



the Chimes

April 2017

F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

a Poem for the Season

Where have the forty days of Lent gone?
We've had forty days to remember who Jesus is,
Forty days to find out who Jesus is,
Forty days to look and to listen to this man from Nazareth,
this man who walked into the hearts of the people,
this man who "stirred their imagination,"
this man who is still walking into the hearts of his people,
still stirring the imagination of the people.

Holy week is upon us.
We will raise our palms in joyful recognition!
We do know him.
Surely we do know him

poem by Ann Weems from *Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light*.



Worship Schedule

- **8:30am** Childcare Begins
- **9:00am** Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **9:00am** Sunday School Classes for Adults & Children
- **10:00am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00am** Children's Music Time
- **10:00am** Fellowship/Fair Trade Marketplace
- **10:30am** Worship Service
- **6:30pm** Youth Group

COMMITTEE NEWS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee would like to welcome Mr. Charles Lettrick as our newly hired Sexton. Charles is originally from New York; he and his wife moved to West Virginia 8 years ago. He has 4 grown children, 6 grandchildren (and two more on the way). We are very happy to add Charles to our staff here at First Presbyterian and hope the members will extend to him a warm welcome!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

In an effort to stay current with the times and to make FPC more accessible on mobile devices, the Administration Committee has decided to change the way we offer online donation services to our members. We will now use the e-commerce company, Square, to process donations. You are probably already familiar with this company as many small business owners and organizations already use them. In addition to being mobile-friendly, this service will allow the church to pay smaller processing fees, access our funds more quickly, and to set up special funds for projects which may arise. You can still donate by clicking the donate button on our website.

The only drawback is that Square does not allow individuals to set up automatic payments. However, if you would like to set up an automatic payment/payment reminder, we can do this through administrator tools. Contact the church office for more information or any questions about online donations.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Acolyte Training

The Worship Committee has been so excited with the number of children that have been attending worship services recently; to further involve children in worship, we will begin offering acolyte training during the Sunday School hour. Acolyte training will begin on Sunday, April 2nd at 9am in the library.

Formality of Worship

To reclaim the formality of the beginning of our Worship Services, we will begin processing at the beginning of service with the acolytes bringing the light of Christ to begin our services. Attendees are invited to take their cues from the choir; when the choir enters the loft and is seated, we would like for members to be seated and ready to begin worship together.

God & Me

During Lent, Rev. Elise led the God & Me class for a Cub Scout group from our community. As part of their completion of this curriculum, we will hold a recognition ceremony during our Worship Service on April 30th. A reception will follow the service.



Holy Week

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WWW.FAIRMONTFIRST.NET

10:30AM PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 9, 2017

Chancel Choir Cantata & WV Brass Quintet

6PM MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 13, 2017

Dinner & Worship Service with foot washing.

7PM GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 14, 2017

Good Friday Worship sponsored by the Fairmont Area Council of Churches at the Church of Latter-Day Saints

7PM GREAT EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 15, 2017

A services of remembers our baptism and welcoming new confirmands.

10:30AM EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 16, 2017

A services of witness to the resurrection of the Lord. Nursery care and Children's Church will be provided.

DIRECTIONS TO GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

This year, in partnership with the Fairmont Area Council of Churches, we will participate in a joint Good Friday Service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Pastors and lay persons from the Council of Churches will be leading the service. The church is located at 165 Meadowdale Road. (Speedway Ave turns into Meadowdale Rd, the church is on the left, after the K&T Truck Stop. If you pass Gabe's you've gone too far).



March Prayer List

The Family of Scott Hauser
The Family of Ron Wood
Melvin & Celina (Frankie)
Bostic
Chuck Brenneman
John Brewer
Alma Brown
Edward Cummings
Jill Diaz
Peggy Eddy

The Ellison Family
Angie Fowler
Debbie Lattanzi
John Lee
Tom Miller
Frank Murphy
The Murphy Family
Shirley & Herb Nevels
Amanda Peterson
Bob Payton

Syble Poling & Family
Elaine Pollack
Simon Rohaly
John Satterfield
Ronnie Siegman
Ivy Smith
Patty Snider
Mary Rose Stalnaker
Linda Stoops
The Trisel Family

Music Notes

The month of April is an exciting and joyous one in the musical life of the church. We reach the end of our Lenten journey and celebrate with glorious music at Palm Sunday and Easter. This year's cantata will take place on Palm Sunday and is called "What Love Is This? Suffering Servant: Conquering King"

The cantata features beautiful music by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Brad Nix, Marty Parks, and Larry Shackley. Choir members singing solos are John Schooley, Jim DeLong, and Elise Neal.

The WV Brass Quintet will also be here playing for the service. Don't forget to attend the Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil services during Holy Week.

Easter Sunday music will feature the handbells ringing, festive organ music, and the Chancel Choir singing a catchy anthem from Montreat, "Jubilate Deo" by Peter Anglea.

OTHER MUSICAL EVENTS

On March 31 at 7:30 pm the "Healing Through Harmony" choir concert takes place in the sanctuary which is a joint effort combining the Fairmont State University choirs with the Greenbrier East High School choir from Lewisburg, WV.

This concert is part of a choir tour and to raise money for areas impacted by the devastating floods. It is also to remind people that there are still communities that are rebuilding. This concert is free, but a goodwill offering will be taken.

On Friday April 21 at 7:30 pm, the FSU Artists-in-Residence, Alkemie (an early music ensemble from the Cleveland, OH area) will perform a concert in the sanctuary. This is a ticketed event.

In addition to the concert the musicians of Alkemie will give a vocal workshop the Wednesday evening prior which will be both for FSU singers and our Chancel Choir members.

On Friday, April 28, 7:30pm, the FSU Collegiate Singers, Chamber Choir, and Community Chorus will present "Music of America." The program will include a wide-ranging assortment of American choral music. It will feature music by well-known American composers, such as Howard Hanson's "Song of Democracy," "Contre qui, rose" by Morten Lauridsen, and "Zion's Walls" and "Ching-a-Ring-Chaw" by Aaron Copland. Early American hymnody will be represented by "Wheeler's Point" by William Billings and "I Will Arise," arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. The choirs will also perform a colorful variety of folk songs and spirituals. The concert will be free and open to the public.

May you always have a song of joy in your heart,

John Morrison
Director of Music/Organist

April 2017

SUNDAY	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
<p>John Out Of Town 2</p> <p>9am Cambridge Handbell Rehearsal 9am Children's Activities/Nursery 9am Sunday School 10am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Children's Music Time 10:30am Worship Service 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>Rebecca Out Of Town</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 10:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Worship Meeting</p>	<p>8am McAteer's4 Breakfast Group 5:30pm Hospitality Meeting 6pm PEO</p>	<p>9am - Food Pantry5 Work Day 5:30pm Lenten Study 6pm CD Team Meeting 7pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm First Friday</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5pm Confirmation Class meet at FPC to attend Catholic Mass</p>
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<p>9am Cambridge Handbell Rehearsal 9am Children's Activities/Nursery 9am Sunday School 10am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Children's Music Time 10:30am Worship Service/God & Me 5-7pm Youth Group(with Bridgeport)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8am McAteer's Breakfast Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm Council of Churches</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Rebecca Out Of Town</p>	<p>Elise Vacation</p>	<p>Elise Vacation</p>	<p>Elise Vacation</p>	<p>Elise Vacation</p>	<p>Elise Vacation</p>

OUTREACH

THE STREET STORE

Spring is finally here and we are closing the Street Store for the season. We will continue to collect coats throughout the spring, summer, and fall and will begin putting out coats when it gets cold again. The store gave out 573 coats this winter.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Easter Sunday, we will be taking the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. In addition, a portion of this donation will go to help Outreach's KIVA ministry. With the additional donations, the church will be able to fund an increased number of people.

KIVA

As loans are repaid, the church gives out new loans to worthy individuals or groups.

Navang Group- Laos

Khamnat and his group, along with other villagers, participated in a village meeting. In the meeting, Khamnat became excited to learn that a water filter was available on an affordable payment plan.

The water filters Khamnat and his group purchased through this loan are guaranteed for 4 years but are known to function for up to 5 years. In addition, there is less need for medical care for water-borne disease because of the filters.

And after totaling up the costs, Khamnat and his group recognized the substantial financial savings the water filter will have for them and their families. It is truly a blessing for the group to have access to clean water!

Nestor- Lima, Peru



Nestor is an artisan from Peru who specializes in alpaca apparel and throws. He would like to invest in a bulk purchase of alpaca wool.

Nestor hails from Peru's Puno region renowned for quality alpaca and sheep wool. When he first began to weave, he worked on the rustic looms he built along with other family members. They sold their wares at local markets until they were able to acquire modern machinery, which in turn allowed them to develop newer designs. Use the link below to view Nestor's alpaca apparel and throws on the NOVICA site:

<http://www.novica.com/kiva/3463>



Christian Discipleship

CONFIRMATION

First Presbyterian Church is overjoyed at the number of youth who have been attending our confirmation class. Confirmands will be welcomed into the church during the Great Easter Vigil Worship Service; a reception will follow. We hope that our church family will all come to welcome our newest members into the congregation.

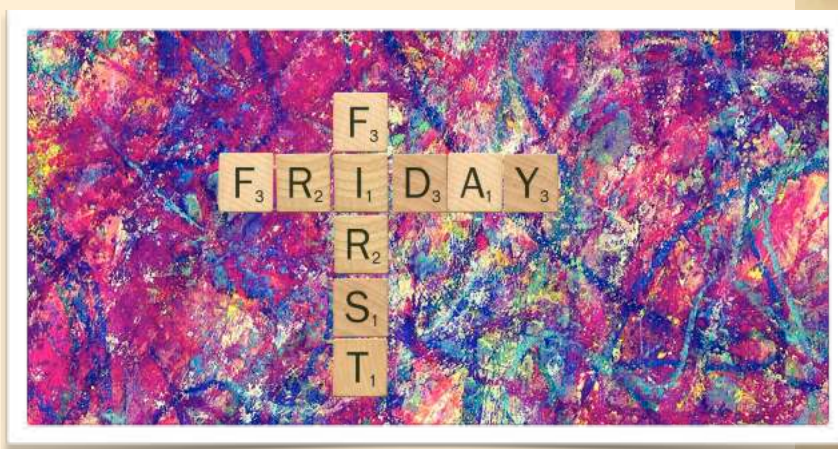
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date: June 11 - 15

Get ready for Vacation Bible School!! Tell you friends and neighbors and plan to join us for a week of fun, games, and learning about the Bible. Dinner will be provided!

FIRST FRIDAY

The theme for April's First Friday is Easter. On April 5th from 5:30-8:30, the children are welcome to come to the church for some fun while parents enjoy a night out. The adult volunteer signup sheet is located on the usher table in the back of the sanctuary.



YOUTH

The youth group will resume meeting after Easter on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8pm for grades 5-12. Join us for fun, games, and fellowship. The youth will not meet on Sunday, April 23rd; on Sunday April 30th we will host the youth from Clarksburg and Bridgeport here at FPC for an evening of fun (dinner will be provided for that event).

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

The Presbytery of WV Festival of Faith will be held this Saturday, April 1st in Charleston WV. Elders Harmony Garletts and Pam Pittman will attend. Any other FPC members who would like to go along are welcome; there are workshops for all ages and every interest within the church.

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

Here you will find weekly suggestions and activities from the Presbytery's Nurture Committee to link worship and home and to nurture faith development in the family. These are intended for all ages and all family types – with children or grandchildren or families with no children.

March 5: Matthew 4:1-11 tells us the temptations the devil presented to Jesus. We meet temptations each day at work, at home, and in life. Jesus resisted these temptations to do other than what God wanted. This week consider some of the things that cause you temptation to not follow God. Try to resist one for this week.

March 12: In John 3 we meet Nicodemus who comes to Jesus under cover of darkness, hiding from the other Pharisees. This week consider what you try to hide in the darkness, hoping no one will know. Pray that God will help you bring what you try to hide to the light of Jesus and Jesus' love.

March 19: John 4 begins with the story of a Samaritan woman's meeting with Jesus. She listens and learns from Jesus, despite Samaritans and Jews having despising each other. She listens and learns from Jesus. This week see what you can learn by reading and listening to the Word. Discover the light Jesus brings to all believers regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, or any other division and then do the same to someone who seems lost or left out.

March 26: John 11 presents the story of a blind man who can see what Jesus brings and the Pharisees who although have sight, are blind to the man in front of them. As you go your way through this week, open your eyes and ears to what is happening around.



Scenes from the youth group service activity with Bridgeport Presbyterian Church.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING INTO ACTION FAIR

This year, 1st Presbyterian will be participating in the Spring Into Action Fair in partnership with Leadership Marion XXXV and the United Way of Marion County to benefit the community. The event is on April 29th from 11am-3pm at Veterans Square. The “Spring into Action Fair” will be a street fair, complete with food and business vendors, entertainment and special activities to draw community members to participate in this fun-filled event. The primary goal of this event is to provide an opportunity for non-profit and community agencies to share their message, recruit volunteers, and raise funds by having a booth set up and participating in the event. If you can help with the event, please contact Eric Schroder or Harmony Garletts.

CONNECTING LINK LULAROE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Lularoe Fundraiser for The Connecting Link on May 7th.



MARCH SESSION SUMMARY

Pastor Elise opened the Session meeting with prayer. Kim Steele read a devotional and led a prayer. Minutes from the Stated Session meeting in February and Called Session meeting in March were approved. Session approved three building use requests. Jim DeLong presented both the operating budget and the investment accounts/sinking fund reports for 2017. The budget was approved. The Worship Committee made a motion to hold worship on Saturday, April 15th at 7:00 pm at “The Great Easter Vigil” where our confirmands will be baptized and confirmed as members of our congregation. They also made a motion that we recognize the participants of God and Me (Cub Scouts) during worship on April 30th with a reception to follow. Session approved both. Session moved and approved discussion to relocate heating and A/C controls to the interior of the church at the April Session meeting. Elise closed the meeting in prayer at 8:15 p.m. The next Session meeting will be on Monday, April 24, 2017.

Submitted by Pam Pittman



Rev. Elise Neal and children with Gov. Jim Justice, and Galen Hanson, DD Meighen, Cathy & Phil Reed, and Gary Jack as the Fairmont Area Council of Churches during a recent visit with the legislature.

April Lectionary Text

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—APRIL 2

Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6–11 John 11:1–45

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY—APRIL 9

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1–11 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14–27:66

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK—APRIL 10

Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 36:5–11
Hebrews 9:11–15 John 12:1–11

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK—APRIL 11

Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 71:1–14 1
Corinthians 1:18–31 John 12:20–36

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK—APRIL 12

Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1–3 John 13:21–32

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 13

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 14

Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16–25 John 18:1–19:42

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—APRIL 16

Acts 10:34–43 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43
John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 23

Acts 2:14a, 22–32 Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3–9 John 20:19–31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 30

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19
1 Peter 1:17–23 Luke 24:13–35

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

17th - Penny Roberts
20th - Kyle Hauser
22nd - Jennifer Smith
23rd - Cynthia Siegman

MARCH GIVING

March 5th	\$3,835.25
March 12th	\$1,731.50
March 19th	\$1,298.00
March 26th	\$8,327.00
March Total	\$15,191.75
YTD Total	\$33,517.70

CORRESPONDENCE

Thanks so much to the Sunshine committee for the inspiring cards, kind words and continued prayer during this trying time. Your kindness is appreciated beyond words.

Blessings,
Judy Shaver

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL

Flowers for the Chancel are needed through the spring a summer months. There is a sign-up sheet located by the elevator, or you can contact the church at any time to make arrangements for supplying flowers. This is a great way to remember a loved one, mark a special event, or recognize an accomplishment.

You can also still purchase Easter Lilies. Contact the church office or complete the form in this week's bulletin.

*April Ministry
Volunteers*

USHERS

Eric & Erin Hauser
Jim & Pam Nolan

LITURGIST

April 2 & 9 Betty Pat Lee





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