



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of
Mineral Ridge, Ohio

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Hi Church family!

Well, it's official – we've reached the month of April. However, our Lenten journey isn't quite over – we still have a couple of Sundays before we get to the resurrection on Easter morning. Coming up this Holy Week, we'll travel to the upper room with Jesus on Maundy Thursday and weep with the disciples on Good Friday. And then on Easter Sunday, we'll travel again to the empty tomb to hear again the story we know so well. For the last forty days, we've been immersed in Lent, perhaps taking up new spiritual practices or giving up things like caffeine or special foods. When Easter morning arrives, we'll see our church adorned with flowers and shows of "Alleluia!" and "He is Risen!" will fill our pews.

The month of April is a great reminder that Easter is more than just one day. In fact, Easter is a season that lasts 50 whole days – until Pentecost at the end of May. Starting with our ancient church roots, these 50 days were originally set aside as a time for learning about and celebrating our lives as Christians. God has given us an amazing gift and calls us to be every day witnesses to the Gospel.

So, how can we celebrate our lives as Jesus followers in this season? I'm so glad you asked! Here's a list of ideas. I hope you'll join me in following Jesus this Easter season!

Deliver a card (and maybe a sweet treat!) to a neighbor to let them know you're thinking of them!

Spend a day volunteering with a cause you are passionate about!

Spend time in God's creation. Now is a great time to get your seeds started in the garden or find new views in your favorite park!

Make crosses out of the palms for palm Sunday to remind you of the constant presence of Jesus!

Need instructions – find them here: <https://www.instructables.com/How-to-Make-Palm-Crosses/>

What other ways can you show and share your love for Jesus. I'd love to hear from you about the ways in which you follow our Risen Lord!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kori



RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APRIL

ELDERS: *CHUCK REINHART, TBD*

LITURGISTS:

04/02 Sue McCabe

04/09 Val Copanic

04/16 Lori Brendlinger

04/23 David Rummell

04/30 Andy Konsol

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

ROSIE REBRACA



Church News

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



Be aware that we are planning a “fire drill” for both Sunday School and those worshipping in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7. This is just a heads up on coming plans that might just involve you! After the drill we just might come back into the sanctuary to find some special goodies for all!

Watch for the date for the Book Group to start up. Get ready to read with others as we enjoy each others company.



Don't forget our Little Free Library. This may be the weather that you may want to snuggle up with a good book. Check our offerings in the lounge. We have large print and many current authors. In addition the Trumbull County Bookmobile will be in Mineral Ridge on Mondays 3/20 and 4/10 from 9:15 – 11:45.

As some of you know, we placed the order for our new FPCMR shirts. Some have already received them, and we are hoping to have the rest of them by Mid-April. Thank you to all who ordered the new shirts! Should you have any questions please let January Rendes know.



Reminder : We are still collecting the pop top tabs, container on counter in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Shirley Dull
Marlyne Young

Health Concerns

Betty Garland
Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
Marty O'Neill
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)
Bill Happney
The Keeley family
Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)
Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)
Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

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
Ukraine
The community of East Palestine



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.

Backpack Program/Food Pantry News



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. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

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. Our next food distribution will be August 22nd, 2023, for our Summer Distribution. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

160 years
1863 - 2023

Families to Celebrate

Last month we focused on the Pastoral Leadership of our church. In 2003, when we celebrated 140 years, Rev. Mark Phillips wrote this:

“A church such as ours cannot function as it does simply by activities of a few individuals in positions of authority. The accomplishments of FPCMR are the result of the Holy Spirit working through each and every member as well as the leaders of the church.” No truer words were ever written. And so, this month we highlight the people and families that have supported FPCMR all these years. First, let us recognize our longest active members.

70 Years: **Mary Alice Caskey Seaborn (1944)** **Gayle Hollowell (1948)** **Diane Cline Koch (1948)**
Carole Crawford Rummell (1952). What a blessing these women have been! Of course, the year designates when they became official members. If we look at the Cradle Roll from 1949 (*too young to be members at the time*), we might recognize other names: Mary Jane Pugh (Shaffer), Terence Keeley, and Thomas Morris.

60 Years: Shirley Moore Dull (1958) Mary Jane Pugh Shaffer (1960) Ron Crawford (1962)

50 Years: Betty Russell Garland (1965) Billie Kay Young Moore (1965) Marsha Baker Brozier (1965)
Chuck Hudzik (1968) Linda Garland Lukehart (1969) Sherry Rummell Gleason (1969)
David E. Pugh (1969) Randy Rummell (1971) William Andrew Pugh (1971)

I have been a member of this church for almost 40 years (1985) and still feel like a “newbie” sometimes. How is that possible, you may ask? Probably because I do not have family roots in the congregation. Others are more fortunate. Taking a look back at church records, many familiar names appear:

| | |
|--|---|
| Caskey/Kirkbride (<i>Mary Alice Caskey Seaborn’s parents & grandparents</i>) | Baker |
| (<i>Marsha Brozier’s parents & grandparents</i>) | Cline (<i>Diane Koch’s parents and grandparents</i>) |
| Garland (<i>Betty’s in-laws, Rusty’s grandparents</i>) | Gilmore (<i>Ginny’s husband and his parents</i>) |
| Henninger (<i>Richard’s parents, Yvonne Rentz’ grandparents</i>) | Hollowell (<i>Gayle’s parents</i>) |
| Hudzik/Gilmore (<i>Chuck’s mom & grandparents</i>) | Pugh (<i>parents & grandparents of Mary Jane, Dave, Bill</i>) |
| Rummell (<i>parents of Sherry, Randy, David</i>) | Tucke (<i>Darren Garris’ grandparents</i>) |
| Williams (<i>Brian & Lori’s parents & grandparents</i>) | Young (<i>Billie Moore’s parents</i>) |

On any given Sunday, the Rummell (*Caple, Gleason, Glidewell, Rebraca*) clan has three generations of active members and a fourth generation on the Cradle Roll (*Noah, Nora & Aspen*). If any family connections have been overlooked, please let us know. Our goal is to celebrate **all** the families that have led to our present status.

Members have served this church in a variety of ways. Did you know that until 1956, once elected, an elder was active for life and would only be replaced by resignation or death? (Wonder how those Nominating Committees fared!) In 1955 Myron Matthews was the last elder elected for life.

Hallie Cline Lane was choir director for over 37 years retiring in 1965.

Wilson Baker (*Marsha’s dad*) constructed the chancel cross, valance & hymn boards for the sanctuary in 1965.

Esther Caskey (*Mary Alice’s mom*) and Marjorie Lynn were the first women to serve as elders, elected in 1969.

Carole Rummell was elected Moderator of Eastminster Presbytery in 1978 and later served as Moderator of Synod and a member of the General Assembly council. She was also our Clerk of Session for over 35 years. Diane Koch played the organ for us for 20 years, officially retiring in 2002, but continuing to sub for us for another two decades. (*Anita Miller has been playing here for 20 years as well*)

Jane Meyers served as Church Secretary (later Administrative Assistant) from 1983 until 2021.

In 1983, the women of the church, under the direction of Chris Bowskill, created the 125th Anniversary quilt.

Betty Garland was appointed Parish Nurse and Director of Health Ministries in 1999 and served over 20 years.

We truly are a **family** of God; may he continue to bless us for generations to come. Check out the photo albums on the table in Fellowship Hall and feel free to add your family church photos to it!

Worship Committee

The worship committee met committee night on March 21st. Worship met with Christian Education to discuss an upcoming fire drill that will take place on May 7th. Communion was served on March 12th to 37 members in attendance. We finalized plans for Easter. Palm Sunday is Sunday April 2nd. The children will process in waving palms. Maundy Thursday service will take place in fellowship hall at 630 pm with communion. We are planning on arranging the tables in a u-shaped and having communion on the tables. Special music will be provided by YSU student musicians. Hand washing will take place at this service. Good Friday is April 7th at 7pm. The service will be Tenebrae and held in the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday church growth is planning breakfast at 915 then the dove release at 10 am. Service will take place at 1030. We will be serving Communion this morning. Madison Sheffield will be our accompanist on Easter Sunday. Please join us for our Lenten services.

**The Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be at 7pm*



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OF MINERAL RIDGE

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

You're invited to join us
at FPCMR for worship
and fellowship during
Holy Week!

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Worship at 10:30am
Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 6,
2023

Worship at 6:30
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Tenebrae Service
Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Breakfast - 9:15am
Releasing of the Doves -
10:00am
Worship - 10:30am



May this Easter Sunday inspire you
to new hope, happiness, prosperity,
and abundance, all received
through God's divine grace.

Happy Easter!



February 2023 Session Meeting



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION MINUTES
MINERAL RIDGE, OHIO
February 28, 2023
Church Lounge

Present: Sue McCabe, Jane Meyers, Lisa Sorg, Carole Rummell, Chuck Reinhart
Excused: Ted Smith, Andy Konsol
Absent: Brian Williams

Pastor Kori Robbins opened with prayer.

Adoption of Docket and Consent Agenda

1. **Motion prevailed** to adopt the docket
2. **Motion prevailed** to review financial statement for January 2023 and receive them for audit.

Balances as of January 31, 2023

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | 72,140.38 |
| Memorial Fund | 24,019.36 |
| Building Fund | 10,078.65 |
| Youth Fund | 3,571.75 |
| Cont. Ed. Fund | 226.68 |
| Health Ministries | 873.90 |
| Designated Fund | 70.00 |
| Mission Fund | 6,407.17 |
| Grant Fund | 5000.00 |
| Restricted Fund | 177,017.45 |
| <u>Petty Cash</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 299,505.35 |

3. **Motion prevailed** to approve minutes of the January 24, 2023 Session meetings.
4. **Motion prevailed** to ratify epoll from January 29 (6 responses affirming: Suzie McCabe, Lisa Sorg, Carole Rummell, Andy Konsol, Jane Meyers, Chuck Reinhart)
 - a. Motion from Building & Property to spend up to \$3000 from the Building Fund to update and repair electrical fixtures in the church and manse.
5. **Motion prevailed** to ratify epoll from January 31 (6 responses affirming: Suzie McCabe, Lisa Sorg, Carole Rummell, Andy Konsol, Jane Meyers, Chuck Reinhart)
 - a. Motion to approve building use of Fellowship Hall & kitchen by Lori Brendlinger on March 11 for a baby shower.
6. **Motion prevailed** to approve building use of Fellowship Hall & Kitchen by Kathy Graham on April 22 for a baby shower.
7. **Motion prevailed** to approve baptism of Keeley Nicole Brister, and Thomas Reid Painter (grandchildren of Karen Painter and children of Jeffrey Painter.)
8. **Motion prevailed** to approve building use of Fellowship Hall & Kitchen by Michael Craver on August 11 for a shower.

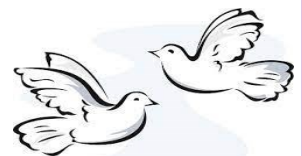
Clerk's Report

1. Membership as of this date is 135 with no additions or losses since last meeting but we have a discrepancy with last year's Annual Report that stated we had 137 minus Nicole McMullen in Jan.
2. Sent Letter of Baptism to Nicole McMullen.



Easter Schedule of Events

Easter Breakfast 9:15am
Releasing of the doves 10:00am
Worship 10:30am





TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

| | Beginning Balance | Add Receipts | Less Spent | Additions Adjustments | Under/(Over) Spent | Ending Balance |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| January | 74,034.79 | 7,918.41 | (9,812.82) | - | (1,894.41) | 72,140.38 |
| February | 72,140.38 | 7,239.99 | (11,311.67) | 1.44 * | (4,070.24) | 68,070.14 |
| March | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| April | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| May | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| June | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| July | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| August | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| September | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| October | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| November | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| + | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Year to Date | 74,034.79 | 15,158.40 | (21,124.49) | 1.44 | (5,964.65) | 68,070.14 |

Under/(Over) Spent last year for comparison \$3,959.

**April Newsletter
Interpretation and Stewardship Article**

Thank you to all that have faithfully sent in your offerings. Going into 2023 we had a surplus or beginning balance of \$74,035. This was because we had a part-time pastor for a year and a half and not much programming because of Covid.

Our committees have been very careful with expenditures and will continue to be. However, we now have a full-time pastor (YEA!) and are doing much more programming.

In the first two months of 2023 we have spent \$5,965 more than we have received. While we still have a surplus of \$68,000, you can see it will be gone before we know.

HERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP

You can keep your offerings up to date
Pay your \$32.50 per capita sometime during the year

Our Per Capita (\$32.50 for each active member) for 2023 is \$4,485. So far we have received just \$464.00. This amount can be paid anytime during the year.

Our 2023 budget is \$140,193. The average monthly amount needed to support the budget is \$11,681.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Suzie McCabe has been doing a weekly Children's Message on OGHS and all our little ones are loving it. The OGHS offering is so important, as it raises funds to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. One example is that funds have already gone to help in East Palestine. As of March 19 we have received \$866.15. WOW! Thank you all so much for helping teach our little ones about helping others.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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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

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=QnN2TUErMUVVQlRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (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!