



the Chimes

July 2017

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

Letter from the Pastor

This week I've had a chance to reflect on my wonderful experiences at Montreat music and worship conference. I can't say enough about this wonderful conference that John and I get to experience every year. It's like being in a small piece of heaven where the choirs of angels sing and the community of the Holy Spirit pours out its love. Every day was a full schedule with new and exciting things to learn.

I began each day with a class called "God With Us" where we talked about our worship experience and how we invite the spirit of God to be present in the actions and the way in which we conduct worship! This was my favorite class and that something to be said at 8 o'clock in the morning! Then it was off to sing with the choir and create a beautiful melody together. The music director this year was all inspiring and I truly enjoyed lifting my voice to the songs that he chose for us to sing. At 10am I stretched myself and took a rhythm and drumming class that allowed for freedom of expression and creativity through rhythm and music. The leader of this workshop lives in Scotland and is a member of the Iona community. (I have mentioned to you before is a place that I would love to spend some time in retreat there.) It was fun getting to connect to her and to learn more about her ministry. By 11 o'clock it was time for worship and let me say worship did not disappoint. I am chock full of new ideas and things to share as we continue our worship together here in Fairmont.



Summer Worship Schedule

- **9:00am** - Adult Sunday School Class
- **9:00am** – Music Rehearsal
- **10:00am** – Worship Service

New Member Classes will begin July 16 at 9am.

In the afternoon I sat in on a discussion of worship reflections. This was an opportunity for us to sit down with the leaders who planned the worship services and discuss everything from the meeting and the symbolism of the banners to why particular postludes and preludes were chosen in sequence as well as the specific liturgies. I truly appreciate this opportunity because the community's voices and get to be heard as to how we experience worship. It's a collaborative effort to thoughtfully think about how we worship as the body of Christ. Next it was round two for choir rehearsal followed by a preaching seminar which I didn't think was very helpful.

On one of the days I went over to the heritage Center to see the St. John's Bible which is the first Bible in 500 years to be hand written and artistically drawn. It was absolutely incredible to see this amazing artwork. If you're interested in learning more about this have no fear I come prepared and have some great things to share with you about this Bible.

My final course of the day was my art class. There I engaged with the artist from Montreat who created these amazing banners for our worship space in Anderson auditorium. She showed us how to tap into our artistic side to create our own banner to use in our worship space. We used scripture from the Advent and the Christmas season to create our own personal banner. As I mentioned in worship on Sunday, I have started the banner but it is not yet complete. I will invite you all to join me in completing this banner during our wholeness worship service that will be held on August 13. I know that John and I have come back completely inspired with new ideas and wonderful music to share. So thank you for supporting us in our ministry and allowing us to be refreshed and inspired by this conference.



June Prayer List

The Family of Anne Hamilton
 The Family of Karen Hinerman
 The Dodd Family
 Richard Bell
 Doris Crislip
 Leona & Jim DeLong
 Jill Diaz
 Peggy Eddy
 The Ellison Family

John Flanagan
 The Fowler Family
 Myra Hamilton
 Kathy Ledgerton
 Nolan & Ellis Lough
 Mattie Morgan
 Carolyn Nolan
 Bob Payton
 Amanda Peterson

Becky Phillips
 Simon Rohaly
 John Satterfield
 Theodore Simmons
 Evelyn Stuart
 Ken Walker

Music Notes

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

Special Music Schedule for July:

July 2 - Women's Chorus

July 9 - Blake Boggess, solo

July 16 - Becky Stivers, solo

July 23 - Pick-Up Choir

July 30 - Men's Chorus

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

John Morrison

Director of Music



The Cambridge Handbell Choir ringing their recently repaired and refurbished handbells.

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE: AUGUST 13TH

As your pastor, I have been keenly aware of the amount of heart ache and tragedy this congregation has faced within the last year. My heart does ache for the members of our congregation and for the families that have been affected in so many ways. Therefore on Sunday, August 13, I am putting together a Healing and Wholeness Worship Service for our congregation. This service will take place in our fellowship hall with us around tables to celebrate communion. As part of this worship service, there will be opportunities for individuals to share joys and concerns in several different ways as we will engage in different prayer stations during our time together. I hope that you will mark this date on your calendar and join us as we worship together and lift up our broken hearts.



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SUNDAY	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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9am Music Rehearsal 9am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	3 9am Staff Meeting	4 Church Office Closed	5 9am - Food Pantry Work Day	6 Elise Vacation	7	8
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Christian Discipleship

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

Hello, all! We are well into our summer ministry at FPC. We are offering a Sunday School class for school-age children during the 9 o'clock hour for parents who want to attend the adult Sunday School, led for the summer by Pam Pittman. We have just completed our VBS, and are entering camp season. Meanwhile on the horizon is the new fall curriculum and startup including new First Friday experiences.

At Vacation Bible School we served 46 children with service from 20 volunteers, and an adult class of 10. The Hospitality team served dinner each night. As our service, the youth served dinner at Union Mission Monday night, a visit from a Fairmont fire truck and firefighter Brian Starn highlighted Wednesday, and on Thursday night the kids sang and gave flowers to the residents at the Pierpont center at Genesis Healthcare.

We are teaching and learning and serving the community at FPC. As we are called to do.

Shawn Weaver

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to all who volunteered at our Hero Central VBS. You are all superheroes! Special thanks to Ami Starn for directing the venture and Judy Cooper for decorating.

BLUESTONE CAMPS

Bluestone Camp & Conference Center offers a full selection of summer camps. FPC has several 4-12 grade students going with Rev. Elise to camp from June 25 - July 1.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We have several new people attending church, and some that have been attending for a while without becoming members. We will launch a New Member class this summer starting July 16. It will take place during the 9 o'clock Sunday School hour. There will be seven sessions lasting through August 27. This classes will cover worship, prayer, service, and what it means to be part of the Presbyterian church. Classes will be taught by the pastor and members of the Session. Become an official part of what we're doing at FPC!

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.

July 2: Read Psalm 13. This is a psalm of lament that begins with the cry “How long?” Even in the midst of being forgotten, the psalmist calls upon God to answer, and, in the end, sings of God’s help. Do you know someone going through a hard time? Remind them that even in the midst of their pain, God is with them and God can be trusted to help.

July 9: Read Psalm 145. In this acrostic poem, each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet and praises God for what God has done. By yourself or with a friend, write the letters of our alphabet down a piece of paper. For each letter, write something that begins with that letter for which you would praise God.

July 16: Psalm 119:105 reads, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Think about how the words of the Bible have guided you in doing right in your life. Share what comes to mind with someone else.

July 23: Read Psalm 139:1-12. Have you ever felt alone, or like no one cared about you? The psalmist reminds us that our God knows us and loves us; there is nowhere we can hide from God, nothing God doesn’t know about us, and God loves us. We are always surrounded by the God who made us. Each day this week, tell someone else that God loves them.

July 30: Read Psalm 105:1-11. In the opening verses, the psalmist calls readers to give thanks to God for what God has done for God’s people, and then lifts up some of the specifics of what God did in the past. God continues to do amazing and wonderful things. Identify five things that God has done for you and/or your church. Write them down and share the list with someone else.

PINE SPRING CAMPS

Rev. Elise Neal and several families from FPC will attend summer camp at the Pine Springs Camp in Jennerstown, PA from Aug. 6-9. There is a Grandmas, Moms, and Tots Camp that runs during at time, as well as some camps for older children. You can find more information on the Pine Springs website or by contacting the church office.



Outreach

PENTECOST OFFERING

On June 4th, the church collected our Pentecost offering totaling \$250.00. A gift to the Pentecost offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by the church and the remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency such as Young Adult Volunteers, Children-at-risk, and Ministries for Youth. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

KIVA

This month we were able to offer a new Kiva loan (as previous loans have been repaid).

Komang is an artisan from Indonesia who specializes in sterling silver and gemstone jewelry. He would like to invest in a bulk purchase of silver and gemstones.

Komang has been selling through NOVICA since 2010. This is his story:

"I've wanted to create silver jewelry since I was in elementary school. By the time I was in junior high, I was crafting my own pieces, thanks to a friend's parents who are silversmiths," Komang says. "When I finished high school, I set up my own workshop and started crafting jewelry there. Creating new designs is very exciting.

"The support I have received through past loans has helped me to develop my business. To make new designs and keep up with demand, I really need working capital. I hope my customers will love the new designs that I will create with these funds. Thanks!"

Use the link below to view Komang's sterling silver and gemstone jewelry on the NOVICA site:

<http://www.novica.com/kiva/7744>

This loan is special because it gives artisans working capital at 0% interest rates.

SOFTBALL

Our softball team is on track for another undefeated season and everyone is having lots of fun in the process. Check out the schedule and come support the team!



July Lectionary Text

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JULY 2

Genesis 22:1–14 Psalm 13
Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JULY 9

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 Psalm 45:10–17
Romans 7:15–25a Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JULY 16

Genesis 25:19–34 Psalm 119:105–112
Romans 8:1–11 Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JULY 23

Genesis 28:10–19a Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24
Romans 8:12–25 Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JULY 30

Genesis 29:15–28 Psalm 105:1–11, 45b
Romans 8:26–39 Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Pam Bunner
23 Years on July 1

Jim & Becky Kettering
49 Years on July 6

JUNE GIVING

June 3rd	\$5,431.20
June 11th	\$1,941.00
June 18th	\$195.00
June 25th	\$1,829.25
April Total	\$9,396.45
YTD Total	\$70,998.11

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Know Neal
6th - Ron Harsh
9th - Mike Walker
24th - Blake Boggess
26th - Brianna Hauser
27th - Martha Sweet
29th - Ian Trisel

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL

Flowers for the Chancel are needed through the spring a summer months. There is a signup 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.

NEW ADDRESS

Ruth Ann Powell has a new address. You can now send her correspondence or visit her at:

1000 Maplewood Dr
Apt. 3118
Bridgeport WV 26330

*July Ministry
Volunteers*

USHERS

Jim Thompson
Kim Steele
Bob & Lois Brummage
Ryan Neal

LITURGIST

July 2 & 9: Pam Bunner
July 16, 23, 30: Ruth Martin





The church with a heart in the heart of the city!

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