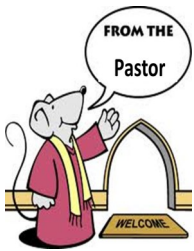


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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINERAL RIDGE

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*Beloved Partners in Ministry,*

*April 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Easter which lasts for the 50 days from our celebration of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday. While stores immediately put their Easter candy and decorations on clearance on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the church we are just beginning to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and what it means to us as Christians.*

*During Easter our texts for worship include the disciples and the early church's reactions to the resurrection event and their new life as a community of believers left to carry on the kingdom work that Jesus started. We move from the risen Jesus visiting Thomas and the other disciples who are hiding in a locked room, to other appearances of Jesus before he ascends into heaven.*

*What we celebrate this time of year is the dramatic actions of God whose kingdom is radically different from the way in which this world works. Our denomination's "Companion to the Book of Common Worship" says this about our resurrection faith: Resurrection shouts "no" to everything in our world that works against God's will, and "yes" to God's victory. What Christ accomplished on Easter is a glorious revelation of the future, for resurrection implies a totally new world order. "We will be changed," writes Paul. "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!"*

*God reversed the judgement on us by raising Christ from the dead. Ephesians tells of Christ breaking down the walls that separate us from each other and from God, to make us one people. Out of a divided humanity, Christ formed a new humanity that transcends differences in race, religion, nationality, politics, and economic class. Christ's resurrection not only absolved humanity from sin; it established a new reality.<sup>1</sup>*

*This new reality was a new way of life for the early church, which lived together in close knit communities, sharing their resources and spending time in prayer and worship with one another. As we continually attempt to align our lives and our community of faith with God's will we will progress toward the kingdom that Jesus ushered in and preached while among the disciples. That radically different kingdom of peace, unity, and a shared sense of God's love for all of creation should always be the focal point of our lives. Let us continue to model the early church as we pray and praise God together, working closely to bring about a unified kingdom where all are welcome and accepted. Happy Easter!*

*In Christ' peace,*

*Pastor Jamie*

## April Responsibilities

### Elder:

Sue McCabe

### Deacon:

Ken Wilson

### Liturgists:

4/1 8:30 Cindy Kaschak  
10:30 Sherry Gleason

### Greeters:

4/1 8:30 Dan & Jan Rambo  
10:30 Mary Alice Seaborn  
& Sandy Larmey  
4/8 Ken & Cindy Kaschak  
4/15 David & Shelly  
Rummell  
4/22 Jim & Dianne Stoddard  
4/29 The Keeley Family

### Story Circle:

4/1 Early McKenzie Shaffer  
Late Debbie Rendes  
4/8 Nicole McMullen  
4/15 Jill Fabian  
4/22 Melissa Keeley  
4/29 Valerie Meyers

## Christ Is Risen!



**He Is Risen  
Indeed!**

<sup>1</sup>The Companion to the Book of Common Worship. 2003. ed. Peter Bowers (p.107).

## NEWS ABOUT AND FOR OUR FOLKS



E-mail your news to  
the church office:  
Jane.fpc@sbcglobal.  
net or call:  
330-652-5712

**Olivia and Mason Meyers** were part of a Destination Imagination Elementary Level Team that won first place at the Regional Meet held at YSU on March 10 and placed fourth at the State Tournament held in Mt. Vernon, Ohio on March 24. DI is a hands-on and fun system of learning that encourages students' creativity, courage, and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the field of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), fine arts and service learning. Their team chose a STEM challenge and won three special awards for excellence in teamwork and engineering and design at the regional level and excellence in engineering and design at the state level. They missed going to the Global Tournament by only 12 points!

OOPS! **Ian Erb's** name was left out in the February *Church Mouse*. He was on the all A's Honor Roll in 6th grade.

**Adrianna Reese** is going to be working with Youthworks this summer. You may remember that Youthworks is the organization that we have worked with on many previous youth mission trips. Good luck to her. We hope she has a very successful summer.

### Camp Frederick—Good Grief Camp Share, Laugh, Heal

Grief camp is designed for children aged 8-15 who have lost a loved one in their life. It integrates therapeutic activities with the fun and adventure of camp to provide a place where children:

- Learn that grief and their feelings are normal
- Find that they are not alone in their feelings and experiences
- Realize that it's OK to have fun while still grieving
- Have the opportunity to share their loss and memories of their loved ones

At grief camp there is Team Building, Games and Activities, Arts and Crafts, Relaxation Activities and Adventure Activities.

Good Grief Camp is FREE. The camp is paid for by grants, fundraisers, and donations from people who believe in Good Grief.

The camp is located 30 minutes south of Youngstown in Ohio's Appalachian Region, 6996 Millrock Road, Rogers, OH Phone 330-227-3633 or speak with Marnie Bonsall about this camp.



It takes all of us

-- SAVE THE DATE --

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

### THE UNVEILING OF RACISM IN AMERICA WORKSHOP

Pastor Jamie and the Session are excited to welcome back Minister Ron King to our church to help facilitate a workshop on Racism in America. Minister King preached for us back in November of last year. The workshop will last from 9am-3pm and will include time for fellowship and discussion, music, and brief lectures. Lunch will be provided. Our main goal is to begin fostering conversation and forming relationships that will continue into future events and gatherings with our neighbors in Mineral Ridge and neighboring churches in Youngstown. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Contact Pastor Jamie to sign up or for any further questions.

## PRAYER LIST

**Members to Remember**

Jim Sewell      Bob Bowskill      June Keeley

**Health Concerns**

Joan Williams      Andria Crawford  
 Helen Redmond      Abel Rios  
 Randy Pugh      Judi Henninger  
 Alan Jones (Dorothy's son)  
 Paula Griffiths (Glenn's sister)  
 Colby Simmons (Cravers' friend)  
 Wanda Burns (Sandy Larmey's friend)  
 Bob Hibler (Chelsea's father)  
 Jerry Bianco (Shoemakers' friend)  
 Laura & Brad Haines (Cravers' 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)  
 Audra Stanford (Melissa Keeley's grandmother)  
 Barbara Rambo (Ken & Jan's sister-in-law)  
 Kathy Jones (Dorothy's daughter-in-law)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)  
 Paul Stevens (Beverly Myers son)  
 Michael Rios (Abel Rios' son)  
 Mary Johnson-Hardwood (Mark Rendes' friend)  
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)  
 Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
 Kambree (Postlethwait's friend)

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

Rev. Jamie Milton, Minister  
 Eastminster 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



*Names will be kept on the prayer list for approximately six weeks unless the office hears otherwise.*



## THE SCOOP ON SHINGLES

**Should you get vaccinated?** Yes, if you are 60 or older, with some exceptions, such as if you have a weakened immune system from HIV or certain cancers. Immunization is safe and it's highly effective.

**Know the warning signs:** Unexplained jolts of pain or itching in a band on one side of the torso or above the eye are classic warning signs of shingles. These can occur days or a week before the rash.

**See your doctor as soon as possible.** When you think you have shingles it's a medical emergency!

**What is the treatment?** While there is no cure, getting antiviral medication early can help reduce the severity of shingles and the damage it causes. Talk to your doctor about ointments to ease the itch and pain. Keep the area clean to avoid infection.

**Can you spread shingles?** No. while the blistering sores from shingles can spread chicken pox, you catch shingles from yourself.

**What harm can shingles do?** Shingles is a really disabling disease. It can leave you with terrible pain for months or even years afterward.



## OUR DEACONS

Marnie Bonsall  
 Lori Brendlinger  
 Rusty Garland  
 Bethany Glidewell  
 Melissa Keeley  
 Diane Koch  
 Valerie Meyers  
 Marty O'Neill  
 Debbie Rendes  
 Ken Wilson



**From our Parish Nurse**

## MISSION — AROUND THE CORNER & AROUND THE WORLD



### Don't Be Afraid to Ask!

Deacons are still available to help out anyone with small chores that need to be done, maybe help clean out a closet, run the sweeper, drop off bags or boxes to Goodwill, salvation army... go to post office for stamps...quick grocery run. We are even available if someone needs a few hours to sit with your little ones while you go shopping or dinner or movie. No over night stays on the weekends or that may involve serious donation to the Deacons! Please contact a Deacon, Debbie Rendes or Pastor Jamie in there are any questions.

We will be collecting snack items to make trail mix for the teachers at Seaborn and MR High School. Some examples are jars of various types of Peanuts, M & M's, plain or Peanut, raisins, pretzels, mini marshmallows, banana chips, granola... we are going to put these items in mason Jars, and take to the school with small Ziploc bags (yes those too) for the teachers to make up their own little snack to keep them going throughout the month of May. Be creative.

## INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

### February 2018 Treasurer's Report

#### GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Add Receipts</u>	<u>Less Spent</u>	<u>Under/(Over) Spent</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
January	16,693.63	9,968.60	8,641.10	1,327.50	18,021.13
February	18,021.13	<u>10,373.53</u>	<u>16,224.82</u>	<u>(5,851.29)</u>	<u>12,169.84</u>
Year to Date		20,342.13	24,865.92	(4,523.79)	

Under/(Over) Spent last year for comparison (4,497.48)

#### Notes:

1. Per Capita was paid in full in February \$4800
2. The 2018 budget is \$131,201. Average monthly amount needed to support the budget is approximately \$11,000.



**One Great Hour of Sharing Receipts as of 3-25-18**  
**\$1,500!**

**Thank You!**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



### You Are Invited.....

You really are invited to come and see what the Book Group is all about. We are beginning to read a new book with our first meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 4:00 – 5:30.

The book is Winter Kept Us Warm by Anne Raeff. This book is a bold and haunting novel that sets love against the brutality following World War II.

We will only discuss the first 49 pages on 4/11.

*Try it, you might just like it!!*

### Adult Church School Class Meets in The Lounge

The Adult Class has just finished a study on the Lord's Prayer. Everyone agreed that it was a study that helped us to understand a bit more about the phrases in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

After Easter we will begin a study on The Apostles Creed. Yes we do say it often in worship, but do we really stop to think about the words we are saying? This study will help us to better think about the prayer as we say it.

*There are empty chairs in the lounge and they are there for others to join us.*



## CHURCH GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**We are going—Come along!**

**YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS  
HOCKEY GAME**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

**7:00PM**

**COVELL CENTER**

Tickets are \$10 each  
(Please include with the order form.  
Can be picked up at the  
Will Call Window

There is an order form included  
In this newsletter.

**5th Sunday  
Potluck Lunch**

**Sunday, April 29**

It will be a Mexican theme.  
The committee is providing a  
Taco Bar with all the toppings.

**We hope you join us!**

**Bring a casserole or  
dessert to share.**







## SESSION NOTES FROM MARCH 27, 2018

### Board Meeting

Session Minutes of February 27, 2018 were approved  
 Received the Treasurer's report for February  
 Heard that membership is 144 as of March 27, 2018  
 Ratified e-poll to allow MR Drama Club to borrow a couch from the youth room for a production  
 Ratified e-poll to allow church to host a fundraiser for Session member Randy Pugh to be managed and run by the Weathersfield Fire Department  
 Received thank you card from Parish Nurse, Betty Garland for the appreciation gift she received at the joint Session and Deacon Dinner  
 Approved distribution of funds received from Dorothy Hood's estate  
 Heard that we met our One Great Hour of Sharing goal and have a member that will match the total received  
 Heard that Per Capita was paid in February  
 Heard that mower was fixed, doors were installed and light and fan were installed in the secretary's office  
 Approved to pay Chuck Reinhart to cut grass at church  
 Heard that Christian Education will host a lunch on May 12 at the church when Minister Ron King presents on "The Unveiling of Racism in America"  
 Heard that Church Growth is planning an outing on April 14 to a hockey game  
 Heard that mission committee took 1<sup>st</sup> graders Easter eggs stuffed with candy and stickers  
 Heard that Deacons are working on a teacher appreciation idea for Mineral Ridge teachers  
 Heard that caring hands were delivered to Deacons and Elders  
 Approved baptism of Noah Glidewell on May 20, 2018  
 Received thank you from the drama club allowing them to use the couch  
 Approved building use for drama club dinner on April 22  
 Heard that the next Presbytery meeting is on June 5  
 Heard Elder of the Month for April is Sue McCabe  
 Heard that next Committee Night will be April 17 and Session meeting will be April 18  
 Prayers were offered up for those we know to be in need of prayer



**Mahoning Valley Association of Churches**

*Together We Serve, Together We Celebrate*

### TASTE OF THE FAITHS FESTIVAL

Monday, May 14 at 5:30pm  
 St. Charles Church Social Hall  
 7345 Westview Dr.  
 Boardman

This is a great time to meet and socialize with your neighbors of other faiths and denominations while you enjoy appetizers, main courses, salads and desserts. The food and beverages are provided by congregations of the Mahoning Valley. There will be Pick-a-Prize Auctions and entertainment at 6:30pm

Cost is \$15.00 per person—you can make advance reservations or pay at the door with cash or check.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**APRIL 2018**

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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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**Jesus Christ Is Risen!  
He Is Risen Indeed!  
ALLELUIA!**

**Easter Sunday Schedule**

8:30am Early Worship

9:15am Breakfast

10:00am Outdoor Dove Release

10:30am Late Worship