



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Mineral Ridge, Ohio
Celebrating 160 Years!



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Hi Church family!

What a joy to see you at church on Easter Sunday! It was a delight to welcome you all in worship to celebrate the resurrection of our Risen Lord.

We've got many exciting things happening this spring, and I hope you will take the time to look through this newsletter to see what's happening at your church. We have exciting fellowship events coming up, new projects with our Deacons and food pantry. Our Elders too, are hard at work making sure we continue to be a vibrant, diverse worshipping community!

We've had some good events too that remind us of the wonderful community we have, a sure sign of the Holy Spirit stirring up our energy and enthusiasm! Our Easter egg dyeing and scavenger hunt went particularly well, and we thank January and Debbie Rendes for all their hard work!

In addition, our Easter breakfast went so well, despite the fogginess of the day and the dove release getting cancelled. We'll try again next year! Thanks to everyone who helped out with that, from setting up to bringing food to cleaning up. I'm grateful for a church community that jumps right in and offers to help with anything and everything!

With the weather warming up, this month is a great time to return to FPCMR! Just like your favorite family member at Sunday dinner, we look forward to welcoming you with open arms and a big smile! This church family is the best family!

Peace,
Pastor Kori



Church News

Keep us up to date. E-mail your news to the church office: admin@fpcmr.org or call 330-652-5712

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APRIL

ELDER: SUE MCCABE

DEACON: JANUARY RENDES

LITURGISTS:

04/07 ANDY KONSOL

04/21 CINDY KASCHAK

04/14 SHERRY GLEASON

04/28 MUFFIN RUMMELL



We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Mary Alice Seaborn and Joe Koch. Both were longtime involved members of our congregation. Please keep their families in your prayers during these difficult times.

Congratulations to Ian Erb, son of Sally Erb and grandson of Tim Morris. He has signed with Walsh University to play football. He played for Mineral Ridge High School and was named first team ALL STATE. That is quite an accomplishment.



Worship Committee

The worship committee met on Committee night Tuesday March 19th. We are looking forward to the remaining days of Lent and the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Communion will be served on Maundy Thursday, April 14th and on Mother's Day May 12th. Rev Meta Cramer will be pulpit supply on April 21st. Do you have any ideas for worship? We'd love for you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 630pm. Anyone interested in being liturgist please contact Lisa Sorg at 480-427-9032.

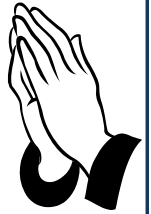
Members to Remember

Shirley Dull Helen Redmond
Marlyne Young

Prayer List

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene’s friends)
James Tincher (Marlene’s son)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers’ family friends)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers’ son)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic’s father)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh’s father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney’s mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers’ Daughter)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer’s Sister-in-Law)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic’s sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Vince Fazio (Marty O’Neill’s friend)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg’s friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer’s friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl’s brother)
Terry Keeley Sr

Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman’s father-in-law)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn
Family of Joe Koch



Prayers Around the World

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Needles’s Eye
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
World Leaders
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Casa de Buen Trato
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Someplace Safe
Our PC(USA) coworkers Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
Ukraine
Victims of Natural Disasters
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

Please call the church office to add or delete names to our prayer list. Names will be kept on the list for approximately six weeks unless the office hears otherwise.

BAKE SALE



The Deacons will be hosting a bake sale on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12th. Pick up a gift for your mom, teacher, neighbor, friends – anyone with a sweet tooth.

All funds will be donated back to the church. If you are interested in donating any baked items, please reach out to Rosie Rebraca or January Rendes.



Please continue to be on the lookout for additional upcoming activities that our Church Growth Committee is working on. We are planning a day at the Akron Zoo and a Scrappers game for some of our summer events. If anyone is interested in helping plan these activities or if you have an idea for an event, please reach out to a member of the Church Growth Committee!





Clothes for Kids Drive

June 1 through August 11, 2024

New clothes only

Kids of all ages and sizes

Garments may include: shirts, sweatshirts, long pants, socks, underwear.

Each church should collect individually as they see fit. United Methodist will coordinate, store and organize the group effort.

Clothes will be distributed at our summer food distribution on August 20 with the start of the new school year.

Please drop off to one the following 4 churches in our Township:

- * **Church of Christ**
- * **Ohltown United Methodist Church**
- * **First Presbyterian Church**
- * **St. Mary's Church**



As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, hamburger/chicken/ tuna helper, tuna, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cereal, ready to eat meals (Raviolis, Spaghetti O's, etc.), canned soup, corn, and green beans. If you can donate, we will greatly appreciate it. We just provided our Easter Distribution on March 19th and our next distribution will be in the summer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Debbie or January Rendes.



Thank you to all who came to participate in coloring eggs and the egg scavenger hunt! The event was a great success and looks as though this will be a yearly event we will host. A big thank you to Debbie Rendes and Pastor Kori for all their help in planning and coordinating this event with me. Looking forward to our next family event – Thank you, January Rendes



Our Little Free Library as you know is located in the church lounge and all books are free for the taking. We also accept books as donated.

Our library is in need of children's books. If you have books to donate just leave them in the lounge on the table and someone will shelf them. The folks who come to get groceries at the food distribution of the Community Food Pantry are so pleased to be able to take a free book or two home for their children as well as themselves.

A time for all ages to join together and learn more about The Lord's Supper will be on Sunday morning at 9:15 on April 14 in Fellowship Hall. Just coincidentally we will be celebrating The Lord's Supper in worship that morning. There may be smells of freshly baked bread as you enter the church. The children may learn from the adults and the adults will learn from the children. We all learn differently and age appropriate learning will be offered.

The last day of church school before summer break will be on Pentecost, May 19. We will be returning to classes on the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 8. We would like to encourage our children to attend a Vacation Bible School that is offered near you.

In all of our classrooms there is posted a wall chart that shows the exit children and/or adults should use in exiting the building in case of an emergency. Children would be led from the building by their teachers and taken to the parking lot west (down the hill) to the Garris parking lot to meet their parents. When warm weather shows up we may take a trial run at doing this. Parents will be notified when we plan to do the trial run.

Session has decided to form a Safety Task Force which will develop guidelines for all to respond to any emergency. When their work is completed, it will be shared with the congregation.

- The Book of James -

Adult Class will begin a study of the book of James. This book is considered perhaps to be the most practical book in the Bible on practical Christian living. Due to its practical nature, this epistle has been compared to the Book of Proverbs as well as to the Sermon on the Mount. During the course of the five chapters of his letter we will encounter one essential teaching for approximately every two verses he writes.

James is wanting Christians to pause and check: what is genuine faith, and does my life show evidence of it? This study series offers a clear understanding of the challenges of everyday life and a practical focus on consistent God-honoring living. Hope you will consider joining the study and discussion of "The Book of James" beginning April 21, at 9:15 in the lounge. - Ted Smith



Interpretation & Stewardship Committee
Keeping you informed on the financial health of our church.

CAN WE DO IT?

As you can see below our giving has dramatically decreased over the last 4 years. We are asking you to help maintain our church by giving what you are able to give to see that we continue our ministry.. Our committees are working hard to stay within our budget. Our budget for 2024 is \$139,277. **The average monthly amount needed to support the 2024 budget is \$11,606. Let's see if we can do it!**

COMPARISON OF GIVING THE LAST 4 YEARS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
January	\$10,593.00	\$ 7,073.00	\$ 7,986.00	\$ 7,918.00	\$10,732.00
February	11,850.00	11,733.00	8,646.00	7,241.00	8,729.00
March	11,729.00	7,303.00	10,355.00	7,931.00	
April	9,302.00	11,643.00	9,874.00	9,736.00	
May	10,743.00	11,221.00	10,559.00	6,553.00	
June	10,144.00	7,348.00	7,941.00	9,019.00	
July	7,250.00	8,584.00	13,140.00	7,192.00	
August	10,079.00	8,052.00	8,027.00	7,053.00	
September	9,200.00	7,513.00	8,059.00	8,645.00	
October	8,850.00	10,319.00	7,584.00	8,770.00	
November	10,928.00	8,624.00	9,346.00	10,223.00	
December	<u>18,218.00</u>	<u>16,666.00</u>	<u>21,186.00</u>	<u>17,871.00</u>	
Year to Date	128,886.00_	116,079.00_	122,703.00	108,152.00	19,461.00

LOOKING AHEAD

One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering received during Lent. GOAL \$1,500

This offering is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. The three programs it supports are:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - goes to communities after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program - takes action to alleviate hunger.

Self-Development of People - invests in communities to teach people to help themselves.

Per Capita remains at \$32.50. Special envelopes will be in the pews throughout the year..This offering is used for the administrative work of Eastminster Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church, USA. Our church will pay \$4,518 this year for each active member we had in 2022 (139).

You can pay this anytime during the year.

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The *Church Mouse* is the monthly (except in July & August) newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church. All visitors are welcome to worship with us online each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook. (except Memorial Day through Labor Day when worship is at 10:00 a.m.)



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.



Welcome
to God's house
All Are Welcome



Please feel free to take a look at
our newly
designed website
www.fpcmr.org

CHECK US OUT ON



YouTube

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

HERE ARE WAYS FOR YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US:

Our weekly worship service will be available In-person, on Facebook, and on YouTube at 10:30am (10am from Memorial Day thru Labor Day) and can be accessed in the following ways:

In our Sanctuary (masks are optional).

Through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).

Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

Please Join Us Sundays at 10:30am