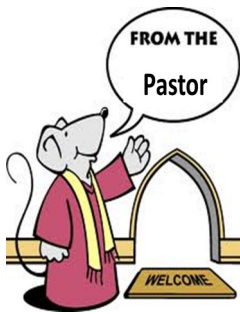


SUMMER 2018

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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Beloved Partners in Ministry,

It's hard to believe that June is already here and that school is out for the summer. The heat that goes with summer has certainly arrived! Everywhere you turn there are opportunities for fellowship, both in the church and in our community. As members and friends of FPC Mineral Ridge, I encourage you to take these opportunities to strengthen the community that you share with those around you.

We are reminded that the church is not confined to the building that sits on Highway 46, but that we are the church, and the church goes with us when we leave those doors.

Acts 2 speaks about the early church saying, "The believers were united and shared everything...they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone." When we invite others into our homes, we are inviting them to become a part of our lives. When we eat meals with friends, we need to realize that in doing so, we are sharing God's love and grace with those people. It is in these moments of community and fellowship that God comes close to us and dwells with us.

So as we plan our family vacations, invite friends and neighbors over for cookouts, or spend time at the pool or a baseball game, take these opportunities to pause and give God thanks for the blessings that you have received. 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! As you create community with those around you, may the peace and love of God be with you.

In Christ' peace,

Pastor Jamie



Summer Responsibilities

Elder:

June—Tyler Crozier
7/1 Chuck Hudzik
7/8 Jill Fabian
7/15 Nicole McMullen
7/22 Matt Glidewell
7/29 Sue McCabe
8/5 Matt Glidewell
8/12 Brooke Kaschak
8/19 Ken Kaschak
8/26 Tyler Crozier

Deacon:

June—Diane Koch
7/1 Ken Wilson
7/8 Marnie Bonsall
7/15 Valerie Meyers
7/22 Rusty Garland
7/29 Debbie Rendes
8/5 Bethany Glidewell
8/12 Melissa Keeley
8/19 Diane Koch
8/16 Lori Brendlinger

Liturgists:

5/6 Tyler Crozier
5/13 Jeff Kaschak
5/20 Yvonne Rentz
5/27

Greeters:

6/3 Marty O'Neill &
Chuck Hudzik
6/10 Suzie Merz &
Marlene Tincher
6/17 Betty & Rusty
Garland
6/24 Paul & Debby
Wasilewski

NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



E-mail your news to
the church office:
Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.
net or call:
330-652-5712

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Our three high school graduates **Makayla Warrick**, **Dillan Keeley** and **Nick Speziale** all graduated from Mineral Ridge High School on May 20, 2018. We thought you might want to know a little bit about them.

Makayla Warrick is the daughter of Robin Warrick and granddaughter of Virginia Gilmore. She was a regular attendee at Sunday school and church until she took a job where she had to work on Sunday mornings. While in high school she lettered in varsity softball for 3 years, helped with homecoming committee her senior year, was an office helper, played volleyball, was a mascot for pep rallies, played powder puff football and placed in the art show both her junior and senior year. Her plans are to attend the University of Akron this fall majoring in Interior Design.

Dillan Keeley is the son of Melissa and Bryan Keeley. He has participated in Sunday school and worship regularly. He was on the "Rams" football team for 4 years where he received letters. He was also awarded a Imagine America Scholarship. His other activities were powder puff football coach, toughman volleyball and CBI program. He plans on attending the Ohio Technical College in Cleveland to study diesel mechanics.

Nick Speziale is the son of Carmen and Chrissy Speziale. His high school activities include playing drums in the "Rams" band, being a Camp Fitch councilor in 11th and 12th grade, winning 1st and 2nd place on cellphone photography pictures and worked in the school office for three years. He plans on attending Youngstown State University this fall.

SPECIAL SUMMER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Throughout the summer, we will be focusing on the stories of David found in 1st and 2nd Samuel. These stories give us an in depth look at one of the heroes of the faith, how he interacted with God, and how he often fell short of what God was asking him to do.

In addition to our normal worship services, please take note of the following dates in which we will be holding special worship services this summer:

June 17 (Father's Day): This is the Sunday in which our church is hosting the Community **Pancake Breakfast**. During the ten o'clock hour, those who aren't in the kitchen are invited to gather in the sanctuary for a service of scriptures, songs, and stories.

July 29: On this fifth Sunday, we will **worship outdoors** (weather permitting). **Communion** will be served and a **hot dog lunch** will be sponsored by the Church Growth and Fellowship Committee.

August 26: On the final Sunday of August we will have a "**Sunday of Service.**" On this date we will gather upstairs for music and prayer before heading downstairs into the fellowship hall to help sort and pack groceries for the Community Pantry's back to school food distribution.



PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember

Jim Sewell Bob Bowskill June Keeley

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford
 Helen Redmond Abel Rios
 Michelle Griffiths
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
 Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Wanda Burns & Patricia McMahan (Sandy Larmey's friends)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
 Susan & Martin Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friends)
 Sean Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' nephew)
 Zac Weber (Kathy Graham's future son-in-law)
 Laurie Carl (Betty Garland's daughter)
 Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)
 Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)
 Mary Johnson-Hardwood (Mark Rendes' friend)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Chris Johnston (Kim Crozier's cousin)
 Rev. Rebecca Kahnt (pastor at FPC Youngstown)
 JR Miller (Yvonne Rentz's uncle)
 Bishop Murry
 Dick Bickerstaff (Billie Moore's brother-in-law)
 Jim Koch (Joe's brother)
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)
 Joanne Teets (former member)
 Agnes Myers (Bev's mother-on-law)
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's 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
 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
 Adrianna Reese (YouthWorks Staff—Milwaukee)



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

**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

10 Tips for Dry Eye

1. **Shop Around** - You may need to try several brands of artificial tears before you find the right one for you.
2. **Avoid Smoke** - Cigarette smoke irritates your eyes and may cause dry eye. Stop smoking and steer clear of secondhand smoke.
3. **Keep Clear** - Gels and ointments for dry eye can blur your vision. Use them only at bedtime.
4. **Don't Stare** - TV's, computer monitors, tablets, and phones can cause or worsen dry eye, so limit screen time.
5. **Cut Back** - Reduce or quit alcohol and caffeine. Both may contribute to dry eye.
6. **Go Natural** - Using makeup around the eyes can make dry eye worse for some people. Apply less or avoid it altogether.
7. **Don't Wait** - Use artificial tears often, even if your eyes don't yet feel dry.
8. **Keep It Clean** - Try an over-the-counter eyelid cleanser to reduce inflammation, which can cause dry eye.
9. **Snooze More** - Lack of sleep makes dry eye worse. Aim for seven to nine hours a night.
10. **Go Fish** - Add a fish oil supplement to your diet. The omega 3 fatty acids may ease your symptoms.



MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



Deacons' Summer Project—Thanking teachers! - Extended

The Deacons will be collecting snack items to make trail mix for the teachers at Seaborn and Mineral Ridge High School. Some examples are jars of various types of Peanuts, M & M's, plain or Peanut, raisins, pretzels, mini marshmallows, banana chips, granola... We are going to put these items in mason jars, and take to the school with small Ziploc bags (yes those too) for the teachers to make up their own little snack to get them started in the new school year. We love those teachers!



Looking for a hose and reel cart: Does anyone have a hose and/or 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!

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

FINANCIAL UPDATE



The financial stability of the church continues to raise concern. Through the end of April, we have received about \$1800 less than last year at the same time and have spent approximately \$3000 more. We are about \$6000 over budget for the year. Please remember your financial commitment to the church especially as we approach the summer months. Traditionally, the summer is a time where contributions decrease due to reduced attendance. We cannot afford to continue this trend with our current financial state of the church.



Sunday,
June 17

The First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday June 17th (Father's Day) as part of the Mineral Ridge Flag Day Festival. Last year was the first year that our church hosted the event and due to its success we have decided to do it again. The breakfast will run from 9 am to 12 pm in the church fellowship hall. The cost for adults is \$6 and \$4 for children. This is a great way for our church to be involved within the Mineral Ridge community. Please consider supporting this event by either attending the breakfast or volunteering to help throughout the morning.



DON'T FORGET TO USE AMAZONSMILE

Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases made through the website to our church. Have you signed up yet?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Summer Story Circle for children Kindergarten and Younger

Summer Story Circle will be held downstairs in the Tiny Tots room and Fellowship Hall. We are so happy that **McKenzie Shaffer** (recent graduate of Youngstown State University) is taking on the responsibility to oversee the children that are Kindergarten age and younger during the worship hour. She is the daughter of Patty and Jim Postlethwait and is a member of the church. We thank her for taking on this responsibility.



Book Group on Summer Recess

The Book Group will be convening again at the end of August. They will be reading "Option B". This book is written by Sheryl Sandberg. She wrote this book telling about the sudden death of her husband and how she no longer had a choice to have option A but needed to figure out an option B for her and her children. We meet weekly 4:00 to 5:30 on Wednesday afternoons. This might be something you would enjoy. If you want more information about the Book Group talk to Carole Rummell.



CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

TEE-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS FOR SALE

The Committee is selling long and short T-shirts and sweatshirts. We will be taking orders after worship. We will have short-sleeve tees for \$10, long-sleeve tees for \$12 and sweatshirts for \$15—there is a slight increase of \$3.00 for T-shirts 2X and above and \$5.00 for sweatshirts. The shirts will be grey and will have our church logo on the corner. **Money must accompany order.**



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Yes, we are going to a Scrappers ballgame on Friday, August 24. They will be playing the West Virginia Black Bears and there will be fireworks after the game.

Tickets are: box seats \$8

Perfect Game Pkg \$14 includes a voucher for a hot dog or burger, chips & drink

Picnic Pkg \$19 all you can eat includes hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, cookies, chips, water and soft drinks



FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK PICNIC LUNCH—JULY 29

Weather permitting, the service will be held outside under the pavilion. The Church Growth Committee will provide hot dogs and drinks for the lunch that will be held after the service. You are asked to bring a casserole or dessert to share.





SESSION NOTES FROM MAY 22, 2018

Session Minutes of March 27, 2018 were approved

Received the Treasurer's report for March and April

Ratified e-poll to allow CE to hold a bake sale on May 13th to raise money for a children's mission project

Ratified e-poll to use to 40% of the Pentecost Special Offering that stays with our church to be directed to "Making Kids Count."

Heard from COM Liaison Peggy Richmond who visited with session. She is the liaison to the area churches.

You may contact her at pegrich2nlp@hotmail.com or on her cell phone at 330-402-5794

Heard that membership is 143 as of May 22, 2018

Heard that the financial supports through April are off target by more than \$6,000

Heard that the pancake breakfast plans are well underway

Heard that the parking lot is scheduled to be done in late spring or early summer

Motion approved to hold a bake sale on Rally Day with the proceeds to be used to fund the kid's mission to help a local children's hospital.

Heard that there will be Story Circle this summer for kids in kindergarten and younger

Motion approved to support the Eastminster Presbyterian Lebanon and Syria mission trip with a \$200 donation

Discussed the church's policy for building use for outside funerals and viewings

Organized Session's summer schedule for Elder In Charge for Sundays in July, August and September

Heard that the next presbytery meeting is on June 5th

Heard that the Elder of the Month for May is Tyler Crozier

Heard that next Committee Night will be August 21st and Session meeting will be August 28th

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

A Memorial Gift to the Glory of God and in Memory of

Don Hudzik

was given by Rosemary Heltzel & Sons.



A Memorial Gift to the Glory of God and in Memory of

Randy Pugh

was given by Betty Garland

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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, June 17

9:00am to noon



Tell your friends!



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!

Adults \$6 Children (5-12) \$4
Under 5 eat free