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Celebrating 160 Years!



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Limited Edition



God
BLESS
IN THE
New Year

For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
JEREMIAH 29:11



Pastor's Corner will return in February!

Church News

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

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JANUARY

ELDER: SUE MCCABE

DEACON: JANUARY RENDES



LITURGISTS:

01/07 SHERRY GLEASON

01/21 MELISSA KEELEY

01/14 MUFFIN RUMMELL

01/28 DAVID RUMMELL



This is a reminder that we have a Congregational Meeting **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th**, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing our **2024 officers.**

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to thank the Fabian family, Rendes family, the Glidewell family and the Meyers family for taking part in the lighting of the Advent candles during Advent. We hope all our church family had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year. Anyone interested in being a liturgist please contact Lisa Sorg at 480-427-9032. If any members of our church family are interested, we would love to have you join us on Worship Committee.

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)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)

Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Terry Keeley Sr
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)

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
Citizens of Israel/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.

You are invited



Come one and all.....

On Saturday morning, January 13 you are invited to join all in the congregation to hear Bryce Wiebe (a Presbytery staff member) lead us in a sharing of stories. You might remember that he preached for us in the early fall and his sermon was well received. We will begin with a breakfast (yum) at 8:30 a.m. which will be followed at 9:00 with a short devotional before Bryce will lead us beginning at 9:15. This is for our officers as well as all of our worshipping congregation.

- 8:30 breakfast
- 9:00 devotions
- 9:15 Bryce leading us
- 11:00 closing.
- 11:15 Session Meeting



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School is back in session. We have classes for all ages even our youngest children. Think about taking a chance and trying out a class. The adults meet in the lounge at 9:15 and all others meet on the second floor – Tiny Tots at 9:30 and others at 9:15.

Our Little Free Library is still open. In it you will find some books of all types. Stop in and take one or two for good winter reading. The library is located in the lounge. If you need help just ask Marnie Bonsall, Debbie Rendes, Lori Brendlinger or Carole Rummell. If you have books that you are finished with you are welcome to bring them to the lounge and just leave on the table and someone will shelve them for others to use.



The Souper Bowl Offering is coming soon. The children will be holding the kitchen pots at the doors of the sanctuary at the end of the service on the same day at the NFL play their Super Bowl football game, February 11th. This is your opportunity to give an offering of a dollar or more to aid those that are less fortunate than you. Watch for more information in the next Church Mouse.

A Friend in need. Rev. Elmarie Parker is a pastor that had served the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church and then left to be a mission worker. The General Assembly sent her to the Middle East. She is located in Lebanon and has been there for a number of years. Her mission letter tells of the work being done there on behalf of the Christian congregations. The letter will be posted on the bulletin board located near the entrance off Church Street. In one location there are 6 Presbyterian Churches which are in touch with Elmarie for her prayer support and support in any other way possible in such tough conditions. In the letter she sounds weary and really needs our prayer.

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



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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
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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!