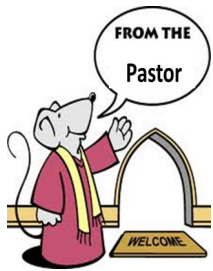


**OCTOBER 2019**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF MINERAL RIDGE**



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*Beloved Partners in Ministry,*

*What does it mean for us to trust someone? It means to believe that someone is reliable, good, honest, and dependable. In most of our relationships, trust must be earned. A person must show us that we can trust them. Trust can also be lost if someone proves unfaithful. We all have people in our lives that we would trust with our biggest secrets or fears. We also may know someone whom we wouldn't trust with much responsibility at all.*

*Its the same thing to trust God. God consistently shows us in Scripture that we can trust God to do what God says God will do. God has shown us through the 155 years of our own church history that we can trust God to provide, to lead, and to guide us. The prophet Isaiah writes, "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is a rock for all ages."*

*During the month of October our worship services will be centered around the theme of "Trusting God..." using examples from the letter of Second Timothy.*

*On World Communion Sunday, we will explore that it means to trust God's call on our lives and our church. For October 13, we will think about trusting God's faithfulness and how that affects our daily lives. On October 20, we will be challenged to trust God's Word and see how Scripture helps to be faithful disciples. Finally, on October 27, we will reflect on what it means to trust God's presence with us each and every day of our lives.*

*That final Sunday of October will also be the day when we dedicate our "Celebration of Giving" cards and celebrate communion. These acts of worship will help us to see that the God we trust, also trusts us. We are given treasures in this life by a loving and faithful God who trusts us to use those treasures to be a blessing to all the world. May we me faithful with what God has entrusted to us.*

*In Christ's peace,*

*Pastor Jamie*



**October  
Responsibilities**

**Elder:** Carole Rummell

**Deacon:** Darren Garriss

**Liturgists:**

10/6 Nicole McMullen

10/13 Tyler Crozier

10/20 David Rummell

10/27

**Greeters:**

10/6 Marlene Tincher &  
Sandy Larmey

10/13 Bev Myers &  
Mary Alice Seaborn

10/20 Darryl & Jane  
Meyers

10/27 Dave & Shelly  
Rummell



*Celebration  
of  
Giving  
Sunday  
October 27*



## NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH



Keep us up to date  
E-mail your news to  
the church office:  
[Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.net)  
or call  
330-652-5712

**LONNIE JAMES AND DIRK ANDREW KASCHAK**, sons of Brooke & Jeff, were baptized during worship on Sunday, September 29. The boys baptism outfits were made by Brooke and Meme Kaschak from Brooke's wedding dress. The baptism fell on Brooke & Jeff's 7th wedding anniversary. A beautiful reception was held in Fellowship Hall after the service.

### OUR FOOD PANTRY EXPANDS ITS REACH

Beginning this month, our Ecumenical Food Cupboard will begin maintaining an emergency food closet at Seaborn Elementary School! Our partners understand that some of our community's most vulnerable, our children, depend on school breakfast and lunch for much of the food they need. Over weekends and holidays, that food is not always available. Working with the school, we will keep a closet of food stocked for families who need it. To keep this food readily available, we are asking

for continuing donations of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, heat and serve meals (like Ravioli, Spaghetti'Os, etc.), macaroni and cheese, canned fruit or fruit cups, soup, pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you all for your continued support!

### WATER PROJECT

You may have noticed some construction going on out in front of the church! We are having a new waterline installed to service the church. The old waterline for the church actually comes to the church after servicing the manse, which is not ideal, especially in emergency situations when the main water shutoff valve is located in the basement of the house next door. We have had some issues with our water pressure and hope that this will help to resolve those issues. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Kaschak or Pastor Jamie. If you would like to donate to the project, the funding for this project is being taken from our Building Fund.

**What does it mean to be a Presbyterian at Mineral Ridge First Presbyterian Church ???**

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ME

Interested in finding out more about our church? You are invited to attend our "FPC and Me" class. The class will be held on **Sunday, October 20** following worship, in the lounge. The class lasts for about 2 hours as participants learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian and an active member of our church. Lunch will be provided by the Church Growth Committee. There is no obligation to join the church after taking the class. Please let Pastor Jamie or the church office know if you are interested in attending or know of someone who might be.

### 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)



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**  
 Andria Crawford Abel Rios Joe Shoemaker  
 Jan Rambo Ken Rambo Ken 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)  
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's friend)  
 David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)  
 Cindy Renner (Michelle Meyers' neighbor)  
 Michael Scholl (Ted & Darlene Smith's brother-in-law)  
 Gayle Rossi (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
 Novalee Fisher (Bev Myers' great granddaughter)

Debra Miller (Debbie Rendes' friend)  
 Justin Glaum (Mineral Ridge Firefighter)  
 Clayton and Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)  
 Eric Gelsomino (Niles Community Services board member)  
 Karen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney Craver's mother)  
 Karen Perko (Meyers' friend)  
 Steve Krall (Helen Redmond's brother)  
**Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support**  
 Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister  
 Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
 Someplace Safe Needle's Eye  
 Niles Community Services  
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
 Disaster victims World Leader  
 Refugees Homeless  
 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 Garris  
 Diane Koch  
 Valerie Meyers  
 Marty O'Neill  
 Sue Rentz  
 David Rummell  
 Ken Wilson



**From our Parish Nurse**

**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Breast cancer is one of the most common kinds of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. It is also important to know that men can also get breast cancer.

The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of finding breast cancer early. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms, and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.



How can National Breast Cancer Awareness Month make a difference?

We can use this opportunity to spread the word about taking steps to detect breast cancer early.

# INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



## Update on Church Financial Status

The church will host another drive thru chicken and biscuit fundraiser dinner on Sunday October 27, 2019.

The dinner will be served as carry out and drive thru only. However, anyone wanting to eat his or her carry out in fellowship hall following church is welcome.

The cost for adults will be \$8.50 and \$4.00 for children. Carry-out will be available immediately following church on the 27th and will run until 2 pm or until we sell out.

Jill Fabian is in charge of planning the fundraiser and will need approximately 10-15 volunteers to help in the kitchen and also be available to stand outside to take money. Please contact Jill if you are able to help with this fundraiser.



**Mark your calendars for October 27th  
and plan to support this fundraiser for our church.**



## World Communion and Special Offering

On Sunday, October 6, our congregation will join in celebrating the Lord's Supper with Christians all around the globe to celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Especially on this Sunday, we remember how this sacred meal connects us with Christians near and far.



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 to the work of peace and the global mission work of the church. Our church will be donating 25% of this offering to support our denomination's ongoing work with people in need at our borders. To find out more about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's work with refugees, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/unaccompanied-children/>

## GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning Balance	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Additions Adjustments	Under/(Over) Spent	Ending Balance
January	15,534.60	8,238.50	9,242.20	0.17*	( 1,003.53)	14,531.07
February	14,531.07	8,668.82	11,469.28	0.17*	( 2,800.29)	11,730.78
March	11,730.78	11,944.00	8,929.58	0.19*	3,014.61	14,745.39
April	14,745.39	10,934.00	11,249.82	0.18*	( 315.64)	14,429.75
May	14,429.75	8,219.84	8,970.56	0.19*	( 750.53)	13,679.22
June	13,679.22	10,329.00	10,501.00	0.19*	( 171.81)	13,507.41
July	13,507.41	10,194.02	11,881.99	0.19*	(1,687.78)	11,819.63
August	11,819.63	7,237.34	7,831.66	0.17*	( 594.15)	11,225.48
Year to Date	15,534.60	75,765.52	80,076.09	1.45*	(4,309.12)	11,225.48
				*interest earned		

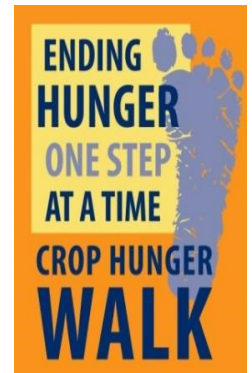
## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

### YOUNGSTOWN CROP WALK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:00PM

There is still time to sign up or donate toward our team! We will be participating in the Youngstown CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 13**. This walk raises awareness and funds to fight hunger globally and in the Mahoning Valley. Registration and welcome activities will take place between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. All are invited to take part in the festivities on the lawn of **Richard Brown Memorial United Methodist Church** (1205 Elm St, Youngstown OH) while waiting for the walk to begin at 2:00 pm. This year's 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. We have set a goal this year for 20 walkers and \$1000 in donations from our church team!

Sign up online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/youngstownoh/Team/View/115217/First-Pres-Mineral-Ridge> and register with the **First Pres Mineral Ridge** team. If you need help registering, please contact Pastor Jamie. You can pick up donation envelopes from Pastor Jamie or Darlene Smith. There will be a special offering for the CROP Walk taken on the morning of the walk (October 13).



## SESSION NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Approved the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Session meeting.

Received the Treasurers Report for August and approved it for Audit

Heard that membership as of August 31, 2019 was 145.

Approved the creation of a Story Circle Attendant to be paid wages determined by Session. Ella Parrone was approved to fill the position at a rate of \$12.50 per Sunday worked.

Heard that the Church will host Meet the Candidates Night on October 23rd.

Heard that Communion was served on Rally Day Sunday, September 8th and October 6th.

Approved to hold a Congregational Meeting on November 3rd.

Approved special offering on October 13th with proceeds to go toward the Youngstown Crop Walk.

Approved FPC's portion of the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering taken on October 6 (World Communion) be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for dedicated work with Refugee Emergencies in the U.S.

Approve the revised Child Protection Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy as presented.

Heard that next Committee Night will be October 22nd and the Session meeting will be October 29th.

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





## THE CHURCH AT WORK

### Advent and Christmas Task Force



It's only October, why are we talking about Advent and Christmas? I am sure you are all aware that a lot of planning goes into making the church's holiday seasons meaningful and joyful. To do so, we begin planning well in advance of the start date on the calendar. Our Advent and Christmas Task Force is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, October 15** at 6:30pm in the church lounge. Representatives from all of our church committees will meet to plan for the season. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of the planning, please plan to attend the meeting or contact Pastor Jamie.

### Nominating Committee



The church Nominating Committee has one of the most important jobs of any of our committees. They are in charge of discerning and asking members to serve in the positions of Elder and Deacon. They do not take this work lightly as the people called to serve in these important leadership positions are the ones who will help guide our church in the near future. Please be in prayer for them as they work throughout the month of October. The members of this committee are: Elder Chuck Hudzik, Deacon Marty O'Neill, and congregation members Ken Rambo, Billie Moore, and Rodney Craver.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 3, following our morning worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing Elders and Deacons. Please plan to be in attendance to support their work and elect those who have agreed to serve in the church's leadership positions.

### Our church is hosting a Fall/Christmas



November 23

10:00am—3:00pm

The church will have its own table again.  
If you're crafty and would like to make some things to donate to the table that would be great.  
If you have any questions see Brooke Kaschak.

## FALL PLANS FOR YOU AT FPC

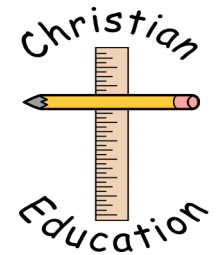
### Meet the Candidates for Weathersfield Township Positions

Once again, we are hosting the “Meet the Candidates” night to give Weathersfield Township citizens a chance to hear from and question the candidates for Board of Education, Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer. This will be in our Fellowship Hall on October 23 starting at 6:30 pm.

There are four candidates running for three seats for Weathersfield Twp. Board of Education. They are Sam Caputo, Joshua Garris (incumbent), Tim Gleason (incumbent) and Aaron Wallace (incumbent). Tim Gleason is part of our worshipping congregation.

The one candidate for Trustee is Richard Harkins (incumbent) and for Fiscal Officer is Fred Bobovnyk (incumbent).

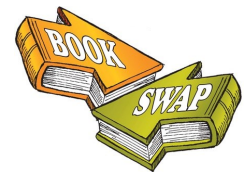
You can go to [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) to check that you are still registered. If for some reason you are not you can register online. October 7 is the deadline to register for the Nov. 5 election.



### Books, Books, Books

Did you know that we have a book exchange in the lounge? It is on a couple of shelves in the north end of the lounge. You can bring books that you are finished with and you can take home others. There is no checking out you just can take what you are interest in. You will find mysteries, fiction of many titles and non-fiction books. You can also pick up puzzles since there a number of them there. The cold winter nights will be coming and think about cozying up with a good book or working on a puzzle! Of course, in the library we also have books that can be borrowed that will help you with your Christian faith. Check it out!

The Book Group has started a new book, Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict. We will be reading and sharing insights on Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16. You are invited to come and join us even if you do not have a chance to read the book. All opinions are accepted! Check with Carole Rummell if you want more information.



Book Group

### Policies Have Been Updated.

The Session has just updated two policies which were approved at the recent Session meeting. They are the Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Child Protection Policy. These updated policies ensure that we do our very best to protect our children and adults. It is the times we are living in that call for us to have in place policies in case we would ever need them. If you would like to see them, read them or have a copy you just need to ask Pastor Jamie or Carole Rummell.

We WILL  
protect  
our  
children!

### Did You Know?

Did you know that our young children have made an effort to take on a mission project each quarter/month? With the help of some adults they have finished making small blankets and pillows. They have been delivered to Akron Children's Hospital in Youngstown. Their next project is to walk in the CROP WALK on Sunday, October 13. Why don't you join them?

Would you know how to react if our smoke alarms started going off? Remember, we practiced a fire drill last fall. All of our classrooms have directions posted for the teachers to leave with the children. They would meet parents behind the church in the parking lot of



our neighbor Joshua Garris. If you would happen to be in the sanctuary you would leave by the street side steps (not the elevator) or leave by the west door on the manse side of the sanctuary and go straight down the hall to the first steps and leave by that door. You may not even know there is a stairs and door there since it is not often used.

### Welcome to Ella Perrone



Ella has just been hired to be our Story Circle attendant on Sunday mornings. She has been on the job since June and the children love her. You may notice her leaving worship with the children Kindergarten and younger after the Children's message. Ella lives in Niles and is a Senior at Niles McKinley High School. She is the niece of Jill Fabian. We are so happy that she has joined in that children's ministry.

### Books for Seaborn Elementary First Graders



Our church has adopted the three First Grade classes at Seaborn Elementary School again this year! In addition to helping the teachers around special holidays, this year we are going to gift books to EVERY CHILD! We are excited to partner with the teachers in this endeavor. They have built an educational unit around the book that we will be buying for the children. At the end of that time, the book will be theirs to keep! Each book costs \$4 and there are 69 children in First Grade this year. You can sponsor a student for \$4, or 5 students for only \$20. Any amount you are able to give will help! You can place your cash or check (made out to First Presbyterian) in the offering plate and make sure to mark it for "First Grade books."

## EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



### DiscipleFest

Eastminster Presbytery is hosting their 2019 DiscipleFest on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. This event will engage you in creative, spirit-inspired worship, and equip you with ideas to bring back to our church. In addition to the leadership of Rev. Kristin Stroble, churches across the presbytery will be sharing some of the creative, life-giving things that they are doing in their worship services.

You can register through the presbytery website:

[www.eastminsterpresbytery.org/events](http://www.eastminsterpresbytery.org/events) or by contacting Pastor Jamie. The Christian Education Committee will cover the \$15 registration fee for anyone from our church who wishes to attend. Lunch will be provided!



### Pet Blessing — Sunday, October 6 — 2:00-3:00pm

#### Ohltown United Methodist Church Pavilion, 2001 Ohltown Rd.

A blessing for pets who are sick, in remembrance of those who have passed on (bring a picture), or in praise for your companion. Please make sure they are on a leash or in a pet carrier.

A photographer will be on site to do a family portrait with your pet. The cost is \$10.00 (photography is through Sandi Rich Photography and is separate from the FREE pet blessing).



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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 each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (except Memorial Day through Labor Day when worship is at 10:00 a.m.)

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**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**OCTOBER 2019**

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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.*

**DRIVE THRU CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 12:00—2:00PM**

**Tickets—Adults \$8.50 — Children \$4.00**



**MENU**

**Chicken & Biscuits  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dessert**

