



the Chimes

June 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

Summer is here and I am so excited about the ministry that is going to be taking place in our congregation over the next two months. I hope that you will find ways to connect to our church family and be strengthened in your faith. Last week I had the amazing opportunity to attend the festival homiletics in San Antonio Texas. It was an opportunity for me to connect with pastors across denominations and to be spiritually fed through meaningful worship and thought-provoking lectures. It was a week filled with inspiration and hope for the churches moving forward. It was so much good stuff it's hard to process all that I witnessed and heard. But what I can tell you for sure is the church is strong and we have a purpose and a mission to bring the word of God and the Love of Christ to those in our community. And we will continue to do it faithfully with words of love and acceptance.

One of the major highlights for me came during worship at Union Presbyterian seminary in Richmond Virginia where I celebrated my 10 year class reunion. The guest preacher for the event was Otis Moss III pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. I have heard him preach before and he preaches with a blues tone that is very effective and inspiring. The sermon he preached was called "I Choose Jesus" and for those of us in the world looking for hope this sermon really open doors. My favorite line that he used in his sermon was, "even though Jesus was a



Summer Worship Schedule

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

carpenter he never build a wall" this statement literally brought the house down! I liked the sermon so much that I am including it here so you can watch it and be inspired. <https://www.facebook.com/UPSem/videos/1538635279514402/> I have also shared this on or church Facebook page. Otis Moss III preach the sermon during the festival homiletics but since I had already heard him at Union I decided to go to the worship and lecture led by Brian McLaren.

In 1982, Brian McLaren co-founded Cedar Ridge Community Church, a trans-denominational church in the Baltimore area. In 2006, he left the pastorate to devote himself full time to writing and speaking. Time magazine called him one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America. McLaren has been active in networking and mentoring church planters and pastors since the mid-1980s, and has assisted in the development of several new churches. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. In 2004, he received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Carey Theological Seminary. In 2010, he was awarded a second Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is the author of more than a dozen books, including "A New Kind of Christianity," "A Generous Orthodoxy" and most recently, "We Make the Road by Walking."

Sessions for Festival of Homiletics 2017

- Worship: "Why People Hate Organized Religion", Luke 11:37-44
- Lecture: "From Organized Religion to Organizing Religion"

I am personally very inspired by Brian's passion to create a movement that moves the church forward in a way that's positive and peaceful. In a way that is loving and nurturing. Yet the thing that stood out to me the most was his insistence on no more nice sermons! He wants to encourage us as pastors to speak for things that are the hard truths that will help move us forward to better way of life. I have read most of his books and do Believe in the vision for the church moving forward. If you would like to you read his sermon or view the sides from his lecture there on his website brianmclaren.net

Truly there were amazing lectures and worship from so many different people and perspectives and I can't include them all but I can say that I have been spiritual feed in a way that gives me a lot of hope for the future! I have been blessed and now I hope to be a blessing!

May Prayer List

The Family of Dr. Wayne W.
Allen
The Family of Bill Ernest
The Family of Mildred Griffith
The Family of Loretta
McCombs
The Family of Rita Pacifici
Young
Josh Bunner

Katrina Butcher & Family
Jean Cook
Jill Diaz
Leona & Jim DeLong
Peggy Eddy
Carey Ferrell
The Fowler Family
Sylvia Kinsley
Debbie Merrill

Frank Murphy
Amanda Peterson
Simon Rohaly
The Stivers Family
John Satterfield
Becky Thompson
Margot Willis



Music Notes

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

May 28 - Stan Swihart, solo

June 4 - Kim Trisel, solo

June 11 - Amy Koon, handbell solo

June 18 - Worship in the park, VBS

June 25 - Betty Pat Lee, solo

If you are interested in participating in special music during the summer, please come talk to me after worship on Sunday.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir and Cambridge Handbell Choir for a great year of music ministry!

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

John Morrison

Director of Music



The Fairmont State University Choirs presented their concert, "Music of America", on April 28th.

Outreach

PENTECOST OFFERING

On June 4th, the church will take the annual Pentecost offering. 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.

WESLEY HOUSE

1st Presbyterian served over 60 hungry students at the Wesley House on May 1st. This was the last meal served for the spring semester. Thanks to everyone who helped during the year!

June 2017

SUNDAY	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			5:30pm Hospitality Meeting	1	2 5:30pm First Friday	3 Charles Vacation
9am Adult Sunday School 9am Music Rehearsal 10am Worship Service	5 9am Staff Meeting 10:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Worship Team Meeting	6 8am McAteer's Breakfast Group	7 9am - Food Pantry Work Day 6pm CD Team Meeting	8 7pm Admin Team Meeting	9	10
		Rebecca Vacation				
		Charles Vacation				
11 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Music Rehearsal 10am Worship Service	12 9am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Property Team Meeting	13 8am McAteer's Breakfast Group	14	15	16	17
		VBS				
		Rebecca Vacation				
		Charles Vacation				
18 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Music Rehearsal 10am Worship Service	19 9am Staff Meeting	20 8am McAteer's Breakfast Group	21 Chimes Submission Deadline	22	23	24
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25 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Music Rehearsal 10am Worship Service	26	27 8am McAteer's Breakfast Group	28	29	30	31
		Bluestone				

Christian Discipleship

WELCOME

Hi, FPC! My name is Shawn Weaver, and I am your new Christian Discipleship Director. I am starting a second career and attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in the fall, and I am glad to be here. I am a native of Ravenswood, WV and have 25 years experience in teaching.

Good things are happening at FPC and my job is to help keep that going. We need people to work with the kids, and remember that many hands make light work. I would like to expand our pool of volunteers so that people can teach Sunday School knowing that if they get sick, someone is available to take over. With the classes growing, it would also be helpful to make more splits among age lines to help with individual attention. That means more of you! We'll be talking about this more as fall approaches.

Blessings in Christ,

Shawn Weaver

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date: June 11 - 15

Join us for an awesome adventure alongside some of the favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us all truly heroic in God. Our 2017 VBS, Hero Central, includes epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and adults) discover their strength in God! Dinner will be provided!

We need "shepherds" to help the kids in their activities and help them get from one activity to another! Please contact Shawn Weaver or Rev. Elise Neal to volunteer!

Pre-Registration is now open on our website! Every family who is registered by June 1 will receive a Hero Central CD with all our fun new songs for this year. We'll also give away a basket full of things that every Hero needs for a fun summer to one lucky pre-registered family.

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. Contact the church office for more information on registering your child for camp.



VBS ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Section of this year's Vacation Bible School will feature presentations by three remarkable biblical experts: Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and Joan Chittister in video lectures and conversations about how we can experience the mystical presence of the sacred in ways that make a difference not only in our individual lives, but in the life of the larger community. Attention will also be given to the focus of this year's VBS, "Heroes of the Bible." Our own Jim Nolan, once again, will serve as convener and moderator for this class.

Each session will begin immediately following supper in fellowship hall, which is slated for 5:30 p.m., allowing plenty of time for the evening's video and group conversation before the ending time of 8:00 p.m.

As there will be time each night for only one of the nine presentations in this series, time for viewing the remaining four videos will be planned by those wishing to see them, probably on Sunday evenings in July or August.

As in previous years, the adult VBS section is an opportunity to learn and grow in faith, and all are WELCOME!

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

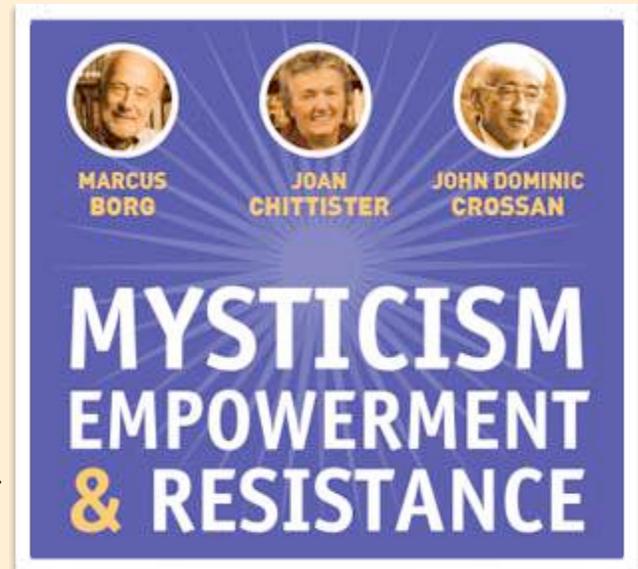
Here you will find weekly suggestions and activities from the Presbytery's Nurture Committee to link worship and home and to nurture faith development in the family. These are intended for all ages and all family types – with children or grandchildren or families with no children.

June 4: Today is the Day of Pentecost when the followers of Jesus were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Read the story in Acts 2:1-21. Suddenly, they were speaking in languages that they didn't know, but everyone who walked by could understand them, no matter what language they spoke. As Christians, it is so important for us to share our faith and let people know about our relationship with Jesus. How will you share your faith today?

June 11: We hear the story of how God created the world in Genesis 1:1-2:4a. Be creative today! Make a drawing of the creation story using paint, markers, crayons or another favorite tool. Or take a walk and discover all of the wonders of God's creation in your part of the world.

June 18: In from Matthew 9:35-10:8-23, Jesus gives the twelve disciples instructions and then sends them out to do ministry in his name. There are many things we can do as a disciple of Jesus. What will you do today? Is there someone who needs a special visit? Is there someone who you can call on the telephone? Make someone's day today by going out and being a disciple.

June 25: As you travel this summer, make time to attend church wherever you are. It's a great blessing to be able to worship with different people and maybe even learn new ways of doing worship. Be open to sharing your faith with strangers.



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.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday is June 2! To get ready for summer the children will have a beach party! Be sure to bring a beach towel and get ready for some summer fun!



MAY SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Elise opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. Minutes of previous Session meetings were approved. Carolyn Crislip-Tacy shared communications from the Clerk. Jim DeLong presented the budget and stated that FPC is \$10,000 under budget in expenses for the current year. The budget was approved. Pastor Elise shared the pastor's report and more of her CREDO plan to maintain physical, spiritual, and financial balance. The Administrative team has sent out employee contracts for approval, and Jim DeLong stated that we are still searching for new accountants. The Property team is moving forward with replacing valves in the HVAC system and is checking into purchasing a defibrillator. Session approved a building use request by the Westminster Foundation Board on June 27th. Christian Discipleship has set VBS on June 11 – 15 from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

Session approved increasing the community assistance line item in our budget and approved taking up special offerings during the month of June to support Connecting Link, which has lost \$15,000 from their budget due to state cuts. We will also hold a special offering for June 11, 18, & 25 Pastor Elise closed the meeting with prayer. The next Session meeting will be July 18th at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Pam Pittman

June Lectionary Text

DAY OF PENTECOST - JUNE 4

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

TRINITY SUNDAY—JUNE 11

Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —JUNE 18

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-23)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —JUNE 25

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Charlene Walker
40 Years on June 4

David & Diane Floyd
48 Years on June 7th

Earl & Martha Sweet
43 Years on June 8th

Ronnie & Delores Harsh
37 Years on June 21st

Roger & Deanna Kritzer
35 Years on June 26th

Eddie & Kathy Snider
June 30th

Mike & Pam Stalnaker
38 Years on June 30th

MAY GIVING

May 7th	\$2,587.00
May 14th	\$2,703.50
May 21st	\$1,295.10
May 28th	\$n/a
April Total	\$6,585.00
YTD Total	\$60,109.00

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4th - Betty Pat Lee

9th - Kopper Kyle

11th - Evelyn Stuart

16th - Eric Hauser

23rd - Carolyn Crislip-Tacy

25th - Jim Thompson

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.

GRADUATES

Congrats to the following graduates from our congregation:

Johnny Manchin, graduating from Fairmont State University. Son of Ami & Brian Starn. Grandson of Dave & Diane Floyd.

Sami Minney, Nursery Coordinator. Graduating from West Virginia University.

Bert Steele, son of Rob & Kim Steele. Graduating from Seton Hall University.

Aaron Sanford, graduating from Fairmont Senior High School.

*June Ministry
Volunteers*

USHERS

Pam & Mike Stalnaker
Jim & Rebecca Kettering

LITURGIST

June 4 - Amy Turlock
June 11- Bill Laughlin
June 18- Bill Laughlin
June 25- Amy Turlock



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