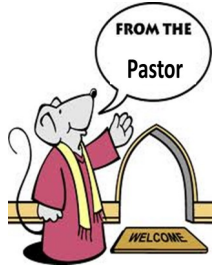


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FROM THE
Pastor

Beloved Partners in Ministry,

I think we have all heard the phrase, "You learn something new everyday," sometimes said in jest, when one discovers something new. I know I've said it on more than one occasion when I learn something obvious that I should already know. With Google at your fingertips, y
YouTube-ers uploading hours of new content every second, and social media streams filled with memes, lifehacks, and "did you know" facts, our minds are flooded with information from the time we wake up in the morning, until the time we are finally able to turn our brains off at night. Some of it, we want to remember, but most of it, we don't have much need for in our lives.

Being a lifelong learner, seeking knowledge and understanding, is important for us though when we focus on learning things that will make us better people and better disciples. Our Scriptures have a lot to say on this subject. Proverbs, our "Book of Wisdom" offers this passage:

- ⁴ if you seek [wisdom] like silver,
and search for [wisdom] as for hidden treasures—
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom;
from [God's] mouth come knowledge and understanding... (Proverbs 2:4-6)*

How do we seek wisdom? How do we search for it as for hidden treasures? Where does the Lord give us this wisdom? I think the answer to these questions can be found in our connection to our worshiping community. When we gather together to study Scripture, God's wisdom is revealed in our discussions together. When we worship together, we learn how to pray, how to seek forgiveness and forgive others, and how to be better disciples. When we pray for one another, we come to a better understanding of others' situations and can love them more openly.

In the letter to the Colossians, Paul writes "we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to [God], as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-10)." This is the prayer that your pastor and your officers offer for you all. This is the prayer behind all the work our committees do, that this worshiping community might offer places to learn, worship, and fellowship together, that are pleasing to God and help us all to bear fruit and grow in the knowledge of God. Join us as we become better disciples of Jesus, together.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jamie

September Responsibilities

Elder:

9/1 Carole Rummell
9/8 Jane Meyers
9/15 Ken Kaschak
9/22 Scott Rentz
9/29 Jill Fabian

Deacon: David Rummell

Liturgists:

9/1 Chuck Reinhart
9/8 Darren Garriss
9/15 Sherry Gleason
9/22 Valerie Meyers
9/29 Tuci Pugh

Greeters:

9/1 Chuck Hudzik
9/8 Scott & Yvonne
Rentz
9/15 Billie Moore
9/22 Joe & Diane Koch
9/29 Paul & Debby
Wasilewski

FALL SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 8

9:15am Church
School for all

10:30am Worship

11:30am Fellowship



NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



Keep us up to date
E-mail your news to
the church office:
Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.net
or call

Our sympathy to **Terrie & Abel Rios** on the passing of Terrie's sister Patty Ruby on August 5.

Our sympathy to **Tom, Kim & Tyler Crozier Family** on the passing of Tom's grandmother, Mildred "Betty" Crozier on June 15.

A big **THANK YOU** to Darren Garris, David Rummell, Carole Rummell and Tim Gleason for the beautiful flowers around the church.

Congratulations to **Olivia and Mason Meyers** on a very successful swim season. In addition to them receiving many ribbons, Mason received a first place trophy for competing in the back stroke relay at the end of season competition.

Congratulations to **Ron & Andria**

Crawford on the birth of their granddaughter, Freya, on August 9. She weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. Her parents are Aaron & Kay Crawford.

Congratulations to our former pastor **Rev. Mark Phillips** on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Congratulations to the **Postlethwait/Kaschak** Canfield Fair participants. On the 1st day Abbie received 3rd place driving Marybelle, Jim 4th driving Marybelle, and Brooke 4th driving Marybelle.

Did you know that the Mineral Ridge Football Moms feed the football team every Thursday afternoon during football season here at First Presbyterian? They use our kitchen and fellowship hall. We are glad to be able to help in this small way. Have a great season — GO RAMS!

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 8



Hot Dogs, chips and beverages will be provided.
We are asking the congregation to bring a
side dish or dessert to share.

We are still collecting Recyclables:

Clean plastic bags (basket outside office)

Box Tops for Education (marked box on coat rack shelf outside office)

Ink & toner cartridges (office)

JoAnne fabric coupons (office)



The following can be placed in the bin in Fellowship Hall by elevator: 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.



Members to Remember

Jim Sewell June Keeley Suzie Merz

Health Concerns

Andria Crawford Abel Rios Joe Shoemaker
 Paul Rentz Jan Rambo Ken Rambo
 Mary Jane Shaffer
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 James Tinchler (Marlene's son)
 Amos Rodgers (Marlene's friend)
 Rick Redmond (Tom's brother)
 Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's friend)
 Patricia McMahan (Sandy Larmey's friend)
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
 Zac Weber (Kathy Graham's future son-in-law)
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's friend)
 David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)
 Jessica & baby Easton Gillespie and family
 (Postlethwait's nephew)
 Cindy Renner (Michelle Meyers' neighbor)
 Michael Scholl (Ted & Darlene Smith's brother-in-law)

Gayle Rossi (Marty O'Neill's friend)
 Novalee Fisher (Bev Myers' great grand daughter)
 Debra Miller (Debbie Rendes' friend)
 Justin Glaum (Mineral Ridge Firefighter)
 Clayton (Bev Myers' family friend)
 Eric Gelsomino (Niles Community Services board member)
 Drew Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' great nephew)
 Kareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney Craver's mother)
 Karen Perko (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
 Disaster victims World Leaders
 Refugees
 Casa de Buen Trato
 Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
 Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
 Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

PRAYER LIST

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

**More Sleep, Less Stress**

With school back in session, your kids' stress levels are probably at a peak. How to calm them down? Make sure they get a good night's sleep.

School is in full force this time of year. With homework and extracurricular activities, pressure can send a student's stress level sky high. But research shows that kids who get eight or nine hours of sleep each night are less likely to be affected by stress. Sleep can help concentration, memory, and mood—all important ingredients for back-to-school success.

The quality of a sleep routine counts, too. Make sure your kids follow a consistent nighttime schedule to help tackle stress. They should have regular sleep and wake times, skip naps, and avoid electronics in bed.

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR YOUTH, YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEACHERS
 AS THEY BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR OF SCHOOL!**

**OUR DEACONS**

Marnie Bonsall
 Lori Brendlinger
 Rusty Garland
 Darren Garriss
 Diane Koch
 Valerie Meyers
 Marty O'Neill
 Sue Rentz
 David Rummell
 Ken Wilson



**From our
 Parish
 Nurse**

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

Update on Church Financial Status



Through the first seven months of the year (January-July), the church has overspent by \$3,714.97. If we compare the financial situation through the summer to last year, it looks as if we are in a similar financial situation. However, this year I & S committee tried something different and chose not to pay per capita all at once, and is making monthly payments. If we do a comparison adding in all of the per capita paid (to be able to compare to last year), we would be at a \$5662 deficit. In order to meet the budget for the year, we need to collect approximately \$11,000 monthly. If you look at the monthly trends, you will notice that we have only met that standard just 2 of the 7 months we have financial data for. The I & S committee is planning two more fundraisers this fall to try to strengthen our financial health. However, we also need contributions from our church members to be able to continue to carry out the mission of our church.

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning Balance	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Additions Adjustments	Under/(Over) Spent	Ending Balance
January	15,534.60	8,238.50	9,242.20	0.17*	(1,003.53)	14,531.07
February	14,531.07	8,668.82	11,469.28	0.17*	(2,800.29)	11,730.78
March	11,730.78	11,944.00	8,929.58	0.19*	3,014.61	14,745.39
April	14,745.39	10,934.00	11,249.82	0.18*	(315.64)	14,429.75
May	14,429.75	8,219.84	8,970.56	0.19*	(750.53)	13,679.22
June	13,679.22	10,329.00	10,501.00	0.19*	(171.81)	13,507.41
July	13,507.41	10,194.02	11,881.99	0.19*	(1,687.78)	11,819.63
Year to Date	15,534.60	68,528.18	72,244.43	1.28*	(3,714.97)	11,819.63
				*interest earned		

Pancake Breakfast



On June 15, the church hosted a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in conjunction with the Mineral Ridge Flag Day Festival. The I & S committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the fundraiser a success. This was the third year our church has hosted the breakfast and it was our most successful yet! The net profit from the breakfast was \$1534.

Thank you for your support!

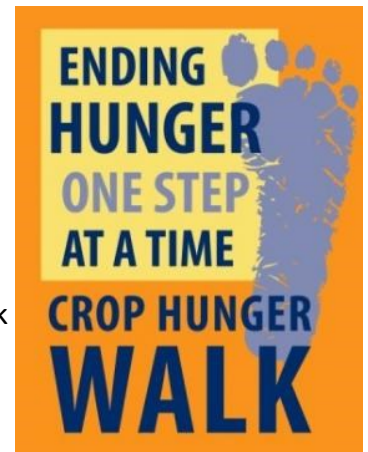
UPCOMING EVENTS

Youngstown CROP Walk, Sunday, October 13th @ 2:00pm

Our church will be participating in the CROP Walk again this year! The Youngstown CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 13**, for the purpose of raising awareness and funds to fight hunger globally and in the Mahoning Valley. Registration and welcome activities will take place between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. All are invited to take part in the festivities on the lawn of **Richard Brown Memorial United Methodist Church** (1205 Elm St, Youngstown, OH) while waiting for the walk to begin at 2:00 pm. This year CROP participants will have a choice of one of two routes: The 3-mile Out & Back or The 1-mile Wick Park Loop.

This is a joint project for our Christian Education and Mission Committees and will involve church participants of all ages! This is a family friendly event where children and even four-legged friends (on a leash of course) are welcome to participate. We have set a goal this year for 20 walkers and \$1000 in donations from our church team!

Sign up online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/youngstownoh/Team/View/115217/First-Pres-Mineral-Ridge> and register with the **First Pres Mineral Ridge** team. If you need help registering, please contact Pastor Jamie. You can pick up donation envelopes from Pastor Jamie or Darlene Smith.



SESSION NOTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2019

Approved the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Session meeting.
 Received the Treasurers Report for June and July and approved them for audit
 Ratified two e-polls from summer recess regarding personnel and financial issues.
 Heard that membership as of July 31, 2019 was 145.
 Approved funding for the installation of new water line connection from the church to the township.
 Work will begin in September.
 Heard that the Pancake Breakfast on June 15, 2019 raised over \$1,500.
 Approved two fall fundraisers.
 Approved the purchase of an edger for church use.
 Approved the list of Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year.
 Approved Christian Education to pay for a Story Circle attendant for the remainder of the year.
 Heard that there will be a Pot Luck on September 8 for Rally Day kick off to the Sunday School year.
 Heard that Communion was served to 47 people on June 9 and to 32 people on July 28.
 Heard that Communion will be served on September 8.
 Approved building usage on Thursdays through October for the Mineral Ridge Football Moms.
 Heard that Pastor Jamie was grateful for his experience at two conferences in Baltimore this past month.
 Elected Scott Rentz to represent the FPCMR at the September 3 Presbytery Meeting at Petersburg Presbyterian Church.
 Heard that next Committee Night will be September 17 and the Session meeting will be September 24.
 Prayers were offered up for those we know to be in need of prayer.



FALL 2019 KICKOFF, SEPTEMBER 8



We have so much in store for our fall kickoff Rally Day Sunday! The morning begins at 9:15am as our Church School classes begin after the summer break. Two adult classes will be meeting, led by Ted Smith in the lounge and Pastor Jamie in the Fellowship Hall. A multi-age class for students Kindergarten to 6th grade will meet with Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes in the classroom at the top of the stairs in the education wing. Children Pre-K and younger will be welcomed by Matt and Bethany Glidewell in the Tiny Tot room, also located upstairs in the education wing. Deacon Marty O'Neill will be greeting you at the door and can help direct you where you need to go!

Our Service of Worship begins at 10:30am in the Sanctuary with an intergenerational worship experience for all ages. During our time together we will sing, pray, hear God's Word, and celebrate communion together. We will also bless our children's backpacks, and adults "bags and briefcases" as we mark another year of school and are commissioned to serve God and be a blessing through our personal vocations. There will even be a special gift for everyone in worship that day!

Following worship (you mean there's more?) our Church Growth Committee is hosting a hot dog potluck! The committee will provide the main course and are inviting worshipers to bring side dishes and dessert. Even with all this planned, you will still be home in time for the Browns to kick off their season. What more could you want?

Our committees have been hard at work planning for this fun-filled, Spirit packed Sunday of learning, worship, and fellowship. We hope to see you all on September 8!

Our church is hosting a Fall/Christmas



November 23

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL PLANS FOR YOU AT FPC

BOOK GROUP STARTS NEW BOOK SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Book Readers are invited to join the Book Group that begins on Wednesday, September 11. The book we will be reading this early fall will be The Only Woman in the Room: A Novel, by Marie Benedict. We meet promptly at 4:00 and end promptly at 5:30. Thus attendees can be on their way to dinner or other events as they need to.

If you have never been a participant in a group before, try us. Attendees can decide if they will participate in the reading of one or some of the books. We look forward to having you join with us.



WELCOME TO CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:15

If you have not attended a Church School Class before or if it has been sometime since you have you will have two great adult offerings. Both Pastor Jamie and Elder Ted Smith bring new insights into the scriptures. These are not lecture classes but they are participatory classes. You can share your thoughts or not as the Spirit moves you. It is when we gather together to read the scriptures that we see or hear something that we never encountered before. You are invited! No RSVP needed just join us in class.

Our Multiage class, Kindergarten through Grade Six, uses curriculum that engages different ways of teaching. There will be video, storytelling, acting out the story, crafts and snacks and more. Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes bring a number of years of teaching this age group and love the children in their care.

The Preschool class will enjoy stories from the Bible as well as learn to share and to know what God wants us to be like – sharing and caring. Bethany and Matt Glidewell bring their knowledge of little ones with them to this teaching task as they are the parents of one of the little ones.



STORY CIRCLE CONTINUES

Ella Parrone is going to continue to staff our Story Circle program. Story Circle is for children Kindergarten and younger. Our Child Protection Policy requires that two people be with children when they are under our care. When they meet in Fellowship Hall we have a Deacon and an Elder there as well. The Christian Education Committee is working to find the best place for them to meet and also have the second person with them. Ella has been caring for our children this past summer and we are pleased to have her continue this fall.



A NOTE ABOUT THE FEBRUARY SOUPER BOWL OFFERING

We just received the statistics about the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering that was held national wide in February. You may be interested to know that \$9.7 million – yes \$9.7 million dollars was raised by 4,858 groups. Over 3,500 local charities were impacted. You may remember that our congregation raised \$1,080 which was divided between Niles Community Services and the Ecumenical Parish of Mineral Ridge. We have participated in this special offering since the early 1990's. We look forward to continuing to support our local charities through this offering.



not a fan.

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

SIX WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8. CLASS MEETS 9:15 A.M.

A VIDEO SERIES CENTERED AROUND THE CALLING OF EVERY CHRISTIAN TO TRULY FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST.

“Not a Fan” challenges you to consider what it really means to be called a Christian. Jesus never asked us to sit on the sidelines and cheer for his case. So, the question arises are you a fan or follower twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation: “Follow Me.” Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn’t want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers. Whether Jesus was speaking to large crowds or small groups; He made sure everyone was clear on what it meant to follow Him.

This one-of-a-kind study series is built around the engaging approach of Teaching Pastor Kyle Idleman who examines what it means to deny one’s self and truly follow Christ. But beyond that...It’s an opportunity, a time where you can be open to what Christ would have to say about your thoughts, feelings, and the motivations of your heart. It’s a challenge, a call to look at your relationship with Jesus with fresh eyes, and see whether it’s really everything that it could be.

Not a Fan is a serious six week study that powerfully communicates this challenging but central message of the gospel. You won’t want to miss this stimulating opportunity to grow in your journey from fan to follower.

*Then he said to them all “If anyone
wants to follow after me, let him deny
himself, take up his cross daily, and
follow me”*

Luke 9:23

Join Ted Smith at 9:15 in the lounge on Sunday mornings for this class.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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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.



Sunday, September 8

9:15am Church School for all ages

10:30am Worship

11:30am Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall