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Dear Friends,

It has been so good to see more of you in worship recently! It seems to me that the arrival of spring, the decrease in COVID infections, AND the Holy Spirit have stirred new energy and enthusiasm. Many have been busy preparing for new beginnings at FPCMR. The Building and Property Committee has begun some much-needed repairs to the manse. Our Pastor Nominating Committee has begun interviews. The “20’s-30’s-40’s” group has scheduled a clean-up evening on April 9. James Boyce and April Mohn have been hired as our new custodial team. Our Deacons are brimming over with ideas for fellowship and service. And Easter is coming, with the promise of new life and hope given by our God who makes all things new.

On the first two Sundays of April, we’ll be sharing the joy of baptism. On April 3, Nora Ann Glidewell, daughter of Bethany and Matt, will be receiving the sacrament. On April 10, which is also Palm Sunday, Andrew Norman Rendes, son of January and Mark, will be baptized. On *both* of those Sundays, our Deacons will be providing a special time of fellowship after worship. (Think cake!)

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and continues with our Maundy Thursday worship on April 14 at 7 p.m. We will observe that holy night with the Lord’s Supper and Tenebrae (the service of shadows). Please let me know if you would be willing to volunteer for a footwashing segment.

April 17 is the Day of Resurrection. We will begin with breakfast at 9:15! All of the details aren’t set yet, but please stay tuned to our bulletins and emails for more information. Many thanks to Darren Garris for suggesting that this tradition be revived this year. There will be one worship service, at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Baker will be with us to release his doves. Let’s celebrate together that our Lord Jesus is risen and is accompanying us right now!

If you’ve gotten out of the habit of gathering with your church family for fellowship and worship, this month is a great time to come home to FPCMR. I do not use the words “church family” lightly. It is obvious that a “church family” is just what you are as you care for and encourage one another. In this holiest of seasons, let us gather to praise the Lord together!

*Blessings,
Meta Cramer, Transitional Pastor*





Church News

Help us restock our food pantry for Easter!

We are in need of boxed cake mixes, brownie mixes, canned pie filling, cans of fruit, spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese and tuna.

The backpack program needs individual fruit, pudding and jello cups, boxed macaroni and cheese and snacks such as granola bars, individual bags of crackers, cookies, pretzels and fruit snacks.

EASTER BREAKFAST RETURNS

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 9:15am for a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

More details to come.



WELCOME BACK

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a LOW risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few changes that have been recently made.

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace has resumed in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic. Some may choose to elbow bump while others may choose to shake hands or hug.
3. Pot luck dinners will be resuming.
4. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available in the church building.



If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministry Task Force (Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).

Keep us up to date. E-mail your news to the church office: fpc.ridge@gmail.com or call 330-652-5712

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn
Marlyne Young

Dora Painter
Dorothy Jones

Health Concerns

Mary Alice Seaborn
Betty Garland
Joan Williams
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Gayle Hollowell
Barb Wilkins (Tuci Pug's sister)
David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' friends)
Kareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney Craver's mother)
Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)
Gene McElhandy (Rambo's friend)
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene Tincher's friends)
Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Nicole (Rentz's friend)
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' frandmother)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Bill Kenneally (Meyers' friend)
Helen Redmond
Dillan Keeley
Phillip Igo

Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Needles's Eye
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
World Leaders
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Casa de Buen Trato
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Someplace Safe
Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker



Please call the church office to add or delete names to our prayer list. Names will be kept on the list for approximately six weeks unless the office hears otherwise.



Smile – www.smile.amazon.com or the Amazon app with AmazonSmile ON. If you order on Amazon you may want to go to this web site or the app, scroll down to the words Smile Amazon and click on to begin your order. You will be asked to designate a charity for which they will send a small donation. Of course, we would like you to donate to First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge! We just received a notice that their quarterly report for us notes that \$30.16 has been given to us. Since we have been receiving their donations, we have received \$259.01. All this just because some have ordered by using the above web site. Thanks Amazon.



Take time during Lent.

We will celebrate Easter on April 17. That means there are only a couple of weeks left to use some of the Lenten devotionals available on line. A new one in addition to those mentioned last month is **Cathedral.org/Lent**. Going to this web site of Washington Cathedral and subscribing will allow you to have them e-mailed to you daily until Easter.

If you are on the internet you may be interested in checking out these offerings on line.

pcusa.org/2022/lent. Go to Presbyterian Mission Agency/Lenten Devotional for 2022.

D365.org. This is written by a variety of writers and is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Ministry of PCUSA

Goshen.edu/devotions. These devotions come from Goshen College, which is of the Mennonite Church. These will appear only on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
Your Lenten Season may be enhanced by checking any or all of the above offerings for you.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our Little Library is open. Don't forget to give it a look and maybe there will be a book you would like read. Just take it – no need to return.

Our Adult Class has been discussing the book God Hides in Plain Sight with Pastor Meta leading. We have good discussions with good friends. Pastor Meta will through Palm Sunday. There will be no class on Easter morning. After Easter Ted Smith will once again be leading us. Consider giving it a try. You may discover that you will enjoy the discussions, or you might just want to listen to others as they discuss.



Bring your children and youth. Of course we have a class every Sunday for the children, but on **Palm Sunday, April 10** they will help to carry the Palms into the Sanctuary. They will feel the joy of the day as they remember the story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem as the crowd waved the palm branches. On **Easter Sunday, April 17** there will be no Church School Classes, but as usual the children Kindergarten and younger may leave worship at the designated time to go to Story Circle with Miss Ella Perrone. After worship children and adults alike will gather out on the front lawn where we will have a **dove release**. For many years now Mr. Baker has been bringing his doves and our children have opened the baskets to see a number of white doves fly up, up into the sky. Their assenting into the heavens reminds us of Jesus resurrection. This is a special Sunday for all, so we hope to see you all there.



SAVE THE DATE. On May 1 we will join together to recognize the many years of service that both **Administrative Assistant Jane Meyers and Betty Garland Parish Nurse** have been serving our congregation. Jane "officially" retired at the end of 2019. Because of many factors she was called back to the office to pickup where she left off as she pitched hit and then also taught new hirers to take on the AA role. Parish Nurse Betty Garland has been serving for so many years it is hard to count. She led the Health Ministries Task Force as they cared for not only the congregation but for any who had health related questions. Her articles in the Church Mouse brought us up to date on current health issues. Betty has served this position as a volunteer. Therefore we are particularly happy to recognize them for their time and talent that has served so well. Be sure to mark your calendar now for **Sunday, May 1** for a time to tell them how much we appreciated them.



Starting today we are asking for \$20 donations to help those in need purchase food for their Easter dinner. Tim Gleason will be collecting these donations in the Fellowship Hall Sundays after Service.

EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS



In Memory of:

Our Parents ***given by*** Steve & Meta Cramer

Madeline Keeley ***given by*** Bryan, Melissa, Tyler & Dillan Keeley

Our Grandparents ***given by*** Bryan & Melissa Keeley

Madeline Keeley & June Keeley ***given by*** The Keeley Family

Leah and Josephine Kaniclides ***given by*** The Keeley Family

Jean & Art Taleos ***given by*** Marty O'Neill

Don Hudzik ***given by*** Marty O'Neill

Grandparents ***given by*** Debbie Rendes

Redmond Family ***given by*** Tom & Helen Redmond

Almira Nass Johnston ***given by*** Carole Rummell

Carol Hall (Mother of Shelly Rummell) ***given by*** Carole Rummell

Loved Ones ***given by*** Darryl & Jane Meyers

George & Ann Kaschak, Shirley Craig ***given by*** The Kaschak Family

Our Loved Ones ***given by*** Tim & Sherry Gleason

Daryl Moore ***given by*** Lisa Sorg & Alyssa Strange

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Grady ***given by*** Tom & Shirley Brodie

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Brodie ***given by*** Tom & Shirley Brodie

Parents, Sisters & Brother ***given by*** Gayle Hallowell

John & Frances Gilmore, Mike & Betty Hudzik, Mick Hudzik, Bob & Cynthy Hudzik, Don Hudzik, Allan Hudzik ***given By*** Mary Ann Hudzik & Chuck Hudzik

In Honor of:

Gloria Hawkins (Mother of Tracey Rummell) ***given by*** Carole Rummell

Loved Ones ***given by*** Darryl & Jane Meyers

PNC ***given by*** Lisa Sorg

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The *Church Mouse* is the monthly (except in July & August) newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church. All visitors are welcome to worship with us online each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook. (except Memorial Day through Labor Day when worship is at 10:00 a.m.)

CHECK US OUT
ON FACEBOOK &
WWW.FPCMR.ORG

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Our Backpack program is in need of a few items.

These items include; macaroni and cheese, canned fruit or fruit cups, and boxed cake or brownie mix.



RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APRIL

ELDER: SUE MCCABE

DEACON: MARNIE BONSALE

LITURGISTS:

APR 3 DAVID RUMMELL

APR 10 LISA SORG

APR 14 MELISSA KEELEY

APR 17 BROOKE KASCHAK

APR 24 SAMARA FABIAN



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.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

HERE ARE WAYS FOR YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US:

Our weekly worship service will be available In-person, via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am and can be accessed in the following ways:

by joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUERMUUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.

calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712.

through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments)

through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

We are also worshipping together in our sanctuary!
If you feel comfortable doing so, please join us in person! Masks optional.