



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

of

Mineral Ridge, Ohio

Celebrating 160 Years!



The
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Pastor's Corner

Hi Church family!

One of my favorite passages in Scripture is Jeremiah 29. It was written by the prophet Jeremiah in a letter to the exiles, who are finding themselves far from home. The people have come to Babylon, under imperial rule, and they're traumatized by everything they've lost. In this moment of uprootedness, they're searching for meaning, and for something to hold onto.

In this letter, Jeremiah tells the people that they will be in Babylon for at least 70 years, a whole lifetime for them. He tells the people that they should settle down, build houses, marry and even pray for peace and prosperity in the city in which they now find themselves.

For me, this passage serves as a reminder that we don't know what God's plan is, or where God is taking us, but that we should seek to bloom where we are planted, wherever that may be. It's a reminder that we should focus on building relationships with folks at school, work or home and that by doing so, we bless and serve our communities.

The church is always at work building relationships. We invite you to join us in building our community up!

Your church has been hard at work planning for the upcoming year, and we're excited to share it with you. A few dates to keep in mind:

- September 8th is our Rally Day! The Christian Education committee is celebrating with a birthday party! Come at 9:15 for cupcakes and games! We're looking forward to welcoming you all home to your favorite church.
- Worship resumes at 10:30 on September 8th!
- Stewardship Campaign will kick off in October!

We've got more exciting things planned for the fall, and can't wait to share more info with you!



With joy,

Pastor Kori

UPCOMING RESPONSIBILITIES

LITURGISTS

09/01 TIM GLEASON

09/08 JANUARY RENDES

09/15 MELISSA KEELEY

09/22 CINDY KASCHAK

09/29 VAL COPANIC

ELDER

CHUCK REINHART

DEACON

LORI BRENDLINGER



Church News

Keep us up to date. E-mail your news to the church office: admin@fpcmr.org or call 330-652-5712

**As summer concludes,
regular worship hours resume on
Sunday, September 8th.
See you at 10:30am!**



Do you like to read? Something new is coming!

Think about this.....Read a book of your choice and come together with others to tell them about that book. Of course, there would be no "spoilers". Doing this may introduce us to new authors which we would know whether to try their books or not. So, there would be no assigned books, folks would just share their own choice of reading. We would probably meet once a month in an afternoon. October may be a good starting date. If this sounds like something that would interest you call or tell Carole Rummell – 330-207-2395.

Our Little Free Library as you know is located in the church lounge and all books are free for the taking.

Members to Remember

Shirley Dull Helen Redmond
Marlyne Young

Prayer List

James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Marlene Tincher
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)
Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)
Jim Harper (Jessica Painter's grandpa)
John (uncle of Mary Nolasco)
Penny Delleiso (Patty Postlethwait's Mother)
Pam Kuzawa (Patty Postlethwait's Aunt)
Jack (Tom Redmond's brother)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Shayne Gleason (January Rendes' friend)
Samara Fabian
Ginny Gilmore
Marge & Ernie Ankeny (Marty O'Neill's in-laws)
Gwen Martin (Melissa Keeley's friend)
Family of Dale Lytle
Paul Bitner (Terry Goodman's neighbor)
Steven Lister (son of Ted & Darlene's friend)

Prayers Around the World

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
Ukraine
The community of East Palestine

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.



Have a safe and happy school year!



The food pantry is in need of the following items; spaghetti sauce, cereal, ramen noodles, cup of soup (chicken noodle, tomato, beef vegetable, etc.).

The backpack program will be resuming with the start of the new school year. Fruit cups are always needed for the kids!

Thank you for your support of these wonderful programs that help to feed our community!





**Are you ready to celebrate your birthday with all of your friends?
All ages from tiny tots to the older adults are
invited to come to Fellowship Hall at 9:15 on September 8 to join in the fun of a
birthday celebration.**

This will be a fun time where we will have games that all can join in. Let's see who can pin the tail on the donkey, carry an egg on a spoon or hit the piñata so the candy drops for all to have. We will ask you the month of your birthday, but we will not ask the year. Of course, we will have cupcakes and punch to eat before we go up to the sanctuary to worship. This will be a great kick off for our fall season of fun, fellowship, and learning.

REGULAR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 15.

There is a class for you, no matter your age. The lounge is where the adult class is held. Ted Smith is ready to take you on a journey of learning. Sharing of thoughts may be invited but no one is expected to have all the answers or even some of the answers. This class starts at 9:15.

Our Tiny Tots class begins at 9:30 and is located on the second floor in the northwest corner classroom. Tiny Tots range from infants up through ages 3 or 4. January Rendes and Bethany Glidewell are the teachers in that classroom and even have their own children in there with them.

Now where are the other classes held and what time do they start????? Well, all other classes meet on the second floor and they start at 9:15.

The Multiage Class – ages 5 through grade six – will be in the first door on the left as you go up the stairs. Tracey (Muffin) and Randy Rummell will be leading the children in stories from the Bible. The youth will meet in the northeast classroom with Matt Glidewell and ??? leading in discussions of topics of interest and how they relate to faith and scripture.

We hope you will come and learn and share your faith. Greeters that will meet you at the door this year will be Jane Meyers (who has done this for a long time now) and/or Debbie Rendes. They bring smiles as they greet you.

A REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents are once again reminded that teachers will lead students out of the building in case of an any kind of emergency. They will lead them down the hill to the parking lot of our neighbor Josh Garris. Parents will be able to meet them there. Of course, we hope we never have any kind of emergency.



Interpretation & Stewardship - September 2024

We want to keep you all informed about the financial health of our church. We have spent more than we received in all but two months this year. Our committees are aware of this and are doing what they can to cut expenses and for the most part are staying under budget.

The 2024 budget is \$139,277. The average monthly amount needed to support the budget is \$11,606.

	Receipts	Expenses	Adjust.	Under/Over
January	10,731.75	(10,484.47)	0.74	248.02
February	8,729.34	(10,923.51)	2.46	(2,191.71)
March	10,872.16	(9,031.12)	2.03	1,843.07
April	7,955.69	(11,421.59)	2.00	(3,463.90)
May	7,707.82	(9,185.65)	2.16	(1,475.67)
June	6,623.22	(11,659.27)	4.23	(3,031.82)
July	7,208.12	(12,556.64)	2.04	(5,346.48)

Per Capita Reminder:

It's not too late to pay your Per Capita which is \$32.50 for each active member.
Just mark your check "Per Capita."

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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. (Memorial Day through Labor Day 10am)



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.

CHECK US OUT ON



YouTube



Welcome
to God's house
All Are Welcome



Please feel free to take a look at
our newly
designed website
www.fpcmr.org

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

HERE ARE WAYS FOR YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US:

Our weekly worship service will be available In-person, on Facebook, and on YouTube at 10:30am (10am from Memorial Day thru Labor Day) and can be accessed in the following ways:

In our Sanctuary (masks are optional).

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/>

Please Join Us Sundays at 10:30am