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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MINERAL RIDGE



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Beloved TEAMMATES in Ministry:

There is no shortage of sporting events to watch this time of year. Baseball and softball are in full swing. The NBA and NHL are in the middle of highly competitive play-off series. Cars and trucks are zooming around the speedways at NASCAR events.

Most of you know that I am an avid sports fan and really enjoy watching teams compete. While I am partial to College Basketball (GO TAR HEELS!), I appreciate the level of team work, discipline, and dedication that athletes display regardless of their sport. Watching a pitcher strike out a team's best hitter, seeing a home run ball go out over the deepest part of the field, or watching the infield turn a double play are all impressive things to watch. Watching a well-executed play on the football field is a thing of beauty. Everyone is where they are supposed to be, doing what they've done in practice a hundred times, and successful or not, they are fun to watch.

Whether it's the Cavs, the Pirates, the Penguins, or the Tar Heels, a good team is made up of unselfish players. Everyone has a role to play, and they do it for the good of the team. Not everyone can be a starter on the team. A good baseball team needs more than just good starting pitching, they need a good bullpen too. A great basketball team needs great bench players who can come in and play just as hard while giving the starters a chance to rest. Your team needs a balance of defense and offense. On a good team EVERYONE is important.

I don't think it is that difficult to draw a connection between a good team and a good church. Every person is important and plays a role. The pastor cannot do everything (even if they like to think they can). The Session could not perform all the tasks of the church without the help of many other volunteers. It takes the gifts and time of everyone to make a church successful. There is no coincidence that on several occasions in the New Testament, Paul uses an analogy of the church being the body of Christ, with each person making up a part of the whole.

Just like a good team is not at its best when a player is injured or unable to play, our church is not at its best when we aren't all invested and active. We need you with us! We need your voice, your story, your hands and feet, your prayers. We need your gifts to help in make the First Presbyterian Church everything that God intends us to be. Thank you for being a part of our service and witness to Mineral Ridge and beyond.

*Christ's peace,
Pastor Jamie*

**May
Responsibilities**

Elder:
Chuck Hudzik

Deacon:
Marty O'Neill

Liturgists:
5/7 Debbie Rendes
5/14 Sue McCabe
5/21 Valerie Meyers
5/28

Greeters:
5/7 Ken & Jan Rambo
5/14 The Reese Family
5/21 Gayle Hollowell &
Gloria Murray
5/28 Betty & Rusty Garland

Story Circle:
5/7 Michelle Meyers &
Jaclyn Craver
5/14 David Rummell &
Caleb Reese
5/21 Valerie Meyers

We will continue offer child-care each week during the summer.

**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

Congratulations to **Nicole & Patrick Fening** on the birth of their daughter Ava Elizabeth on April 18. She weighed 7lbs. 8oz. The proud grandparents are Brian & Sandy Williams, great-grandma is Joan Williams, and aunts are Lori Brendlinger and Vicki Williams.

Congratulations to **Emily Reese!** She graduated from Walsh University on Sunday, April 30 with a bachelors degree in International Relations and a bachelors degree in Political Science with minors in English, History, and Writing. She will graduate magna cum laude as well. She plans to attend The University of Cincinnati in August for a Masters of Arts in English and Creative Writing.

Congratulations to **Mackenzie Rummell.** She graduated from the University of Cincinnati on April 29. She

is now a RDH (Registered Dental Hygienist). She plans to stay in Cincinnati and work part-time in her field while continuing her education with Ohio State University degree competition program. She plans to teach Dental Hygiene to future college students.

We want to congratulate **Andrew Garris** on completing the Youngstown Fire Academy & finishing 1st in his class. We are very proud of you! Best of luck with the next round of tests!

Congratulations also go to **Rosie Gleason** upon receiving the Ohio Campus Compact Charles J. Ping Student Award. She is a third year nursing student at Mount Union University. Fourteen students from the fourteen member institutions that exhibit outstanding leadership in service endeavors both on their campus and with their community received this award.

CRAFTS & BREW — RESCHEDULED

Join us Saturday May 20 at 6:00pm for Craft and Brew.

Come paint a reclaimed wood sign while enjoying your favorite beverage that you can bring.

Signs will be 24x24.

You will have the choice of the following 2 designs.



Price is \$40. All supplies will be provided.

Please RSVP to Brooke Kaschak by Wednesday, May 17
330-219-5669 or Brooke_Shaffer1315@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST***Members to Remember***

Jim Sewell Dorothy Hood Bob Bowskill
June Keeley Kate Postlethwait

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford
Chuck Reinhart Katie Postlethwait
Joe Shoemaker Jan Rambo
Terrie Rios Abel Rios
Amber Maron Rick Henninger
Anita Miller
Jason Fick (Emily (Pugh) Fick's husband)
Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
John Myers (Bev's husband)
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)
Ransell Miller (Patty O'Malia's brother-in-law)

PRAYER LIST

Greg Dominic, Jr. (Gayle Hollowell's relative)
Kira Rendes (Debbie's daughter-in-law)
Steven Jones (Dorothy's oldest grandson)
Dee Mazza Kempe
Bob Haid & Traci Asher (Don Hudzik's friends)
Katie Wagley (Betty Garland's granddaughter)
Michael Davis (member of Grace Church of the Nazarene)
Eric (Amber Maron's friend)
Susan Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friend)
Victoria Schmidt (Meyers' friend)

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)



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

**WOMEN'S HEART DAY—MAY 11**

Woman's Heart Day is a FREE, annual health and wellness extravaganza provided by Mercy Health, as a service to the community.

**Thursday, May 11 from 6:30am to 2:00pm at the Covelli Centre
Admission, Health Screenings, Speakers and Activities are FREE**

Attendees have access to a variety of free health screenings and assessments that range from stroke risk assessments to vision screenings. There are fitness demonstrations, educational presentations on a variety of women's health issues, spa services, refreshments and giveaways. It is as much fun as it is informative and makes a real difference in the lives of the many women who attend.

Health screenings and assessments range from bone density, blood pressure readings and stroke risk assessments to skin cancer risk assessments and vision screenings. There are also fitness demonstrations, educational presentations on a variety of women's health issues, cooking demonstrations, refreshments and gift raffle, and a blood drive.

Registration which opens April 1, is required for the following health screens: Mammograms: Joanie Abdu Mobile Mammogram & Lab Screens: Hemoglobin A1C, Lipid profiles, CPR training. Call 330-480-2323 to register.



MISSION CENTRAL—PIANO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

MISSION PROJECTS



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

Mission:
 Around the
 world
 —
 Across the
 street

Session has approved our applying to host a guest from Indonesia from Oct. 13 – Nov. 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.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

Spring is in full swing and the temperature is rising. It’s a great time to remember the renewing love found through our faith in God. It is hard to believe that we have already completed one quarter of the calendar year as of March 31. This year’s budget is tight, but with proper planning and conservative spending, the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee is confident that we will support this year’s spending with this year’s giving.



The Church’s General Fund Financial Statements through March 31, 2017, show that our spending exceeded our giving by \$1,070. This deficit includes our annual Per Capita obligation totaling \$5,240; which was paid in-full in February. It is nice to see that our Per Capita offering from the congregation has already increased from last year and we continue to receive those gifts throughout the year; thank you! Although our spending exceeded our giving through the first three months, the overall spending, year-to-date, is 13% below budget. Our committees and administration have made great efforts to be good stewards of our gifts.



First quarter giving statements should be released soon. If you have any questions about the giving statements please feel free to reach out to Sherri Craver. If you have any questions about the general fund financial statements please feel free to reach out to a member of the I & S Committee.

Remember, “All that we have ultimately belongs to God.”

SESSION NOTES FROM APRIL 24, 2017



Minutes of March 28 were approved

Membership is 149 after the loss of Helen Campbell Lang who had served as Elder and Deacon

Received two items from Eastminster Presbytery: 1) Receipt for our Per Capita Offering of \$5,248; 2) Letter from Committee on Ministry telling us that the Rev. Victor Wan-Tatah is our liaison with them for 2017

Received the Treasurer's report for the month of March

Heard that we will host a pancake breakfast here on Sunday morning, June 11 especially for the community and our congregation. This is part of the Community Flag Day Festival. Plans are being formulated

Heard that many maintenance items have been completed and that the Building and Property Committee is continuing to work on other items

Approved spending up to \$1000 from the Building Fund to have floor tile in the educational building cleaned and sealed and have the manse power washed along with all concrete on walks and the pavilion cleaned and sealed

Heard that the Building and Property Committee will sponsor an educational event which will teach how to use the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The AED will be placed near/in the narthex area. A thank you note will be sent to Joe D. Lane for his donations of the AED and bracket

Christian Education Committee is still looking for someone to staff our summer Story Circle at our 10:00 worship service. There is remuneration for a person willing to commit for the three months

Heard that Caleb Reese who is graduating from Mineral Ridge High School on May 21 will be recognized in worship that morning

Heard that the Fifth Sunday Fiesta pot luck will be April 30

Heard more about the visit to the Cleveland zoo and Alzheimer's walk which is May 13

Discussed our present web site (www.fpcmr.org) and how we should proceed in determining our needs. The discussion was referred back to our Church Growth and Fellowship Committee to bring to the May Session meeting more information

Approved purchasing domain name for our web site

Heard that the Synod "Mission to the U.S.A." program has approved our application. This means we will host a person from October 14 through November 4. Previously we have hosted guests from Sweden, South Korea, New Zealand, Zambia and Hungary

Heard that the Worship Committee is planning to put together Communion servers teams

Approved non-renewal of the maintenance agreement for the Rizo duplicating machine since the machine is very old and the agreement is very costly

Heard that our Deacons send cards to our college students as they take exams and finish the program year

Heard that the Deacons are seeking to expand their responsibilities

Heard that Pastor Jamie Milton has been active in community meetings, attended one meeting as his responsibility as Moderator of Eastminster Presbytery and was engaged with many church responsibilities

Heard that the fund raising event "Craft & Brew will be rescheduled for May 20, 6pm

Were reminded that the Building Use Policy needs reviewed by our Building and Property Committee

Heard that the May committee meetings will be on May 16 and Session on May 23

Elder in Charge for May is Chuck Hudzik

Closed in prayer especially remembering Anita Miller, our organist, and Andria Crawford



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

THE BOOK GROUP

CONCLUDES MAY 24

We will be looking for a resource/book to use when we again convene. At this time we haven't decided if we will meet in the summer or begin again in the fall. We will continue to meet from 4:00 to 5:30 Wednesdays in the lounge. If you are interested we would love to have you join us. For more information please speak with Carole Rummell.



Book Group

SUMMER STORY CIRCLE

The Christian Education Committee is seeking one of our members to commit to staffing our Story Circle during the summer months. This is where the children Kindergarten and under may leave worship after the Children's Time to go to the Tiny Tot's room off Fellowship Hall. We are willing to pay \$150 (\$10 per Sunday) to the Story Circle care adult. This is a ministry that serves the youngest of our little ones. You can apply for this position by

speaking to Debbie Rendes, Bethany Glidewell, Lori Brendlinger or Carole Rummell. If you know someone not a member of our congregation that might be interested we would like to hear from you.



Christian Education Committee is Asking "Are you an explorer??"

A goal we have made for 2017 is to explore the idea of hosting children here for days such as Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday and perhaps Black Friday. We will need to ask many questions and talk to churches that are doing this. The reason this is something we need to explore is because there are children who parents need to be a work on those days and they don't have anyone to take care of the children.

We have a lot of questions, but no answers as of yet. As we developed this goal we did some brainstorming of thoughts that might have answers but we really need to talk to others before we would decide if this is something we can do. If you would like to explore with us please talk to Carole Rummell, Debbie Rendes, Lori Brendlinger or Bethany Glidewell. To explore with us does not obligate a person for any further commitment.



Last day for Church School is
May 21.

Church School will resume
September 10.

CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Church Growth is planning a trip to the Cleveland Zoo on Saturday, May 13. Along with attending the zoo we will be supporting the Walk to Cure Arthritis. Jill Fabian and family have put together a team in honor of Samara and others who battle arthritis. Anyone who makes a donation to the arthritis foundation gets free admission to the zoo for the day. If you have any questions regarding this event you can contact Jill or visit their team website <http://walktocurearthritis.org/cleveland/samarassuperstars>. You can sign up to walk make your donations on the website or at the door the day of the event. We will likely plan to meet at the church the morning of the event and follow each other to the zoo. The zoo is located at 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109
Registration is from 7—9:00am Event Starts at 9:00am



**Be one of
SAMARA'S
SUPERSTARS**



EASTER BREAKFAST—A TRADITION AT FPC!

Easter! What a special morning! Christ is Risen— He Is Risen Indeed!

Such a special service enjoyed by so many. After the early service a breakfast was served in fellowship hall.

What is involved in preparing this breakfast? Someone (Betty & Rusty Garland) purchases the food to be served. What does that consist of? 24 pounds of sausage, 5 dozen eggs, 14 loaves of Texas toast, 4 gallons of orange juice, 3 gallons of milk, 1 plus gallon of syrup, 2 pounds of butter, 125 plates, 125 juice glasses 100 drink glasses, 150 napkins, 200 place mats, 100 Styrofoam cups for coffee, creamers, pats of butter, 80 cups of coffee, and water for tea.

Next comes preparation of the food. The mixture is 4 dozen eggs and 1 1/2 gallons of milk which serves about 100. We have 5 chefs who arrive an hour before the meal to start cooking. They range in age from early 20's to 60 totaling 230 years in all! They cook all the French Toast, they joke, laugh and enjoy the time together. We have three lovely ladies who help pour orange juice, get the warm syrup ready to go on the tables, check the coffee and water for tea. As the food is ready they put it on the plates and hand to our youth who see to it that everyone is served.

Dave Rummell recruits the youth to serve the people as quickly as possible. The tables are beautiful - decorated and ready to seat all who attend done by Debbie Rendes and helpers. After the meal is enjoyed by all there is a clean up committee. Tables are cleared and washed and the extra supplies are put away and the dishwasher is run and clean dishes and silver are put away.

There is a great deal of preparation involved for a successful breakfast. The three lovely ladies who serve are Linda Lukehart, Marty O'Neill and Kathy Graham. The Master Chefs are Butch Lukehart, Rodney and Michael Craver, Jason Reese, Darren Garris, and Mark Rendes. Many hands make light work. The clean up committee changes every year. We are so blessed that so many people are willing to help.

This breakfast was started in 1985 with Ron and Betty Garland working together with the help of everyone. That is 32 years we have been preparing and serving so many. Thank you to all who have ever helped to make this breakfast such a success. We hope to continue for many years to come. We will be ready to serve again next year.

A LITTLE BREAKFAST HISTORY

**So many people
have cooked
over 32 years.**

Joe Shoemaker
30 years
Butch Lukehart
25 years
Ken Rambo
20 years
Rodney Craver
13 years
Michael Craver
13 years
Ron Garland
Lamar Patterson
Jim Stoddard
Bill Pugh
Joe Koch
Bill Rummell
Andy Deyarmin
(*Hope we haven't
left anyone out!*)



FLAG DAY FESTIVAL



Sunday,
June 11

Weathersfield Township Flag Day Festival

This year's township festival will be held June 8-11. More details will follow in the coming weeks, but there is a parade scheduled for Friday, June 9 at 6pm that will run by the church.

Our church will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast** on the morning of Sunday, June 11. We will be seeking volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up for this fundraising event for our church. A special worship service will be held during our normal worship time at 10:00am for those who wish to attend. More details about this breakfast and service will be available as plans are made.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mineral Ridge Community Garden



Our church will be hosting/housing the Mineral Ridge Community Parish Community Garden again this spring and summer. Our children planted some seeds during worship in Lent and we will be transferring those seedlings and some other plants to the garden during the last day of Church School on Sunday, May 21. We hope you can give us a hand on that day or at any point during the growing season with watering, weeding, or harvesting!

Let Pastor Jamie know if you would like to help.



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

MAY 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 be strangers, but friends in Christ.



Let's go to the zoo!

The Church Growth Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Cleveland Zoo on Saturday, May 13th.

This is no ordinary day at the zoo though! We will be attending the Walk to Cure Arthritis to support the Arthritis Foundation. The walk (1 or 3 mile) is a very casual and fun walk through the zoo and begins at 9:00 am (doors open at 7am with some fun activities prior to the start of the walk).

Jill and Mike Fabian have put together a team in support of their daughter Samara. Anyone who donates and walks gets into the zoo for free for the day. Below is the link to sign up to walk, to donate, or both!

Donate and/or join [Samara's Superstars!](#) On the top right of the page you can join the team, donate, and sign up to walk. There is a tab at the top left of the page that gives more information about the event.

Please let Jill know if you have any questions. You may contact her by email or phone: Jfabian88@zoominternet.net or (330) 509-3788.

Also, anyone who walks for Samara's team will get a t-shirt so if you sign up, please let Jill know so she can get shirt sizes for everyone. The sooner the better as shirt sizes need to be turned in as soon as possible. Some of us may meet at the church prior to the walk so we can car pool or follow each other as needed!

Thanks everyone and come hang out at the zoo with your friends from the church!
Maybe we will see some lions, and tigers, and bears...OH MY!

