



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE  
Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Of course, according to the calendar of the church universal, the “new year” started on November 28, 2021 – The First Sunday of Advent. Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas are behind us now. I’m writing on January 6, the Day of Epiphany, the day when we remember the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem, and give thanks that the great good news of Jesus’ birth is for all people – including us!

When I wrote the first draft of this letter, I wrote about my plans for teaching adult Sunday School over the winter months. As I write the second version, “plans” are precarious. The COVID infection rate for Trumbull County has doubled since December 1. Some of our church’s children are ill. We have canceled the annual organizational meeting for officers scheduled for January 9 and will be taking the future one day at a time. Hopefully, the current “surge” will be mild and short-lived.

As of today, we plan to examine incoming church officers prior to worship on Sunday, January 16 and to install them during the worship service. We hope to have our annual congregational meeting after worship on January 23. *Please understand that these dates and those on the church calendar may change with short notice. And please read any emails you receive, as we’ll do our very best to keep you up-to-date.*

Please understand that I am not one to panic, and I believe that I have been extremely careful during the pandemic. I know that you have been careful, too. We will still be worshipping in-person, largely due to your wonderful compliance with the guidelines that have been established by our Session. Please do make an extra effort to “socially distance” until this surge has passed.

My prayer is that, with God’s help, we will all stay safe and healthy.

*Blessings,*

*Meta Cramer, Transitional Pastor*



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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.)

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ON FACEBOOK &  
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THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JANUARY:

**Elder:** Jane Meyers

**Liturgists:**

1/2 Lisa Sorg  
1/9 David Rummell  
1/16 Valerie Meyers  
1/23 Nicole McMullen  
1/30 Patty Postlethwait



### HELPING THE VICTIMS OF DISASTER



If you would like to give to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for victims of the devastation caused by the tornados that crossed the country on December 10th, you can use a pew envelope or send an envelope marked for DR00015. One of the PCUSA churches was completely leveled as were a couple of other churches in the downtown area. If you choose not to give at this time please pray for all of those afflicted by this disaster.



If you would like to contribute to the ministry of the church, the offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary. Or, you can mail your offerings into the church office: 3654 Main St. Mineral Ridge, OH, 44440. You can also give online via our website ([www.fpcmr.org](http://www.fpcmr.org)) or using your bank's auto-



### 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.*

### Please Note:

**Adult Church School Class** will begin meeting on February 13 with Rev. Meta Cramer as leader.

**Fellowship after worship** will not happen until COVID numbers are better..

**Congregational Meeting**—Session has issued a call for our annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 23, following worship for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and any other business appropriate to come before the church body.



## 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.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

**Our Sympathy to Randy & Muffin Rummell and family** on the death of Muffin's mother Gloria Hawkins on December 22. They were very grateful that she could spend her final days with them. She was here from Canada.


**Our Congratulations to Mark & January Rendes** on the birth of **Andrew Norman Rendes** on Monday, December 27. His stats are: 8# 11oz. 20 1/2" long. The proud grandma is Debbie Rendes!



# January 2022

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

*Please be aware that these events are subject to change.  
You will be notified by e-mails from the church.*

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2 10:30am Worship	3 7pm Al-anon Al-ateen	4	5	6 10am Sewing Group	7	8
9 9:15am Church School 10:30am Worship  Annual Reports are due in the office.	10 7pm Al-anon Al-ateen	11 4pm Book Group	12 8am-5pm MR School use of lounge	13 8am-5pm MR School use of lounge	14	15
16 9:15am Church School 9:30am Session mtg. in lounge 10:30am Worship Ordination/Installation of officers Annual Reports distributed	17 7pm Al-anon Al-ateen	18 6:30pm Committee Night	19 8am-5pm MR School use of lounge	20 8am-5pm MR School use of lounge	21	22
23 9:15am Church School 10:30am Worship Followed by Congrega- tional Meeting	24 7pm Al-anon Al-ateen	25 4pm Book Group	26 8am-5pm MR School use of lounge	27	28	29
30 9:15am Church School 10:30am Worship	31				