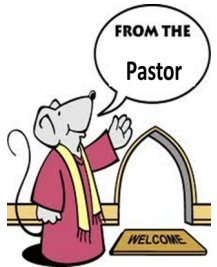


# MARCH 2019

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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*Beloved Partners in Ministry,*

*Before we even realize it the busy-ness of the Spring, Holy Week, and Easter will be upon us. This year, the beginning of March brings to us the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of preparation and purification, and in the early church it was a time when new believers prepared themselves for Baptism. Lent can be a season where we journey with Christ and our fellow brothers and sisters into a deeper relationship with one another.*

*Once again this year I encourage you all to "take something up" for Lent, a daily discipline, as a way to reconnect with the Holy One and prepare ourselves for the dark days of Holy Week as we await the empty tomb on Easter morning. This year as a Lenten practice, I invite you to pause...to SLOW DOWN! This can take many shapes, but as we progress from Ash Wednesday to Easter, I hope you will find moments to rest in God's presence and reconnect with the Holy.*

*A few suggestions to get you going:*

*Turn the TV off and leave your phone on the table. Take a few moments each day to breathe deeply and sit in silence. You can start with one minute and see where it goes from there!*

*Subscribe to a Lenten devotional at [www.goshen.edu](http://www.goshen.edu), or pick up a copy of one available in the Fellowship Hall and make it a priority to read it each day.*

*Read a Psalm each day and reflect on what God is saying to you as you read.*

*Commit to joining your brothers and sisters in worship each week. When we worship together we offer our encouragement, our prayers, and our friendship to those around us.*

*Keep trying. Doing something new is difficult. Don't get discouraged if you miss a day or two. Pick up your practice, slow down, and try again.*

*As we commit ourselves to resting in God's presence, as we pause to thank God for our blessings, and try to slow down and be mindful of God at work around us, I am confident that we will grow closer to one another and to the God who has called us to be a community together. May your Lenten journey be one of thankfulness, sincerity, and rest.*

*In Christ's peace,*

*Pastor Jamie*

### March Responsibilities

#### Elder:

3/3 Jane Meyers  
3/10 Tyler Crozier  
3/17 Matt Glidewell  
3/24 Scott Rentz  
3/31 Chuck Hudzik

#### Deacon:

Diane Koch

#### Liturgists:

3/3 Nicole McMullen  
3/10 Ken Wilson  
3/17 Matt Glidewell  
3/24 Anthony Rentz  
3/31

#### Greeters:

3/3 Jim & Dianne Stoddard  
3/10 Bev Myers &  
Marlene Tincer  
3/17 Ken Wilson &  
Mary Alice Seaborn  
3/24 Gloria Murray &  
Gayle Hollowell  
3/31 Paul & Debby  
Wasilewski

#### Story Circle:

3/3 Billie Moore  
3/10 Diane Reinhart  
3/17 Katie Lindahl  
3/24 Patty Postlethwait  
3/31 Diane Reinhart



## NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



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

**Congratulations to Brooke & Jeff Kaschak** on the birth of their sons Lonnie James and Dirk Andrew on February 8. They arrived early, but are doing well and gaining weight and growing stronger every day. Prayers for them and their parents. Proud grandparents are Patty & Jim Postlethwait and Cindy & Ken Kaschak.

**Congratulations to Kristi & Joey Bane** on the birth of their son Liam Joseph on February 23. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches. Proud grandparents are Lori & Mark Brendlinger and great grandmother is Joan Williams.

### Our Weathersfield youth on the Honor Roll:

4th Grade Tyler Pugh  
7th Grade Ian Erb  
12th Grade Kaitlyn Pugh



## 20's-40's Gathering

Friends who identify as "young adult" are invited to gather at the church on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm for our first gathering of 2019. A main course of sausage, pepper, and onion sandwiches (or hot dogs) will be prepared. Those that are able are invited to bring an appetizer, a side dish, or a dessert to share. We plan to eat around 6pm. There will be activities for the kids.

## Church Growth &



**Please note!**  
**Change of plans!**



Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is organizing a trip to the Youngstown Phantoms hockey game at 7pm on Saturday, April 6th. The Phantoms will be at home vs the Sioux Falls Stampede at the Covelli Center in Downtown Youngstown. Tickets are \$10 per person and all seats for the group will be in the same section. Zamboni rides and locker room tours will be included based on availability and our church group will receive a shout-out on the PA system. The theme at the Covelli Center for that evening is "Guns n' Hoses."

Interested parties can sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship, money will be due at the time of registration. Go Phantoms!

**OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCH WILL NOT** be held on March 31 as we will be participating in the **Chicken & Biscuit Drive Thru Dinner** that the church is having.

**So YES we will still be eating! And NO we won't have to cook ourselves!**

**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell      June Keeley      Suzie Merz

**Health Concerns**

Joan Williams      Andria Crawford  
 Abel Rios      Betty Garland  
 Joe Shoemaker      Samara Fabian  
 Molly (Lukehart) Carroll  
 Lonnie, Dirk, Brooke, & Jeff Kaschak  
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)  
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)  
 Bob Hollowell (Gayle's cousin)  
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)  
 Martin Crawford (Marnie Bonsall'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)  
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)  
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
 Grady Oprean (Ron & Andria Crawford's friend)  
 David Giudici (Emily Fick's friend)  
 Jessica & baby Easton Gillespie and family  
     (Postlethwait's nephew)  
 James Martini (Mary Jane Shaffer's friend)  
 Cindy Renner (Michelle Meyers' neighbor)

Michael Scholl (Ted & Darlene Smith's  
 brother-in-law)

Kathy Rozzo (Meyers' friend)  
 Eileen Fabian (Jill's mother-in-law)  
 Sam Clay (Debbie Rendes & Diane Rein  
 hart's cousin)

Laurie Carl (Betty Garland's daughter)  
 Gayle Rossi (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
 Patty Ruby (Terrie Rios' sister)

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

Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister      Eastmin-  
 ster Presbytery and staff  
 Someplace Safe      Needle's Eye  
 Niles Community Services  
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
 Refugees  
 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)

**PRAYER LIST**

*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  
 Darren Garriss  
 Diane Koch  
 Valerie Meyers  
 Marty O'Neill  
 Sue Rentz  
 David Rummell  
 Ken Wilson



**From our  
 Parish  
 Nurse**

make your mental health  
 a priority.

**COPING WITH DEPRESSION****(10 Ways to Deal)**

1. **Stay Connected**—Spend time with others, but don't focus on problems.
2. **Sleep Well**—Talk to your doctor about sleep problems, which may worsen depression.
3. **Be Patient**—Treatment can take time. Don't give up on it.
4. **Get Creative**—To boost your mood, draw, make music, or keep a journal.
5. **Don't Wait**—Early treatment works best. Seek help right away.
6. **Choose Wisely**—Pick a therapist you can trust and be open with.
7. **Be Realistic**—Depression saps your energy. Adjust your to-do list accordingly.
8. **Let Others In**—Allow friends and family to offer support and understanding.
9. **Work It Out**—Make recovery your priority. Try not to let work interfere.
10. **Talk Back**—Counter your negative beliefs with positive factual thoughts.

## MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



For the weeks of Lent, we will be collecting food items to prepare for our Easter Food Distribution. While you are out shopping, please pick up a little extra to help out!

March 3: Pasta Sauce (50)  
 March 10: Pasta (50)  
 March 17: Tuna (100)  
 March 24: Peanut Butter (50)  
 March 31: Jelly (50)  
 April 7: Canned Fruit (50)



## INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



The church will be holding a chicken and biscuit fundraiser dinner on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> and will run until 2 pm or until we sell out. Please mark your calendars for March 31<sup>st</sup> and plan to support this fundraiser for our church.



### Update on Per Capita

We currently have received a total of \$1573.00 towards per capita from a total of 49 church members. Thank you to all of the members who have contributed their payment. Last year we collected 1,882.30 in per capita. Our goal is to surpass what was collected last year. Per Capita can be given at any time throughout the year. The amount per member is \$32.00. You will notice that there is no longer a designated envelope for Per Capita, so the I & S committee has created envelopes that have been placed in the pews at church. Please prayerfully consider paying Per Capita and helping to reach our goal.

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 goal.***

### Reminder regarding AmazonSmile

Just a reminder that the I & S Committee has set up an AmazonSmile account for the church. Amazon will donate 0.5% off all eligible purchases made through the website to our church. To designate our church as the recipient of AmazonSmile funding, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and sign in using your Amazon sign-in information. Go to "Your Account" at the top of any page and then select the option "Your Amazon Smile." There will be a search box on the page to find your charitable organization. Type in the code 34-1173898 into the box and type enter. (If you type in First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, it doesn't come up so please use the code.) Select our church on the following page to complete the set-up. Each time you shop on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to shop. If you do not use that link, the money will not be allocated to our church. Last year we received \$34.95 in contributions from our AmazonSmile account. Even though that doesn't seem like a large amount, every little bit helps to contribute to our church.





## LENT

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

This year's Lenten Devotional is titled Awakening to God's Beauty. This devotional is a Lenten invitation to pray with art. The art is exceptionally inspiring and the thoughts that accompany it are short. You can find copies of it in Fellowship Hall on the table near the large bulletin board. If you are able you can pay for your copy by giving \$3.50 to Carole Rummell.

You can also use the online devotionals:

<http://blog.goshen.edu/devotionals/subscribe>

2019 Devotion theme is "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast"

[www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org).



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

### When is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)?

This special offering will be received weekly during Lent—Ash Wednesday, March 6 through Easter, April 21.

### How is my gift used?

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE  
**Self-Development  
of People**

The Children's Message each Sunday will feature "Jerry Can" who will teach us about the importance of clean water and tell us about the special offering which is received during Lent—One Great Hour of Sharing. Our children will collect the offering each week at the beginning of the Children's time.



**Our Goal is \$1,300.00**



## SESSION NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Approved the minutes of the January 29, 2019 scheduled Session meeting.

Ratified an e-poll from February 13<sup>th</sup> to approve the 2018 Statistical Report.

Ratified an e-poll from February 6<sup>th</sup> to approve building usage by the School Board task force.

Received the Treasurer's report for January and amended terms of call for the Pastor.

Heard that Per Capita giving through February 17<sup>th</sup> is \$1,573.

Approved a fund raiser on March 31st for a chicken and biscuit dinner with the proceeds to benefit the General Fund.

Heard that new lighting fixtures will begin to be installed in March.

Approved the 2019 goals of the Christian Education Committee.

Heard that there will be a church outing in April 6<sup>th</sup> to the Phantoms Hockey Game.

Approved special music during Lent by the McClellan family.

Approved building usage on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the School Board.

Approved to allow Pastor Jamie to cancel the cable and explore more cost effective options.

Heard that Pastor Jamie has accepted the role of facilitator at the Presbytery for the Vital Congregations program forming.

Heard an update on the agenda for the March Presbytery meeting. Pastor Jamie and Jill Fabian will attend.

Heard that next Committee Night will be March 19th and the Session meeting will be March 26th.

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



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

**MARCH 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 be strangers, but friends in Christ.*



**CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER  
DRIVE THRU / TAKE OUTS ONLY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 31  
11:30AM TO 2:00PM**

**Ticket prices:**

**Adults \$8.50**

**Children \$4.00**

Menu: Chicken & Biscuits  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans & Brownies

Tickets will be sold after worship  
beginning March 10.  
Bring your family and friends.

Proceeds will go to the General Fund.