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OF MINERAL RIDGE



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Sisters and Brothers in Ministry,

Psalm 107 is one of many "thanksgiving" psalms in the Bible. As we prepare to celebrate Stewardship Sunday as we dedicate our estimate of giving cards and make our commitment to God and the church, the opening words of this psalm ring out in my head. "Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!" The psalm continues with reason after reason that the people of God have for giving thanks to God.

Aside from the copious amounts of food I get to consume guilt free on Thanksgiving day, as a husband, father, and pastor, Thanksgiving carries a lot of meaning for me. In the midst of such busy days, I have really come to appreciate Thanksgiving as a time to pause and take stock in what is really important in one's life. I make sure that I take the time to think about my blessings and the things that I am truly thankful for in my life.

As Thanksgiving draws close this year and I pause to think about all that has transpired in my life over the last 12 months, my list of blessings has grown even greater. I can only echo the Psalmist's cry in Psalm 107, "21 Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people. 22 Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!" Every day as I walk into the church building, I give thanks to God for bringing us together as pastor and congregation. I am thankful for the dedication of so many wonderful people in making sure we welcome others into our midst.

Thanksgiving and stewardship go hand in hand. We give thanks to God for the blessings that we have received, realizing that all we have ultimately comes from the Lord. As blessed people, we are called to be a blessing to others.

We are reminded of our blessings every time we gather around the Lord's Table to celebrate communion. In that sacred space, we are invited to gather with thankful hearts. We remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, and the bountiful feast we are promised as God's children.

This Thanksgiving, I invite you to pause and think about how God has blessed you. Give thanks for God's continued presence in your life and for the people that surround you and support you. I also invite you to think about ways in which you might be a blessing to others, both those who are already a part of your life and those who you may only meet once.

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!"

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Jamie

**November
Responsibilities**

Elder: Randy Pugh

Deacon: Caleb Reese

Liturgists:

11/6 Jill Fabian

11/13 Aubrey Reese

11/20 Matt Glidewell

11/27 Austin Reese

Greeters:

11/6 Gloria Murray &

Ken Wilson

11/13 Ken & Cindy Kaschak

11/20 Randy Rummell Family

11/27 Reese Family

Story Circle:

11/6 Melissa Keeley &

Jaclyn Craver

11/13 Sherry Gleason &

Dillon Keeley

11/20 Katie Lindahl &

Nick Speziale

11/27 Val & Olivia Meyers



**Let us all
give thanks
with a
Grateful Heart!**

NEWS ABOUT OUR FOLKS



Share your news
with your church
family.

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

Congratulations to Jeff Kaschak on his appointment as Lieutenant in the Youngstown Fire Department.

Congratulations to Glenn & Michelle Griffiths and Makayla Warrick who won the baskets raffled off for the LifeTouch Pictorial Directory. The Church Growth Committee thanks everyone who came out to have their picture taken.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Lane who joined the church triumphant on October 15. Jerry joined the church on December 7, 1950. She was ordained a Deacon in 1960 and an Elder in 1978. Jerry and her late husband Joe were faithful members of our church. She will be missed by all.

TAKE NOTE

We are no longer collecting pop top tabs for the school. Seaborn has discontinued this collection.

The annual rummage sale had proceeds of \$175 that has been send to the Niles Community Services. The coats brought to the sale also went to them. The clothes that didn't sell were picked up by Warren Family Mission. Thank you to those who gave clothing and those who worked the sale. And blessings to all those who will benefit from the clothing donated.

A box of used greeting cards have been sent to St. Jude's Ranch. The students there will make adjustments to them and sell them to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. You can find the box for your used greeting cards above the coat rack in the entrance by the glass doors.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



All that we
have and
all that we
are
ultimately
belongs to
God!

**Commitment
Sunday
is
November 6**



Hello Church Family and Friends,

The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee continues to prepare for the upcoming 2017 budget and Fall Stewardship Campaign. You have probably received your Commitment Letters and Celebration of Giving Cards in the mail. We hope that you are prayerfully considering your 2017 commitment. As Thanksgiving comes upon us, look to all the blessings in your lives and thank God for everything you have.

As of the end of September, our expenditures continue to be under budget, however, we spent \$2,000 more than we received in the General Fund. The Treasurer and the I&S Committee are monitoring the accounts. Overall, the Church is financially healthy, but it is important that we support our current year's expenses with current year's giving.

The Giving Statements for the three quarters ending September 30, 2016 are also being prepared for disbursement in the next few days. The financial secretary and treasurer have faced many challenges this year with the new accounting software and progress has been slow. However, most of the issues have been worked out and they are improving from month to month. You will notice that the statements are a little different from those you have received in the past. We will include a written explanation of the changes with the Giving Statements too. Please take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the new format and feel free to contact Sherri Craver or Marsha Brozier if you have any questions about them.

God Bless,
Matt Glidewell, Chair

PRAYER LIST**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell Dorothy Hood Katie Postlethwait
Bob Bowskill June Keeley

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford Samara Fabian
Katie Postlethwait Terrie Rios Joe Shoemaker
Helen Lang Sean Reilly (Cindy Garris' nephew)
Alan Jones (Dorothy's son) Kathy Jones (Dorothy's
daughter-in-law)
Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)
Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
Gordon Coombs (Suzie Merz's friend)
John Myers (Bev's husband)
Bruce Garland (Betty's nephew)
Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)
Jason Fick (Emily (Pugh) Fick's husband)
Herb Gillespie (Postlethwaits' friend)
Paul Rider (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Amanda Popovnak (Kathy Graham's daughter)
Andy Skelley (Brooke Kaschak & McKenzie Shaffer's
uncle)
Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
Robert Norton (Michael Fabian's uncle)
Maria Andrade (Billie Moore's friend)

Baby girl Enslee (Postlethwaits' friend)
Ron Frey (Debbie Rendes' neighbor)
Bill & Ariowayne Wolford & Family, Jo Ann
Thompson and Gene Helmick (Griffiths' friends)
Fabian Rinaldo (friend of Garlands)
Cheyenne Urbach & Jessica Fox (Rummells'
friends)
Ransell Miller (Patty O'Malia's brother-in-law)
Julie Rentz (Sue & Paul's daughter-in-law)
Tom Hoffman (Paul Rentz' cousin)
Bruce Hawkins (Muffin & Kelli's father)

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 World Leaders
Hurricane Matthew—Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance
Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie
Parker
Those in the Military: Bret Warrick



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

**HEALTH MINISTRIES****NOT JUST FOR WOMEN!**

Many men might think of osteoporosis as a women's disease. Don't put yourself at risk of broken bones or worse. The bone thinning disease affects up to two million aging men. Men rarely get screened for osteoporosis, many doctors also may not be aware of it's impact on men.

SHARE YOUR HISTORY--- tell the doctor if osteoporosis runs in your family.

STRENGTHEN YOUR BONES--Do weight bearing exercises to build up your bones. Walking and running are both fabulous. Wear the proper shoes so you don't jar your bones, joints, or tendons.

EAT RIGHT---Nutrition is a keystone of protection. For bone protection that means calcium and vitamin D often in supplement form. Check with your doctor.

WEAR PROPER SHOES---It is imperative you have the proper footwear to prevent a fall that could result in a fracture. Check your shoes to be sure they are still in good shape. You need a pair of shoes you can trust. Stay safe and strong.

NURSE CHAT SERIES

The Nurse Chats held 3 Sundays in October was on Exit Strategy---Going Out in Style were not well attended but the information was outstanding. Pastor Jamie, Dr. Venglarcik, and Marsha Melvin presented so much information that was beneficial to all of us. There are handouts in fellowship hall if you would like one. A light lunch was served by the committee. The next Chat will be in January 2017. The topic will be announced at a later date in the Church Mouse or the Sunday bulletin. We hope you can attend future Nurse Chats. Enjoy the Holidays and we will look forward to seeing you at the next Chat.

**Health Ministries****Task Force:**

Betty Garland,
Parish Nurse
Margie DiRienzo
Elder
Sherry Gleason
Deacon
Bethany Glidewell
Deacon
Rusty Garland
Deacon
Ginny Gilmore
Kim Shuttlesworth

MISSION CENTRAL—PIANO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Mission:
Around the
world
—
Across the
street

MISSION PROJECTS THROUGH CHRISTMAS

New or gently used coats and blankets for the Warren Family Mission.
New hats and gloves for Niles Community Services.

We will also have tags available to buy gifts for the kids on the Community Parish list. There are over 80 kids!! Yes 80. So please when buying please try and keep to a \$25 limit. We ask if you want to or are able to spend more than \$25 please think about getting another tag. The tags will be on the bulletin board toward the end of November.

We will be selling and taking orders for Partners for Just Trade gifts until November 20. If you are interested in something on display or would like to see what else is available see Brooke. Again all profits will go to the youth fund.



Thank you for helping us help others!

THIS—THAT—AND THE OTHER THING

CHURCH WEBSITE

Do you know anyone who would be able to create a website for our church?

We had a great one several years ago, but it was hacked! Pastor Jamie has created a one page site, but we would like to expand it to include more information.

Speak with Pastor Jamie if you know someone. Thanks!



Sunday, November 20—4pm
Please plan to join us on **Sunday, November 20 at 4pm** for the **Community Thanksgiving Service**.

We will host this year's event in our sanctuary. Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Deacons. This year's speaker will be Pastor Ron Blakeman from the Mineral Ridge Church of Christ.

DEACONS' NEWS

THANKSGIVING

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Your help is needed:

Sunday, November 13—Sort food after worship

Monday, November 14—We will pack food at 6:00pm


"For I was hungry and you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35




Thanksgiving Food Drive

OUR DEACONS' FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS FOR THANKSGIVING:

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| Stuffing | Peanut butter |
| Mashed potatoes | Jelly |
| Canned cranberries | Tuna |
| Evaporated Milk | Pasta & sauce |
| Macaroni & cheese | Toilet paper |
| Paper towels | Tissues |
| Canned yams/sweet potatoes | |



We are still collecting:
Greeting cards
Clean plastic bags
Box Tops for Education
JoAnne Fabric coupons
Ink & toner cartridges
Hair care packaging
Skin care packaging
Cosmetics packaging
Tooth brushes
Toothpaste tubes
Drink pouches
Laptops, Net-books
Notebooks
E-readers, Tablets
I-Pads, I-Pods
Cell phones



SESSION NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2016 MEETING

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Jamie Milton. He led the group through a meditation on Christian Stewardship.



Minutes of September 27, 2016 were approved.

Active Membership Roll is 165 with death of Geraldine "Jerry" (Gilbert) Lane on October 15, 2016.

Received Treasurer's Report for September 2016.

Interpretation and Stewardship Committee is working on Stewardship Campaign, Per Capita assessment, 2017 budget.

Building and Property Committee working on several projects, new fire extinguisher for sanctuary, snow removal for upcoming winter.

Motion approved to move several expenditures from Building and Property Committee line item to Building Fund.

Christian Education Committee working on possible Youth Works youth trip for 2017. Net profit from Rummage Sale was \$175.00 to Niles Community Services. Planning for annual Session and Deacons Organization meeting in January 2017.

Church Growth Committee working on picture directory, Pastor Appreciation, Advent meal.

Mission Committee collecting new or gently used blankets and coats for Warren Family Mission. Will be handing out tags for gifts for children on Community Parish List. Also collecting hats and gloves for NCS.

Worship Committee reminds congregation that Communion will be served on November 6 (Stewardship Sunday), November 27 (First Sunday of Advent), and Christmas Day. Community Thanksgiving Service here at FPC on Sunday, November 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

Motion approved to receive report of Nominating Committee for presentation to the congregation at meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Report of Roll Review Task Force was presented to Session.

Carole Rummell elected to serve as our Commissioner to Presbytery on December 6, 2016.

Next Session meeting November 29, 2016.

In Memoriam

Geraldine "Jerry" Lane

United with First Presbyterian Church
December 7, 1950

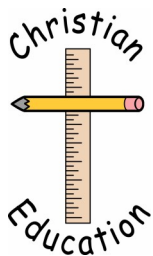
Joined the Church Triumphant
October 15, 2016



*"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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES



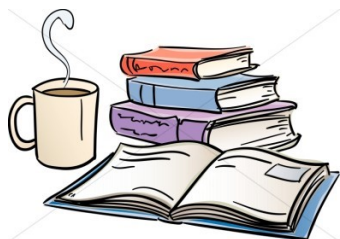
Bake Sale – November 6, 2016

Get ready to bake, bring and/or buy at our November bake sale. If possible we would like you to bring something for us to sell. We usually have a wonderful array of cakes, pies, and candies. Bethany Glidewell and the youth will be ready to receive your goodies. I am certain you will want to purchase goodies to take home. The proceeds of the bake sale will be placed in the Youth Fund.



MINERAL RIDGE SCHOOLS "SPIRIT PARADE"

Was held on Sunday, October 23. Once again we opened our doors to the community and shared our hospitality with those that were watching the Spirit Parade. Inside we served cider, hot chocolate, and popcorn as well as had a football game on. Thanks to all those who helped – Bethany and Matt Glidewell, Pastor Jamie Milton, Darren Garris, Vaunda Speziale and Carole Rummell.



Book Study

Wednesdays
3:30 to 5:00pm
Beginning November 2

Join others in sharing as we read through Chapter by Chapter

We will read chapter by chapter the book "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado. Carole Rummell will be leading the group that will meet on **Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5pm beginning Wednesday, November 2.** If you would like to join the group, just show up on Wednesdays. Carole has a book for you if you would like one. The Twenty Third Psalm will be our guide as we learn / experience releasing the burdens you were never meant to bear. If you want to know more about the author you can google his name and you will learn of the many books he has authored.

Another Youth Mission Trip??

Our Christian Education Committee is assessing the interest of our youth in a mission trip in the summer of 2017. If we have a couple of youth interested we will then approach other Presbyterian Churches to see if they have youth and a leader to join in the planning the trip. We would once again use "YouthWorks" who do the entire on-site planning. Soooo.....now to see if our youth going into ninth grade to those graduating this spring to see if we have interest.

Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God and in Memory of Mary Jane Miller have been given by:

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| Sandy Larmey | Glenn & Michelle Ray |
| Beverly Myers | Carole Rummell |
| Betty Lentz | Joe & Diane Koch |
| Ron & Gail Sudol | Tom & Helen Redmond |
| Ora & Sandra White | Darryl & Jane Meyers |
| Sally Humphries | Carol & Thomas Stellers |
| Janet Divelbiss | William Elizabeth Miller |
| Mary Jane's Golf League | |

Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God and in Memory of Jerry Lane have been given by:

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| John & June Dance | Dorothy & David Creps |
| Barry & Amy Lamer | Joe & Annie Lane |
| Darryl & Jane Meyers | |
| Farmers National Banc Corp. | Board of Directors |



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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 each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (except Memorial Day through Labor Day when worship is at 10:00 a.m.)

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**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

NOVEMBER 2016

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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.

Commitment Sunday | Communion

November 6, 2016

Please bring your Celebration of Giving Card for 2017 to worship.



*"Hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment
... do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous, and share with others."*

- 1 Timothy 6:17-18