



the Chimes

February 2019

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'm honored to be serving as your interim minister. You are a great church with much to offer, abounding opportunities to serve, and strength to grow in faith.

For those who don't know me, let me introduce myself. I prefer to be called just D.D. My last name is spelled Meighen but pronounced Me-in (minus the g and h) I am a native of Fairmont, graduate of Fairmont Senior and Fairmont State. Following seminary, I served churches in Monongalia, Harrison and Marion County. I have been blessed to serve as interim in the Lutheran, Disciples of Christ Church in Morgantown and Fairmont, United Methodist, and now here.

My wife Mary Gwinn is from Mt. Hope, WV and is a retired Nursing Professor at Fairmont State. We have three children (Chris, Drew, and Julia) and nine grandchildren. Ironically, we bought the former Swihart home on Park Drive ten years ago, so perhaps its destiny I serve with you for a while.

My roots go back over 60 years with you at the church. I took released time Religious Education Courses at the church when I went to Miller School; attended programs taught by Dr. Frank Marvin during the week of Christian Unity in 1967-1969 when in high school, and participated in



Worship Schedule

- **8:30 A.M.** Childcare Begins
- **9 A.M.** Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **9 A.M.** Sunday School Classes for Adults & Children
- **10 A.M.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal & Children's Music Time
- **10 A.M.** Fellowship/Fair Trade Marketplace
- **10:30 A.M.** Worship Service

programs with former ministers Dr. Jim Armstrong, Rev. Brent Dugan, and many others since returning, including Gene Lassister, Bill Sadler, and recently Elsie Neal.

In the weeks and months ahead, I will work with you as you exemplify the body of Christ in worship, in worth, in work, and in witness. I hope to visit, listen, study, laugh, plan, and play together with you.

In the meantime I plan to be in the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon. Please feel free to call the church for me at 304-366-4648 during the times. If you need me, please feel free to call me at home at 304-366-4511 or on my cell at 304-203-4037.

My main focus will be to preach on Sunday, be available on Tuesday and Friday, work with and support the different committees of the Session, visit hospital, conduct services of marriages and death, continue our involvement with the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches, and set up neighborhood groups as a support arm for the church.

Thank you all so much for welcoming me to the church. I knew everything was good when the church gave me an "Executive Brief" case for all my office supplies at the Christmas Dinner.

Let's enjoy our time together and share God's love for us in many ways

In His Love,

DD

WELCOME: The church would like to welcome the new office coordinator Susan Bradshaw Savage to our family. Please stop by the office to welcome her and introduce yourselves. We would also like to thank Trish Ratliff for the wonderful work she did as our office coordinator and wish her the very best on her new job in Bridgeport.



**Congregational
Meeting**
February 17
Annual Report

February Prayer List

Christine Drainer

Jenny Harney

The family of Sam Warash

Steven Wilson

Hanah Wilson

Henley Richards

Richard Willoughby

Peggy Eddy

Fowler Family

Heather

Cheyenne

Dan - Kim Trisel's brother-in-law

Pete Collier - Ruth Martin's nephew

Katie & Michael Steele

Jeremiah

Diane Mason

Dave Floyd

Dennis Rodgers - Erin

Hauser's father

Donnie Metheny

Priscilla Pita's sister

Albert Sucillon

News & Notes

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Come join us for SOUP-er Bowl Sunday directly after church on February 3. We will have lots of different soups for you to sample and also yummy breads and desserts!! Wear your favorite team jersey to church that morning and celebrate with our church family.



PNC: The Pastor Nominating Committee has officially begun its work to search for our next pastor to lead the church.

The group is currently working on the Ministry Information Form (MIF) about our church and its members. Once the form is completed and approved, it will then be posted on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) web site for candidates to see. The PNC will also then be able to view possible candidates' information forms.

The PNC members are Janet Chittum, Eric Hauser, Deanna Kritzer, Marilyn Morgan, Penny Roberts, and Earl Straight.

Members of the Sunshine Committee:

Thank you to each of you for all the lovely cards you have sent me the last couple of years. It is so nice to go to the mailbox and find another card from one of you on the committee.

Also thank you for the lovely poinsettia you sent me for Christmas. I am enjoying its beauty every day of the season. I also enjoyed the visit too from Charlene and Florene when they brought flower/plant to me. It was good to see people from home and I really enjoyed seeing and chatting with them.

May you have a joyous holiday season and a happy healthy new year!

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Ann Powell

Gifts from the Nettie Blubaugh Fund

The following groups/organizations sent thank you notes for the gifts they received from the Nettie Blubaugh Fund; Rising Stars After-School Program, Sherry Kinder & Staff; Wesley Foundation, Rev. Maria Wiblin; Soup Opera, Misty Tennant, director; Friends of Bluestone; and MC Family Resource Network and the Community Baby Shower, Frank Jarman and Toni.

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February 2019

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-  US Holidays
-  First Presbyterian Church

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Christian Discipleship

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday is coming on February 1, 2019! What better love to celebrate, as Valentine's Day approaches, than the love of God! We will be learning what God's love looks like and how the special people he has given us show us how much he loves us. We have some exciting high quality crafts planned; you will want to forgo the fridge and put these on the mantel! A healthy meal will be served at 5:30 and activities and crafts will follow until 8:30 p.m. Spread the word! Share the Facebook posts and don't forget to register on a Facebook post!

LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten Season is fast approaching! We will be hosting a six-week study beginning on March 6 (Ash Wednesday, ashes will be offered after dinner) and ending on April 10. The study will occur every Wednesday, in that time period, from 5:30 to approximately 8 p.m. A healthy meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., the study will begin at 6 p.m. We will be studying Rick Warren's *The Daniel Plan*. God designed our bodies to be healthy so that we can serve him best and fulfill his will on earth, as it is in heaven. *The Daniel Plan* helps us look at our physical and spiritual health in order to become the best we can, at any age, to fulfill his will. As a group, we will watch 20-30 minute introductory videos each night and then break off into small groups to dive deeper into the material. One group will be available to study the prophet Daniel. Childcare will be provided. The children will be diving into the book of Daniel and learning about this amazing biblical prophet. We hope you can join us for this study; it is about being the best we can be to serve our Lord and Savior! Please watch for the registration link on the Facebook page. Please ensure you register yourself and any children to ensure we have enough materials for all participants.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will be helping with the 2019 *Night to Shine* on February 8, 2019. This event has touched the lives of many of our nursery staff and was recommended to us. If you are interested in joining us please contact Janel at: discipleship@fairmontfirst.net

February Narrative Lectionary Text

FEBRUARY 3 - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jer. 1: 4-10; Ps. 71: 1-6; 1 Cor. 13 : 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30

FEBRUARY 10 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isa. 6: 1-8 (9-13); Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

FEBRUARY 17 - 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jer. 17: 5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

FEBRUARY 24 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gen. 45: 3-11, 15; Ps. 37: 1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Nancy Lassiter

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3 Ken Miller
Feb. 7 Cayden Cooper
Feb. 8 John Schooley
Feb. 12 Judy Cooper
Susan Swihart
Feb. 18 Jim Nolan
Feb. 19 Kaylen Neal
Delores Harsh
Feb. 22 Ruth Powell
Feb. 26 Jennifer Morgan
Feb. 27 William Roberts

JANUARY PLEDGES

January 6	\$2,685.00
January 13	\$1,362.13
January 21	\$2,007.31
January 27	\$2,328.00
January Total:	\$8,382.44

*February Ministry
Volunteers*

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Ed & Kathy Snider
Joe & Benita Jernigan

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