



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mineral Ridge, Ohio

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Dear Friends,

The beginning of March brings the beginning of Lent. Our Lenten observance begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, with a 6:30 p.m. service of worship that will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Lent is 40 days long (not counting Sundays) and was originally a time for new Christians to prepare for their baptisms on Easter morning. Our Lenten theme will be "Standing on the Promises" as we remember the promises that God makes to us on our baptismal day and fulfill throughout our lives. Our worship schedule will look like this:

March 6 -The 1st Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

The Rev. Frank Lewis will preach on *Satanic Lies versus The Promises of God* (I'll be preaching for the remainder of Lent and Holy Week.)

March 13 – The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 7:11-18; 8:13,18-19; 9:1-5; 1 Peter 3:16b-22

Sermon: *The Promise of New Beginnings*

March 20 – The 3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Exodus 14:5-18, 21-29; Hebrews 11:22-29, 12:1-2

Sermon: *The Promise of Freedom*

March 27 – The 4th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Amos 5:18-25, Romans 6:17-23

Sermon: *The Promise of Justice*

April 3– The 5th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8

Sermon: *The Promise of Extravagant Love*

The Sacrament of Baptism for Nora Ann Glidewell



Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 12. We will have one mid-week service on Maundy Thursday, April 14, which will include the Lord's Supper; foot washing (strictly voluntary!); and Tenebrae, the service of shadows.

Sometimes we think of Lent as a time of deprivation. Let's think of it instead as a season to let God's love soak into our lives. We think of Lent as a time of discipline; the most basic spiritual discipline is worship. I hope to be seeing many of you as we worship together.

Lenten Blessings,

Meta Cramer, Transitional Pastor

Church News



Souper Bowl of Caring News

A big thank you to all who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering this year. The congregation gave \$374 in the pots on Sunday morning, one person gave \$51.14 on line using the QR code.

We also had one person match the congregations giving and one person who gave a half match. Thus we ended up on Sunday with \$1062.85.

Since then we have received another check for \$50. We had **\$1,112.85 to give to the Ecumenical Parish Fund.**

This fund serves those who may need a little help with groceries and other needs. We house the groceries that are collected from the Mineral Ridge churches and they are distributed a number of times throughout the year. Tim Gleason is now the coordinator of this parish group that works together to serve others.



Take time during Lent

Spring is just around the corner! (We hope). Even though it is not showing itself yet, we need to begin to think about the Lenten Season. Lent is 40 days (excluding Sundays) and begins on Ash Wednesday which is March 2 this year. To be prepared you may want to pick up a Lenten calendar or a Lenten devotional that you can find on the table at the back of the sanctuary. There are also Upper Room devotionals on the table in Fellowship Hall. The calendar has short scripture verses on it for every day of Lent. Just the thing for people on the run.

If you are on the internet you may be interested in checking out these offering online.

pcusa.org/2022/lent. Go to Presbyterian Mission Agency/Lenten Devotional for 2022.

D365.org. This is written by a variety of writers and is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Ministry of PCUSA

Goshen.edu/devotions. These devotionals come from Goshen College, which is of the Mennonite Church. These will appear only on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Your Lenten Season may be enhanced by checking any or all of the above offerings for you.

A Time for All God's Children

Traditionally we have called attention to the One Great Hour of Sharing in the Children's Messages during Lent. Many of you may remember Gracie the Fish or Dan the Watering Can. Of course, though these interactive messages included children, they were also directed to the adults in the congregation. This Lenten Season we will be celebrating the theme "Repairers of the Breach" based on Isaiah 58 during our Call for the Offering. This is an opportunity for the congregation to hear about the great work done with the OGHS offering.

We have set a goal of \$1500 and hope that if we all give a little, we can accomplish a lot!"

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

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn
Marlyne Young

Dora Painter
Dorothy Jones

Health Concerns

Mary Alice Seaborn
Betty Garland
Joan Williams
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Gayle Hollowell
Barb Wilkins (Tuci Pug's sister)
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)
Gene McElhandy (Rambo's friend)
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene Tincher's friends)
Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Nicole (Rentz's friend)
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' frandmother)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Bill Kenneally (Meyers' friend)
Helen Redmond
Dillan Keeley

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



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.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

	Beginning Balance	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Additions Adjustments	Under/(Over) Spent	Ending Balance
January	58,439.78	7,986.20	5,863.43	0.01 *	2,122.78	60,562.56
February					-	-
March					-	-
April					-	-
May					-	-
June					-	-
July					-	-
August					-	-
September					-	-
October					-	-
November					-	-
December					-	-
Year to Date	58,439.78	7,986.20	5,863.43	0.01	2,122.78	60,562.56

Under/(Over) Spent last year for comparison (\$4109).



Update on Per Capita

We currently have received a total of \$631 towards per capita so far in 2022. Thank you to all of the members who have contributed their payment. Last year we collected \$1777.00 in per capita. Our goal is to collect at least half of the \$4576 that we pay to the greater PCUSA. That amount is \$2,288.00 and we still \$1657.00 away from reaching our goal. The amount per member is \$32.00. If you no longer receive envelopes, you can designate your check as per capita offering in the memo of the check.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

The I & S Committee is pleased to announce that there will be another Chicken and Biscuit Fundraiser following church on March 6th. The price of the meal will be \$9.50 for an adult and \$4.00 for a child. If you have not had the pleasure of getting a chicken and biscuit dinner, you need to get one on March 6th. The meal is amazing! A big thank you to Jill Fabian and Debbie Rendes who help organize this fundraiser each year!!!



Our Little Library is open

Did you know that we have a “Little Library” located in the lounge? It is the bookcase against the east wall. The books that you will find there are for taking – no check out and no need to return them. The books are multiplying so some folks are bringing them so others can read. Take a stop in the lounge and see that there are all kinds of books on those shelves. Magnolia Creek was a good read and it is now there.

Virtual Lenten Scripture Reflection and Prayer Hosted by Scott & Elmarie Parker

Join Mission Coworkers Revs. Scott and Elmarie Parker, along with Middle East (ME) Partners and PCUSA colleagues from the ME/Europe area for a time of Lenten scripture reflection and prayer. Zoom sessions will include reflection on Lenten liturgical texts by a partner from the Middle East or colleague from the ME/Europe area, a time of conversation between zoom participants, art/pictures from the region, and prayer.

Two sessions weekly are being offered **every Thursday**, March 3 through April 14.

No registration required. Join for live conversation for any or all the sessions.

Session 1 will be recorded each week and posted to the Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network’s website and Elmarie Parker’s FB page.

Lenten Scripture Reflection and Prayer Hosted by Scott & Elmarie Parker Two sessions weekly are being offered every Thursday, March 3 through April 4. Session 1: 12pm ET by zoom (45 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89405252345?pwd=VXFSUDg0WHRJdWVHckszLzZKLytsZz09>

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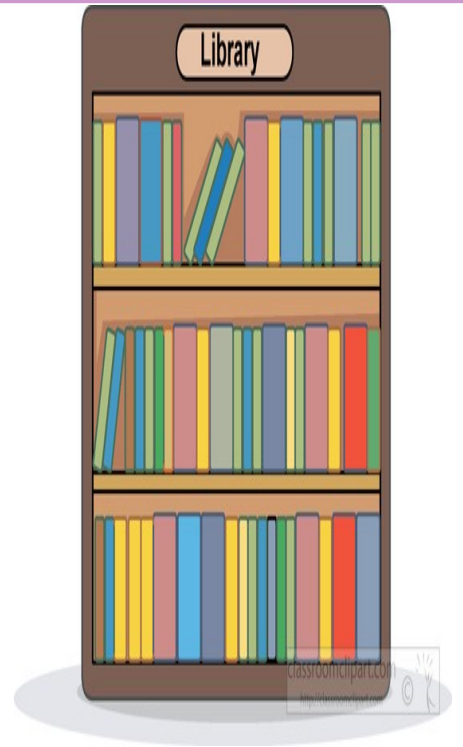
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Session 2: 3pm ET by zoom (45 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83311130991?pwd=K20xVIJONddpekE1Y0xqZjc2VmRlZz09>
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Session Notes from February 22, 2022



Receive Treasurer's Report for January and approved it for audit.

Heard that membership as of January 31, 2022 was 138.

Heard that Session Requested that the Health Ministries Task Force review the mask policy given the change in the pandemic numbers.

Heard that the Souper Bowl of Caring received \$1,112.85

Approved a motion move \$10,000 from the Restricted Fund to the Building Fund to be used for updating the Manse.

Approved a motion for the Building and Property Committee to accept a water-proofing quote and other repairs to the manse for up to \$11,500.

Heard that Communion will be served on Transfiguration Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Heard that the church is in search of a new custodian and advertisements have been posted throughout the Presbytery.

Approved a motion to modify the position description for the custodian. Updates include an ability to provide light maintenance around the church (i.e. change light bulbs, restart the boiler etc.)

Heard that our Pastor Nominating Committee had the Ministry Information Form approved by the Presbytery and it will be posted soon for our Pastoral search.

Approved a building usage request for Little Rams Cheerleading to hold registration in our fellowship hall on March 18th and April 2nd. The event is sponsored by Emily Pugh.

Approved a building usage request for Rosie Gleason's wedding rehearsal and wedding to be held on September 9th and 10th.

Elected Jane Meyers to attend the Presbytery meeting on March 1, 2022 via Zoom.

Heard that the next Session Meeting is March 29, 2022.

Approved a motion to close the meeting with prayers for those we know to be in need of prayer.

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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 FACEBOOK &
WWW.FPCMR.ORG

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Our Backpack program is in need of a few items. These items include; macaroni and cheese, canned fruit or fruit cups, and boxed cake or brownie mix.



RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARCH

ELDER: MICHAEL CRAVER & SUE MCCABE

DEACON: MELISSA KEELEY

LITURGISTS:

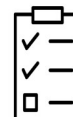
MAR 2—SUZIE MCCABE

MAR 6—SUZIE MCCABE

MAR 13—MATT GLIDEWELL

MAR 20—CINDY KASCHAK

MAR 27—PATTY POSTELTHWAIT



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!

If you feel comfortable doing so, please bring a mask and join us in person!