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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of
Mineral Ridge, Ohio
Celebrating 160 Years!



November 2023



Hi Church family!

What a year we've had! As we head into the end of the liturgical year, the beginning of Advent and waiting for the birth of baby Jesus, I think it's important to look back on all the things we've done, and what we've accomplished this year.

Generosity is all around us, and I'm so grateful for a church community that shares their gifts with us. Our deacons and elders are always hard at work to make this church a better place, and each church member and friend works hard to make this place a community. This year has been about bringing back beloved traditions and embracing new ideas, and I think we've done a great job!

Over the month of November, we're looking at all the ways we can use our gifts to build up our church community. We invite you into these conversations with us, praying about how you can use your own talents to invigorate us for the coming year. Giving to the church can look like serving as liturgist, or saying yes to serving on committees. Perhaps you're particularly gifted administratively or crafty and love to decorate. Perhaps you find yourself wanting to build up a particular area of ministry, and have some extra dollars to contribute.

On Sunday, November 19th, we invite you to bring your pledge cards to put in the offering plate during our offertory. I'm excited for this new season in our church!

Thank you for being part of this faithful community. Pray for our common work together as we continue to bring about God's kingdom and do the work of Jesus in the world.

Pastor Kori



RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER

ELDER: TED SMITH

DEACON: DARLENE SMITH

LITURGISTS:

11/05 BROOKE KASCHAK

11/19 JILL FABIAN

11/12 ANDY KONSOL

11/26 SUZIE MCCABE



Church News

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



The Deacons will be collecting items for a local charity called **Youngstown Blue Coats**. This charity helps our local homeless population. The Blue Coat Mission is “In America, nobody should freeze to death”. The mission, goals, and objectives of the Youngstown Blue Coats are accomplished by unpaid volunteers. There is no paid staff and therefore all donations go completely to the Youngstown Blue Coat mission. The volunteers not only hold events to provide needed items to the homeless; they also venture out to the local areas where the homeless are known to stay and provide them the items as well.

For the month of November the Deacons will be collecting items to donate. The items we will be collecting will be New or gently used items: Warm coats (sizes Adult Large – 4X), Dry Boots (Sizes Men 9-13), sleeping

bags, winter gloves, winter hats, blankets, tarps, and NEW socks. We will also accept monetary donations as well.



Should you have any questions or would like to donate please reach out to a Deacon.

We appreciate any and all help you are able to provide.

The Backpack Program has resumed. We now have a total of 22 families and 38 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and snacks (snack bars, 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 Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, fruit cups, pancake mix, maple syrup, deserts mixes / muffins mixes, and gravy packets.



If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distribution will be November 14th, 2023, and December 12th 2023, for our Holiday Distribution.

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



“A sincere thank you to those who sent cards and prayed for me as I found myself in an emergency health situation. All is well with me now and I give thanks to God for all those who cared for me!”

Carole Rummell



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)
Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)
Family of Melissa Keeley
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Mary Jane Hileman

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



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.

Victims of Natural Disasters
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

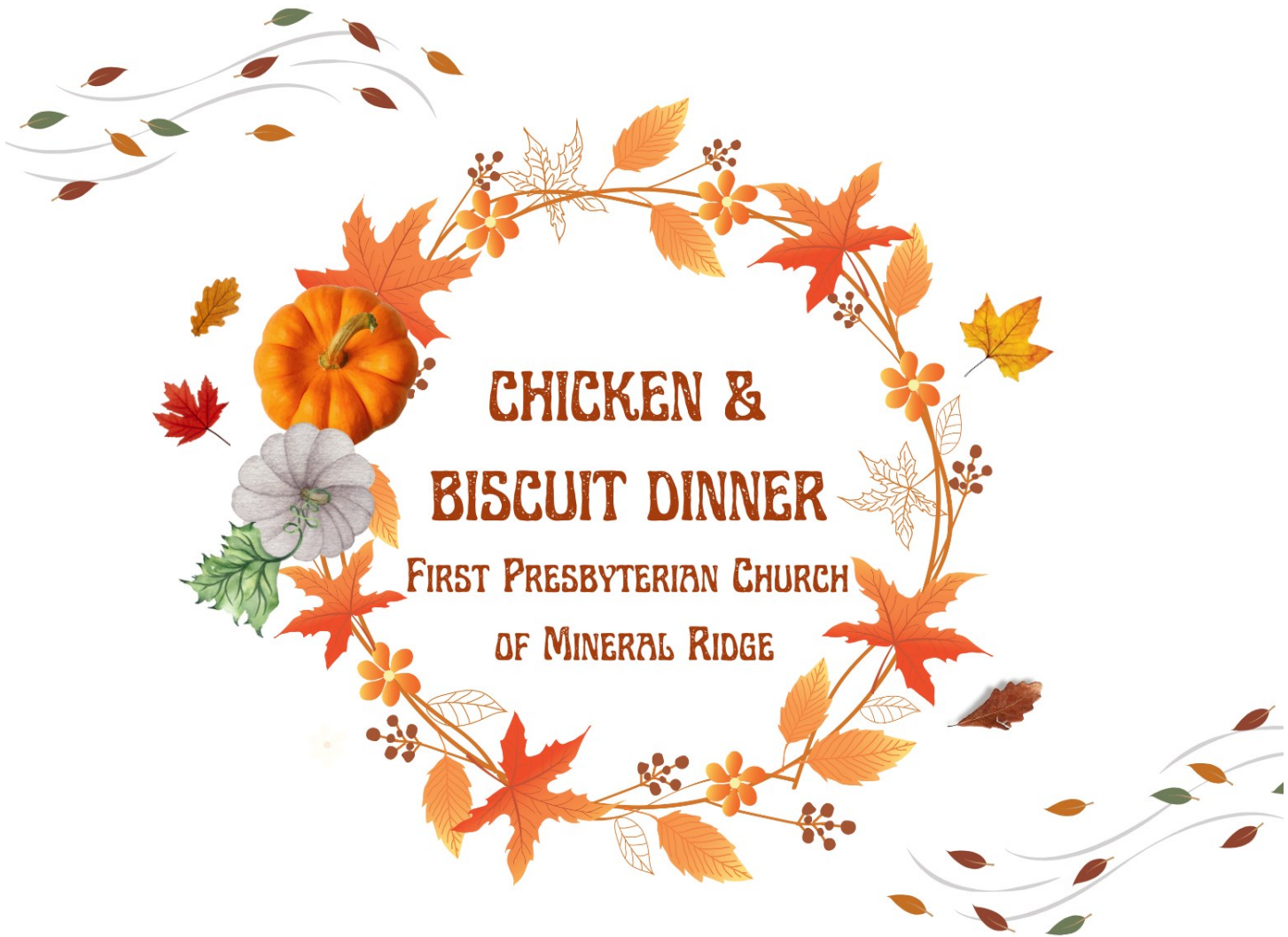
WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Worship committee met on Tuesday October 17th for committee night. Communion will take place on November 12th. The chair of worship Lisa Sorg met with the Advent Task force to discuss the upcoming advent season. November 19th after service we will decorate the Christmas tree. Advent begins on Sunday December 3rd. December 10th we will take part in the Lord's supper. Christmas eve is on a Sunday so we decided we will have a 10:30 service and a 5 pm service where Larry Harris will provide us with special music. Lisa Sorg will be looking for families to take part in the lighting of the Advent candles during the four Sundays of Advent.

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





**CHICKEN &
BISCUIT DINNER**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MINERAL RIDGE**

**CHICKEN, BISCUIT, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS AND DESSERT**

SUNDAY, 12th OF NOVEMBER

12:00 PM TO 2:00PM

ADULTS - \$11.00

KIDS - \$5.00



3654 MAIN ST. MINERAL RIDGE, OH 44440



Tiny Tots Room off Fellowship Hall. After some renovations our room of toys is a place for the young children to enjoy each other while they play. Our thanks go to our Building and Property Committee who recruited Darren Garris and his son Aaron to do the work to make it useable again.

After worship each Sunday you can take a peek in the room and see our little ones at play.

All of those who work with children are required to sign the Child Protection Policy and the Sexual Misconduct Policy. These policies are required by the constitution of the PC(USA). Those persons who work with children that have not yet read and signed a copy will be invited to meet for an overview to the policies in the near future.

The Presentation on Mental Health was scheduled for Saturday September 30. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was cancelled and will be rescheduled for late winter or early spring. We will have a speaker that will help us to know more about all aspects of mental health.

Advent/Christmas program will be presented during worship on December 17. The story of the birth of Christ will be shared. This program will be presented by our children and perhaps some adults.

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning January 13, 2024. This will be a time to learn more about Matthew 25. We hear of being a Matthew 25 Church, but do we really know what that means? Breakfast will be served before we learn more about being a Matthew 25 Church. Plan on attending. This is for any and all of our worshipping congregation.

Book Group will meet once more before the end of the year. That means that they will meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 4:30. They are reading Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. There is always room for one more to come and discuss the book and enjoy the fellowship.

Our Little Free Library is still open. You can find it in the lounge. Our shelves are full of all kinds of books. You are welcome to take any number of books to keep or read and return. We especially hope that those who come for our food distribution day on November 14 will check out our shelves. Children's books are plentiful, and children are often so happy to have books of their own. 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.



Sunday school classes will be collecting items for the Christmas shoe box ministry.

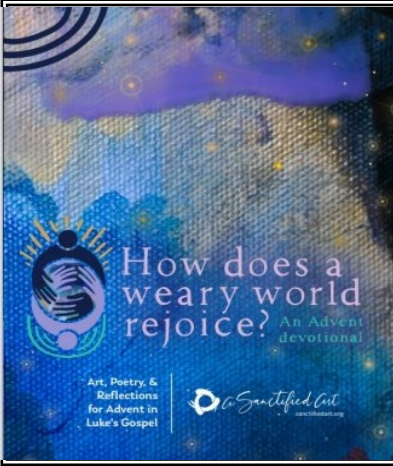
This ministry delivers shoe boxes with items to countries where children are in need. Also, they are given to the military to bridge a gap when they are in foreign countries.

Here are a few items that can help fill these boxes if you would like to pitch in:

Hair ties, tooth brush, small stuffed animal, cute water bottles, toy trucks or dolls, playdough, stickers, chalk, jump ropes, sunglasses, combs brushes, small Lego kits, markers, glue sticks, little notebooks, draw pads, small flashlights with batteries, flip flops, index cards, pens, pencils, jewelry kits, hats, cute bandages etc. Just remember that these are for children from ages 2 to 12.



We will have a box if you want to drop off an item. No food items, military oriented toys or liquid items. Any questions, ask Debbie or Lori. God Bless.



Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices: online.flippingbook.com/view/136123036/

We can also print you out a copy if you would like.

In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

PLEASE NOTE

The Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing officers and the 2024 Nominating Committee will be held immediately following worship on November 26th, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

This year, our Stewardship Campaign is going to look a little different! We'll have three Sundays to talk about stewardship and the ways in which we are called to care for our members, our church and our community!

October 29
November 5
November 12
November 19 - Dedication Sunday!

Reminder:
Advent begins on
Sunday, December
3rd, 2023.



Attention Weathersfield Township Residents.....If you are wondering what is on the ballot for Weathersfield Township residents check out the following.

Weathersfield Township Trustee – Richard Harkins -incumbent (one to elect)

Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer – Fred Bobovnyk, - incumbent, and Patrick Glunt (one to elect)

Weathersfield Board of Education – Sam Caputo – incumbent, Joshua Garris – incumbent, - Tim Gleason -incumbent and Guyla Svirbly (three to elect)

There is also a **Weathersfield School District levy** that will appear on the ballot. It is a renewal 4.85 mills for 10 years.

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

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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=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 (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!