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"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, Raise the glorious harvest home.



**November
Responsibilities**

Elder:

Carole Rummell

Deacon:

Ken Wilson

Liturgists:

11/5 Jill Fabian

11/12 Bethany Glidewell

11/19 Sherry Gleason

11/26 Hanging of the
Greens Service

Greeters:

11/5 Paul & Debby
Wasilewski

11/12 Dave & Shelly
Rummell

11/19 Scott & Yvonne
Rentz

11/26 Suzie Merz &
Marlene Tinch

Story Circle:

11/5 Melissa Keeley

11/12 Sherry Gleason

11/19 Katie Lindahl

11/26 Bethany Glidewell

What God Requires

*He has told you,
O mortal,
what is good; and
what does the Lord
require of you but
to do justice, and
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly
with your God?*

Micah 6:8

NEWS



Share your news
with your church
family.

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

Congratulations to **Molly (Lukehart) & Richard Carroll** who were united in marriage at the church on October 21.

Congratulations to Mineral Ridge Homecoming **King Nick Speziale** and Queen Taryn Kolesar.

Congratulations to Varsity Little Ram, **Ian Erb**! He scored 54 touchdowns in his 7 years as a Little Ram! WOW!

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Catherine Postlethwait** who entered the Church Triumphant on October 25. Kate always made us feel loved and always brought a smile to our faces.

Congregational Meeting

Session has issued a call for a
**Congregational Meeting for
Sunday, November 5,
immediately after worship.**

The purpose of the meeting is to
receive the report of the
Nominating Committee.



CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP



Harvest Dinner

5th Sunday Harvest Potluck was a Success!

What a wonderful potluck dinner we had on October 29! Thank you all for coming and bringing side dishes to be shared with everyone. We had a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Need a Stocking Stuffer for Christmas?



The Church Growth & Fellowship Committee will be selling pens every Sunday after worship beginning November 5. One of the committee members will be in Fellowship Hall after worship, or call and stop by the church office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday to purchase one. They are very nice pens and they show your commitment to our church to others. The price per pen is \$5.00.

Community Thanksgiving Service



The annual Mineral Ridge Community Parish joint Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Ohltown Methodist Church at 4:00pm on Sunday, November 19.

A community choir will share in an anthem for the day, an offering will be received for our food pantry, and our own Pastor Jamie will be preaching that afternoon. The host church will also be providing a "finger food" reception following the service. We'll see you there!

PRAYER LIST**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell Bob Bowskill June Keeley

Health Concerns

Joan Williams Andria Crawford Helen Redmond
 Abel Rios Glenn Griffiths Randy Pugh
 Ted Smith Chuck Hudzik
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
 Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)
 Wanda Burns (Vicki Williams' friend)
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)
 Susan Crawford (Marnie Bonsall's friend)
 Sean Brenner (Darryl & Jane Meyers' nephew)
 Zac Weber (Kathy Graham's future son-in-law)
 Laurie Carl (Betty Garland's daughter)
 Agnes Myers (Beverly's mother-in-law)
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)

Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)
 Wanda Burns (Sandy Larmey's friend)
 Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)
 Dayle Gruszecki

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, Hurricanes, Mexico earthquake,
 California fires 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



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

**Bullying IS NOT Allowed!**

One in five kids is the victim of bullying, and the scars of this abuse are both physical and emotional. Kids who are bullied don't fare as well academically, and they're at higher risk for illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease as adults.

The signs aren't always obvious, so parents need to pay attention. A drop in grades, sudden loss of interest in activities, withdrawal from friends, extra moodiness, and frequent requests for money can all warn that it's time to take action.

Start by talking to your child—and their teachers. Teach nonviolent ways to deal with a bully—like walking away, involve your child in activities outside school, where they can form new friendships.

First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge is a

**OUR DEACONS**

Lori Brendlinger
 Rusty Garland
 Sherry Gleason
 Bethany Glidewell
 Melissa Keeley
 Valerie Meyers
 Marty O'Neill
 Aubrey Reese
 Debbie Rendes
 Ken Wilson

Poinsettias & Deacons/Memorial Funds

The Deacons will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary on December 10 for the Advent Season in memory or in honor of those we love. You can also choose to give to the Memorial Fund or the work of the Deacons. The names of those memorials will be in the bulletin on December 10. A form is enclosed with this newsletter.

THIS—THAT—AND THE OTHER THING!



FALL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 18—10:00am to 4:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

Invite your friends to attend our craft show.

There will be many vendors, raffles and good food.

NOTE TO CONGREGATION:

*The tables are rented—now it is our job to get the word out.
Invite your family and friends to come out to support this event!*



Community Food Cupboard Food Distribution

Tuesday, November 14 from 10am to noon



We will sort food after worship on November 12. Why not plan to stay for a little while to help! “The work goes much faster . . .” Bags will be packed on Monday evening at 6:00. Your help would be appreciated. We still need stuffing mix, pie filling and mashed potatoes.

Gifts for Community Parish Youth

We will also have tags available to buy gifts for the kids on the Community Parish list. There are over 80 kids!! Yes 80. So please when buying please try and keep the gifts to a **\$25 limit**. We ask if you want to or are able to spend more than \$25 please think about getting another tag. The tags will be on the bulletin board toward the end of November.



Hats, Gloves & Scarves & Hams

We are also collecting new hats, gloves & scarves. They will be available for our Community Parish Youth on the day of the food distribution.

Any that are left will be taken to Niles Community Services.

We are selling Ham Vouchers after Thanksgiving to be given out with the Christmas Food Distribution.

They are **\$20** each

The Deacons will be in Fellowship Hall on November 26, December 3 & 10.



SESSION NOTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2017



Session Minutes of September 26 were approved
 Membership went from 149 to 148, due to the passing of Dorothy Lloyd Hood
 Heard that we have been named in Dorothy Lloyd Hood's will for \$50,000
 Removed a member from the active roll at their request
 Received the Treasurer's report for September
 Heard that an Amazon Smile Account is being setup for FPC of Mineral Ridge
 Heard that on October 11th the financial review was completed
 Approved to use money from the building fund to pay for updates on parking lot (seal coat, crack filling and asphalt repair)
 Approved Armstrong bundle for cable, telephone and internet
 Heard that candidates night will be held on October 25th
 Heard that CE will donate raffle basket for craft show that is being held on November 18th
 Heard that CE is continuing their plans for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to open church up to offer care for students Kindergarten through Grade 6
 Heard the Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck for October 29th and will host dinner for start of Advent in December
 Heard that Church Growth plans on designing and selling new shirts with FPC of MR logo
 Heard that mission has adopted the 1st Grade at Seaborn Elementary and will provide different items to them throughout the year
 Heard that mission will pursue the possibility of inviting Jed and Jenny Koball for a return visit in March 2018 while they are in the US
 Heard that the nominating committee is working on filling spots for deacons, elders and nominating committee
 Heard that deacons got the cards ready to be mailed to our college students with \$5 gift cards
 Heard that CREDO was very rewarding for Pastor Jamie Milton
 Heard Elder of the Month for November is Carole Rummell
 Heard that next Committee Night will be November 28 and Session meeting will be meeting December 5
 Prayers were offered up for those we know to be in need of prayer

Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God and in Memory of Dorothy Hood have been given by:

Randell & Jane Bostwick
 Suzanne Bostwick
 Meghan Maloney
 Darryl & Jane Meyers
 Don & Mary Ann Hudzik
 Joe & Diane Koch

Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God and in Memory of Louis Rendes have been given by:

The Rendes Family
 Marsha Brozier
 Darryl & Jane Meyers
 Don & Mary Ann Hudzik



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES



NEW MOBILE GAMING APP RAISES AWARENESS, COMBATS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

App helps students identify red flags and false leads of traffickers (Excerpts from an article in Presbyterians Today)

A new anime-style gaming app for mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, has an extraordinary mission: to keep children and young adults, ages 11 to 14, from becoming victims of human traffickers.

The Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, the Department of Education and the White House all felt the ACT app is one of the best tools in educating our children about human trafficking.

The developers worked to strike a balance that isn't "too broad" or "too scary," but one in which the students learn from the characters' stories to be alert and aware at all times.

"As traffickers change their tactics, we hope to stay 10 steps ahead of them by developing new scenes to educate our youth."

For more information, visit the lifeboatproject.org or e-mail thellifeboatproject@gmail.com. If you suspect the crime of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 888-373-7888. The center can coordinate with law enforcement and social service agencies to help the victim.

Let's all
be aware
of the
dangers!

Help fight
Human
Trafficking

In Memoriam

Dorothy (Lloyd) Hood

United with First Presbyterian Church
February 26, 1928

Joined the Church Triumphant
September 26, 2017

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
henceforth . . .
that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them."
- Revelation 14:13*



In Memoriam

Catherine (Bowman) Postlethwait

United with First Presbyterian Church
November 11, 2012

Joined the Church Triumphant
October 25, 2017

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
henceforth . . .
that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them."
- Revelation 14:13*



INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

Hello Church Family and Friends,

The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee continues to prepare for the upcoming 2018 budget and Stewardship Campaign. You will receive the Commitment Letters and Celebration of Giving Cards in early November. We hope that you are prayerfully considering your 2018 commitment.

Overall, the Church is financially healthy, but our general fund is overspent by \$2,600. However, as of the end of September, our year-to-date expenditures continue to be under budget.

God Bless,

Matt Glidewell, Chair



Stewardship
Sunday

November 19



Calling ALL singers, music makers, and/or lovers of music!

Have you ever noticed that the whole congregation sings better when the choir is up front? Our choir adds so much to the service and the more friends we have up front, the better we ALL will sing. No audition required, all you need is a heart for music and a voice! This year, we will practice on November 29, December 6 & 13 at 7:30pm. Please join us and find out if the Advent Choir is right for you!

AND

This year, in preparation for our Children's Program on Sunday, December 17, Aubrey Reese will be working with our children on a few songs to share in worship. She will be practicing with those interested. Practice will be held following worship on the following Sundays: November 12, 19, 26, and December 3 and 10th.



PASTOR JAMIE'S NOTES

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 26!



Thank You!

I am thankful every day for the privilege to serve as the pastor to this congregation. You all have been supportive of our ministry together and of my family.

Thank you for the card and gift cards in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month. We are blessed to be a part of this community!

Pastor Jamie



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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.



November 18 - 10:00AM TO 4:00PM

VENDORS

FOOD

RAFFLES