



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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I have been slowly cleaning out the Pastor's Study, going through files and consolidating things, organizing book shelves and rearranging the furniture, I found a little booklet that Rev. Mark Phillips wrote in 2003 for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. It was an absolute delight to discover it, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading about the history of the church. I know that often history is boring. We have to remember names and dates, war and the resulting treaties. I think that's a little boring too. History to me is the little stories, all the little ordinary moments that make us human and remind us that we're connected across time.

The little booklet shares stories about the fire in 1883 in the place where church records were kept, which led to incomplete records though the Session later compiled things from memory to provide at least something. I learned about the early iterations of our women's groups, and the creation and eventual dissolution of our choir. However, my favorite story was that of J.B Lane as told by previous pastor Rev. Cal Martin. As a youth, J.B Lane strayed from the worship service and decided to go play in a mine shaft. He could hear the congregation singing and worshipping from his playground deep in the earth. I can only imagine the wonder and probably a bit ethereal-ness (and maybe a little spookiness) that J.B Lane experienced that day.

On the second to last page is a list of all our ministers, starting with Rev. J.H. Scott in 1862. I consider it an absolute honor to follow in the footsteps of all the ministers that came before me. First Presbyterian Church has had a long, wonderful history, and I'm excited to be a part of its future.

We are now looking towards our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. We want to mark it's passing with a celebration. If you're interested in helping us plan something, please get in touch with me! Once we have a number of people, we'll find times for us to meet and plan.





Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for being such a welcoming, affirming, and supportive congregation during the 15 months I spent with you as your Transitional Pastor. It was truly a joy to serve alongside you during this season of change, and I hope that I gained many new friends as I met so many faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. In my over 40 years in Eastminster Presbytery, I have always known FPCMR to be a church faithful in Gospel ministry and faithfully Presbyterian. Having known Mark Phillips and Jamie Milton, I also knew you to be a church that elects great installed pastors, and I believe that you have made another great choice in Kori Robbins.

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you and Steve and I are planning a tour of Scotland in June 2023. We would be delighted to share the itinerary and details with you. We do need deposits by October 15, so please be in touch with us if you'd like to learn more. We can be reached at [MetaCramer@aol.com](mailto:MetaCramer@aol.com) or at 330-921-1114.

You will always have a place in my heart and in my prayers.

*Blessings, Meta Cramer*



**RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**ELDER:** KEN RAMBO

**DEACON OF THE MONTH:**  
JANUARY RENDES

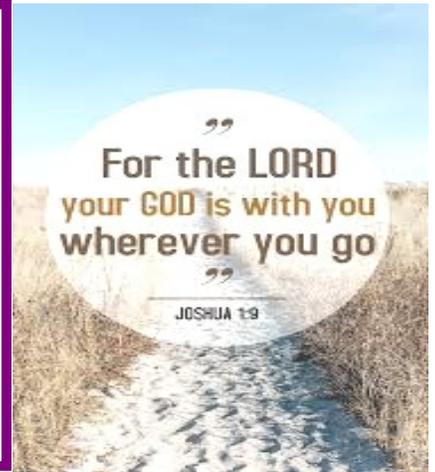
**LITURGISTS:**

09/04 MARTY O'NEILL

09/11 SUZIE MCCABE

09/18 DARLENE SMITH

09/25 TBA



***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



**Please Note:**

**New Start Time For Worship**

**10:30am**

**Beginning Sunday September 11, 2022**

(This schedule will continue through Memorial Day)



*Congratulations to Elizabeth Smith and Tyler Crozier and big brothers Sam and Saint as they welcomed into their family Ameera Ruth Ann Crozier on August 20.*



Congratulations to **Samara Fabian** who won a ribbon at the Canfield Fair for 3rd place in the Special Baking Division with her Gluten Free Blueberry Muffins, and also to **Andie Fabian** who won 4th place for her Chocolate Chip Cookies in the Jr. Baking category. This is their first time baking for the fair and we are already trying to decide what we are doing next year!

## 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)  
Nicole (Rentz's friend)  
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)  
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)  
Helen Redmond  
Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)  
John ( Friend 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



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*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.*

## DO YOU KNOW.....

We Presbyterians believe that Jesus Christ is Head of the Church which is the Body of Christ. We are open to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit but acknowledge that God is Lord of the Conscience and that has led to disagreements in how to live out the scriptures. Because of the disagreements the Presbyterians who came to the U.S. in 1706 now have a long history of splits and reunions.

**SmileAmazon.com.** For those who purchase through Amazon it is to our advantage if you use that web site and make your choice to give your rewards to Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church. We have received several hundred dollars from Amazon over the last couple of years because of those who do the above.

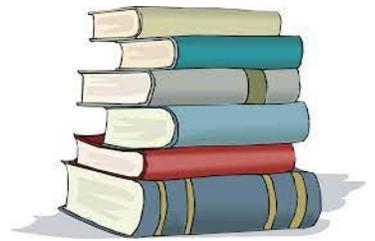
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You shop. Amazon gives.



**The first day of church school classes for adults** will be on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15. Ted Smith will lead our group as we seek to share our faith. If you haven't attended you might want to stop in and check it out.

**Classes for all ages will resume on the first Sunday in October** which is October 2. Debbie Rendes and Lori Brendlinger will be leading our multi-age class. We are hoping to have a class for teens and one for Tiny Tots. If we have teens interested in being Confirmed, they should plan on attending. CE is looking for someone that is willing to work with the teens and with the Tiny Tots. Just let Carole Rummell, Debbie Rendes or Lori Brendlinger know of your interest.

**Our Little Library is open. We now have books for children in addition to a multitude of books for adults.** We have had so many wonderful books that we needed to obtain more shelving. Just visit the lounge and seek out the books. These are books that are free to be taken. Thanks to all who brought books, especially the children's books. We have encouraged those who come to our food distribution to use our library.



**Book Group starts up.....** If you like to read and would enjoy joining with others to discuss a particular book, plan on coming to the lounge on Tuesday, September 13 at 4pm. Marnie Bonsall leads us in choosing a book and discussing it. Plans are to meet every other week.



**Seeking an adult (18 or over)** that would like to apply for the position of **Church Story Circle Attendant.** The job description is available from Personnel Committee, Jane Meyers or Educator Carole Rummell. This position is from 10:15 to 11:45 on Sunday mornings. The person will take the children Kindergarten and younger from worship to Fellowship Hall to have a time together in play. There is a small hourly remuneration. Loving children is important. If you know of someone not from our worshipping congregation, please ask them to call the church, 330-652-5712 to get the phone number of Jane, Carole or Pastor Kori. It would be great to have a mother who might bring his/her own children or maybe even a grandmother!

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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!**

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 US AN EMAIL TO  
APRIL DAHL @ FPC.RIDGE@GMAIL.COM**



### 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](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!**