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Thanksgiving

by Ruth Burgess

Food features a lot in the life and stories of Jesus.

*At mealtimes a lot of discussion,
both comfortable and challenging, takes place.*

*Surprising people take their places as guests and hosts
around the table with Jesus.*

No one is ever sure quite who and what to expect!

It's thanksgiving.

Come and share food and laughter and tears and stories.

Come and give thanks.

Welcome to the feast.



Who will you welcome to your table?

What stories will you share?

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Thank you!

November Responsibilities

Elder:

Nicole McMullen

Deacon:

Lori Brendlinger

Liturgists:

11/4 Kim Crozier

11/11 Anthony Rentz

11/18 Randy Rummell

11/25 David Rummell

Greeters:

11/ Ginny Gilmore &
Mary Alice Seaborn

11/11 Sandy Larmey
& Marty O'Neill

11/18 Ginny Gilmore
& Gayle Hollowell

11/25 Ken & Jan
Rambo

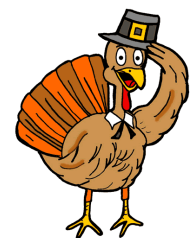
Story Circle:

11/4 McKenzie
Shaffer

11/11 Bethany
Blidewell

11/18 Katie Lindahl

11/25 Sherry Gleason



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:
330-652-5712

Sympathy to the family and friends of **Bob Bowskill** who entered the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, October 23. Bob joined FPC in 1979 and was ordained elder in 1981 and deacon in 1992. Bob is remembered as always having candy in his pocket for the kids at church.

"FPC & ME" CLASS

Interested in finding out more about our church? You are invited to attend our "FPC (First Presbyterian Church) and Me" class. The class will be held on **Wednesday, November 14th** at 6:30pm in the lounge. The class lasts for about 2 hours as participants learn about what it means to be an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. There is no obligation to join the church after taking the class. Please let Pastor Jamie or the church office know if you are interested in attending or know of someone who might be.

SECURITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Did you know that one of the reasons we have an Elder and a Deacon downstairs during worship each week is to ensure the safety of the church while we are worshiping? We are looking for a couple of volunteers to watch the entry doors during our Christmas Eve worship services at 5:30 and 10:00 pm. If you normally attend one of these services but might be able to stay downstairs during the other service, please let Pastor Jamie or the office know.

Stay tuned for our Advent Flyer, but for now, make sure to mark your calendars for our annual interactive Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, November 25! If you are able to stay a short while after worship on November 18 we will begin to decorate for that service. Your help would be appreciated.



Are you looking for a way to volunteer at church? Consider being a greeter! All you need to do is shake hands, smile and pass out bulletins! It's easy and fun! Call the church office or see Jan Rambo to let us know you're willing.



I am once again thankful and humbled by the support and love of this congregation. I am truly blessed to be called to minister alongside of such a wonderful group of people. Thank you for your generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Month! Pastor Jamie



The annual Mineral Ridge Community Parish joint Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 4pm on Sunday, November 18. Reverend Teresa Smolka from the Ohltown United Methodist Church will share God's word with us, the music ministry of St. Mary's will lead us in worship, and an offering will be received for the food pantry. There will be a reception following the service.

PRAYER LIST**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell June Keeley

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford Abel Rios
 Betty Garland Jim Postlethwait Joe Shoemaker
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 Joanne Teets (former member)
 Wanda Burns & Patricia McMahan (Sandy Larmey's friends)
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
 Susan & Martin Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friend)
 Sean Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' nephew)
 Zac Weber (Kathy Graham's future son-in-law)
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)
 Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's friend)
 David Giudici (Emily Fick's friend)
 Jessica & baby Easton Gillespie and family
 (Postlethwait's nephew)

James Martini (Mary Jane Shaffer's friend)
 Cindy Renner (Michelle Meyers' neighbor)
 Mary Harwood (January Johnson's mother)
 Michael Scholl (Ted & Darlene Smith's brother-in-law)

Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support

Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister
 Eastminster Presbytery and staff
 Someplace Safe Needle's Eye
 Niles Community Services Refugees
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
 Disaster victims World Leaders
 Casa de Buen Trato
 Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
 Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
 Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
 Brandon Groves and family (Marnie Bonsall's nephew)



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

**PATCHY SKIN CONDITIONS**

Psoriasis is a chronic condition tied to your immune system. This system gives false signals to your skin that makes it grow new cells too fast. Your body doesn't shed the cells, so they pile up and create red, scaly patches on your skin. Skin injuries, infection, stress and certain medications can make it worse. Even though psoriasis may look like it's contagious, it's not.

Psoriasis usually shows up as red, scaly patches on your elbows and knees. It can also affect your scalp and nails and other areas of your skin. It may look similar to eczema but usually isn't itchy. If you have a rash that's not getting better on its own within one to two weeks, see a doctor to determine what it is and get treatment.

Mild psoriasis is usually treated with topical prescription creams to reduce the rash and redness. If that doesn't help, low-strength cortisone can be injected. If psoriasis is widespread, UVB phototherapy is helpful two to three times a week in the doctor's office. If the diagnosis is guttate, it often responds well to oral antibiotics. When it is severe or occurs with arthritis, oral or injectable medications may be used. These work wonders as they change your immune system and reduce rash and inflammation.

No one knows exactly what causes psoriasis. It has a genetic component and may be related to an autoimmune issue or a disordered immune system.

It can be related to stress. Stress changes your body's hormones and immune system and can make psoriasis worse. It doesn't cause psoriasis, but it can aggravate it.

OUR DEACONS

Marnie Bonsall
 Lori Brendlinger
 Rusty Garland
 Bethany Glidewell
 Melissa Keeley
 Diane Koch
 Valerie Meyers
 Marty O'Neill
 Debbie Rendes
 Ken Wilson



**From our
 Parish
 Nurse**

MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



Thank you to all who participated or donated for the **CROP walk**. We had 14 participants and 2 dogs. Our church raised \$700.

1st GRADE CLASS ADOPTED

We have adopted the first grade again this year. Last year we brought in activities for the kids to do around major holidays. This year we are taking in popcorn and juice pouches to help tell the Thanksgiving story. We are looking for donations of juice boxes. We only need 75. If you would like to donate a box of juice boxes please bring them in to church by November 18. You can put them on the piano in our fellowship hall.

CRAFT SHOW

NOVEMBER 17

10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Craft show will be November 17 from 10 to 3. We will be having a table for church crafts. So if you are crafty, you can donate your crafts to the church which will be sold at the craft show.

All money made from the table will go towards the church. All we ask is that you price the items before bringing them to church. If you have any questions please see Brooke.

We will also be looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen on this day there will be a meeting following worship on November 4th.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

1. We will have names of kids again from our Community Cupboard with gift suggestions. They will be ready November 18. Remember to please keep a \$20 to \$25 gift amount. If you would like to spend more we ask that you take another name or an entire family of kids.
2. We will be selling \$20 ham vouchers again for the Christmas distribution for the Community Cupboard.
3. We will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for Niles Community Service. Clothes lines will be hung up by November 18 for you to hang your donations on.
4. We will be serving a free community lunch on December 18 (the day of Christmas Distribution). We will be having a sign up sheet for people who would like to make or serve lunch on this day. It will be from 10am to 12noon. More information will be available closer to the date.



*These are opportunities for giving.
You are not expected to give to all,
but to those that touch your heart.*

Please
donate
juice boxes
for our 1st
grade class
at Seaborn.

We have
Craft Show
flyers at the
church that
need
distributed
throughout
the
community.
Please take
one and put
someplace
where you
shop or
work.
THANKS!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Yes, we know that Halloween has just passed and it is several weeks until Thanksgiving but.....the Book Group is going to start a new book on November 7 which will help us get ready for the Advent Season which begins on December 3. We will meet on Wednesdays, November 7, 14, skipping 21 and lastly November 28. We begin at 4:00 p.m and are finished by 5:30. The book we are going to read is Because of Bethlehem, Love is Born, Hope is Here by Max Lucado. We will be reading only 30 or so pages weekly. There are Advent Devotions in the book that can be used individually throughout the Advent Season. This may be the time you want to rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas and find hope for a lifetime before the hustle and bustle of the Advent Season. Consider joining this small group of eight in this journey toward Christmas.



MINERAL RIDGE COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

We are preparing for our Thanksgiving food distribution which is one of the largest of the year. Here are some ways YOU can help!

- Donating food: We are especially in need of pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, and paper products.
- Donating money: We give each family a voucher to Macali's Giant Eagle in Niles to buy a turkey, fresh vegetables, or other items we do not supply.
- Sorting food: Following worship on November 11 we will sort the donated food onto the tables in the fellowship hall in preparation for packing.
- Packing food bags: At 6:00pm on November 12 we need help packing the food bags for distribution the following day. While a lot of work, with many hands, this event is usually completed in 30-45 minutes!
- Distributing food bags: We need a few volunteers to help families load the food into their cars between 10 and 12 on Tuesday, November 13.



LIVING NATIVITY

Be on the lookout for an opportunity to sign up to be a part of this year's Living Nativity Scene. This year we will participate as part of Weathersfield Township's Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 1st from 6-8 pm.

Zoo-2-Go will bring their animals back and we will set up our nativity scene at the township park (across from the Butcher Block and Jesy's Dairy Cove). We will be signing people up for 30 minute shifts to stand in costume and help us all kick off the holiday season.





SESSION NOTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2018

Session Minutes of September 25, 2018 were approved.

Received the Treasurer's report for September and heard that spending exceeded giving in September by \$515. Additionally, we heard that the year-to-date spending exceeds giving by \$5,862.

Heard that membership is 142 as of October 23, 2018 with the passing of Bob Bowskill.

Heard that we are receiving quotes for winter snow removal.

Heard that we are looking for rebates to help cover the cost of replacing all the lights in the church.

Heard that we are looking to place an awning over the outdoor exit from the kitchen.

Heard that the church will conduct fire drills on Sunday, October 28, 2018.

Approved Worship Committees request to authorize the Deacons to serve communion on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Approved the Nominating Committee's nomination of Chuck Hudzik as the 2019 committee chair.

Approved the Advent Taskforce's 2018 Advent Schedule.

Heard that the Deacons are planning to assume the roles and responsibilities of the Mission Committee in 2019.

Approved Pastor Jamie's vacation request for December 26-31, 2018.

Reviewed the 2018 rolls.

Heard that the next Presbytery meeting is on December 4, 2018 and Brooke Kaschak will represent FPCMR.

Heard that next Committee Night will be November 27th and Session meeting will be December 4th.

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

REMIND for Church Reminders and Updates



Our Session has decided to use the Remind app to help keep in touch with the congregation through text messaging. This will be used to inform users of upcoming events, any changes to the normal church schedule, prayer updates, etc. We anticipate an average of one (1) message per week. If you are interested in receiving text messages from the church, please text the number 81010 with the message "@fpcmr5712." You can also leave your cell phone number with the office and we can add you to the list. You will receive confirmation and a link to download the Remind App if you wish. You do not have to download the app to receive text messages. Standard message rates do apply. If you have any questions, you may contact Pastor Jamie.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

First Presbyterian has been at work in the Mineral Ridge community for 155 years! Faithful saints from generations past have generously cared for this community and have handed it over to our care. It is up to us to continue their work for God's kingdom and ensure that it is passed on for generations to come.

Our church thrives on your generosity and on your response to God's call on your life. Without the gifts of your time, your creativity, your prayers, and your financial contributions, FPC would not be able to continue in the ministry that God has called us to.

God has entrusted us with many precious resources and calls us to use all that we have for the good of others. God gives abundantly, and expects the same from us. The gifts you share with FPC are used in many different ways. We provide fellowship events full of food and fun. We offer educational opportunities from book groups, to Bible studies, to health related seminars. We stay actively engaged in mission outreach, whether we are feeding the hungry in Mineral Ridge, helping Syrian refugee children get an education in Lebanon, or somewhere in between. Every week we are able to offer a welcome, joyful, and Spirit-filled worship service that glorifies God. This is all possible only through your generous support.

Please plan to join us On Sunday, November 4, as we gather to worship God, to be welcomed at God's abundant table, to offer the gifts of our lives, and dedicate our "Celebration of Giving" cards.



"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

Psalm 145:4

September 2018 Treasurer's Report



GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Add <u>Receipts</u>	Less <u>Spent</u>	Adjust- <u>ments</u> *	Under/(Over) <u>Spent</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
January	16,693.63	9,968.60	8,641.10		1,327.50	18,021.13
February	18,021.13	10,373.53	16,224.82		(5,851.29)	12,169.84
March	12,169.84	7,560.32	9,429.24		(1,868.92)	10,300.92
April	10,300.92	11,143.75	11,134.73	.14	9.16	10,310.08
May	10,310.08	10,401.24	10,146.43		254.81	10,564.89
June	10,564.89	9,699.00	9,648.93		50.07	10,614.96
July	10,614.96	10,627.40	8,385.17	.14	2,242.37	12,857.33
August	12,857.33	7,475.48	8,986.76	.13	(1,511.15)	11,346.18
September	<u>11,346.18</u>	<u>10,012.00</u>	<u>10,527.26</u>	.15	<u>(515.11)</u>	<u>10,831.07</u>
Year to Date	16,693.63	87,261.32	93,124.44	.56	(5,862.56)	10,831.07

*Interest earned

Under/(Over) spent last year for comparison (2,618.21)



Attention! Attention!
Let's go SKATING!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
1:00 TO 4:00



The Church Growth & Fellowship Committee is organizing a group to go to the SkateZone. This is for everyone (kids must be accompanied by an adult) who is interested. The skating is FREE, but the Bumper Cars, PutPut, and Laser Tag are available but not free.



Bring a friend with you.

If you want to bring a friend with you, just bring them to church on November 4, 11 or 18, and they can come too!

If you are interested in going, let Tyler Crozier know. His e-mail address is Tcrozier1992@gmail.com



We will have hot dogs and chips after worship that day for anyone going skating.



FALL CRAFT SHOW

VENDORS | RAFFLES | FOOD

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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MISSION STATEMENT

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