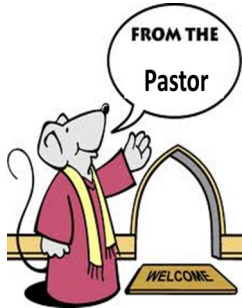


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Beloved Partners in Ministry,

Fall has always been one of my favorite times of the year. I love the slight chill in the morning air and watching the leaves change their color from green to a beautiful array of red, yellow, and orange. It is a different change than in the springtime where we celebrate the budding of new life as the earth awakens from its winter slumber. In the fall, the earth prepares itself for a much needed time of rest.

For me, October also seems to be the perfect time for a little rest and relaxation. After the busy summer months traveling to visit family and the anxiety and excitement of preparing to get the kids back to school, October brings a little bit of breathing room before Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas come rushing in. I think we should take a cue from the earth and embrace this as a time to recharge ourselves for the busy months ahead. Whether it be settling in on a Saturday afternoon to binge watch a new series on Netflix or curling up on the couch on a Sunday afternoon to read a book, or taking a walk after work, I hope you are able to find some rest in the coming weeks.

I sometimes joke that I don't mind if people were to sleep through my sermon (not that any of you would do that!). Outside of extreme circumstances, most people only fall asleep in places where they feel comfortable, welcome, and at home. If we have created such a space on Sunday morning that invites that level of comfort, by all means, sleep away. But, more seriously, I hope that you all find your experiences in worship, fellowship, and work at First Presbyterian to be restful and life giving experiences.

For many people taking time to rest may seem like an impossible task. I mentioned the word "Christmas" above and I am sure there are those whose internal monologue just went crazy. As a pastor, mine definitely goes into overdrive every time I look at how close it is! As we look ahead, we may not think we will ever accomplish all that needs to be done. In those moments, I invite you to make some space for prayer, rest, and reflection. We remember the many Gospel passages of Jesus going off by himself to spend time with God, even in the midst of his busy schedule. Simply taking five minutes and asking God to help you along the way can do wonders for you.

David writes in Psalm 4:

³Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful. The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him.

⁷...you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

⁸I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

*May the God of peace be with you,
In Christ's service,*

Pastor Jamie

October Responsibilities

Elder:

Matt Glidewell

Deacon:

Bethany Glidewell

Liturgists:

10/7 Sherry Gleason

10/14 Carole

Rummell

10/21 Valerie Meyers

10/28 Brooke

Kaschak

Greeters:

10/7 Keeley Family

10/14 Dave & Shelly

Rummell

10/21 Bev Myers &

Gloria Murray

10/28 Billie Moore &

Ken Wilson

Story Circle:

10/7 Valerie Meyers

10/14 Lori

Brendlinger

10/21 Sue McCabe

10/28 Brooke

Kaschak



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



Congratulations to Jaclyn Craver. She passed her driver's exam! Be safe!



Our kickball team, the Holy Rollerz, has had quite a first season! They have had a lot of fun, excitement, exercise and, sorry to say, a few injuries. Those on the team are Pastor Jamie, Jill & Michael Fabian, Matt Glidewell, Jeff Kaschak, Brian Hudzik, January Johnson, Mark Rendes, Heather Pugh, Sheoni Walker, Sharonda Moore, Keyera Clark, Matthew Storkel, and Courtney Kunkel.

Save the Date—November 25 Skate Zone & Bring a Buddy

Church Growth & Fellowship is planning an afternoon at the Skate Zone for anyone who wants to go. Admission is free, we just need to know how many want to attend. The 3 Sundays leading up to this will be **Bring a Buddy Sundays**. Our buddies will be able to attend also for free.



Eastminster Presbytery's 2018 DiscipleFest

Yes, again this year Eastminster Presbytery is sponsoring DiscipleFest 2018. All Presbyterian Churches in presbytery are invited to send officers and members to this event that will be held in Cuyahoga Falls Presbyterian Church. It is on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30, with lunch served. Your Christian Education Committee will pay your costs of \$15.00. This will be a day for discussing how our congregation can minister to and with those living on the social and economic margins of our communities. Please consider attending DiscipleFest on Saturday, October 20. Please consult the insert in your newsletter or contact Pastor Jamie for more details.



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.

CROP WALK—OCTOBER 14



There is still time to sign up to join First Pres's CROP Walk Team. 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) Registration will take place between 1:00 and 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 Abel Rios
 Betty Garland Jim Postlethwait Joe Shoemaker
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)
 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)
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 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)
 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.*

**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**

Metastatic Breast Cancer

More than 150,000 women in the US live with metastatic breast cancer. This cancer is cancer that has spread from the breast to other parts of the body. Breast cancer is like a dandelion plant that goes to seed and can grow in other parts of the body such as the bones, lung and liver.

It can spread through the blood or lymph system. In a small percentage of patients the cancer has spread before diagnosis. For some people even with treatment they might develop a metastasis. The treatments for this cancer may include surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. The goal is to pick a therapy that is most likely to work with the fewest side effects. The treatment depends on the biology of their cancer.

Can this breast cancer be cured? Treatments can often make the tumors shrink and help people feel better, but we can almost never cure metastatic breast cancer. It is hoped some of the new therapies will change the outlook for this cancer. If treatment isn't effective the oncologist might see if the patient is eligible to participate in a clinical trial.

If faced with this type of breast cancer your doctor will use tests like X-ray and scans (bone, CT & PET) to determine whether the cancer has spread. The outlook on treatment will depend on the type of breast cancer and where it has spread. The goal of treatment isn't curable, but treatments like radiation, chemotherapy, surgery and hormonal therapy can shrink it and reduce or get rid of the symptoms.

Being diagnosed with a late-stage cancer can be overwhelming. Patients should ask their oncologist to recommend a support group for metastatic breast cancer patients.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD

Mission to the USA Global Partner



**Sunday,
October 21**

Mission Chat

It has almost been one year since we hosted Rev Kade Mastra from Bali, Indonesia as our global partner through the Synod of the Covenant's Mission to the USA program. This year, our neighbors at the Canfield Presbyterian Church are hosting a **global partner from Pakistan. Rev. Nosheen Kahn** will join our congregation on Sunday, October 21. Rev. Nosheen will preach during our 10:30 am worship service. Following our normal Fellowship Time, the Mission Committee will host a "Mission Chat" in the lounge for those who would like to have lunch and learn more about Rev Nosheen's experiences as a pastor in Pakistan. Those interested in the lunch should sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



Greetings Church Family,

October kicks off the Stewardship Campaign at First Presbyterian Church. The theme this year will be Generations of Generosity.

Throughout October, during our time of worship, we will be hearing from families with multi-generational members on why they contribute to our church. The Stewardship mailing will be sent out at the beginning of the month, along with your contribution card. Commitment Sunday will be on November 4. Please prayerfully consider what gifts you have to offer to the church whether it is serving on a committee, agreeing to serving as an officer, or a financial commitment.

As you pray and consider what gifts you have to offer to the church, please be aware of the current financial situation. Through the month of August, we have overspent by \$5,300. While our expenses have not changed dramatically over the years, there is a trend that our giving is down. Please see below the comparison chart of receipts through August in the years 2015-2018.



	2015	2016	2017	2018
General Fund Receipts Jan-Aug	\$80,860.17	\$81,202.29	\$79,474.78	\$77,251.71



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let Pastor Jamie know that you appreciate him!
You can say thank you, send a card, don't be critical, lend a hand, and pray for him and his family.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Big God, Big Questions Confirmation Class 2018-19

Over the next several months, Anthony Rentz will be exploring the questions we are all asked as we make a commitment to join the church. Anthony is our lone confirmation student, but he will not be completing this journey by himself. In addition to Pastor Jamie, Anthony will be joined each class session by an officer or another church member who will share their experiences as a member of the First Presbyterian family of faith. Please be in prayer for Anthony as he learns more about his own faith and what it means to make a commitment to Christ and Christ's church.



THANKS A LOT!

Thanks to all who baked, brought and bought baked goods for our bake sale. The proceeds of \$360 have been sent to the Niles Community Services. They serve those in Mineral Ridge, Niles and McDonald who are in need.



Fire Drill at Church??

On a Sunday in October Firefighter Jeff Kaschak and Elder Jill Fabian will be conducting a fire drill. We have fire escapes posted in all of our classrooms. Our teaches will lead the children outside where parents can meet them. The date is not certain at this point but it will not happen on a rainy day.



Reminder!

There are 2 adult church school classes. One is led by Pastor Jamie and meets in Fellowship Hall and the other is led by Ted Smith and is held in the lounge. You are welcome to try out both and decide which one fits you! They both begin at 9:15am.



Book Group starts new book

On Wednesday, October 10 at 4:00, the Book Group will start to review the book Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor by Liz Theoharis. We read several chapters each week and then gather to share our insights.

Jesus's words "the poor you will always have with you" (Matthew 26:11) are regularly used to suggest that ending poverty is impossible, that poverty is a result of moral failures, and that the poor themselves have no role in changing their situation. In this book the author examines both the biblical text and the lived reality of the poor to show how that passage is taken out of context, distorted, and politicized to justify theories about the inevitability of inequality.

Theoharis reinterprets "the poor you will always have with you" to show that it is actually one of the strongest biblical mandates to end poverty. She documents stories of poor people themselves organizing to improve their lot and illuminates the implications for the church. Poverty is not inevitable, Theoharis argues. It is a systemic sin, and all Christians have a responsibility to partner with the poor to end poverty once and for all.





SESSION NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Session Minutes of August 28, 2018 were approved.

Received the Treasurer's report for August and heard that the General Fund giving is low.

Heard that membership is 143 as of September 25, 2018.

Ratified and e-poll setting a Mission goal to raise \$1,400 for the Youngstown Crop Walk.

Heard that Commitment Sunday will be November 4, 2018.

Motion approved to accept the 2018-2019 Sunday School teachers.

Heard that \$360 was raised at the September 9 bake sale and was donated to the Niles Community Services.

Motion approved to designate our 25% of Peace and Global Witness Special Offering to Rachel Eliser/ Young Adult Volunteer and supplement it up to \$150 out of the mission budget.

Motion approved to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating Ruling Elders and Deacons for the class of 2021 and for the 2019 Nominating Committee.

Motion approved to dissolve the Mission Committee and move its functions to the Deacons effective January 2019.

Heard that the next Presbytery meeting is on December 4, 2018.

Heard that next Committee Night will be October 16th and Session meeting will be October 23rd.

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.

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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.

**World Communion Sunday
Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**



October 7

On Sunday, October 7, our congregation will be joining in the Lord's Supper with Christians all around the globe to celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Pastor Jamie will be away at a conference, but our friend Rev. Ray Banner will be present to share God's Word and preside over the Lord's Supper.

As we gather to think about the global reach of Christ's message of love, hope and peace for all of humankind we will also be collecting the PC(USA)'s **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace and the mission work of the church.

Our church will be donating 25% of this offering to help support Rachel Eliser from the Heritage Presbyterian Church in Poland who is serving as a Young Adult Volunteer in Los Angeles, California this year. Rachel was a participant in our 2016 Peru Mission Trip and is a graduate of Westminster College. To find out more about her experience as a YAV, visit <https://racheleliseryav.wordpress.com/>



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION