



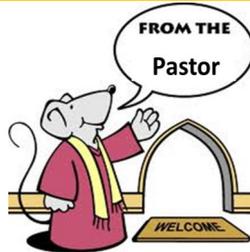
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

Didn't we have a wonderful time celebrating the work of Jane Meyers and Betty Garland? Jane, of course, "officially" retired as your Administrative Assistant at the end of 2019 ... but we know that "retirement" didn't last long. For almost 40 years, Jane was the church's "security blanket" and she continues to be at the heart of this congregation. Betty Garland forged the position of Parish Nurse and over the course of many years educated you about good health practices as well as advising many who were ill. The tributes to Jane (by Darren Garris) and to Betty (by Health Ministries Team member Jill Fabian), as well as those wonderful words shared by former pastors, were truly moving. MANY thanks to the Church Growth Committee, who served us such a tasty luncheon. The members of that Committee are also true servants of this congregation.

I will not be with you on a Sunday until May 29, but I will be back in the office the week of May 23. Steve and I are taking a long-deferred trip and, because of WiFi issues, I'd ask that you not text or call me. However, if there's something you want me to know, please feel free to email me at MetaCramer@aol.com. April has the contact information for a local pastor should you need immediate assistance.

Ruling Elder Ruth Cole, from the New Lisbon Church, will be preaching on May 8. Graduating High School Senior Anthony Rentz will be recognized that Sunday. Our General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, the Rev. Cathy Ulrich, will be preaching on May 15. The Rev. Frank Lewis, who was with you in March, will preach on May 22. Please come to worship to welcome these fine preachers.

The Session has extended my contract through September 11. Please continue to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. These are challenging times for churches looking for pastors, but we know that God is faithful.

Blessings,

Meta Cramer

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MAY

ELDER: NICOLE MCMULLEN

DEACON: DARLENE SMITH

LITURGISTS:

05/01 SAMARA FABIAN

05/08 YVONNE RENTZ

05/15 SHERRY GLEASON

05/22 VAL COPANIC

05/29 MARTY O'NEILL



We now have 20 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni / cheese and snacks (snack bars, packs of crackers or cookies etc) for this program.

Church News

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



OH, WHAT A GREAT CELEBRATION IT WAS

On May 1 after worship, we gathered in Fellowship Hall to recognize the many years of service that both **Administrative Assistant Jane Meyers and Betty Garland Parish Nurse** have given in serving our congregation. There were laughs, some tears and lots of words of appreciation. We had a surprise guest as former pastor Rev. Mark Phillips drove down from Michigan for this occasion. We also had a letter for each from former pastor Rev. Jamie Milton. Both expressed the wonderful help, advice, and joy they had in serving with them.

In addition to the wonderful words of appreciation given by Pastor Meta Cramer, Elder Darren Garris and Elder Jill Fabian they received a plaque and a special gift from the church family. It was especially nice to see so many of their family sitting with them as they received the appreciation of all.

Jane “officially” retired at the end of 2019. Because of many factors she was called back to the office to pickup where she left off as she pitched hit and then also taught new hirers to take on the AA role. Parish Nurse Betty Garland has been serving for so many years it is hard to count. She led the Health Ministries Task Force as they cared for not only the congregation but for any who had health related questions. Her articles In the Church Mouse brought us up to date on current health issues. Betty has served this position as a volunteer. May God go with them as they continue to love and serve our God in different ways.

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Dorothy Jones
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)

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.

*Thank
you!*

*"Thank you all for the wonderful
retirement celebration on Sunday.
I truly had the best "job" ever.
I love my church family."*

—Jane Meyers



Free Pancake Breakfast

Remember the Free Pancake Breakfast we had in December of 2019 before the Covid pandemic hit? The Deacons are planning another Free Pancake Breakfast for Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9 am to 11 am. Mark this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for more information to follow!

The last day of church school classes will be on Sunday, May 22. Classes for all ages will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 11.

Our Adult Class is continuing with Ted Smith leading us in a video series called Walking With God. It is not too late to come and sit in with the class. They meet in the lounge.

Our Little Library is open. Don't forget to give it a look and maybe there will be a book you would like to read. We just had a donation of a number of new additions to the bookshelves. Just take a book or two – no need to return.

Congratulations to Anthony Rentz upon his graduation from Jackson Milton Schools. Anthony joined our congregation by way of Profession of Faith under the guidance of Pastor Jamie Milton.

At Jackson Milton he was a member of the National Honor Society, and Student Council among other organizations. Anthony was on the high honor roll all four years of high school.



He will be moving to California with his parents and then plans to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising with a major in merchandise product development. We wish him well as he continues with his future plans. May God go with him.

We welcome into our congregation

Elder Andy Konsol, Jr. He was received by Session at their March meeting and was received by the congregation on a later Sunday. Andy comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. He was a faithful Elder, serving as Clerk of Session at the Niles South Side church for many years before they closed. We are so happy to have him join our ministry. He has been a Presbyterian since he was baptized and confirmed at the South Side Church. So, he knows what it is to be a Presbyterian!!



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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

**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 (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!