



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of  
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Hello church family!

It's that time of year, when Halloween ends and we wait for Christmas to begin! I love holidays, and I always say my favorite holiday is whatever one is coming next.

Since my parents are divorced, our holiday traditions always looked a little different. My dad usually got us on Christmas Day, and we'd drive over to my grandparent's house to spend it with them. My mom, however, usually got my brother and I on Thanksgiving. Since we didn't get a big fancy meal with Mom on Christmas, she went all out for Thanksgiving. Everyone was invited and our regular kitchen table was filled with all sorts of food, and we borrowed card tables and folding chairs from the VFW to line our living room so our guests had somewhere to sit.

As many families do on Thanksgiving, we always went around and said something we're thankful for. For me this year, there is a lot to be thankful for, and I wanted to share what I'm most thankful for with you. So here it goes!

I am thankful for the most wonderful church family! Perhaps this sounds cliché, it's what I'm supposed to say as the pastor, right? But as a recent transplant to Mineral Ridge, I can't help but be wholly thankful for this wonderful community. Right from the start, the friends and members of FPCMR have been wonderful in introducing me to the community, inviting me to lunches and dinners and the various activities you all take part in. And so, as cliché as it might be, I am so incredibly thankful for you!

What are you most thankful for? Let me know!

Pastor Kori



## RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER

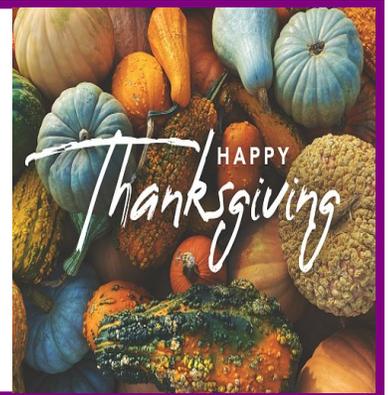
ELDER: BRIAN WILLIAMS

LITURGISTS:

11/06 OLIVIA MEYERS  
11/13 BETHANY GLIDEWELL  
11/20 DEBBIE RENDES  
11/27 SUZIE MCCABE

DEACONS OF THE MONTH:

11/06 ROSIE GLEASON  
11/13 DARLENE SMITH  
11/20 SHIRLEY BRODIE  
11/27 ROSIE GLEASON



## Church News

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



*Congratulations to Emily Pugh and John Marsteller on their recent marriage. We wish them all the best as they begin their life together.*



**The Mineral Ridge football team has been meeting for a pre-game dinner on Thursday's before their Friday night games. The football mothers including Sally Erb have provided the meals for them. Before their last game the players all brought non-perishables to donate to our Community Parish Pantry. Sally has expressed their thanks for allowing them to use Fellowship Hall and kitchen to serve these young athletes.**

The backpack program has resumed. We now have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and snacks (snack bars, 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. If you have any questions please reach out to January Rendes.



COMMUNITY  
**FOOD  
PANTRY**



Our Holiday distribution food giveaways will be coming upon us soon. If you are able to donate items we are in need of the following items: Macaroni and Cheese, Canned soup, Cans of Fruit, Gravy Packets, Boxes of Jello / Pudding, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, cereal, and mashed potatoes / stuffing. If you have any questions please reach out to January and Debbie Rendes. We appreciate any help provided. Thank you!

Hello, our deacons will be volunteering to help feed the community working with the United Way of Mahoning Valley for the Saturday of Caring on November 19th. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up in Fellowship Hall by November 1st. We will be unloading grocery trucks and packing food. This will be held at the parking lot behind Southwoods Surgical Hospital on Southern Blvd in Boardman to help unload the Save A Lot Trucks. We will then line up to pack the food bags - fresh meat, produce, and shelf stable items. You can help break down the tables at the end and/ or help load up the delivery cars. This will take place from 8:00AM - approximately 10:00 AM. If you have any questions please let January Rendes or Melissa Keeley know.

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Of  
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## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Shirley Dull  
Marlyne Young

### Health Concerns

Mary Alice Seaborn  
Betty Garland  
Joan Williams  
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)  
James Tincher (Marlene's son)  
David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)  
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' friends)  
Kareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney Craver's mother)  
Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)  
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene Tincher's friends)  
Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)  
Helen Redmond  
Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)  
Bill Happney  
Larry Schmidt (Meyers' Friend)  
James Boyce (Church Custodian)  
Jen & John Christmas (Kori's Friends)  
Tom Crozier  
The Keeley Family  
Family of January Rendes  
Kevin Stanley (Kori's Step-Father)  
Shannon Poole (Daughter of Sherry & Tim Gleason)  
Chrissy Rogers (Request of Debbie Rendes)

### Sympathy, Concern, Nurture, & Support

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  
The Ukraine



*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.*



Thanks to everyone who helped make the Pancake Breakfast held October 30, 2022 a success. Melissa Keeley and January Rendes were co-chairs and did a terrific job. We served approximately 95 people - from our church and the community! Check out our Facebook page to see some pictures.

### **A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING – WOW ANOTHER ONE!!!**



**The Niles Silver Thimbles of The American Sewing Guild that meets in Fellowship Hall every month have given another \$50 for a sewing machine to be purchased for someone in a developing part of the world. They have done this through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. They found that a sewing machine isn't just for use at home. New sewing equipment can be just what someone needs to launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Their gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world. Deacon Shirley Brodie spearheaded this project and we thank her for taking the idea to her friends at the Niles Silver T.**

## Where are you on Sunday Mornings? *by Suzie McCabe, Worship Comm.*

Seriously, where are you at 10:30 on Sunday morning? **We miss you!!!** We are approaching the 160th anniversary of our church and if you envision a future for our church then **YOU** need to be a part of it!! There are many ways to serve the church but attending on Sunday mornings is a significant one. What could be more important than being in worship, if you are able? The pandemic took a toll on some of us and we got out of the habit of participating in worship. I get it!!! But we are a church family and the family that prays together, stays together. Come back to church...we miss you!



## 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**The committee has asked session to call a congregational meeting following worship on the second Sunday of November, Nov. 13, 2022. They will be bringing their report which will consist of nominees for officers, class of 2025, and the 2023 Nominating Committee. God is leading this committee in their work and with God's help they will have a full slate of nominees to present.**



### Another DID YOU KNOW?.....

**As Presbyterians we differ from some other denominations in the number of sacraments that we have. We as Presbyterian Church (USA) only have two. Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. Communion, which is also called The Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist, is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. And now you know!**

**JUST A REMINDER:** The Little Free Library is located in the lounge. Stop in any time to take a book or several. No need to sign out, just take one you would like to read.

amazon



**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. Would you believe that one of our members has designated their contribution which was \$27.35 for a three-month period. PRETTY GOOD I would say. Our congregation has given \$306.03 this year. THAT IS REALLY GOOD!!! Smile Amazon as given 377 million to US Charities and over 422 million to charities worldwide. Try to remember when ordering to go to Smile Amazon to make your purchase and designate our church for the rewards.**

## I and S Committee Newsletter

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022

#### GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning Balance	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Additions Adjustments	Under/(Over) Spent	Ending Balance
January	58,439.78	7,986.20	(5,763.43)	0.01 *	2,222.78	60,662.56
February	60,662.56	8,646.00	(6,909.77)	-	1,736.23	62,398.79
March	62,398.79	9,779.25	(5,880.97)	575.96 *	4,474.24	66,873.03
April	66,873.03	9,874.64	(6,692.01)		3,182.63	70,055.66
May	70,055.66	10,559.05	(8,388.35)	0.03 *	2,170.73	72,226.39
June	72,226.39	7,941.35	(7,173.45)	0.05 *	767.95	72,994.34
July	72,994.34	13,140.02	(9,793.92)	0.16 *	3,346.26	76,340.60
August	76,340.60	8,027.00	(9,625.01)	0.26 *	(1,597.75)	74,742.85
September	74,742.85	8,059.35	(12,762.09)	0.38 *	(4,702.36)	70,040.49
October					-	-
November					-	-
December					-	-
Year to Date	58,439.78	84,012.86	(72,989.00)	576.85	11,600.71	70,040.49

*Under/(Over) Spent last year for comparison \$14684.*

**October wrapped up our annual stewardship campaign. You should have received a Stewardship newsletter in the mail along with a celebration of giving card. We will be celebrating Commitment Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup> during worship. Please consider the gifts that you have to offer to our church and bring your celebration of giving card to worship. If you have misplaced your card, there will be extras available in worship to fill out.**

**Also on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the church will have its famous Chicken and Biscuit drive through dinner fundraiser. The dinner will include chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit and a brownie for dessert! All of the price of just \$11! Children's meals will be priced at \$6.00. Dinners will be available immediately following worship on November 6<sup>th</sup> and from 12-2 pm through the drive through. Please invite your friends and family to join us for dinner!!**

#### Health Ministries Task Force

The Health Ministries Task Force is reaching out to let you know we are here for you if you need us. Please feel free to contact the Church or a member of the committee with any concerns or questions you may have. We are here to support our members, supply information, provide an ear, check a blood pressure, and be a friend.

Members of the task force include: Sherry Gleason, Marnie Bonsall, Marty O'Neill, and Jill Fabian

**Did you get your flu shot?** Do you need more information about the flu vaccine (Influenza vaccine)? You can call the CDC with questions or concerns at: 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO), you can also visit the CDC website for more information regarding the flu vaccine. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/flushot.htm>

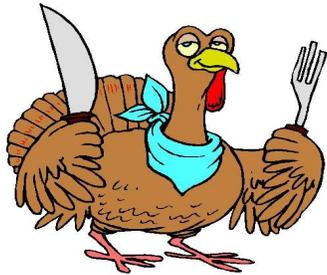


There are new recommendations regarding the type of vaccines recommended by age group and pre-existing health conditions. Please talk with your health care provider to see if getting the flu vaccine is the right choice for you! If you have questions regarding the flu vaccine, need help finding a pharmacy or scheduling your flu vaccine appointment, please reach out to a member of the health ministries task force for assistance.

# Upcoming Events at FPCMR

## *Drive Thru*

### Chicken & Biscuit Dinner



Sunday

November 6<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm – 2:00pm

**Menu:** Chicken, Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans and Dessert

**Prices:** Adult: \$11.00  
Child: \$6.00

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just a reminder:



The Community Parish Quarterly Food Distribution will be held:

Tuesday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

**Silent Auction** First Presbyterian Church Mineral Ridge

# Ladies Night Out

Shop with local vendors

Thursday November 17th  
6:30-8:30 pm

All proceeds benefit the Mineral Ridge Community Food Pantry and Backpack Program

**Tickets: \$10**

Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by scanning the QR code. Drinks and light appetizers will be provided.

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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](http://www.fpcmr.org)

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

**PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO  
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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.*

## 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=QnN2TUErMUVVQlRGaJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (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](http://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!**