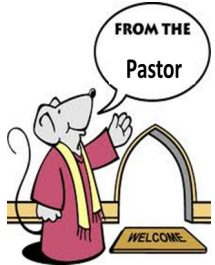


SUMMER 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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FROM THE
Pastor

Beloved Partners in Ministry,

Ever since Easter Sunday, we have been hearing about the surprising things God was doing in people's lives and through the early church throughout the book of Acts. If the empty tomb on Easter is the biggest surprise in the book, the Day of Pentecost is a close second.

The disciples are once again together in one place. This has become their default, to gather together to worship, to pray, and to eat. As they spend time together, the Spirit breaks in disrupting their lives, empowering them to go back out into the world to share the gospel.

The pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost set in motion all the surprises that follow in the book of Acts:

- *Peter becoming emboldened to preach the gospel in the face of imprisonment, persecution, and even death;*
- *Paul, being converted from persecutor to witness;*
- *God's kingdom and table being opened up to the Gentiles and others who used to be excluded;*
- *communities being restored to life and being given new hope in the resurrection of Jesus.*

The same Spirit that was at work in the early church 2,000 year ago is still at work today, in our churches and in our communities. As we spend time together each week, we too are empowered by God's Spirit, fed with God's word, and sent back out to share God's love with the world. When we open ourselves to the Spirit at work, we too will be surprised by what God is doing in the world.

God's love itself is surprising. God continues to love us despite our disobedience, our distance, and our shortcomings. God's love is forgiving and unconditional. We have the example of Jesus' life to show us how to love like this. We must surprise others with our love. We are invited to love others, even when that love may not be returned. We are invited to love others, even if it may be inconvenient for us. We are invited to love others, no matter what.

We are in this together. God's surprising love has been poured out into our hearts. God's Spirit has been shared with us, that we might be empowered to go where God leads, loving the world, as God loves us.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Jamie

Summer Responsibilities

Elder:

June—Chuck Hudzik
July—Tyler Crozier
8/4 Chuck Hudzik
8/11 Matt Glidewell
8/18 Nicole McMullen
8/25 Tyler Crozier
9/1 Carole Rummell
9/8 Jane Meyers
9/15 Ken Kaschak
9/22 Scott Rentz
9/29 Jill Fabian

Deacon:

June—Sue Rentz
7/7 Ken Wilson
7/14 Val Meyers
7/21 David Rummell
7/28 Marty O'Neill
8/4 Darren Garriss
8/11 Diane Koch
8/18 Lori Brendlinger
8/25 Marnie Bonsall

Liturgists:

6/2 Cindy Kaschak
6/9 Sherry Gleason
6/16
6/23
6/30 Nicole McMullen

Greeters:

6/2 Mary Alice Seaborn
& Ken Wilson
6/9 Marlene Tinchler &
Beverly Myers
6/16 Paul & Debby
Wasilewski
6/23 Ken & Jan Rambo
6/30 Sandy Larmey &
Gloria Murray



**Our 10:00am
Summer Worship
Schedule begins
May 26.**

MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



Back-to-School Collections for Mineral Ridge Community Parish

Our food pantry holds four food distributions each year. Three of these fall around the holidays: Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Our fourth distribution is at the end of the summer and has become a way that we help our families that have children as they prepare to go back to school. In addition to every family receiving a bag of groceries with the normal items, each family with children also receives a bag of items that can be used in school lunches, and may take any school supplies that they may need. Over the summer we will be collecting the following items. We have assigned each one a date, but please feel free to bring them whenever you can!



June 16	Boxes of Granola Bars
June 23	Packages of Apple Sauce
June 30	Packages of Crackers
July 7	Packages of Fruit Snacks
July 14	Juice boxes
July 21	Spiral Notebooks
July 28	Crayons (24 Pak)
August 4	Pencils and Erasers
August 11	Pens
August 18	Glue Sticks



As we have done over the past few years, on Sunday, August 25, we will have a “Sunday of Service” where we will begin with a brief worship service upstairs and then sort and pack the grocery items that will be distributed to families on August 27. Thank you all for your participation in this effort!

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

Joan Williams Andria Crawford
 Abel Rios Betty Garland
 Joe Shoemaker Samara Fabian
 Helen Redmond Anita Miller
 Ken Rambo
 Lonnie, Dirk, Brooke, & Jeff Kaschak
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 James Tincher (Marlene's son)
 Amos Rodgers (Marlene's friend)
 Rick Redmond (Tom's brother)
 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 Fick'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)

Eileen Fabian (Jill's mother-in-law)
 Laurie Carl (Betty Garland's daughter)
 Gayle Rossi (Marty O'Neill's friend)
 Patty Ruby (Terrie Rios' sister)
 Joe Sinkovich (Bev Myers' friend)
 Novalee Fisher (Bev Myers' great grand
 daughter)

Debra Miller (Debbie Rendes' 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 victim World Leaders
 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.*



**Deacons
 Called
 To Serve**

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**

10 HEALTHY HABITS

1. **YOU WALK EVERY DAY**—Whether it's through the grocery store, around the block, or on a treadmill, you know every single step counts. Hitting the road regularly benefits your heart, relieves stress, and burns calories.
2. **YOU SAY THANK YOU**—Studies show that expressing gratitude can help you feel better about your life, improve your relationships, and even help you avoid getting sick.
3. **YOU SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS**—Yes, being social is a sign of good health. People who have plenty of personal relationships are more likely to be healthier overall and even live longer.
4. **YOU COOK AT HOME**—Studies show that people who cook at home eat fewer calories and carbs and less fat than those who eat out more frequently.
5. **YOU SPEND TIME OUTDOORS**—Research shows that people who live in "greener" areas live longer, have improved mental health, move more, and feel more socially connected with others.
6. **YOU'VE DITCHED SUGARY SODA**—Great job—you've improved your heart health, lowered your blood pressure, and even reduced your risk of serious health issues like type 2 diabetes. Plus, you have avoided all those extra calories and sugar grams that can lead to weight gain.
7. **YOU MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY**—If you get 7 to 9 hours of sleep per night, you meet the recommended amount for ages 18 to 60. This helps lower your odds of developing long-term conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and depression.
8. **YOU SEE YOUR DOCTOR REGULARLY**—See your primary care doctor regularly to get an overall view of your vital health numbers, like blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, and weight. Plus it's also crucial to see your doctor for cancer screenings, immunizations, and vaccines as needed. Don't forget to see your dentist, dermatologist, and eye doctor regularly also.
9. **YOU STAY OUT OF THE SUN**—Soaking up rays (either from the sun or indoor tanning booths) has been definitively linked to an increased chance of skin cancer, not to mention wrinkles and sun spots.
10. **YOU LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE**—Your positive attitude lowers your odds of depression and cardiovascular disease and even helps you live longer.

PENTECOST OFFERING — JUNE 9



Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the Church. Our congregation, along with many others across our denomination also receives the Pentecost Special Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Sixty percent (60%) is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, ministries for youth and for children at risk. Forty percent (40%) of what we receive for the Pentecost offering is used at the discretion of the church to make an impact in the lives of young people where they see fit.

This year, we will be sharing our portion with a mission of Eastminster Presbytery and the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL). NESSL supports schools in Lebanon that provide education for children who have been displaced by the war in Syria, many of whom fled the country before ever receiving any formal education. Our presbytery has sent two teams of volunteers to Lebanon to learn about and experience what these schools are doing and the ministry of the church in Lebanon and Syria. Enclosed in this issue of the *Church Mouse* you will also find a flyer about the continuing partnership between our churches. If you would like to support this effort, please contact Pastor Jamie, or give to the Pentecost Offering on June 9. Thank you for your support.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



Organizational
Meeting
Sunday, May 19
in lounge.

The church will be hosting a **pancake breakfast fundraiser** in conjunction with the Mineral Ridge Flag Day festival on Saturday June 15 from 9 am to noon. Adult tickets are \$6 and children's tickets are \$4. Pre-sale tickets are being sold by the elders and deacons so if you are interested in buying tickets please see one of the officers to purchase. We will also be offering two great prizes via a Chinese auction. There will be a 32 inch Smart TV and a gift card basket up for grabs. Anyone who is still interested in volunteering with the event can contact Nicole McMullen or Matt Glidewell. Please mark your calendars to come support this fundraiser for the church.

Just a reminder to please turn in pledges over the summer. Traditionally over the summer months, attendance is lower which results in a financial hit to the general fund. We understand that many families are busy over the summer and cannot always make it to worship. The church offers an alternative way to turn in your pledge if you are unable to make it to worship through our webpage. Our web address is www.fpcmr.org. In the top right hand corner of the page is a flag that says donate. If you click on the "donate" button it will take you to a page where you can designate a certain amount to a specific fund in the church, i.e. general fund, building fund, etc. It will prompt you to create a profile if it is your first time logging in, however the process takes a few minutes to complete. There are two options in which you can pay. You can enter your bank account information and send the money electronically from your bank, or you are able to enter a credit card. There is also a notes section on this page where you can designate the money to a different cause if you wish, i.e. to per capita, One Great Hour of Sharing, etc. Thank you again for your continued financial support and generosity to our church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outdoor Worship Service and Communion

At least once a summer we like to gather under the pavilion and worship together outside. This year's outdoor worship service will be on Sunday, July 28 (weather permitting). The focus of our service will be Luke 11 which includes Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer. We hope you will come sing and pray with us as we celebrate communion and God's creation together.



Church Growth & Fellowship

Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch—June 30

Join us on Sunday, June 30 for our picnic lunch. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Scrappers Baseball Game—Faith Night on August 9—Fireworks!

Mark your calendar for August 9. We are going to a Scrappers Game. Watch your e-mail and church bulletins for more details and ticket information.



SESSION NOTES FROM MAY 21, 2019

Approved the minutes from April 30, 2019 Session Meeting.

Heard that membership as of May 21, 2019 is 145.

Approved vacation time for Pastor Jamie on July 1, 2019 – July 7, 2019.

Approved Continuing Education time for Pastor Jaime on August 1, 2019 – August 6, 2019.

Approved Building and Property to move forward with receiving estimates to address the church's water pressure issues.

Approved to pay Ella Perrone (niece of Jill Fabian) to lead Story Circle for the summer months.

Heard that Communion will be administered on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Approved Deacons' recommendation to send 40% of our Pentecost offering to the Near East Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) refugee schools for children.

Heard that the church applied for a grant through the Eastminster Presbytery Mission Grant program to help offset the cost of lighting and new doors on the front of the church.

Heard that Jane Meyers, Carol Rummell, Marsha Brozier, and Pastor Jamie will attend Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations on June 3, 2019, at First Presbyterian of Barberton.

Elected Jane Meyers as the Session representative to the Presbytery Meeting on June 4, 2019 at the First Presbyterian of Barberton.

Heard that the next Committee Night will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019, and the Session meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2019.



Day of
Pentecost
is

June 9.

Wear RED
to church



All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!

Acts 2:4

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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.

**Pancake
Breakfast**

*All you
can eat!
(extra sausage \$1)*



*All you
can eat!
(extra sausage \$1)*

First Presbyterian Church
3654 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

Saturday, June 15, 2019
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Adults\$6
Children (4-11)\$4
Children under 4 Free



*In Conjunction with the
Weathersfield Flag Festival*

Get your tickets
from any
Elder or
Deacon
or stop by the
church office.