

# OCTOBER 2017

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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### *Beloved Partners in Ministry,*

*We are so excited to be welcoming Rev. Kade Mastra from Indonesia to Ohio this month! Rev. Mastra will be joining us through our synod's Mission to the USA program. We will be picking her up on Friday, October 13, and she will be with us through November 3. There will be many opportunities over the three weeks she is here to hear her speak and get to know her:*

*Rev. Mastra will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, October 15, which will be followed by a welcome reception in her honor. That afternoon, anyone who wishes is invited to join Pastor Jamie and Rev. Mastra in attending an open house at the Masjid Al-Khair Mosque in Youngstown. Indonesia has the largest population of Muslims in the world and Rev. Mastra is interested in learning about American Muslims. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about our Muslim American brothers and sisters as well.*

*On Saturday, October 21, Rev. Mastra will be speaking at the presbytery's DiscipleFest event at the Canfield Presbyterian Church (more information on DiscipleFest is included in this newsletter) and Rev. Mastra will be speaking to the Adult Church School classes at 9:15 and preaching in worship on Sunday, October 22.*

*At 5:30pm before the Mineral Ridge High School football game on Friday, October 27, Pastor Jamie will be hosting a "Tailgate party" in the backyard of the manse so we can show Rev. Mastra what this crazy American sport called football is all about! We will walk down to the game together after we eat. If you know you will be attending, please let me know so I have enough food (and let me know if you want to bring something!).*

*Finally, on Sunday, October 29, Rev. Mastra will preach during worship and administer communion with Pastor Jamie. Following the service there will be a Fall Harvest themed potluck.*

*Throughout her time here, Rev Mastra is scheduled to speak at other places including several classes at the elementary and high schools. There are also still plenty of opportunities for YOU to invite her out to dinner or over to your house. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or you can contact me or Brooke Kaschak to get on the schedule.*

*In the meantime, let us pray for Rev. Mastra as she travels to the US, as she prepares herself to speak and preach, and as she acclimates herself to a different culture and climate. Let us also pray for our congregation, that we may be open to everything she has to teach and share with us. May we welcome her with open arms and open hearts!*

*In Christ's Peace,*

*Pastor Jamie*

### **October Responsibilities**

#### **Elder:**

Jill Fabian

#### **Deacon:**

Debbie Rendes

#### **Liturgists:**

10/1 Brooke Kaschak

10/8 Cindy Kaschak

10/15

10/22 Jamie Milton

10/29 Jamie Milton

#### **Greeters:**

10/1 Ken & Cindy  
Kaschak

10/8 Betty & Rusty  
Garland

10/15 Ginny Gilmore &  
Bev Myers

10/22 Bryan & Melissa  
Keeley

10/29 Billie Moore &  
Ginny Gilmore

#### **Story Circle:**

10/1 Valerie Meyers

10/8 Lori Brendlinger

10/15 Sue McCabe

10/22 Brooke Kaschak

10/29 Matt Glidewell



**Sunday,  
October 1**

## 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*

Our sympathy to the **Rendes Family** on the passing of Louie, Debbie's husband, on September 22.

Our sympathy to the **Rentz Family** on the passing of Sue's father John Williams on September 17.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Dorothy Hood** who entered into the church triumphant on September 26. Dorothy was a member of our church for 89 years, joining in 1928.

Our sympathy to **Ginny Gilmore and the Warrick Family** on the passing of Ginny's sister on September 11.

**Jaclyn Craver** is one busy girl. She is doing Dance Line with the band and playing soccer. She is also on the competition cheer squad.

**Dillan Keeley** is on the Mineral Ridge Football team. GO RAMS!

**Nick Speziale** is in the band.

**Mason & Olivia Meyers** are competing with each other to see who will score the most goals for their teams this soccer season. Stay tuned!

**Harper Lindahl Milton** is having a lot of fun playing soccer with the Girard Soccer League. Rumor has it that Isaiah has a lot of fun too playing on the playground equipment in the park and cheering for his sister!

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## CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

### Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

#### Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch



#### Harvest Dinner

Our October Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch will have a Harvest Dinner Theme. The committee will prepare turkey and desserts. You are being asked to provide the sides: potatoes, veggies, stuffing, etc.

### Mineral Ridge Spirit Day Parade – Sunday, October 15, 5:00pm



If you like a parade, make sure you come and join in the fun of watching many young people, the band, fire engines etc. You can come and park in the parking lot, stop in Fellowship Hall and get some free cider or hot chocolate and popcorn and sit on the front yard of the church/manse. We will have a football game on the TV as well. You can slip in and out of Fellowship Hall and enjoy both the game and the parade. Mark your calendar and come and get that Mineral Ridge spirit!!

**PRAYER LIST****Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell                      Dorothy Hood  
 Katie Postlethwait        Bob Bowskill  
 June Keeley

**Health Concerns**

Joan Williams                Andria Crawford  
 Katie Postlethwait        Joe Shoemaker  
 Abel Rios                      Paul Rentz  
 Glenn Griffiths            Helen Redmond  
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)  
 Paul Rider (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)  
 Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)  
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)  
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)  
 Sean Reilly (Cindy Garriss' nephew)  
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' friends)  
 Cheyenne Urbach & Jessica Fox (Rummells' 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)  
 Wanda Burns (Vicki Williams' friend)  
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)  
 Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)  
 Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

**Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support**

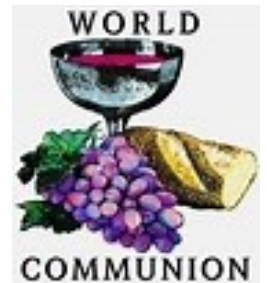
Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister  
 Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
 Someplace Safe              Needle's Eye  
 Niles Community Services  
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
 Hurricanes & earthquake victims  
 World Leaders              Casa de Buen Trato  
 Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
 Rev. Kade 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.*

**World Communion Sunday**

On October 1 as we worship together here in Mineral Ridge, we will be joining together with Christians all around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. While we celebrate the Lord's Supper often, on this Sunday, we especially remember that this meal joins us together with followers of Christ across the globe. This year, as we open ourselves to the various ways that people celebrate communion in different cultures, we will offer different types of bread used around the world, and have the option of grape juice or wine for the cup. We hope you are able to worship with us this Sunday as we celebrate God's love and grace through the sacrament of communion.

**Our Deacons at Work**

The Deacons are asking for donations of \$5 gift cards to send to our college students before the end of the semester. Places like Starbucks, Dunkin', Chipotle, Subway, etc., are all good options. If you would rather contribute cash to the cause, please see one of our Deacons and they will make sure a card is purchased for you. Please have the cards in to Pastor Jamie or a Deacon by October 22, so the Deacons can send them out following their next meeting. Thank you for supporting our college students as we remind them that they are always in our thoughts!



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

## SPEND TIME WITH REV. KADE MASTRA



We are looking for people to sign up to spend time with Kade. There will be sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall. We also have some ideas as to what you could do with her if you wanted to do more than just dinner:

White House fruit farm  
Mill Creek Park trolley ride

We are planning a group trip with Kade to Maze Craze on October 28. If you would like to come, there will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. It is \$10 a person—if we have a group of 20 or more it is \$8 a person.

## FALL CRAFT SHOW



**Saturday, November 18—10am to 4pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

***Invite your friends to attend our craft show.***

**There will be many vendors, raffles and good food.**

**We will not be having a rummage sale this year.**

**If you have clothes that you are looking to donate,  
we are asking you to take them to Niles Community Services.**

## YOU CAN HELP

### FILL A BAG

**And Help Us (Niles Community Services) Make a Difference**

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY—OCTOBER 28

In support of this vital program and MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY,  
fill a bag with non-perishable food and drop it off at  
Niles Community Services or the church and we will see that it gets there.

**THANK YOU!**



## SESSION NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2017



Session Minutes of August 29 were approved

Membership is 149

Received the Treasurer's report for August

Building and Property Committee are continuing to work on their to-do list

Candidates night has been set for October 25 & CE will try to get speaker to present on Issue 2

Head that Spirit Day will be on October 15 & we will have open house with cider, hot chocolate and popcorn

Heard the Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck for October 29 & will ask congregation to bring sides

Approved to pay \$850 for MUSA from the memorial fund

Approved Peace and Global Witness Offering to be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Heard that mission is busy planning for our visitor Kade & are still looking for people to sign up to take her to dinner or an activity

Heard worship attendance numbers for the past month

Approved congregational meeting for November 5, 2017 to elect officers and 2018 Nominating Committee

Heard that deacons are asking for congregation to donate \$5 gift cards that can be mailed to our college students

Session members to discuss fundraising opportunities with Covelli Center at next committee night with their respective committees

Asking for committees to donate a gift basket for the craft show that we are hosting on November 18

Heard that thank you cards will be sent to the 3 Weathersfield fire stations

Heard that Pastor Jamie attended a Presbytery meeting on September 5

Heard Elder of the Month for October is Jill Fabian

Heard that next Committee Night will be October 17 and Session meeting will be October 24.

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



### **Opportunity to support our budget and mission**

Our Session is exploring the idea of volunteering on a regular basis to run a concession stand at Covelli Center events. Each event would require us to send 2-12 people, depending on which station we would be working per event. The commitment likely includes one or two events per month and we would receive 10% of the earnings of our stand each event. The Session thinks that this is a good opportunity for us to work together, have a little fun, and make a little money to support our ministry. If you would like more information or would like to be added to a list of potential volunteers, please contact Pastor Jamie or Elder Jill Fabian (330-509-3788 or [jfabian88@zoominternet.net](mailto:jfabian88@zoominternet.net)).



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES



### **Book Group Is reading:**

*"Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race."*

### **Book Group Is Delving Into the "Racism" Issue**

The Book Group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 weekly. Our readings spark a lively conversation. Opinions are encouraged and we are discovering facts that we didn't know we didn't know. If you are interested in joining the group, you can talk to Carole Rummell, 330-652-4603 or [bcrummell@aol.com](mailto:bcrummell@aol.com) to learn more.

We are reading a few chapters of the book Waking Up White And Finding Myself in the Story of Race each week. The book is available on Amazon.com (where you can read the first section) and Barnes and Noble.com. The cost is \$17.99 for a paperback and \$8.69 for a Kindle. If you want to have an order placed for you give Carole a call. You are encouraged to read the book even if you aren't part of the group.

### **Adults – listen up!!**



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to try out one of our adult classes. We are fortunate to have two good leaders of our adult classes. At 9:15 the adult class in the lounge meets with Ted Smith and in Fellowship Hall Pastor Jamie leads the class.

Take the plunge and visit both classes over the next several weeks and see if one of them doesn't spark your interest in learning. You may be surprised how easy it is to get up a little earlier and pop in and check them out.

### **Plans Are Underway to Visit a Corn Maze**

Brooke and Jeff Kaschak are making plans to take our youth to visit a corn maze this fall. It may be open to bring friends as well. Interested youth can talk to Brooke to find out more.



## Eastminster Presbytery

### **Once a Year Opportunities**

**NUMBER 1 – Calling all women.** On Friday, October 13, beginning at 6pm, women from area churches will be gathering at the Girard Presbyterian Church to reflect on the life stories of women in the Bible so that we may consider what we can learn from their stories that will make a difference in our living today. We will meet again the next day, Saturday, October 14 until early afternoon when our time together will conclude.

The Christian Education Committee will pick up the \$20 registration fee which covers one breakfast and one dinner. Attendees will be responsible for the cost of one lunch out. Reservations are due by October 8 and can be made by contacting Carole Rummell (330-652-4603). So far Marnie Bonsall and Carole Rummell have made their reservation. This sounds as if it will be fun as well as educational.



**NUMBER 2 – Eastminster Presbytery presents.** Saturday, October 21, 9:30 – 3:00 the annual DiscipleFest will be taking place at the Canfield Presbyterian Church. The registration fee is \$15 if made before Oct. 14 and \$25 after Oct. 14 or at the door. Once again the Christian Education Committee will pay the registration fee. A number of workshops will be offered in addition to a keynote presentation. If you are interested, brochures are available which describe the workshops being offered. Check with Pastor Jamie or Carole Rummell.

## INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

Hello Church Family and Friends,

The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee has begun working with Pastor Jamie to prepare for the upcoming 2018 budget and Fall Stewardship Campaign. You will soon be receiving your Commitment Letters and Celebration of Giving Cards in the mail. We hope that you will begin to prayerfully considering your 2018 giving. Although it feels like the middle of summer with the hot weather lately, autumn is upon us. With the fall colors and transformations around us, remember all the blessings in your lives and thank God for everything you have.



As of the end of August, our year-to-date expenditures continue to be under budget. Our General Fund is over spent by about \$2,500 more than we received through the first eight (8) months. The Treasurer and the I&S Committee are monitoring the accounts. The church is overall financially healthy, but it is important that we support our current year's expenses with current year's giving. The Giving Statements for the three quarters ending September 30, 2017, will be prepared for disbursement. They should be dispersed in October. Please take a moment to ensure that the Treasurer's records match your records. This is also a great opportunity to review your statement. Take the opportunity to ensure that your giving is up to date. Feel free to contact Billie Moore or Marsha Brozier if you have any questions about the statement.



God Bless,

*Matt Glidewell, Chair*



### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. *Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.* Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Offering envelopes are included with this newsletter.



***Our Session has approved that our portion of this special offering  
be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.  
Please give generously.***



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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.*

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**Candidates Night – October 25, 6:30 p.m.**

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**All voters must be registered by October 10, 2017 by 9:00 p.m.  
to vote in the November 7, 2017 General Election.**

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Every two years we offer the community the opportunity to attend an evening where we hear from candidates for the Weathersfield Local School Board of Education and Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees. This year there are three candidates running for two seats on the Board of Education, Incumbents Bruce Bacak and Basissta and Mark Bodo. The only two running for the two seats on the Board of Trustees are incumbents Marvin McBride and Steven J. Gerberry. Come on October 25 at 6:30 and hear from our candidates.

We are inviting you and your friends to come and ask questions of those running for Weathersfield offices. In addition to that if you are confused by **State Issue 2 The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act** you are not alone. We are attempting to get someone to come and speak both for and against it. The commercials on TV are very confusing and our speakers may bring some clarity.

