



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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On October 2 we will join with Christians around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday originated in Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, led by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr in 1933. There was a lot going on during that time. It was the darkest year of the Great Depression and the clouds of Nazism hovered over Europe and threatened the entire world. As a faith response to these concerns, a group of leaders at Shadyside Presbyterian sought to do something both real and symbolic to proclaim that God is God indeed, in spite of politics, economics and anything the future may hold. Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one, regardless of nationality, race or ethnicity. From their meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936. In the years that followed, other denominations began to celebrate this special Sunday. Today, we join in with many, many other churches around the world to rediscover peace in the unifying power of Christ through the Lord's Supper.

Depending on the denomination, the Lord's Supper might look different. For some, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, while in others, it's just a symbol.

In Matthew 13, Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." As a bread-maker myself, I love this metaphor. Baking bread is an art; something like an act of love. There are thousands of cookbooks dedicated to the delicate forming and shaping of loaves, and how to get the taste *just so*. In that spirit, I want to share this poem from Alla Renee Bozarth, an Episcopalian priest. For me, this poem speaks to the love God has for God's creation, as well as the abundance that comes out of God's love for us. Poetry is wonderful in that we all take away different meanings of the same thing. I'd love to hear how this poem makes you feel, and how you understand it, in light of World Communion Sunday.

Bakerwoman God,  
I am your living bread.  
Strong, brown Bakerwoman God,  
I am your low, soft, and being-shaped loaf.

I am your rising bread,  
well-kneaded by some divine  
and knotty pair of knuckles,  
by your warm earth hands.  
I am bread well-kneaded.

Put me in fire, Bakerwoman God,  
put me in your own bright fire.  
I am warm, warm as you from fire.  
I am white and gold, soft and hard,  
brown and round.  
I am so warm from fire.

Break me, Bakerwoman God.  
I am broken under your caring Word.  
Drop me in your special juice in pieces.  
Drop me in your blood.  
Drunken me in the great red flood.  
Self-giving chalice swallow me.  
My skin shines in the divine wine.  
My face is cup-covered and I drown.

I fall up  
in a red pool  
in a gold world  
where your warm  
sunskin hand  
in there to catch  
and hold me.  
Bakerwoman God,  
remake me.

From Womanpriest: A Personal Odyssey, Paulist Press 1978



## RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OCTOBER

ELDERS: MATT GLIDEWELL, CAROLE RUMMELL, KEN RAMBO

### DEACONS OF THE MONTH:

MELISSA KEELEY, MARTY O'NEILL, SHERRY GLEASON, DARLENE SMITH

### LITURGISTS:

10/02 DAVID RUMMELL 10/23 NICOLE MCMULLEN

10/09 CINDY KASCHAK 10/30 DARREN GARRIS

10/16 ANDY KONSOL



## 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



Congratulations to Molly Lukehart and Steven Cravalko who were married on September 24 and to Kenzie Shaffer and Casey Ruthrauff who were married on October 1, 2022.

**Donald Dull, the husband of Shirley Dull passed away on Sept. 29th. Let's keep Shirley and her family in our prayers .**



Thank you all for the congratulations on my retirement! I am ready to relax and enjoy spending more time with my family and friends. I certainly love not having to get up and go to work every day!! I will find many enjoyable things to fill my free time. Thank you, Marty O'Neill

The backpack program has resumed. We now have a total of 23 families and 34 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. If you have any questions please reach out to January Rendes.



COMMUNITY  
**FOOD  
PANTRY**



Our Holiday distribution food giveaways will be coming upon us soon. If you are able to donate items we are in need of the following items: Macaroni and Cheese, Canned soup, Cans of Fruit, Gravy Packets, Boxes of Jello / Pudding, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, cereal, and mashed potatoes / stuffing. If you have any questions please reach out to January and Debbie Rendes. We appreciate any help provided. Thank you!

Hello, our deacons will be volunteering to help feed the community working with the United Way of Mahoning Valley for the Saturday of Caring on November 19th. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up in Fellowship Hall by November 1st. We will be unloading grocery trucks and packing food. This will be held at the parking lot behind Southwoods Surgical Hospital on Southern Blvd in Boardman to help unload the Save A Lot Trucks. We will then line up to pack the food bags - fresh meat, produce, and shelf stable items. You can help break down the tables at the end and/ or help load up the delivery cars. This will take place from 8:00AM - approximately 10:00 AM. If you have any questions please let January Rendes or Melissa Keeley know.

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Of  
Caring

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## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Shirley Dull  
Marlyne Young

### Health Concerns

Mary Alice Seaborn  
Betty Garland  
Joan Williams  
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)  
James Tincher (Marlene's son)  
David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)  
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' friends)  
Kareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney Craver's mother)  
Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)  
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene Tincher's friends)  
Craig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)  
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)  
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)  
Helen Redmond  
Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)  
Bill Happney  
Larry Schmidt (Meyers' Friend)  
James Boyce (Church Custodian)

Jen & John Christmas (Kori's Friends)  
Tom Crozier  
Frank Keeley ( Brian Keeley's Brother)

### 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  
The 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.*



### A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The American Sewing Guild that meets in Fellowship Hall every month took on a special project. They received a copy of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and found that for \$50 they could give money for a sewing machine to be purchased for someone in a developing part of the world. They found that a sewing machine isn't just for use at home. New sewing equipment can be just what someone needs to launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Their gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world. Deacon Shirley Brodie spearheaded this project and we thank her for taking the idea to the sewing guild.

### **DID YOU KNOW?.....**

**Did you know that the form of government of the PC(USA) is similar in structure to the government of the USA? Some even say that the USA constitution was modeled after the Presbyterians of that day. After all the Rev. John Witherspoon a Presbyterian clergyman was one of the signers of the constitution.**



**Our structure begins with sessions, then Presbyteries, then Synods and finally then the General Assembly. USA government has cities, then states and then the federal government. Can you see the similarities?**

**Our session has 9 members who make decisions for our congregation. We then belong to Eastminster Presbytery which is composed of a Ruling Elder from each congregation and clergy that are members of the Presbytery. Synods are a mission body that helps coordinate mission projects throughout the Presbyteries. Our General Assembly meets every two years and is composed of members of each Presbytery with an equal number of Ruling Elders and Clergy. Our session is composed of 9 members, Eastminster Presbytery is composed of 38 congregations. There are 16 Synods and we have 8813 churches with 1,193,770 members. So now you know.**



## **RALLY DAY – OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**We will meet at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall on this first day of Church School this fall. – there will be fun and a good time for all ages. You are not too young or too old to have a good time. Ted Smith’s class will also be meeting at 9:15.**

**We will learn about a little girl named Rosa who lives in Honduras. She doesn’t always have good water to drink or clean water to bath. Come and hear her story.**

**Think water. How much to you drink in a day? Do you shower or bath in the water? Do you do dishes in the sink or do you run the dishwasher? Do you swim or go boating on the water. There are many uses of water and baptism is but one of them. We will also enjoy some hands-on reminders of water – how precious it is. And then after hearing of the hurricane we can understand that sometimes there is damage from water.**

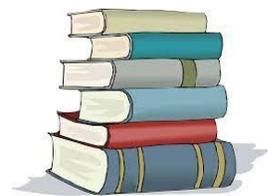


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### **Meet our teachers**

**Rev. Kori and Ted Smith will be teaching our adults throughout the year. We are glad to have Ted back teaching and welcome Rev. Kori to lead the class as well. We will have a high school class this year thanks to Michelle Meyers that has agreed to teach it. Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes once again will be teaching the Multi-age class. The Tiny Tots class will be meeting with Bethany and Matthew Glidewell. We are very grateful that they have all agreed to teach.**

**Just a reminder: Our free Little Library is located in the lounge. Just take a book – no check out – just take one. There is quite a variety. This is a good time to get in some fun reads.**



### **PLEASE NOTE**

Mary Alice Seaborn has moved to Texas. She will be close to her daughter Julie. Her new address is: 11300 Farrah Lane, Apt. 618 Austin, Texas. 78748



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**First Presbyterian Church  
of Mineral Ridge**

Invites you to a

**Free Halloween  
Community Breakfast**

*Please invite your family & friends*



**FREE Pancakes,  
Sausage, Beverage**  
Sunday, October 30, 2022  
9am-12pm

***COME ONE COME ALL***

**3654 Main St. Mineral Ridge**

*You will have a chance to win a free gift*

**(Beside Laundromat)**



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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 &  
WWW.FPCMR.ORG

**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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designed website @ [www.fpcmr.org](http://www.fpcmr.org)

**YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US. IF  
YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE  
WEBSITE PLEASE SEND US 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=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](http://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!**