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Hi church family!

Wow! I can't believe it's already July! This year has passed by in such a blur; Christmas seems like it was only a few short weeks ago.

We've had a lot of things going on in the church this summer, so I encourage you to check out the section on all the things we've done so far! Some highlights include the technology update we've been coordinating for a few years now. The system looks great, but we know we have some kinks to work out. Please share any feedback you have about the system! We can't guarantee we can fix all the problems, but we'll do our best. Huge thanks to David Rummell, Matt Glidewell, and Alyssa Strange for all their hard work in running the system, getting trained, answering questions and making themselves available to learn the new system. We are grateful to all of you!

For worship in the month of July, we've been looking at a series I've called "Beach Reads of the Bible!" We started with Jonah and the Whale, continued with Jesus calming the storm, July 16th we'll be walking on water with Jesus. Come join us to find out what sorts of watery tales we'll tell on the last two Sundays in July!

On July 23rd, we'll gather in the manse backyard for outdoor worship and a church picnic. Wear your favorite FPCMR shirt, bring a dish to share and a chair to sit in! It's going to be a fantastic day! This will also be a mid-summer celebration for our 160th anniversary celebration so we'll be taking pictures, videos, and sharing stories about this wonderful church that we get to call home. I'm really excited about all of it, so I hope you'll join in our celebratory mood!

In August, we'll start a series on Old Testament Wisdom Literature and poetry (think Proverbs and Psalms!) before we gear up again on September 10th with Rally Day. August marks my 1 year anniversary at First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, and I can't tell you what a privilege it is to walk with you all on this journey of life and faith. You all have made this last year phenomenal, and Mineral Ridge feels a bit more like home every day.



With joy and peace,

Pastor Kori

UPCOMING RESPONSIBILITIES

DEACONS

JULY 9 MARINE BONSALL
JULY 16 JANUARY RENDES
JULY 23 MELISSA KEELEY
JULY 30 ROSIE REBRACA
AUGUST 6 LORI BRENDLINGER
AUGUST 13 DARLENE SMITH
AUGUST 20 SHIRLEY BRODIE
AUGUST 27 MELISSA KEELEY

ELDERS

JULY 9 MATT GLIDEWELL
JULY 16 MATT GLIDEWELL
JULY 23 JANE MEYERS
JULY 30 ANDY KONSOL
AUGUST 6 BRIAN WILLIAMS
AUGUST 13 NANCY PUGH

LITURGISTS

JULY 2 LISA SORG
JULY 9 CHUCK REINHART
JULY 16 BROOKE KASCHAK
JULY 23 ANDY KONSOL
JULY 30 TIM GLEASON



Church News

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



Gifts to the Glory of God and In Memory of **Betty Garland** have been received from;

John & Patricia O'Malia
Carole Rummell
Tom & Helen Redmond
James & Diane Stoddard
Joe & Diane Koch

We are in need of a church custodian. This is a part-time position working 8 hrs/wk. If you or anyone you may know is interested please call the church office at 330-652-5712 (option 2). Schedule is flexible!



Amazon Smile – If you are ordering through Amazon try to use Amazon Smile where you can designate our church to receive some percentage of the spending.

COMMUNITY
**FOOD
PANTRY**



Community Pantry

**Our Summer Food Distribution will be held on
Tuesday, August 22nd
10am-12pm**



Members to Remember

Mary Alice Seaborn
Helen Redmond

Marlyne Young
Shirley Dull

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Prayer List

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
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)
Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)
Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)
Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)
Family of Melissa Keeley
Joan Williams
Kellan Schmidt (Meyers' friend)
Dot Cathers (Jane Meyers' friend)

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
The community of East Palestine

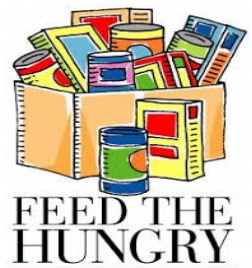


Please call the church office to add or delete names to our prayer list. Names will be kept on the list for approximately six weeks unless the office hears otherwise.



The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, and snacks (snack bars, chips, pudding cups, packs of crackers or cookies, etc) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Corn, and green beans. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it!



Reminder : We are still collecting the pop top tabs, container on counter in Fellowship Hall.

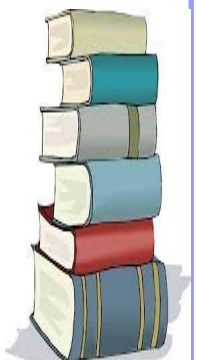
WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee is hoping everyone is enjoying their Summer. Summer worship continues to meet at 10 am. Pentecost Sunday was May 28th and during this service we had 2 baptisms, 1 confirmation candidate and two new members joined our congregation. Thank you to YSU student Andrew Karkosiak who played for our July 2nd service. During the summer months we are continuing to serve Communion the second Sunday of each month. Worship will reconvene after our Summer break on August 15 to start planning Fall Worship. We'd love for you to join us.



**Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, July 18th at 4:00pm.**

***Our Little Free Library is still open all summer.
Located in the lounge you can just
come and take one, two or more books for
your summer reading. We are always ready
to accept used books to keep our shelves
stocked with wonderful novels, etc.***



I&S

HERE COMES SUMMER
WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?



The I & S Committee met for its monthly meeting and looked over the financial health of the church. Traditionally, giving goes down during the summer months.

OH BOY! WE NEED TO TALK TO THE CONGREGATION!

Our goal is to always be transparent to you. We started 2023 with a nice healthy balance of \$74,034.79. This looks good on paper, but this balance was the result of having a half-time pastor for a year and a half and very little programming all during the pandemic. Our full-time pastor began in July 2022. We have also been catching up with repairs to the manse and church. As you can see from the figures below, receipts have not kept up with our receipts this year. The 2023 budget is \$140,193. The average monthly amount needed to support the budget is \$11,681.

Okay, enough gloom and doom! We encourage you to give what you can during the summer months. Remember the church still operates all year.

**AND, HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
SEE YOU IN CHURCH!**

Your I&S Committee:

Marsha Brozier, Treasurer

Jane Meyers, Chair

Billie Moore, Financial Secretary

Ken Wilson, Congregation

Treasurer's Report for April 2023

	Beginning Balance	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Add. Adjust.	Under/Over Spent	Ending Balance
January	74,034.79	4,918.41	(9,812.82)		(1,894.41)	72,140.38
February	72,140.38	7,239.99	(11,311.67)	1.44	(4,070.24)	68,070.14
March	68,070.14	7,766.80	(9,879.24)	165.12	(1,947.32)	66,122.82
April	66,122.82	9,735.41	(11,052.05)	1.22	(1,315.42)	64,807.40

April figures from preceding years:

2018	10,300.92	11,143.75	11,134.73`	.14	9.16	10,310.08
2019	14,745.39	10,934.00	11,249.82	.18	(315.64)	14,429.75
2020	17,542.90	9,302.00	7,602.57	.06	1,699.49	19,242.39
2021	29,285.86	11,643.84	5,200.42		6,443.42	35,729.28
2022	66,873.03	9,874.64	(6,692.01)		3,182.63	70,055.66



What has your Church been up to this summer?

FPCMR Sponsored a hole for the Niles Community Services 13th annual James "Doc" Pipino Memorial Golf Outing which will be held Wednesday August 9, 2023. This sponsorship will benefit the amazing work that Niles Community Services continues to provide our community.

Thanks to the congregation we collected \$400 for our Pentecost Special Offering. A portion of this will benefit the Kaschak family in purchasing a service dog for their son.

Extensive updates were done to our live streaming platform. We now have the capability to broadcast our service in high definition. This will allow the viewers at home a more enjoyable, inclusive experience.

Updates are also being made to the interior. The upstairs restroom has been painted and others will follow.

On Sunday, July 23rd we will be having our summer potluck. Church growth will be providing hotdogs. Please feel free to bring a side if you would like! Weather permitting; Pastor Kori will be holding services outside under the pavilion at the manse. We will also be taking some photos, so please feel free to wear your FPCMR shirts if you have them! Bring a chair and enjoy some good food and company. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.)

CHECK US OUT ON



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



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

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEBSITE

**PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO
ADMIN@FPCMR.ORG**



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.

LETS STAY CONNECTED!

HERE ARE WAYS FOR YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US:

Our weekly worship service will be available In-person, via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am and can be accessed in the following ways:

by joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUERMUUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.

calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712.

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/>

We are also worshipping together in our sanctuary!

Masks are now optional!