bottom and shrink-wrapped plastic, cannot be recycled unless they are separated before placing in the recycling container.

### **Tip #2: Recyclables Should Be Empty, Clean & Dry**

Make sure recyclables are empty of any contents, clean of any residue and dry before placing them into the recycling container.

### **Tip #3: When In Doubt, Throw It Out**

Many consumers put items into the recycling container hoping that they are recyclable. Despite these good intentions, some items should not be mixed in with clean recyclables. If questioning whether something is recyclable or not, following the guidance, "When in doubt, throw it out," by tossing the items into the trash container.

### **Tip #4: Know What Should Never be Placed in the Curbside Recycling Container**

In order for recycling to really work, your curbside recycling container needs to be filled with the right items. Recycling items that are not recyclable could lead to big problems.

Below is a list of items that should never be placed into a curbside recycling container. In some cases, they can be reused, repurposed, donated or disposed of in the trash container.

#### **PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING**

**Ropes, chain, cordage**

**Batteries**

**Diapers**

**Latex gloves**

**Food**

**Tissue, napkins, paper towels**

**Hard cover books**

**Styrofoam**

**Shoes**

**Plastic grocery bags**

**Yard waste**

**Clothes** (Take shoes & clothing to a local donation center)





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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we joyfully strive to create a community of faith that welcomes and nurtures all who seek to experience God's love and grace.*

*With this as our mission, we willingly choose to develop a fellowship through which we will no longer be strangers, but friends in Christ.*



**The Birthday of the Church!**

**May 20**

**Wear red to worship**

**This will be the last day for church school  
until September 9**

**OUR 10:00AM SUMMER WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE  
BEGINS MAY 27!**

