



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Mineral Ridge, Ohio
Celebrating 160 Years!



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Hi Church family!

Fall is in full swing around here! What a joy it is to begin a new season with FPCMR. Your Session and Deacons have been hard at work preparing Sunday School classes, World Communion Sunday, 5th Sunday Potlucks and a whole host of other things!

Some dates to keep in mind

- October 1 is World Communion Sunday
- October 21 is Blessing of the Pets with Ohltown United Methodist Church
- October 29 is our 5th Sunday Potluck: Jack-o-lantern Jamboree. Wear your best (family friendly!) costume and enjoy some fellowship with us!

Since we're kicking off the month of October with World Communion Sunday and doing Blessing of the Pets with Ohltown Methodist, I thought it would be a good time to talk about the wider church community. In the Apostle's Creed, we talk about being members of "one holy, catholic, apostolic church." Those are a bunch of fancy words, but what they mean is something that reminds us that as Christian communities believe in the same God. In this creed the word catholic means "general, universal, concerning the whole" and does not refer exclusively to the Roman Catholic Church.

On World Communion Sunday, we take communion with churches around the world, each sharing in our individual traditions and practices. We come to God's Table with a variety of bread types, with juice or wine. We come with various types of offerings, we come to God's Table for a variety of reasons, but the cup we bless and the bread we break are the same. It's an incredible thing to be a part of, like taking communion with a couple thousand of your best friends!

I hope you'll join us for any number of our activities this month. Your church is always at work, learning how to best serve you and the community.



With joy,

Pastor Kori

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OCTOBER

ELDER: SUE MCCABE

LITURGISTS:

10/01 LISA SORG

10/08 DEBBIE RENDES

10/15 LORI BRENDLINGER

10/22 DAVID RUMMELL

10/29 VAL COPANIC

DEACONS:

10/01 DEBBIE RENDES

10/08 PATTY POSTLETHWAIT

10/15 DARLENE SMITH

10/22 ROSIE REBRACA

10/29 CHURCH GROWTH COMMITTEE



Church News

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

On Saturday October 21st, 2023, First Presbyterian Church and Ohl-town Methodist Church will be hosting a blessing of the Pets at the First Presbyterian Church. The blessing will begin at 12pm and a small lunch will follow. The blessing will take place outside in the Manse yard and will be performed by astor Kori and Pastor Jim. A small lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall provided by First Presby-terian Church and Ohltown Methodist Church. We do request if you have a reactive pet that you bring a photo to have blessed.



The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 21 families and 36 stu-dents in our backpack program! We need 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. If anyone is interested in helping pack the food weekly for the backpack program or has 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 will greatly appreciate it. Our next food distribu-tion will be November 14th, 2023, for our Thanksgiv-ing Distribution. If anyone is interested in helping pack groceries for our November or De-cember Distribution, please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.



We will also be selling the vouchers once again this year around the holidays to help fund our community pantry. We will have two food distributions for the holidays in November and De-cember. Should you have any questions please reach out to Tim Gleason.

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 Stevens (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 Natural Disasters



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

— We met for committee night September 19th. World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 1st. Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected. The portion collected that will stay in our church is going to be donated to NAMI. The altar will be decorated and we will serve communion. We are going to continue to use toothpicks for the communion bread and place the bread on a platter to better accommodate the toothpicks.

— On Saturday October 21st we will have blessing of the pets. A hot dog lunch will be provided. All our invited to bring their pets.

— We also began discussing advent. Pastor Kori is going to be setting up a meeting with the advent task force to begin discussing plans for advent. Pastor Kori purchased the advent series How does a weary world rejoice? for this Advent season.



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



Sunday School is up and running. We have staff in classes for all ages. Sunday School starts at 9:15 for those five years old and up. The Tiny Tots begin at 9:30. All you need to do to participate is to get yourself to “church on time”. A greeter is at the street entrance to the church to greet you and help you know where the classes are located.



Book Group is continuing to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm which means the next meeting is on Tuesday, October 24. They are reading Good Night Irene by Urrea. There is always room for one more to come and discuss the book and enjoy the fellowship.

Our Little Free Library is still open. We have not closed the doors on it!! It is located in the lounge. You can just come and take one, two or more books for your fall reading. We are always ready to accept used books to keep our shelves stocked with wonderful novels, etc. You can just bring any you have to donate and leave them on the table in the lounge.



October is...



Thank you Pastor Kori for all you do!



We are inviting all those running for office in Weathersfield Township to join us on October 26 at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall so that we may get better acquainted with them. Those who are being invited are:

Weathersfield Township Trustee – Richard Harkins

Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer – Fred Bobovnyk, Patrick Glunt

Weathersfield Board of Education – Sam Caputo, Joshua Garris Tim Gleason and Guyla Svirbly

There is also a Weathersfield School District levy that will appear on the ballot. It is a renewal 4.85 mills for 10 years. We hope to hear more about that.

November 7 is Election Day. Early voting dates and hours can be found on the web site of Trumbull County Board of Elections.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Nami Mental Health Training scheduled for September 30th, has been postponed. We will be looking to reschedule this workshop in late October or November. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.



October 29th, will be our next potluck!



The Church Growth committee will be hosting a Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree Brunch and will be providing pancakes and sausage. Please feel free to bring a side to share and dress up in a family friendly costume! We look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE NOTE

Unfortunately Amazon has decided to end its Amazon Smile charitable giving program. Thank you to everyone who used this feature while it was available.

I & S October Newsletter Article

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.. Our giving has not met our expenses any month this year.. 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 with major expenses coming from the Building Fund. As you can see from the figures below, receipts have not kept up with our expenditures this year. **The 2023 budget is \$140,173. The average weekly amount needed to support our budget is \$2700.**

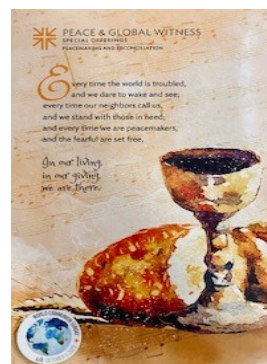
Please look over the information below for more information.

Your I&S Committee:

Marsha Brozier, Treasurer
 Billie Moore, Financial Secretary
 Nance Pugh, Elder
 Jane Meyers, Chair
 Ken Wilson, Congregation

Treasurer's Report for August 2023

	Add	Less	Add.	Under/Over	
	Receipts	Spent	Adjust.	Spent	
January	4,918.41	(9,812.82)		(1,894.41)	The amount we need to meet our monthly budget is \$11,11,700.
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	7,191.00	(10,169.61)	1.52	(2,977.09)	
August	7,052.00	(9,978.03)	1.34	(2,924.69)	



Please support the next Chicken & Biscuit Drive-thru Dinner which will be held on Sunday, November 12 after worship.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - OCTOBER 1

This special offering is unique in that 50% of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world, 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level. We retain 25% of this offering for a cause that is important to us for reconciliation work.

The I & S committee with the approval of Session has designated our portion to go to NAMI (National Association of Mental Health). Session has invited NAMI, local church congregations and community for a presentation on Mental Health. We hope to have many from our congregation support this important issue by attending. We will send out information for the date and time as soon as it is scheduled. We never know when we might be involved in a traumatic event brought on by this issue.



2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN will begin October 29.

Minutes for Mission will be given by members of our congregation on October 29 and November 5 and 12. They will be on **Time, Talents and Treasures**. The dedication will be on November 19. Celebration of Giving cards will be distributed on these Sundays. Special offering envelopes are in the pews. Please mark your check "Peace and Global Witness."

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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!