



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of  
Mineral Ridge, Ohio

Celebrating 160 Years!



September 2023

VOL. 51 NO. 07

Hi Church family!

One of my favorite passages in Scripture is Jeremiah 29. It was written by the prophet Jeremiah in a letter to the exiles, who are finding themselves far from home. The people have come to Babylon, under imperial rule, and they're traumatized by everything they've lost. In this moment of uprootedness, they're searching for meaning, for something to hold onto, which is something I think we can all relate to in times of struggle.

In this letter, Jeremiah tells the people that they will be in Babylon for at least 70 years, a whole lifetime for them. He tells the people that they should settle down, build houses, marry and even pray for peace and prosperity in the city in which they now find themselves.

For me, this passage serves as a reminder that we don't know what God's plan is, or where God is taking us, but that we should seek to be a people of peace in our relationships, at work or school or home, and especially in our communities. It's a reminder that we should bless and serve our communities. This passage also keeps me grounded in the communities where I find myself, and reminds me just how wonderful they are.

As we begin to approach September, I can't believe that our kids are already gearing up for school again, and we're preparing for the fall season and shorter days. The summer zoomed by!

Your church has been hard at work planning for the upcoming year, and we're excited to share it with you. A few dates to keep in mind:

- September 10th is our Rally Day/160th celebration. We're looking forward to welcoming you all home to your favorite church. Worship will begin at 10:30, and a potluck will follow. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!
- September 17th is Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your children and your grandchildren, and get your own work bag blessed for the upcoming year! We hope to have our kids help out in worship that day!
- September 30th will be our Mental Health 101 training from 9-12. Come learn a little bit about this important topic with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)!

We've got more exciting things planned for the fall, and can't wait to share more info with you!



With joy,

Pastor Kori

**RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**MONTH:**

**ELDER: CHUCK REINHART**

**LITURGISTS:**

9/03 MATT GLIDEWELL      9/17 SAMARA FABIAN

9/10 MUFFIN RUMMELL      9/24 SUE MCCABE

**DEACON OF THE**

**DEBBIE RENDES**



## Church News

Keep us up to date. E-mail your news to the church office: [admin@fpcmr.org](mailto:admin@fpcmr.org) or call 330-652-5712



**Beginning Sunday September 10th,  
regular worship hours will resume. See you at 10:30am!**



**We extend our condolences to Matthew and Bethany Glidewell and the entire Glidewell family for the loss of Matt's Father James Glidewell on August 25th.**

Cards of encouragement for Rusty Garland would be appreciated. His new address is: Aventura at Humility House, room 19b, 755 Ohltown Rd, Austintown, OH 44515.



The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, and snacks (snack bars, chips, pudding cups, 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.

As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Corn, and green beans. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it!



**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

**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.**

**Members to Remember**

Mary Alice Seaborn Shirley Dull  
Marlyne Young Helen Redmond

**Prayer List**

Megan Taylor (Carole’s cousin)  
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene’s friends)  
James Tincher (Marlene’s son)  
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers’ family friends Paul Ste-  
vens (Bev Myers’ son) Dennis  
Copanic (Val Copanic’s father)  
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh’s father)  
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney’s mother)  
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers’ Daughter)  
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)  
Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer’s Sister-in-Law)  
Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane  
Reinhart)  
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic’s sister)  
Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)  
Family of Melissa Keeley  
Joan Williams  
John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)  
Rusty Garland  
Kathy Garland  
Cindi Farina (Marty O’Neill’s friend)  
Vince Fazio (Marty O’Neill’s friend)

Carole Rummell  
The Glidewell Family

**Prayers Around the World**

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  
Ukraine  
Victims of the wildfires in Maui



*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.*

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The worship committee reconvened August 22,2023 to discuss plans for the rest of 2023. We had a discussion regarding the serving of communion. It was decided that instead of using cups for the bread we would use toothpicks making it easier for the members receiving communion. We are also going to have communion once throughout the summer months as there are not as many people attending church, and it is difficult finding people to serve communion.

During the month of September plans are being finalized for rally day and the church’s 160th celebration. A slide show will be presented during worship along with a potluck lunch following worship. Communion will be moved from September 10th to September 17th along with the blessing of the backpacks. The youth of our church will be serving communion, doing offering and being liturgist.

We began discussing Advent. The last Sunday of advent is Christmas eve, so we are going to plan a morning and evening service for all members. Anyone interested in planning Advent with us please join us for our next committee night September 19th at 630 pm.

Anyone interested in being liturgist on Sunday please contact Lisa Sorg at 480-427-9032.



**Sunday September 10th**  
**Rally Day**



**160th Birthday**  
**Celebration**

**Worship starts at 10:30am with a meal to follow**

**The church will be providing the main dish as well as  
dessert. Please bring a side to share.**

**Hope to see you there!**



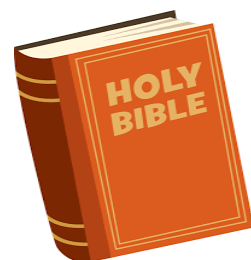
***Meet the Candidates Night will take  
place Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm.  
Join us in Fellowship Hall for this highly  
informative event.***

Christian Education Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 10th. Both the Adult Class and Children's Class(es) will begin at 9:15am.

**Grandparent's Day will be recognized on Sunday, September 10th. Children will be given time to pray for their Grandparents during worship.**

Our annual Blessing of Book Bags will take place on Sunday, September 17th in worship. Young people will help lead the service.

**Bibles for Second Graders will also take place at this time. Andie Fabian will receive her Bible this year.**



**Communion Sundays** are an opportunity to bring in specific items that the Distribution needs to provide food to our community. On **September 17th**, please bring pasta and spaghetti sauce. During the offering, we'll give special thanks, not just for our normal offering, but also for contributions to the Deacons.



## I & S

The I & S committee met for its monthly meeting and looked over the financial health of the church. Once again our expenses were higher than our revenue. This is not due to excessive spending by our committees. All our committees are under budget as of this date. Each month in 2023, year to date, we have not met our expenses. Thankfully, we had a reserve coming into 2023.

Our goal is to always be transparent to you. We started 2023 with a nice healthy balance of \$74,034.79. This looks good on paper, but this balance was the result of having a half-time pastor for a year and a half and very little programming all during the pandemic. Our full-time pastor began in July 2022. We have also been catching up with repairs to the manse and church. As you can see from the figures below, receipts have not kept up with our expenditures this year. **The 2023 budget is \$140,193. The average weekly amount needed to support our budget is \$3,000.**

It is not too late to pay you Per Capita of \$32.50 if you are able. This definitely helps our budget.

### Your I&S Committee:

Marsha Brozier, Treasurer  
Billie Moore, Financial Secretary  
Nance Pugh, Elder

Jane Meyers, Chair  
Ken Wilson, Congregation

### Treasurer's Report for April 2023

	Add Receipts	Less Spent	Add. Adjust.	Under/Over Spent
January	4,918.41	( 9,812.82)		(1,894.41)
February	7,239.99	(11,311.67)	1.44	(4,070.24)
March	7,766.80	( 9,879.24)	165.12	(1,947.32)
April	9,735.41	(11,052.05)	1.22	(1,315.42)
May	6,552.03	( 8,574.17)	1.38	(2,020.76)
June	9,018.00	(10,504.78)	1.46	(1,485.32)
July	7,241.00	(10,994.61)	1.52	(3,752.09)

**October 1st, 2023 will be our Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.**

This Offering is unique in that half of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world, like human trafficking in Madagascar. Twenty-five percent is retained by congregations like ours for peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level.

Our portion will be given to the National Association of Mental Health. This offering also takes action against structural racism and exploring the upheaval of climate change.

**You are with me.**

— PSALM 23

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

# Mental Health 101

Join us for a training presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as we talk about mental health in our community!

Saturday, September 30th  
9 am to 12 pm  
Donuts and Coffee will be provided!  
First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge  
3654 Main St.  
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440



*Book Club  
will meet  
Tuesday,  
September 19th  
at 4:00pm.  
Please join us!*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

3654 Main Street  
Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440  
330-652-5712

Admin@FPCMR.org

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  
ADMIN@FPCMR.ORG**



### 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!**