



# the Chimes

September 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

I am so excited to be kicking off all of our wonderful ministries again this September. It is great to see everyone back from summer vacation. I'm also super excited about all the new ministry opportunities that we have in place for the coming year.

As part of our kick off on Sunday, September 10 we are having a Rally Day Luncheon with hotdogs and Coke floats! I know it will be a great time of fellowship for all.

With the anticipation of Rally Day I have some new and exciting information to share with you. For many years now the church has followed the revised common lectionary as its main source for scripture readings and dialogue. This is true for many mainline denominational churches.

However nine years ago a new lectionary was developed called the narrative lectionary. This lectionary addresses the four books of the gospel across a four year timeline. This lectionary also moves the congregation through the Bible by beginning in the book of Genesis and moving towards the gospel by the Christmas season. After Christmas we hear stories throughout the gospels of Jesus life and witness that take us to the cross on Easter. There are seven weeks in the season of Easter and we will come concludes with the celebration of Pentecost the end of May. I am so excited to begin this liturgical journey with our congregation.



## 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
- **6:00pm** Youth Group

We will return to our normal worship hours on Rally Day, September 10th.

We will begin using this lectionary on September 10th. This lectionary focuses on one main reading per week and so that will be the emphasis of the sermon and of our worship. Much of our worship will remain the same, but you may notice a few small changes. After the Time with Young Disciples we will move directly into hearing the choir anthem. You will then hear the reading for the day read by the liturgist. Then I will move directly into the sermon.

For those of you that would like to follow along inside the bulletin will be a half-page supplement that you can take home to guide your reading for the week in preparation for the next Sunday. I hope that you will find this to be a useful to you for you during your devotions throughout the week. Below you will find a link that provides the scope and sequence of the narrative lectionary for the entire year. This is a great supplemental resource of readings for the narrative lectionary that you may choose to use for your daily devotions. As we begin this new season of discovery together let us be rooted in scripture and the knowledge of our Lord and our God.

Blessings

Rev. Elise Renee Neal

Daily Devotions from Clergy Stuff:

<https://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions?view=calendar&month=August-2017>

More information about the Narrative Lectionary from Working Preacher:

[http://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative\\_faqs.aspx](http://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative_faqs.aspx)

## YOUTH GROUP

We are ready to kick off our fall activities for the youth. On Sunday, September 10th, from 6pm-7:30pm Rev. Elise Neal will host a pool party for the youth at the Cooper's Pool. Parents are invited to stay as a parent meeting will also take place. Pizza and drinks will be provided, bring a snack or dessert to share.

Thanks to Dave and Judy Cooper for welcoming the group to their house! The address is 56 Morgan Ridge Road. Follow the signs to Bunner's Ridge, when you get to the Church of Christ, turn left. They are the 3rd driveway on the left.

## August Prayer List

The Family of Larry DeLong  
The Family of Mark Neal  
The Family of Bob Payton  
The Family of Daniel Wood  
Larry Bucklew  
Christy & James Dailey

Jill Diaz  
Leona DeLong  
The Dodd Family  
Peggy Eddy  
Mary Harper Edsell  
The Garletts Family

Leonard Hood  
Claud Kendall  
Kinsey Morgan & Family  
Amanda Peterson  
John Satterfield  
Dorothy Trisel

# Music Notes

Rally Day is just around the corner which means that the choirs will be getting back in the swing of things! I look forward to working with the Chancel Choir and Cambridge Handbell Choirs as we embark on new musical journeys for the next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped provide special music over the summer:

- Soloists Stan Swihart, Kim Trisel, Betty Pat Lee, Blake Boggess, Becky Stivers
- Duets by Stan Swihart and Becky Stivers, Blake Boggess and Betty Pat Lee
- Small Handbell Ensembles: Amy Koon, Kim Steele, Linda Stoops, Amy Koon, Amy Turluck, and Kate Turluck
- Handbell Solo: Amy Koon
- The Neal Family
- Mary Morrison on cello
- Pam Pittman on trumpet
- Kim Trisel accompanying myself on violin for the Wholeness Service
- Penny Roberts and Jill Zundell on percussion
- The members of the Women's Chorus
- The members of the Men's Chorus
- Pick-Up Choir

We are blessed with a lot of talent in the church. Thanks be to God! May you always have a song of joy in your heart,

John Morrison

Director of Music

## PRESBYTERY OF WV TO HOST INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER

We are hosting International Peacemaker Eburn James-DeKam, General Secretary of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone for our Faith and Life Speaker Series on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Harless Center. The evening will begin at 7 pm with dinner followed by Eburn speaking around 7:30 pm. This event is free and open to the presbytery. RSVP to [director@harlesscenter.org](mailto:director@harlesscenter.org), 304-292-4061, (parking information will be provided upon RSVP). She will be invited to speak about her work, the journey that led her to her current situation, and what scriptures or other aspects of her faith have guided this.



# News & Correspondence

## POLL WORKERS

Poll workers are needed to work the upcoming election on October 7th, particularly if you are a registered Republican or Independent. Payment is \$150 per day. If you are interested, contact Candice at 304-612-3861.

## WV MINISTRY OF ADVOCACY & WORK CAMPS

WVMAW is looking for volunteers to help with work camps in both Greenbrier County and here closer to home. If you are interested in serving, please contact [joanandtim.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:joanandtim.stewart@gmail.com) or you can get more information at the [wvmaw.org](http://wvmaw.org).

On June 23, 2016, thunderstorms produced devastating flooding for much of West Virginia. Then-Governor Tomblin declared states of emergency for 44 of the 55 counties that make up the state. Twenty-three people lost their lives, and more than 1,200 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. Churches and individuals within the Presbytery of WV and from without began to respond, "How can we help?" One way of practicing good stewardship for our neighbors was through the gifts of work and wealth. A total of \$186,866 was received. Here are some of the ways those gifts brought and still are bringing relief to those impacted by the floods:

From February 26 through August 12, 2017, there have been 1,034 volunteers who have worked in eight locations to bring help and healing to families in need. Four of the eight locations were specifically flood-related destinations. They served 112 total families. Of those families served, 42 were flood relief. Three were brand new builds. WVMAW also helped to restore two churches that were damaged in the flood.

Ronceverte Presbyterian Church Pastored by Stephen Baldwin and working in hard-hit areas in Greenbrier County. \$20,000 was received through PWV, with more from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, among others.

The Presbytery of West Virginia staff also sprang into action in the days that followed, working through the Missions Committee, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the West Virginia Council of Churches to provide support, supplies and pastoral care. PWV even provided a Port-a-Potty in the White Sulpher Springs area! \$9,500 was received for PWV assistance.



*This is one of the new homes in Hope Village, White Sulphur Springs. One of the church members at Ronceverte is getting a home in this neighborhood in the fall. She was a renter, and renters at first were not eligible to receive homes. However, thanks to financial gifts from groups like the United Way and our churches, it was made possible.*

# Property

## SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING

The Property Committee will host a training for the church sound system on Monday, September 11 at 5:30pm. Helping out with the sound system on Sunday mornings and during special services is a great “Behind the Scenes” way to help make things happen.

Our church sound system plays a big role in making our Sunday services sound good to those in attendance; it also serves as our medium to record the service and post it online so that those who can't attend on Sunday mornings can still experience our Worship Service.

You don't need any experience with sound systems or prior training. We'll go through the whole system step by step, talk about the usual process for turning things on and recording worship (it's very easy!) and give everyone some knowledge to troubleshoot any issues should they arrive.

There is no commitment to serve if you attend the training. Sonya Desilets has served in this ministry as a faithful volunteer over the past year and we are so happy that she plans to continue, but we are always looking to grow our team of volunteers so that when the Desilets family travels or is unwell our worship services will continue without faltering.

## PROJECT UPDATES

The Property Committee has been spearheading several essential updates to the church, and a few of them are nearing completion this month.

The Committee has tackled the problem of moisture in the basement. A drain has been installed in the back alley and the pavement added to slope the grade of the ground away from the building to allow for proper drainage.

We have also begun the necessary repairs on the sanctuary HVAC to allow our system to be more easily controlled and scheduled. This will help keep our energy costs down, but provide increased comfort for all who use the church facility.

Charles has spent his summer patching, painting and completing all kinds of minor repairs around the church.

## CHURCH SAFETY

We have scheduled a church safety session (in conjunction with our Worship Services) on Sunday, October 15. Brian Starn will share some procedures and safety details with the congregation. Also, on September 21st at 6pm, Glen Satterfield will lead a CPR training class for our nursery workers, staff, and church volunteers. Other church members are welcome to attend. Cost is \$5 for the certification.

We have also added an AED Emergency Defibrillator to the church facility. Instructions on usage will be included in the CPR training.

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# Christian Discipleship

## DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

With a new school year comes a new season of Sunday School. Rally Day is September 10, and that kicks off our new year of curriculum and fun for kids. With our growing population there will be an additional class for children. Preschoolers will continue to meet in the nursery, and there will be classes for K-2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, and youth (5th grade and up). If we get enough high school students interested, we will add a group for them as well.

We are working toward Children's Sabbath and Trunk or Treat, and Advent is just around the corner. There will be lots to do at FPC!

Shawn Weaver

## FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday returns September 1! Our theme is "Together Again" as we get back together after our busy summers. Drop off your children at the Jackson St. door at 5:30, and return to pick them up by 8:30, and we will have games, stories, and activities for them in a safe environment.

Future dates for the fall are October 6, November 3, and December 1. Also, we are always in need of some extra adult hands. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for those who can assist.

## RUMMAGE SALE

Our rummage sale raised \$350 for youth programs and an additional \$50 for Shoes for Kids in apple butter sales. Thanks to all who donated, and all who bought! We had so much stuff left we also did a giveaway and served over 100 of our neighbors. It was a great way to serve the community.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our children's programs are growing, so we need more Sunday School teachers! Help us solve this wonderful problem of having so many children in the church, knowing that many hands make light work. We want to have three school-age classes for the fall (lower elementary, upper elementary, and youth) and need teachers for each. We also need multiple teachers and helpers for each so we can trade off days for vacations and illnesses. Please consider being part of this ministry.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will begin on September 10th. Following the Time with Youth Disciples the K-5th Grade children will be dismissed to the Library to attend Children's Church.

## ACOLYTES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

An Acolyte schedule has been emailed and posted. You should receive a reminder on the weeks your child is scheduled to serve as an acolyte. Acolyte training will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am in the sanctuary. Please bring all children to the training; we'll train the new children and provide a refresher for those who have previously served as an acolyte. If you have any questions about the schedule or acolyte duties, please contact Pam Pittman.

## WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Pine Springs Camp will hold their Women in the Woods Retreat on Oct. 6-7. Rev. Elise Neal will attend, and any women of the church who are interested are invited to go along.

The guest speaker for this year is Sharon Woome. Sharon co-pastors two Presbyterian churches with her husband and is passionate about God's Word and has a delightful gift of making the Word of God accessible for everyone. Sharon will be addressing the topic of how we are created to be a reflection of God in every area of our lives. How can that be, you may be wondering, as you look at your crazy, complicated life? We will spend time looking at various Bible passages to explore how we can actually mirror God's glory. What an amazing concept to reflect on and grab hold of! Deadline for registration is September 2, 2017. Please contact the church office for more information.

## 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.

**September 3:** Monday this week is Labor Day. This holiday was started in the United States in the late 19th century to honor the labor movement and the contributions it made in building our country. In Exodus 3:1-15 we read that it was during Moses's work as a shepherd that God spoke to him and called him to lead his people to freedom. Who do you know whose work often goes unnoticed but who makes a significant contribution to lives? A teacher? Doctor? A stay-at-home mom? Write that person a note to tell them how important the work they do is.

**September 10:** Romans 13:8 tells us that "he or she who loves their neighbor fulfills the law." Think of someone in your community or neighborhood you would like to bless today. Make a small basket of goodies and leave it anonymously on their porch with a special message letting them know they are loved.

**September 17:** In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tells Peter he should forgive one who sins against him "up to seventy times seven" times. Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone you need to ask to forgive you? Pray to God to help you forgive this person or to help them forgive you. How would it feel to call the person and talk about forgiveness?

**September 24:** In Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard workers. What does grace mean to you? Have you ever received something far and above what you deserve? Who can you show grace to today?

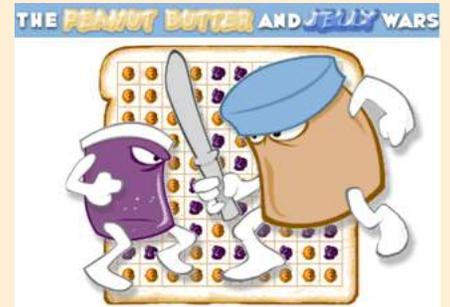


# Outreach

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

First Presbyterian regularly collects food for our local food pantries. You can bring any shelf stable items to the church at any time, but we'd like to encourage our congregation with a little friendly competition.

For September, we will be Team Peanut Butter vs. Team Jelly! Bring in whichever item you feel is the more tasty food item. At the end of the month, we'll tally them up and let you know if you were a member of the winning team. When we work together to collect items for the food pantry, everyone wins!



## APPLE BUTTER

Apples are here and ready to be cooked down in preparation for Apple Butter. You can pick up some apples any time this week, cook them down, and throw them in your freezer. Prior to Apple Butter Day, we'll collect all of the cooked and frozen apples and spend the day making them into apple sauce.

If you're new to the Apple Butter process, this is a great time to get involved! Many hands make for light work, and this step is very easy. Simply quarter the apples and remove the seeds. Leave the skins on, toss them in a pot and cook over medium heat until soft. Cool, then place in containers gallon ziplocs and lay flat to freeze.

## COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Each year, First Presbyterian Church contributes to the Community Baby Shower hosted by the Marion County Family Resource Network. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Pregnant women and new mothers (referred by local agencies) will enjoy lunch, games, and educational presentations from local agencies. Presentations will include topics of healthy development, developmental milestones, locating safe caregivers, post-partum healthcare, care seat safety, safe use of medications and more.

The goal is to support Marion County families by providing them with the knowledge, resources, and concrete support they need to ensure the healthy development of their children. Last year, 80% of participants had an income of less than \$10,000.00 per year. Due to considerable cuts in the MCFRN grant funding, there is NO funding for the Community Baby Shower. This event and the new mother kids are funded entirely by private donations.

First Presbyterian has given \$250 out of our Outreach budget for the past several years. This year we will do the same. We invite members of the congregation to donate supplies for the new baby kids. The list is posted on the bulletin board by the office, donations can be brought to the church anytime before September 30th.

# September Narrative Lectionary Text

## SEPT. 10 - CREATION BY THE WORD

Genesis 1:1-2:4

John 1:1-5

## SEPT. 24 - JACOB'S DREAM

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28\_10-17

John 1:50-51

## SEPT. 17 - BINDING OF ISAAC

Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

John 1:29

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 3 Nique Hart-Saxton  
Sept. 4 Bill Laughlin  
Sept. 5 Vickie Bostic  
Sept. 9 Jonathan Schooley  
Sept. 13 Jill Zundell  
Sept. 23 Darrell Claybrook  
Sept. 23 Diane Floyd  
Sept. 23 Sally Tarley  
Sept. 27 Teri Bunner  
Sept. 30 Eddie Snider

## FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL

Flowers for the Chancel are needed through the fall and winter 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.

## AUGUST GIVING

August 6th	\$2,616.00
August 13th	\$452.00
August 20th	\$3,008.00
August 27th	\$7,448.74
August Total	\$13,524.74
YTD Total	\$95,982.85

## SOFTBALL

The First Presbyterian Softball team finished the 2017 Softball season as league champions! They had a fabulous, undefeated season. Congrats to all the players, to coaches Eddie Snider and Ken Miller, and thanks to everyone who came out to cheer on the team.



September Ministry  
Volunteers

## USHERS

Eric & Erin Hauser  
Pam & Jim Nolan



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