

# First Press

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From Our Pastor ~

Blessings to you, Miller First Presbyterian Church. My name is Robert Ray Brooks, and I am honored and most excited to come and serve as your pastor for the coming year. To be honest this was not an opportunity I was looking for but something that God opened the door to when I was first called by the PNC. I was content to fill in as needed as I had been through the summer, but it is apparent now that God had different plans for us both.



This picture is the most recent family one we have. It includes my wonderful wife, Sabrena Mae Brooks, who is a Kindergarten

English Second Language teacher in the Huron School District. Also pictured are my two boys, my oldest on the left is Ezekiel Daniel Brooks, who has just started Kindergarten this year, and on the right is my second oldest, Ezra Lloyd Brooks, who just began his first year of preschool and is now semi potty trained. Finally, we get to introduce to you Eliza Mae Brooks who is 8 weeks as of me writing this. This is a snapshot of my family who I hope you will get to see from time to time and will come to get to know you as a part of the family of our God.

Well, to give you a quick guide to “everything you need to know about Robert Brooks” here are a few *Frequently Asked Questions*.

Favorite Color? – Green, has always been the best!

Favorite Food? – Steak cooked medium rare!

Favorite Restaurant? – Prime Time is one of the best places I have ever been.

Hobbies? – Play games with my family

Favorite time of Day? – I really enjoy bed-time or nap time.

Favorite book of the Bible? – James!

Other Skills? – I went to culinary school. I love to cook and bake!

Top 3 memories? – My wedding, my eldest son the first time he met his younger brother, and the first time I held each of my children.

What do you like to drink? – I really like a drink called Bubblr right now. I also like chai tea lattes.

Favorite superhero? – Spiderman was always the one I related to best. He was a nerd, I was a nerd, I aspired to be like him!

## SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on August 10 & September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Campbell Library.

On September 11, a special congregational meeting was held for the purpose of electing CRE Robert Brooks as our new minister. “WELCOME Robert Brooks “ His first Sunday will be October 9th

### Communion

Communion was on August 7, 2022 Next communion will be October 2nd

## Guest Speakers

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Rich Waldrop

**The Annual Pie Auction was a huge success!! Special “Thankyou” to all who donated pies, cakes, caramel rolls, pizzas and the beautiful wood pie stand. Over \$3,000 was raised for the new leuvers in the bell tower.**

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## *Bell choir*



The ringing has begun! Bell choir is regularly practicing on Wednesday nights at 6, getting ready for the Christmas concert in December. We are practicing some new music that includes a variety of styles and techniques. Thanks to all who give their time and talents to this music ministry!

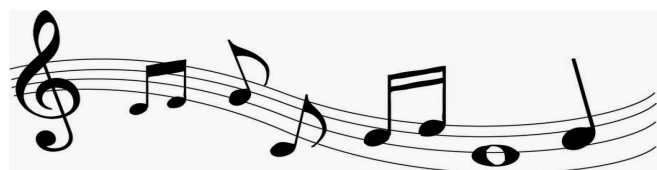
Ray Caffee, Bell Choir Director



The PW is active and going these past couple of months. We served at a couple of funerals which was very appreciated by the families. We also had our Fall Luncheon Sept. 24. We changed it up a little this year and served soup—cheesy potato, vegetable beef, and chili- as well as sandwiches and our famous homemade pies. It was a successful day with lots of food, friendship and fellowship. We appreciate all those who helped, furnished food, and attended the luncheon. A big thank you to those who were in charge of the meal too. The luncheon would not have been possible if it weren't for all of you!

Women's Bible Study Fellowship started up again in September. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 in the Church basement. If you are interested in the studying of the Bible and great fellowship, please feel free to attend a meeting. We always look forward to more attendees.

—Charlene Beckett  
Chairman



As we are finding ourselves awakening each morning to less sunlight and somewhat lower temperatures, we have begun our practices for the choir's annual Christmas concert. Though we are shorter in our numbers, the choir is still sounding as musically beautiful as ever. They make up for whatever differences land on us :) It's truly amazing!

In the meantime, the choir is singing every Sunday morning. Practicing and singing together is a highlight of our time together.

Janice Palmer

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith  
be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16: 13-14

Sunday school classes have begun.

We so appreciate our teachers and helpers.



Robert will be starting the confirmation class for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Senior Youth group (for high school students) has met once. Travis and Jill Heasley have volunteered to be our Senior Youth group leaders and will meet on Wednesday evenings at the church.

Kevin Hofer has volunteered to do a few fun adventures and outings with the Junior Youth Group throughout the year, Students in grades 6-8 will meet every Wednesday night at the church led by Jennifer Runge and Will and Eli Jones.

There are really 3 things going on for students in grades 6-8.

1. Wednesday night church school class for grades 6-8 meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
2. Confirmation Class for grades 7-8 (dates to announced)
3. Junior youth group and grades 6-8, are one and the same meeting every Wednesday night and doing a few outside of class fun things

We are still in need of several volunteers to help with the Christmas Program.

September 11th was a big day at church! We gave out attendance pins, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles, and Commissioned our Christian Education Leaders.

**Christian Education Leaders**

**2020-2021**

**Preschool/Kindergarten/Gr 1**

Jill VanDerWerff, Kaihlyn Anderberg

**Grades 2-3**

Kelly Wagner

**Grades 4-5**

Cecilee Minor, Arielle Miner,  
Christina Kruml

**Grades 6-8 (Jr. youth)**

Jennifer Runge: Aug.-Feb.

Will and Eli Jones: March-May

**Adult**

Brian Winter

**Confirmation (Grades 7-8)**

Robert Brooks

**Opening Exercises & Pianist**

Sunday school teachers, Susan Jones

**Senior Youth Group**

Travis and Jill Heasley

**Substitutes**

Kelly Johnson, Laura Duxbury,  
Marilyn Dyer

**Christmas Program**

Kelly Wagner & Laura Duxbury

**VBS Planning Committee**

Kelly Wagner, Shar Ruhnke

**CE Committee**

Cecilee Miner, Gayle Vrooman,  
Stephanie Edwards, Shar Ruhnke,  
Jan Winter

***Thank you everyone for sharing your  
gifts with this church family.***

**Third Graders Who Received Bibles**

Lawson Wagner Jake Pugh,

Nicholas Johnson, Fox Palmer

**2020-2022 Attendance Pins**

***Congratulations!*** to the Sunday school students who were awarded 2020-2022 attendance pins! These are for last two year's attendance. The pins are awarded for every 30 days of attendance. There are 35 Sunday school days in each Sunday school period. This means a student could miss no more than 5 Sundays and still be awarded an attendance pin. The days accumulate year to year. Sometimes it happens that a student just misses getting an attendance pin by a Sunday or two. If this is the case it IS possible, then, to earn 2 pins the following year.

**First Year Pins**

Haistyn Huss

**Second Year Pins**

Nicholas Johnson, Jake Pugh

**Third Year Pins**

Hadley Duxbury, Corbin Kruml,  
Ollie Wagner, Rya Wagner, Vaelynn Welk

**Fourth Year Pins**

Harper Duxbury, Ava Johnson,  
Quinnley Miner, Lawson Wagner

**Fifth Year Pin**

Lawson Wagner, Blake Hofer

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





## OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



### Birthdays in October

- 1 - Jack Jones  
Sally Sivertsen
- 3 - Joseph Wieseler  
Harper Duxbury
- 4 - Alan Wieseler  
Carter Fanning
- 7 - Ralph Johnson  
--Nolan Caffee
- 8 - Cheryl Fanning  
Randy Johnson
- 9 - Gabe Muschitz
- 10 - Kayla Stevens
- 11- Dick Palmer  
Shelly Wieseler
- 12 - Ronalee Johnsen
- 15 - Doyle Foreman
- 18 - Harriet Kopplin
- 19 - Jayce Pugh
- 20- Becky Nelson  
Don Stevens
- 21- Kelsa Foreman
- 24- Kyler Foreman  
Jake Pugh
- 25- Corey Blachford  
Rhoda Rombough
- 26- Janelle Kenaston
- 27- Cecilee Miner
- 28- Lester Moeller
- 30- Larry Arbogast  
Loni Haar

### October Anniversaries

- 3- Ray & Tammy  
Caffee
- 6 - Greg & Dawn Haar
- 8 - Riley & Chelsea  
Pugh
- 10 - Stephen & Lori  
Resel

### Birthdays in November

- 8 - Brett Stevens
- 9 - Jennifer Kenaston  
McCade Nelson
- 10- Cindy Rombough  
Annette Snodgrass
- 11- Courtney Fanning
- 12- Angie Anderberg
- 17- Rebekah Koeck
- 19- Schelbie DeHaai
- 22- Angie Rosemore
- 23 - Brecken Anderberg
- 26- Pat Crackel  
Robb Johnson  
Whitey Wieland
- 27 - David Sivertsen

### November Anniversaries

- 4 - Lee & Sharlene Skinner
- 9 - Jim & Marilyn Dyer
- 20- Chip & Sena Rombough  
-- Brian & Jan Winter

### Greeters for October

- 2--Jill & Travis Heasley
- 9- Cecilee Miner
- 16- Annette Snodgrass
- 23- Dee & Dennis McGirr
- 30- Shannon & Jody Speck

### Greeters for November

- 6 - Greg & Carolyn Rediger
- 13 -Sandy Selting
- 20- Shelby & Evan Wieseler
- 27- Tammy & Gordon Gross

### Ushers for October

- Doyle Foreman
- Kayla Stevens
- Jill & Travis Heasley

### Ushers for November

- Briggs & Mike Runge
- Greg & Carolyn Rediger

### Deacons for October

- Sarah Resel
- Teresa Eschenbaum

### Deacons for November

- Sandra Holt
- Jean Johnson

