



the Chimes

August 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Message from the Pastor

Hebrews 13:1-2 offers a compelling and challenging vision:

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Read that again slowly. Can you think of a time when you have had a surprise encounter or conversation with someone, and then you’ve never seen that person again? Can you imagine that perhaps some of those encounters were divinely inspired? Can we consider what God may have been trying to teach us in those situations? Can we consider how God may have intended to use us in those situations to speak words of life, hope, and promise? These are deep questions for sure, but they are important.

The author of Hebrews builds from Jesus’ parable in Matthew 25 when he talks of what we do for the least of these is what we do to and for Jesus himself.

I am reading a powerful book entitled *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019). The authors write:

What Christians call the Incarnation is certainly not a single act. It is a life-giving metaphor, an invitation to follow



for all who will listen. Personally, how can we enfold the values of love, grace, and justice? As faith communities, how can our collective embodiment of these values shine even brighter? The answers to these questions must always unfold right here, right now, exactly where God has planted

us. It will happen *in this place*.
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Consider this challenge to be a representation of Christ’s incarnation. The term “Christian” literally means “little Christs.” That is what we are called to be as we follow our Lord and Savior—to become the salt and the light where we are. This is not easy and not something we can do for ourselves, but we can do it by the grace of God. However, we also have to be willing to go and to follow. To say that we are Christian is easy. To live as Christ lived and love as Christ loved is incredibly difficult. Yet this is vital for us in our walk of faith.

Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller (the authors of *Neighborhood Church*) give practical but difficult suggestions to help congregations move further into intentional missional living.

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Worship Schedule

- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Worship Service is in-person and online at fpcfairmont.com & Facebook



Musical Notes

from John Morrison, Director of Music & Organist

There will be a handbell polishing day Saturday, August 20 at 10 a.m. Anyone in the church who wants to help is welcome to come and give some loving care to the beautiful White Chapel handbells!

Thanks to Stan Swihart, Jennifer Walker, Anne Schooley, John Schooley, Blake Boggess, and Evan Walker for all the wonderful special music in July.

May the peace of Christ be with you always,

John Morrison
Director of Music and Organist



First Presbyterian Church
Outreach Team
301 Jackson Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

July 12, 2022

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to CASA of Marion County. Your donation is crucial to our ability to serve our community's most vulnerable – children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

CASA of Marion County is a registered 501-C3 non-profit, volunteer-based organization. Our trained volunteers provide advocacy for children in civil abuse and neglect proceedings for whom the Circuit Court is determining placement. Our Program raises awareness about child abuse and its impact on children, families, and community.

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

2022 General Donation Receipt for CK# 6807 in the amount of \$324.00

NO GOOD OR SERVICES WERE PROVIDED IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION.

We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,


Katelyn Cox
Executive Director
CASA of Marion County



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SUMMER MUSIC:
thank you to all who
share their musical
talents during
Sunday morning
services. Anne and
John Schooley and
Blake Boggess and
Stan Swihart
perform.

First Church's News & Notes

Mark Your Calendars

- September Chimes deadline is **Friday, August 19** at noon.
- Property Meeting: August 1 at 5:30 p.m. Church Office
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteers at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Summer Worship Service: 10 a.m.
- VBS: August 10 at 5:30 p.m. Social Room
- Session Meeting: August 16
- Ministry Teams: Budget requests due by August 9.

Apple Butter Day, September 24

Reminder we need you on Saturday, September 24 at the Marion Reserve Building at East Marion Park to help make apple butter.

We will also need help in picking apples and making the sauce before Sept. 24. Watch for dates and times. It will depend on when the apples are ripe. We are still in need of sugar.

Thank you to our church family

Thank you to my church family, especially the Sunshine Committee, for the prayers, messages, phone calls, and cards. Both of my surgeries went very well and my lab reports were all good. God is good! Thanks, Earl Straight

Hospitality: 'Gather in the Garden' August 7

The month of July was a joyous one for sure with the baptism of Olivia Harvey, the youngest daughter of Reid and Becky Harvey, "Gather in the Garden", and Vacation Bible School.

On Sunday, August 7, "Gather in the Garden" will be held in the church parking lot. A 10 X 20 ft. tent has been purchased, which will provide some much needed shade. Chairs will also be available for those wishing to sit and enjoy fellowship. Please join us following service for lemonade and cookies. Hosting the event will be Anne Schooley, Janet Chittum and Deanna Kritzer.

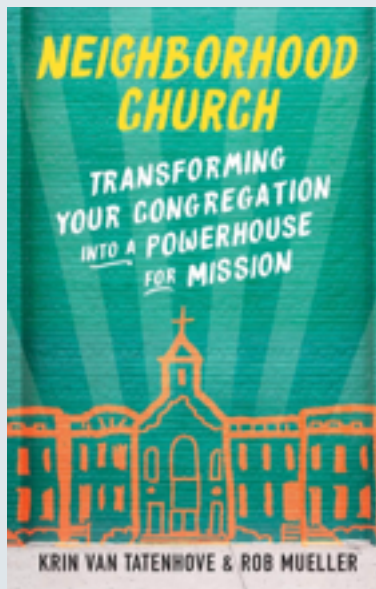
Our next VBS will be held on August 10 in the church social room. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include hotdogs, Janet's homemade hotdog sauce, pasta salad, baked beans, veggies and fruit, with ice cream for dessert. Please mark your calendar and make your VBS dinner reservations with Janel Nye our Discipleship Ministry Coordinator at discipleship@fairmontfirst.net.

The next Hospitality Ministry Team meeting will be held Tuesday, August 9 at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. Upcoming events for September:

- First Fridays will return on September 2. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
- Rally Day will take place on September 11.
- Apple Butter Day is set for September 24.

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To move from our tendency towards scarcity into trusting God's abundance. This calls us to be mindful of the skills, gifts, and talents we already have. Our tendency is to only and always look at what we lack.



1) To engage in active listening. Often, we think or assume what our community needs. Do we ever sit and listen and seek to discover what is truly present around us? God may surprise us if we are willing to truly listen to learn.

2) Create meaningful partnerships. Our worship and service of the Triune God should not be done alone. What is already going on around us and how can we make ourselves available to those things?

3) To be willing to offer our space. God has given us a wonderful space and

location. What and how may God be calling us to utilize these gifts and open our doors?

All of these involve risk and a willingness to be changed and a willingness to let go of our need for control. I truly see wonderful opportunities for us to partner with what God is already busy at work doing.

We may be surprised to discover that in doing these things, we have entertained angels without knowing, and in doing so, we will be blessed.

To the glory of God,

Rev. Evan Walker

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Session Committee News

2023 Stewardship Campaign information



We are working hard to keep up with the times, as “the times, they are a changing”. Maybe, more appropriately, they have changed! With the onslaught of the use of social media and other on-line activities, we are updating some of our Stewardship practices to keep up.

I’ll be the first to admit, I don’t like change too much, however, I do know we need to evolve. So here we are. We’re not making too many changes, but we did want to ensure that

our friends and family were aware of what to expect. Instead of two letters going out regarding the 2023 Stewardship campaign, we will only be sending one out, which we anticipate going out in mid-September, to allow all of you to time to get pledges in by October 9, Stewardship Sunday. Prior to that, we will be using social media outlets, such as Facebook, First Presbyterian’s website, and comments from the pulpit. We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2023 pledges in the meantime.

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

The Administrative/Finance Team

Outreach: Friendship Fairmont needs summer clothing

Friendship Fairmont which is located at 10 Locust Ave. (formerly Pitrolo’s Cadillac) is in need of summer clothing and articles for adults.

Adult clothing needed includes Men’s Jeans/Shorts size 32-38, Men’s Shirts size M-2XL, Men’s Shoes sizes 8-13, Women’s Jeans/Shorts size 4-24, Women’s Shirts size S-4XL, and Women’s Shoes size 6-11.

They are also in need of travel size shampoo and conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and razors.

All donations can be dropped off at their facility on Locust Avenue Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch.

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August Nurturing Faith Ideas

SCRIPTURE

August 7- Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Read: Genesis 15: 1-6

God promised Abram an heir and descendants as numerous as the stars. His lineage continues with people of all ages. This is also College and Young Adult Sunday. Honor these individuals in your life and your church's life.

August 14 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

"Call your strength into action. Come and save us." This Psalmist asks for deliverance from the ills they have brought upon themselves. What will you do to save yourself from bringing ills upon you?

August 21 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Read Hebrews 12: 18-29

"But you have come to Mount Zion. You have come to the city of the living God." In receiving this city of God, we need to offer acceptable worship with reverence and awe. Reflect upon what that looks like for you.

August 28 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalm 112

"Praise the LORD." This psalm praises the righteous, who are faithful to God's law, generous, gracious, merciful, just, steadfast, and care for the poor. Reflect upon ways you are righteous, and how you give praise for the gifts you receive from God.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Caleigh Nielson
August 4	Deanna Kritzer
August 6	Earl Sweet
August 10	June Spiker
August 15	Kim Steele
August 20	Michele Miller
August 22	Judy Shaver
August 24	Joe Jernigan

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 10	Dave & Judy Cooper
	Steve & Judy Scott
August 11	Courtney & Amy
	Cooper
August 19	John & Anne Schooley
August 25	John & Betty Pat Lee

PRAYER LIST

Marsha Nolf
Allan Moran
Phoebe Hough
Family of Renia Seigman
The Sharp Family
Family of Kolton Wayne Cahall
Jean Lambert
Ron Straight
Douglas Shaver
Family of Tony Petrucci
Sean Sullivan
Family of Deanna Clonch
Steven Satterfield
Linda Stoops
Blair Montgomery
James Cimino
Joe Jernigan

JUNE/JULY PLEDGES & GIFTS

June 26	\$2,145
July 3	\$2,181
July 10	\$3,988
July 17	\$11,867
July 24	\$722
Total:	\$20,903
Total to Date:	\$91,547.85

August Ministry Volunteers

USHERS

Ed Snider (captain), Kathy Snider, Joe & Benita Jernigan

NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close on August 14, 28.

Baptism

CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Reid & Becky Harvey and family on the Baptism of their daughter **Olivia Locke Harvey**.





Vacation Bible School - Second Night Scenes

Reminder that the last VBS sessions will be on August 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the church's Social Room. All are WELCOME!





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

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