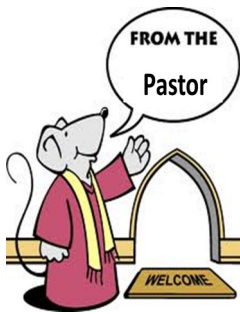


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Beloved Partners in Ministry,

Over the summer, we spent most of our time in worship together hearing the stories of King David and the people of Israel during that time period. Personally, I struggled with the image of David that I have always had in my head of the man after God's own heart. In reading these stories again, I found David as someone who was violent, impatient, and at times unfaithful. Yet we also find glimpses of the person that God must have seen: someone who respected King Saul as God's anointed one, even though Saul was trying to kill him,

someone who was so filled with God's Spirit that he danced in front of the ark, and wanted to build a magnificent temple to house God's chest.

Like with many Biblical characters, I think we sometimes tend to idolize David, but when it comes down to it, he was a human being, just like we are, with the good traits and the bad ones, all rolled up into one. God used David, flaws and all, to bless others and to build up God's kingdom. This is where we come in, God wants to use us, flaws and all, to bless others and build up God's kingdom. Thankfully, we have a much better example than David to follow today. We can model our lives off of Jesus and follow in the way that he prepared for us. That's all God wants!

As the church begins to buzz again with activities, there are many places that God can and will use you to bless others and further God's kingdom. Our church school classes are starting back up again and offer a chance for you to dig deeper into God's word for us. Our Mission Committee continues to plan ways for us to connect in the life of the community and the larger church. Our Rally Day bake sale and the CROP walk will raise money to help fight hunger around the Mahoning Valley and across the world. The Church Growth Committee continues to plan fellowship events to which we can welcome our neighbors and invite our friends to participate in. Finally, the Worship Committee and I are always working to provide weekly worship services that engage our hearts and minds, and glorify the God who calls us to love and serve the world.

David was not perfect, but God used him to unite God's people to do great things. The disciples were not perfect, but God used them to tell the story of Jesus and start the Christian community of faith. None of us are perfect, but God wants to use us today to do the work of God's kingdom.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Jamie

September Responsibilities

Elder:

9/2 Nicole McMullen
9/9 Brooke Kaschak
9/16 Matt Glidewell
9/23 Jill Fabian
9/30 Sue McCabe

Deacon:

Valerie Meyers

Liturgists:

9/2
9/9 Bethany Glidewell
9/16 Tuci Pugh
9/23 Cindy Kaschak
9/30 Marty O'Neill

Greeters:

9/2 Ginny Gilmore &
Marlene Tincher
9/9 Rentz Family
9/16 Ken & Jan Rambo
9/23 Paul & Debby
Wasilewski
9/30 Ginny Gilmore &
Chuck Hudzik



NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



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

Congratulations to Mark Rendes and January Johnson on their engagement. Rumor has it that there were even fireworks when he asked her!

Congratulations to Hailey Garris and Jared Reckard on their engagement on July 10.

Congratulations to Grandma & Grandpa Graham and Great-Grandma Betty Garland on the birth of Tatum René on August 9. She is the daughter of Cody and Sierra Graham. This makes the 20th great-grandchild for Betty.

Did you know that **Packard Music Hall** has free and open to the public concerts this fall.

Sept. 16 Band concert 3pm
Oct. 14 63rd Anniversary band concert 3pm
Oct. 18 Big Band Sound of Packard 7pm
Nov. 11 Veterans Day Tribute 3pm
Nov. 30 Youth concerts TBA
Dec. 2 Christmas Band concert 2pm
Dec. 9 Big Band Jingle Bell Swing 2pm
For updates call: 330-393-3628 or visit web:
www.wdpackardband.com

Jaclyn Craver is playing soccer, is a varsity cheerleader and is in the marching band this year.

Congratulations to the following on a very successful Canfield Fair this year:

Abbie Postlethwait

2nd on No Bake Cookies and Rice Krispies
3rd & 5th Riding Dixie
3rd Driving Marybelle
2nd Costume

Brooke Kaschak

1st Barn Quilt
2nd Driving Junion
1st Halter Junior

Jeff Kaschak

2nd Driving Junior

McKenzie Shaffer

7th Riding Rascal

Brooke, McKenzie, Jeff, Jim & Patty

1st Adult Costume Class



CROP WALK—OCTOBER 14



Our church will be participating in the CROP Walk this year! This year's Youngstown CROP Hunger Walk will be on **Sunday, October 14**, on the front lawn of **Richard Brown Memorial United Methodist Church**, 1205 Elm St, Youngstown OH, for the purpose of raising awareness and funds to fight hunger globally and in the Mahoning Valley. Registration 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 UMC 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. Sign up online at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/YoungstownOH> and register with the **First Pres Mineral Ridge** team. If you need help registering, please contact Pastor Jamie.



PRAYER LIST**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell Bob Bowskill June Keeley

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford
 Abell Rios Jim Postlethwait
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 Joanne Teets (former member)
 Jocelyn Traw (Seaborn student)
 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)
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Rev. Rebecca Kahnt (pastor at FPC Youngstown)
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's friend)
 Karen Lukehart (Linda's sister-in-law)
 Bill & Nancy Krizen (Garlands' friends)
 David Giudici (Emily Fick's 3 month old friend)
 Jessica & baby Easton Gillespie and family
 (Postlethwait's nephew)
 James Martini (Mary Jane Shaffer's friend)
 Cindy Renner (Michelle Meyers' neighbor)
 John Craig (Cindy Kaschak's father)

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.*

**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**

PRETEENS, TEENS AND KIDS HEADED OFF TO COLLEGE

need a full roster of vaccinations to protect their health

While American adolescents ages 11 to 17 show increased rates of needing immunizations, including Tdap and meningococcal vaccines, as many as half currently fall short of getting vaccinated against HPV (human papillomavirus) and influenza, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The HPV vaccination series is recommended for both male and female adolescents because there are more than 31,000 cases of cancers associated with HPV documented each year—and we know more than 90% of them could be prevented by the vaccine.

Only half of all Americans, and only one third of adolescents, get an annual flu shot. As many as four flu strains may circulate among the population each flu season, and these strains often change from year to year. It's not yet possible to produce a universal influenza vaccination that is highly effective against all strains. But don't use that as a reason not to immunize your teen or yourself or other family members. Experience indicates that a breakthrough infection occurring after vaccination is likely to be less severe in a vaccinated individual than among individuals who were not vaccinated at all. And getting a shot shortens the duration of your symptoms. Your teen needs the following:

TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) needs one shot at age 11 or 12 years
 HPV—all 11 to 12 year-olds should get a 2-shot series / 3-shot series for those 15 or older
 Meningococcal—all 11 to 12 year-olds should get a shot and booster shot at 16
 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) - If there is an outbreak where your child goes to school, ask your doctor about a third booster shot.

MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD

Children's Mission Project for Fall



Our youth will walk in the Youngstown CROP Walk on October 14. They will be asking for sponsorship from their church family in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you for supporting our children as they participate in mission!



Christian Education and Mission Committees would like to thank you for your support at our spring bake sale. On August 9 our youth used the money raised from the bake sale to support the Animal Welfare League. We took our youth to Marc's and shopped for food, treats, toys, cleaning supplies and other miscellaneous items for the animals at the shelter. We then delivered the purchased items and those that you donated to the shelter where we received a tour of the building, learned how to care for the animals, took a pet safety course, and of course got to see and pet some of the animals. It was a great learning experience for our group and of course the children loved seeing all of the animals.

It is so important for us to instill mission into our youth and we are always grateful for your support.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The church hosted a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Mineral Ridge Flag Day Festival on June 17. The event raised \$750.00 for the church. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the fundraiser a success.

July 2018 Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Add <u>Receipts</u>	Less <u>Spent</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	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	<u>10,614.96</u>	<u>10,627.40</u>	<u>8,385.17</u>	<u>2,242.37</u>	<u>12,857.33</u>
Year to Date	16,693.63	69,773.84	73,610.42	(3,836.30)	12,857.33
Under/(Over) spent last year for comparison				1,128.98	

The financial status of the church throughout the summer was more positive as we underspent each month. However, going into the summer the church had overspent by approximately \$6,000 for the year. After the summer months, the overall deficit is down to \$3836.30 and our ending balance in the general fund account is \$12,857.33. Please remember your contributions throughout the fall so that the church can end the year with a surplus.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Rally Day is the beginning of our Fall Church School Classes

Yes, there is a class for you – all ages are welcome to join us Rally Day, September 9 at 9:15 for age appropriate learning experiences. You will be greeted at the door by Marty O'Neill who will direct you to your class. Our teachers will welcome you to their classes. Teachers are:

Tiny Tots – Michelle Meyers

Multi-age - Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes

Youth Class – Carole Rummell and others rotating as teachers.

Adult – (2 classes) Ted Smith and Pastor Jamie Milton.



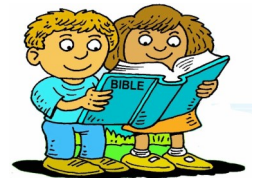
YUM YUM, a Bake Sale Is Coming—September 9

On Rally Day, September 9, it is time to **bake, bring and buy!** We are asking you to bring something for our bake sale table. Our children are once again going to work at the bake sale to earn money for Niles Community Services.



Second Graders to Receive Bibles on Rally Day

A wonderful children's Bible will be presented to our Second Grade students on this day. Pastor Jamie will present them to Samara Fabian, Natalie McMullen, Mason Meyers, Levi LaFleme, Chloe Crago and Jentry Thake. It is never too early to teach our children the Bible Stories that are the basis of our faith.



Book Group will begin Wednesday, September 12

If you are interested in reading and discussing a current book join our small group. Contrary to most Book Clubs we only read about 50 pages each week when we come together and discuss what we have read. We begin at 4 pm and close by 5:30 so attendees can be on their way to other activities.

We will begin this fall by reading Option B (Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy) by Sheryl Sandberg. Chapters one and two will be discussed on September 12.

Author Atul Gawande writes "Option B is as hopeful as it is heartbreaking. Here are stories of sometimes unimaginable pain and loss, but also of how human beings nonetheless have the capacity to endure and even thrive. This book is not just an absorbing read. It also provides lessons that everyone needs to learn."

If you would just want to sit in with the group for a couple of weeks you are welcome to do that. That may give you a chance to see if this is your cup of tea!



Book Group

Story Circle

Story Circle is a time for Kindergarten children and younger children where they may leave worship after the children's message if the parent /guardian wish. If you feel called to be helpful with this time with the young ones please speak to Carole Rummell or Debbie Rendes. Caretakers may want to tell a story, arrange for a simple craft or play a game with the little ones. They meet in Fellowship Hall where both a Deacon and Elder are available in case help is needed.





SESSION NOTES FROM AUGUST 28, 2018

Session Minutes of May 22, 2018 were approved

Received the Treasurer's report for July

Heard that membership is 143 as of August 28, 2018

Motion approved for building use by a member on November 24th 2018.

Heard that the financial supports through July are off target by \$3,800

Motion approved to send Pastor Jamie to the PC(USA) Mid-Council Leader Conference from 10/4-10/7 on behalf of Eastminster Presbytery.

Motion approved to purchase two new dehumidifiers for the church

Motion approved to have the proceeds from the bake sale on Rally Day to be used as a donation to the Niles Community Services.

Heard that CE would like to take the kids to the Youngstown Crop Walk.

Motion approved to allow four youth members to serve communion on Rally Day

Motion approved to serve wine as an option for communion on World Communion Sunday, October 7

Organized Session's Schedule for Elder In Charge for Sunday in September

Heard that the next Presbytery meeting is on September 4

Heard that next Committee Night will be September 18th and Session meeting will be September 25th

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

CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP



FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH

Mark your calendar for our next Fifth Sunday Feast which will be September 30 after worship. The committee will provide the meat and drinks and you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR READING WITH OTHERS



If you are a reader, this might be of interest to you. Several months ago someone brought in a stack of books they had read and wanted to get rid of. They were placed on a table in Fellowship Hall for anyone to take. By the time everyone left the building, the books were almost gone. So Church Growth decided to clear off one shelf in the lounge and make it a place to drop off books you are done with and take others you haven't read. The shelf will be marked **Books to Trade**.

You might want to look at the other shelves as well, but make sure you sign those books out.

Rally Day Worship

On Sunday, September 9th we return to our normal worship time of 10:30am. This special Rally Day Service will include our church's youth in many different capacities as we kick off the Church School year. On this Sunday we will:

- Celebrate the Lord's Supper
- Honor our Second Graders by giving them a new Bible
- Pray over them and bless their backpacks
(be sure your child brings their backpack!)
- Hear our children talk about their mission trip to the Animal Welfare League
- Support a future youth mission project by baking, bringing, and buying yummy treats at a bake sale after worship.



Holy Rollerz Kicking into Action

Our church has joined the Niles Kickball League! Our team plays on Thursday nights at Steven's Park in Niles. Come out and watch the fun!

Thursday, September 6, 2018 @ 7:30 pm AND 8:15 pm

Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 20, 2018 @ 6:00 pm AND 6:45 pm

Thursday, September 27, 2018 @ 6:00 pm



DEACONS' FOOD CUPBOARD

Don't forget our community food cupboard when you are doing your grocery shopping. We are low on everything and Thanksgiving will be here before you know it!

Pasta	Canned meals	Canned soups	Jelly
Sauce	Mac & Cheese	Canned fruit	Tuna
Peanut Butter	Canned vegetables	Canned beans	

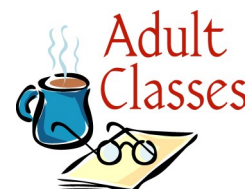


SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT CLASSES

HOPE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

The Adult Class led by Ted Smith will look into the Word of God to seek answers to our most urgent questions:

- How can we weather this storm with a calm heart?
- What does it truly mean to "wait on the Lord?"
- What is Jesus saying to our chaotic world today?
- How on earth did we get into this mess?
- Can we take a broken world and rebuild it into something fruitful?



"Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World" is the study we will be using. We will discover what on earth we can do in response to all the violence, natural disasters, loss of moral values, broken homes, poverty, etc.

You are invited to join this class on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the lounge. Pastor Jamie also has a class for adults which meets in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to try both.

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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 e strangers, but friends in Christ.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

There will be:

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Backpack Blessing

Bibles to 2nd Graders

Bake Sale during fellowship time



Church School

9:15am

Worship

10:30am

Fellowship

11:30am