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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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Beloved Partners in Ministry:

Happy Birthday, Church! This coming Sunday, June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit being poured out on Jesus followers. With this story in mind, that same chapter of Acts, chapter 2, ends with these verses, "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." Summer is upon us, and as we prepare for vacations, pool parties, cookouts, and evenings on the back porch, our church committees are planning lots of opportunities for us to stay connected to one another as we meet and eat together.

On June 11, we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 9-12 in our Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the Weathersfield Township Flag Day Festival. Come to eat (or help out in the kitchen) and stay for worship, where we will have a time of music, prayers, and reflection at our normal summer worship time of 10:00 am.

Beginning on June 17 and continuing throughout the summer, we will explore many of the stories and themes from the book of Genesis, beginning with the creation narrative and going all the way to the stories of Joseph in Egypt.

The Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is planning a "stay-cation" weekend event, starting on July 28 with a trip to the Scrappers baseball game for its Star Wars theme night, complete with fireworks. On Sunday, July 30, they will host the summer picnic potluck following worship.

Once the calendar turns to August, our outdoor worship service will be held on Sunday, August 13, and we are planning a "Sunday of Service" on August 20 which will include a hands-on sermon, as we sort school supplies, and pack the food and snack bags for the Food Pantry's back-to-school food distribution.

We hope to see you in worship as often as you are able this summer! Make sure to check the church calendar for all the special events, picnics, and outings that are planned for the summer. I pray that God continues to bless our church family!

*Christ's peace,
Pastor Jamie*

Summer

Responsibilities

Elder:

June—Matt Glidewell

Deacon:

June—Bethany Glidewell

Liturgists:

6/4 Cindy Kaschak
6/11 Sherry Gleason
6/18 Marty O'Neill
6/25 Betty Garland

Greeters:

6/4 Jim & Dianne Stoddard
6/11 The Keeley Family
6/18 Gayle Hollowell &
Mary Alice Seaborn
6/25 Ken & Cindy Kaschak

We will continue to offer childcare each week during the summer. Adrianna Reese will be in the Tiny Tots room off Fellowship Hall with Story Circle.

**May 28
is the beginning
of our
10:00am**



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

Caleb Reese participated in the English Festival at Youngstown State University in the Not-So-Trivial Pursuit Contest. He placed third. **Congratulations!**

Also, **congratulations to Caleb Reese** as he graduates Mineral Ridge High School. He will be attending college in the fall.

Our sympathy is extended to Bev Myers on the passing of her husband John on Monday, May 29.

Jeff Meyers is involved in an exciting new product development at Simon Roofing. It caught the attention of the Fox Business Channel program *Office Spaces*. The episode featuring this new product is scheduled to be broadcast on June 25 at 5pm on the Fox Business

Channel. I wonder if we'll catch a peek of Jeff.

Anita Miller, our church organist, thanks everyone for the cards and prayers. She is recovering very well from her recent knee replacement, according to her therapist, and slowly, according to herself! She is anxious to get back to her normal schedule and her Mineral Ridge church family.

Congratulations to Brooke Shaffer on completing training and passing her test to become a Weathersfield Local School bus driver.

Congratulations to Jaret Bunch for being on the President's List at Kent State University.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

PENTECOST OFFERING — SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Please remember to keep your church giving up to date as you are able this summer.



***When you give to the Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to provide opportunities for young people
to grow and share their faith in Christ.***

40% of this offering stays with our congregation to be used for programs for young people in our church and community.

*Our portion of the offering is going to: Making Kids Count,
<http://makingkidscount.org/>*

Kenzie Shaffer volunteers with them and they provide services to at risk children: they provide food to kids, throw birthday parties for kids at Beatitude House, they take goody bags to kids in hospitals, collect diapers and give to agencies that need them, they also provide bags with PJ's and other stuff when they are taken from their homes and put into foster care.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAY) - to provide opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service. This is the program Pastor Jamie served with when he was in Peru which led him on his path to ministry.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth—to help guide youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children—to support vital ministries helping to improve education and provide safe havens for children.



PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember

Jim Sewell Dorothy Hood Bob Bowskill
June Keeley Kate Postlethwait

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford
Katie Postlethwait Joe Shoemaker
Abel Rios Anita Miller
Betty Garland Paul Rentz
Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
Paul Rider (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)
Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)
Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)
Sean Reilly (Cindy Garris' nephew)
Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
Maria Andrade (Billie Moore's friend)
Cheyenne Urbach & Jessica Fox (Rummells' friends)
Kira Rendes (Debbie's daughter-in-law)

PRAYER LIST

Bob Haid & Traci Asher (Don Hudzik's friends)
Susan Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friend)
Vivian Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Bonnie Hess (friend of Rambos)
Sean Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' nephew)
Sandy McCurley (Jane Meyers' sister)
Mary Gratzner (Meyers' friend)
Rich Gramelt (Jane Meyers' friend)



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

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
Casa de Buen Trato
Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker, Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)



HEALTH MINISTRIES

SUMMER SKIN CARE TIPS

We all need to protect our skin from ultraviolet rays. You can do this by wearing sunscreen, wearing protective clothing (including long-sleeve shirts, pants and wide brim hats) and wearing sunglasses. Try to avoid being in the sun between the hours of 10am and 3pm when the UV rays from the sun are the strongest.

The American Association of Dermatology recommends a "broad spectrum" sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15. Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every 2 hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

Please remember to protect your skin. While sunburns are painful, it is the long-term exposure to the sun that can greatly increase your chances of skin cancer.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITO AND TICK BITES

We've all heard that there is an increase in ticks this season and we all know how bad mosquitos are during the summer. We all need to be diligent in protecting ourselves from mosquito and tick bites. We can start by having and using repellent with 20% or higher Deet on skin and clothing.

When we know we will be outdoors in areas where they might be we need to wear long sleeves & pants with socks. Once a week we should empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, toys, flower pots, buckets, birdbaths, small pools, trash containers, etc.

Check yourself, your children and your pets when you come indoors. And we should all know the proper way to remove ticks. If you find one on the skin, remove it and place it in a bag. If a rash develops on the skin, please see your doctor and remember to take the tick with you.



Tick Removal

Disinfect area with rubbing alcohol.
Use clean, fine pointed tweezers and grab perpendicular to insect body. Pull up with a steady hand without twisting.
Disinfect area again. Place tick in plastic bag to die & take a picture of it in the bag.
Watch for signs: bull's eye rash or fever. This could take a few days to a month to develop.
If any signs occur, see your doctor and take the tick with you.

MISSION CENTRAL—PIANO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

MISSION PROJECTS



Mission:
Around the
world
—
Across the
street

Thank you for all your food donations! We were able to help 46 families with food and a voucher for Easter.

We are collecting our normal staple items for the food cupboard this summer, along with:

- peanut butter and jelly
- packs of crackers (peanut butter, cheese, etc)
- mini water bottles
- juice boxes
- granola bars
- fruit snacks
- fruit cups
- pudding cups
- zip lock sandwich bags
- pens, pencils, notebook paper, and crayons



Community Garden: Our little community garden has been planted! During the last day of Church School for the spring, our children planted a wide variety of vegetable plants in the raised beds at the bottom of the big parking lot. Be sure to be on the lookout in the late summer for a bountiful harvest! During the week we will have a table set up out in front of the church with whatever is growing and vegetables should be available on Sunday mornings for those who would like to take some home.

Looking for a hose reel cart: Does anyone have a hose reel cart they might be willing to donate for use at the church? Being so far down the hill from our water source, it is quite the task to water the community garden! Please contact the office or Pastor Jamie if you might be able to help out. Thanks!

MISSION TO THE U.S.A.



Session has approved our applying to host a guest from Indonesia from October 13 – November 1, 2017, from the Synod of the Covenant’s Mission to the U.S.A. program. We have one family from our congregation that has agreed to host this person, and we are looking for someone else. If you are interested or would like more information on what all this would involve, please see Pastor Jamie or Brooke Kaschak.



SESSION NOTES FROM MAY 23, 2017



Session Minutes of April 25 were approved

Membership is 149

Received the Treasurer's report for the month of April

Approved changes to our office machines

Building and Property Committee will concentrate on outdoor projects during the summer

Heard summer plans for Story Circle

Heard that a First Presbyterian Church and Me Class will be convened this summer

Heard that the Christian Education Committee will plan an intergenerational educational event on Rally Day to help us learn more about Indonesia the country of Kade our Mission to USA partner

Approved purchasing a two year website design and maintenance from Godaddy. Cost to come from the Memorial Fund

Heard the Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is planning many fun activities for summer

Approved Church Growth and Fellowship Committee to sell pens as a fund raiser for the General Fund

Approved sending our portion of the Pentecost Offering to Making Kids Count in Youngstown

Heard that Mission Committee is requesting snack items in addition to regular groceries for our pantry

Heard worship attendance reported

Heard Pentecost Communion on June 4 will be served in the pews. Wear something red and be ready for a very festive worship service to celebrate this the birthday of the church (Act 2:1-4)

Approved Pastor's study leave June 26-July 2 and vacation from July 24-August 6. Rev. Ray Banner and Eastminster Presbytery's new General Presbytery/Stated Clerk Rev. Cathy Ulrich will be in our pulpit while Pastor Jamie is gone.

Received the resignation of Sherri Craver as Financial Secretary

Approved Billie Moore as Financial Secretary beginning in July

Heard that Deacons are working on plans for a new program involving "helpers"

Heard that Pastor Jamie has been involved in many church, community, Presbytery meetings as well as other activities

Approved our Commissioner to Eastminster Presbytery meeting on June 6 at Salem. Sue McCabe or Carole Rummell will be our commissioner

Discussed fund raising activities. Approved a Craft Show in November

Heard Elder of the Month for June is Matt Glidewell

Heard that next Committee Night will be August 22 and Session meeting will be August 29.

Prayers were offered up for those we know to be in need of prayer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES



SUMMER STORY CIRCLE

Notice.....to the parents of Story Circle age children (Kindergarten and younger). Beginning May 28 Story Circle will be held downstairs in the Tiny Tots Room off of Fellowship Hall. Parents can leave their child(ren) with Adrianna Reese before worship and then pick them up immediately after the service is over. There will not be a time in the bulletin for them to leave the service but if you choose for them to attend worship for a portion of the time you would need to take them downstairs at a time of your choosing. Children of all ages are ALWAYS welcome in our worship services and we will continue to have activity bags and children's bulletins available for them each week. There will be an Elder and a Deacon in Fellowship Hall to be helpful to Adrianna if necessary.



THANK YOU TO OUR EDUCATIONAL STAFF

Our teaching ministry has been led this past year by the following persons. We are grateful for their faithfulness in serving Christ in this way.

Tiny Tots - Michelle Meyers

Multi-age Class - Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes

Youth - Katie Lindahl

Adults - Ted Smith and Pastor Jamie Milton.

We also have great appreciation for Sue Rentz and Marty O'Neill for their part in the Christian Education program.



Something I read that reinforces what we might have thought. . .

I once heard one of our seminary Christian Education professors state that the most effective educational tool a church has is its potluck suppers. He went on to say that is where children, at an impressionable age, pick up the non-verbal cues as to how the church members treat one another. Whenever I've shared that insight with Sessions or groups, everybody immediately comes to life and has to tell stories about how coffee hour and potluck suppers are some of the favorite memories of their childhood church! Indeed, these things . . . best reveal what kind of theology we have.

CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Lets keep our Faith active this summer!



The Church Growth & Fellowship Committee is planning some fun events for this summer. The weekend of July 28 will be busy. Friday night is Star Wars Night for the Scrappers and we want to go. There will be fireworks after the game and the team will be wearing jerseys which will be sold to benefit the Hope Foundation. We will be selling tickets after worship beginning June 4.

Sunday, July 30 is the 5th Sunday and we will be having a Potluck Lunch. The committee will provide hot dogs and you can bring a casserole or dessert to share.

See you all in church!



NEWS FROM OUR DEACONS

What do the Deacons do with the donated money that we receive from various sources? Let me tell you. We:

- Sponsor Fany at Montaña de Luz
- Donate monthly to Niles Community Services
- Purchase cakes for celebrations after worship
- Purchase the Upper Room publications
- Donate to the Mission Co-workers of Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Purchase supplies for the kitchen
- Take care of the cost of flowers and funeral dinners for our members
- Make up and send "Study Care Packages" for our college students

We thank the congregation for their donations, be it a random donation of thanking us, or in lieu of flowers during the Easter and Christmas seasons. We put a great deal of thought and prayer in each donation/contribution that we send out with the hope that our work in Christ can be spread.



Deacon Ministry

Deacons and Services

The Deacons are trying to reach out to our members to give a helping hand to anyone that needs an extra one once in awhile. We will put up a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if there is an interest for a little help or someone willing to help out. Maybe you need a closet cleaned out, something lugged from the basement, trash put out, grass cut, stop at a grocery/drug store to pick up something that you just don't have time to get. Maybe some help with windows, light yardwork, twigs picked up in the yard, light bulbs that need changed, even something as simple as pick up a dinner or stop over for a cup of coffee to chat. You might even need someone to watch the little ones while you run to the store, or have a night out with your spouse.

If you feel uneasy to sign up for a little help or have any more questions, you can ask or call one of the Deacons or Pastor Jamie or myself and we will be glad to see what we can do.

This is just a gesture to help anyone, you do not have to be on the prayer list to ask for a little help now and then.

God bless and have a great summer,

Debbie Rendes, Moderator

What are our Deacons doing?



Our Deacons

Lori Brendlinger
Rusty Garland
Sherry Gleason
Bethany Glidewell
Melissa Keeley
Valerie Meyers
Marty O'Neill
Aubrey Reese
Debbie Rendes
Ken Wilson



We are still collecting the following items to be recycled:

Greeting cards
JoAnne Fabric coupons
Skin care packaging
Toothpaste tubes
Notebooks
I-Pods

Clean plastic bags
Ink & toner cartridges
Cosmetics packaging
Drink pouches
E-readers, Tablets
Cell phones

Box Tops for Education
Hair care packaging
Tooth brushes
Laptops, Net-books
I-Pads

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SUMMER 2017

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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 e strangers, but friends in Christ.

Weathersfield Flag Festival — June 8 - 11

There are many events planned each day:

Helicopter Rides—June 8, 9 & 10 from 7:00 to 10:30pm

Parade—June 9 at 6:00pm—following the parade—Flag Raising at Gazebo

Fireworks—June 10 at 10:45pm

Rumble in the Ridge—June 11 from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Pancake Breakfast—June 11 at FPC from 9am to noon



There will be Live Entertainment every night beginning at 7:00pm

Community Yard Sale— June 8 - 10