



# the Chimes

October 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

Fall is my favorite time of year. The leaves change color and I am reminded of God's amazing presence in the world. As I think about our church family and the amazing ministry we accomplish together I am reminded that it is achieved through your commitment and dedication to furthering the kingdom of God. This is seen through acts of kindness, giving of time and talents, and through your financial contributions to the church.

The Session feels very strongly about our ministry moving forward; with that in mind they have voted for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church's to begin a mission study. This mission study will involve everyone in our congregation and allow for all voices to be heard as we discern what God is calling us to do as we move forward. This mission study will be led by a member of the Presbytery and they will help guide us as we define clearly set goals for the next 5 to 10 years. It is important that we together work to define what ministry is important to us and to help support those ministries with our time talents and financial commitment

The ministry at First Presbyterian Church can't be accomplished without you. As I look around the congregation I am grateful for the new members that we have received over the past year, for the new leadership that has stepped up and wanted to share their time and talents to help



## Worship Schedule

- **8:30am** Childcare Begins
- **9:00am** New Members Class
- **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

meet our ministry goals. I'm grateful for all the volunteers who helped in a variety of ways from leading worship, to participating in choirs, to teaching Sunday school or leading a group, or helping to prepare a meal. I'm appreciative of all of our long time members, those who grew up in the church and those who came to the church as adults, who have spend so many years volunteering and giving to our ministries. By doing these things we share the love of God with in our church family and beyond our walls. But if I'm being totally honest we need commitments of love and leadership and stewardship to help our ministry grow.

Look at all the children and families we have in our congregation. Last Sunday I counted 21 kids. They experienced God's love through interactions with adults, hearing stories, sharing music, and being in Christian fellowship with one another. At our joint youth event there were 21 youth present; eight of them were from our church. Building ministry and relationships through God's love is at work in this place. Last month they were 15 kids present at our First Friday event, led by adults and nurtured in their faith. That's a lot to celebrate! However, we need your commitments of love, leadership, and stewardship to help these ministries grow.

“First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont exists to teach, to share, and to grow the love of Christ within our church family, and to share this joy with others by helping to spread the Good News of God’s love for the world.”

When I think about the mission of our church, I am reminded of all that we do to help make this statement true. Our continued support to over 15 agencies in our community is a big part of our ministry and mission. Connecting Link is one of those agencies and during this past year we have helped over 40 families in the Marion County area. We have raised money and awareness and given out over 500 pairs of shoes to children with in our community. We have funded over 20 kiva loans to help people around the world start businesses, build homes, and make a better life for themselves. Through our support of fair trade, we continue to support the small farmer and help sell quality goods at a fair price. We have continued to support the Marion County Food Pantry and the great need within our community. We have found a way to give those in need a coat, hat, scarf, and warm gloves. All is this is possible because of our work together. Still, we need your commitments of love leadership and stewardship to help our ministry grow

As a church family we continue to celebrate the successes of our congregation through fellowship and often meals. We celebrate the accomplishments of our softball team and the hard work they put into a winning season. We celebrate the small groups that have been created through Sunday school and fellowship and we want to see them strengthen and grow. Then there are the unknown the things yet to be discovered within our ministry. What do we want to see happen with in our church family? What goals do we want to accomplish? What things can we offer to help make our community a better place? There is so much to be excited about, but we need your commitments of love, leadership, and stewardship to help our ministry grow. So as we enter the season of stewardship may you prayerfully consider the ways in which you want to help our ministry grow.

# Music Notes

October 1st is a special Sunday in our church, World Communion Sunday. This ecumenical celebration is designed to bring us together beyond the walls of each individual church and remind us that we are one with Christ. It is also interesting to take note that this celebration in fact began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh by the minister Hugh Thomson in 1934. The Presbyterian Church had such a great idea that it quickly spread to other denominations and across the world.

For our World Communion Sunday worship we will be singing and experiencing the music of several other cultures. Music for worship will come from Tanzania, Argentina, and South Africa. The choir will be singing an anonymous text and tune in Spanish from Central America arranged by the wonderful composer and arranger who has been at Montreat, Michael Burkhardt. The English words for this anthem, "Enviado soy de Dios" are: "The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. "

As we sing this beautiful music, I invite you to reflect upon how vital music is to the identity of a culture and how experiencing that music helps us to understand and connect with other people around the world.

May you always have a song of joy in your heart and let us pray for our brothers and sisters across the world who worship with us on this World Communion Sunday,

John Morrison

Director of Music

## September Prayer List

The Family of Joseph Kritzer  
The Family of Bob Payton  
The Ritchie Family  
Doug Brenneman  
Jill Diaz  
Peggy Eddy

Penelope Hebb  
Leonard Hood  
Hudson Keener  
Claud Kendall  
Simon Rohaly  
Amanda Peterson

Carolyn Ram  
John Satterfield  
Chris & Joan Krause-Smith  
Maggie Stewart  
Dorothy Trisel  
Mark Watts

# News & Correspondence

## NETTIE BLUBAUGH FUNDS

The women of the church will gather for lunch on Oct. 15 following worship to discuss the 2017 Nettie Blubaugh Funds. In July of 1994, Nettie Blubaugh bequeathed funds to the Presbyterian Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church. Nettie had a deep passion for education and love for children. Her gift to the Church was meant to support these types of ministries in our community as well as reflect the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Each year, the interest earned from those funds is donated to organizations and ministries in our area that serve children and education.

In 2016, the Presbyterian Women Association officially dissolved. Beginning this year, an annual meeting will be held, open to any woman in the church, to discuss disbursement of these funds. This year, we will disperse \$21,000.00.

## COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Thank you for your donation of \$250.00. We will use your very kind and thoughtful donation to purchase two "New Mothers Kids" for the Community Baby Shower.

Each year, the Marion County Family Resource Network hosts this event. In the past we have had a grant to cover some of our expenses. However, the last few years this grant has been dwindling. This year we will not receive a grant to help us. Therefore, we are totally dependent on churches and people in the community to help us by providing the baby items or monetary gifts for us to purchase said items.

Our goal is to support Marion County families by providing pregnant women and new mothers with the knowledge, resources, education, and concrete supplies they need to care for their babies. We would like to provide each participant with a "New Mother Kit" of essential baby supplies. Your donation will be used to help us provide one for two mother in attendance at this year's event.

It is with the help of people such as yourself that we are able to continue helping residents of Marion County provide a safe, healthy, and happy start in life for their children,

Sincerely,

Toni Balenger  
Marion County FRN

# *Property*

## FALL CLEAN UP

The Property Committee is hosting a fall clean up on October 21 beginning at 10am. Bring your favorite garden glove, rakes, or cleaning tools and come out to help. We'll order pizza for lunch.

## 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.

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

# *Report from Session*

The Fairmont Presbyterian Church Session met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Pastor Elise opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Siegman gave the devotion about having a thankful attitude toward all things. Session approved the minutes of the August stated meeting. Carolyn shared the Clerk's communications. Of note, George Spransy and Steve Hornbeck will make their Triennial visit with us on October 1 at 3:00 p.m. Jim Delong reported that the operations budget is on par for the year. Dave Floyd reported that the investment accounts are still doing well. The Administrative Ministry team recommended that FPC should conduct a Mission Study. Session approved. They also reported that Shawn Weaver, Rebecca Moran, and Sammie Minney have given letters of resignation to FPC. Pam Stalnaker reported that the Hanging of the Greens will be on December 2nd. If a congregant would like to serve the church by forming a decorating committee for Christmas, please see Pam Stalnaker. The Property Committee reported that fall cleanup is scheduled for October 21st. Diane reported that Christian Discipleship will begin a new member class from October 1st through October 29th. Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 25th. Eric reported that Apple Butter Day is scheduled for October 7th. Also, donations are currently being accepted for a Community Baby Shower. Harmony reported that Fair Trade chocolate sales are up, but coffee and tea sales are down. Hospitality will serve meals/snacks on First Friday, Apple Butter Day, and Trunk-or-Treat. Pastor Elise shared her pastor's report. Session had a time of prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Pam Pittman

October 2017

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# Christian Discipleship

## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont is inviting our friends to join our church family on a journey of growing in Christ. God is present with us and we are working together to serve God in the Fairmont community.

Beginning Sunday, October 1, from 9-10am in the church parlor (carpeted stage area in the social room). We will meet for 5 Sundays in conversation, discussion and fellowship around the following topics: The Call to Church Membership and Christian Discipleship, Scripture and the Faith of the Church, Taking Part in the Congregation's Common Life and Worship, Joining the Mission of the Church, Presbyterian Church Membership, and Answering God's Call.

We look forward to having a variety of Elders lead these classes, so that new members will get to know our church family and choose to journey with us in growing in our relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

After the classes participants can express their interest in joining and share their intentions to journey with us as a part of First Presbyterian Church family!

Sunday, November 5th we will officially welcome the new members into our church family!

## FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday will be held on October 6. Bring your children to the church at 5:30 for some fall fun and games. We will be painting pumpkins for the pumpkin drop, so wear messy clothes.

Future dates are 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.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

First Presbyterian will host their annual Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 25. Dinner will begin at 5:30, with fun and games to follow. Put on your favorite costume, invite your friends and neighbors, and join us for some fun. Adults are invited to decorate their trunks, park in the church parking lot, and hand out candy to our little costumed treaters.

We will also need a good supply of pumpkins for our pumpkin drop. Pumpkins can be brought to the church anytime between now and October 25.

# 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.

**October 1:** Today is World Communion Sunday. The Indonesian word for bread is roti. In Spanish, we speak of pan. In Hebrew, lehem. Offer a prayer today to Jesus Christ, who spoke of himself through the image of bread, while also speaking of our unity with others.

**October 8:** Along with being the second Sunday of the month, today is also Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday in our Presbyterian calendar. Consider learning a little bit more about this issue. Educate yourself about local resources for those experiencing domestic violence. Take some time to think about the cyclical nature of violence and how God might be prompting you to put a stop in the wheel.

**October 15:** Read Luke 7:36-50. In what way does the woman's behavior in this Scripture passage make you think about the act of worship and/or how you worship God? Do you feel like your worship is sincere? How might you demonstrate your own gratitude to God? As you join others in worshipping God today, consider these questions and remember this woman.

**October 22:** This Sunday is "Children's Sabbath." Take time to think about the children in your congregation -- whether you have many kids or only one (that visits just once a year!). What gifts do children bring into the life of your congregation, and what might your church do to make its younger visitors feel welcome? If you are a child, share what you might like to do in your church with a parent or your pastor.

**October 29:** Today is Reformation Sunday, and it is not just Reformation Sunday, but the 500th Anniversary from when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses," calling for change in the church of his day. Take time today to read about Martin Luther's life. What difference is the Protestant reformation still making on the Church?



*Trunk or Treat - 2016*

# 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. In September, we saw Peanut Butter vs. Jelly, with jelly barely nosing in a win in the final week.

For October, we will match Cereal against Breakfast Bars (poptarts, Nutri-grain, granola bars, etc). Bring in your favorite breakfast item and we'll see which is the more popular choice!

## APPLE BUTTER

Apple Butter day is scheduled for October 7th at Pavilion #1 in East Marion Park. Pavilion #1 is located on State Street before you go up the hill to the wave park. A sign-up sheet will be available on the office door as there will need at least 3 people at all times to help stir the apple butter and maintain the fires. More people are needed at the beginning to help get the fires started and at the end to help jar. The pavilion has a basketball court and jungle gym for kids to enjoy. Restrooms are also available on site. It will be a fun day of fellowship! Contact Eric Schroder if you have any additional questions.

## KIVA

We will take up a special offering on October 15. The offering will be equally split between The Connecting Link and funding more KIVA loans. As loans are repaid, 1st Presbyterian is able to award additional loans to those in need through KIVA.

New Loan: Tarjei—Fargo, SD

My name is Tarjei and I was born in the Fargo area and lived here until I was 5 years old. I moved to Seattle where I was exposed the glass art scene. I developed a passion for glass art and it took me to the Pilchuck Glass School. After school I started my own studio out of my parent's garage when I was 21. I did local craft shows and other events.

Today I have returned to my hometown and opened a studio in Fargo. I decided to stay here because Fargo has become a large supporter of the arts community and has a lower cost of materials and operating cost than Seattle. I hope to help revitalize the downtown area (especially the art area). I aspire to be recognized as one of the top 20 living artists and to inspire a new generation of artists. I will use this loan to help purchase additional gas to help create more glass art to sell.



## FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE

Be sure to check out our Fair Trade products at the church by the Jefferson Street entrance (in the glass case) and at the Art and Antiques Marketplace downtown! We are always adding new products so be sure to stop by often!



# October Narrative Lectionary Text

## OCT. 1 - GOD'S NAME IS REVEALED

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17    John 6:51

## OCT. 8 - GOD PROVIDES MANNA

Exodus 16:1-18    John 20:21-23

## OCT. 15 - GOD CALLS SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1-21    John 7:24

## OCT. 22 - GOD CALLS DAVID

1 Samuel 16:1-13    Psalm 51:10-14

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Erin Hauser  
11 Years on Oct. 7th

Rob & Kim Steele  
43 Years on Oct. 12th

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 5 - Barbara Jones  
Oct. 11 - Stan Swihart  
Oct. 11 - Kristin Tacy  
Oct. 12 - Rob Steele  
Oct. 21 - Earl Straight Jr.  
Oct. 24 - Paul Kettering  
Oct. 27 - Christine Nolan  
Oct. 30 - Steve Scott

## SEPTEMBER PLEDGES

September 3	\$1,302.00
September 10	\$2,400.00
September 17	\$2,696.00
September 24	\$1,580.00
September Total	\$7,978.00
YTD Total	\$104,887.85

## FLOWERS FOR HOLIDAYS

Two years ago the Worship team began purchasing flowers for Christmas and Easter to be placed on the pulpit. We asked you that if you were interested to send \$15.00 to the church to purchase a flower in honor or memory of loved ones. Some members have suggested we return to the old way we placed flowers on the pulpit and that is individuals purchase their own flowers and place them on the pulpit on a designated date for each of these holidays.

Please [complete this survey](#) to help the worship team make a decision.

## JUST A NOTE

We wanted to check in with our members and see how many of you get your information from the Chimes. If you're reading this little note, [click this link](#) to let us know or mentioned it to Rev. Elise on a Sunday morning.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

Pam & Jim Nolan will be taking photos for our new Church Directory on Sundays Oct. 15, 22, and Nov. 5 from 11:30am-1:30pm in the church parlor (stage area of the social room). We look forward to seeing your smiling faces!

October Ministry  
Volunteers

## USHERS

Ken & Michele Miller  
Mike & Charlene Walker

## LITURGISTS

October 1 & 15 Kim Steele  
October 8 Jim DeLong  
October 22 & 29 John Schooley



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

# the October 2017 Chimes

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