



# the Chimes

June 2021

F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

## Message from the Pastor

### Beloved of Christ,

In my personal devotions, I am reading through Ecclesiastes. Perhaps the best-known passage from that book is the beginning of Chapter 3: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." To be honest, I cannot read that passage without hearing The Byrds singing those words.



"For everything there is a season." Generally, we think of seasons such as fall, winter, spring, and summer. June 20 officially begins summer for us. Seasons are changing and each come with wonderful gifts.

We also have seasons in the church. We begin with Advent and Christmas. We move into Epiphany until Lent begins. Lent takes us to Easter and Easter to Pentecost. Now, we settle in for a while. The paraments will remain green until Christ the King Sunday on November 21. All the major holidays in the church calendar are over. So we wait.

These days are a gift. From Advent to Pentecost, the church proclaims the truth and promise of what Jesus Christ accomplished for us—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. Everything we are and do as a church begin in these truths.

"For everything there is a season." We enter the season of Pentecost, which is

also known as Ordinary Time. In this sense, ordinary means orderly and numbered. Ordinary, according to Google Dictionary, means "with no special or distinctive features; normal." Yet if the falling of

the Spirit on the church in Acts 2 begins this season of Pentecost, there can certainly be nothing ordinary about it. Instead, the church proclaims the truth of Jesus Christ and our formation in the Spirit; now, in this season, we learn, discover, and proclaim who we are called to be in light of God's salvation.

This summer, we will look at God's movement through the first three kings of Israel: Saul, David, and Solomon. You are invited to read more of the story as told in 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings. In this season, we will be invited to renew and deepen our individual and corporate discipleship within this church and community.

In this season, may we have eyes to see where God's Spirit has been at work and where God's Spirit is leading us now in fresh ways.

May God bless and keep you,

Rev. Evan Walker



## Worship Schedule

- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

Worship Service is in-person and on-line at [fpcfairmont.com](http://fpcfairmont.com) & Facebook

Masks required at any in-person services/ functions at the church

# Musical Notes

from John Morrison, Director of Music & Organist

**Have you ever noticed** that in the Glory to God hymnal you can find background information on each hymn at the bottom of the page? This is a really neat feature of this hymnal which I hope you will explore the next time you have your hands on a copy of Glory to God.

Here is some information on the Trinity Sunday hymns that Linda O'Connor is singing:

## **Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

## **Hymn 68 Heaven Opened to Isaiah**

This hymn from Rwanda brings together the vision of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-3) and its recollection in

John's apocalyptic vision of worship in the new Jerusalem (Revelation 4:8; 5:13). The last line of stanza two also suggests the Gloria in excelsis (expanded from Luke 2:14).



## **Hymn 547 Go, My Children with My Blessing**

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

I would also encourage you from time to time to simply read the words of your favorite hymns or the hymns that are part of Sunday worship aloud to reflect on their meaning. I find this is also an effective way to pray.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the first live concert I have been to since the start of the pandemic.

It was the Aeolus Quartet performing for Fairmont Chamber Music Society season subscribers at the East Fairmont High School auditorium. The string quartet performed a beautiful program of Haydn, Price, and Ravel and the audience loved it. I share this experience as reminder and a bit of hope that we are already starting to return to some sort of normal. The past couple of weeks we have had in person worship, it has been refreshing to see members of the congregation in the sanctuary!

Some upcoming virtual concerts to be aware of as part of the Fairmont State College of Liberal Arts Summer Arts Series:

**June 17:** Academy for the Arts Instructor Showcase benefiting HOPE of Marion County. (I am playing for this.)

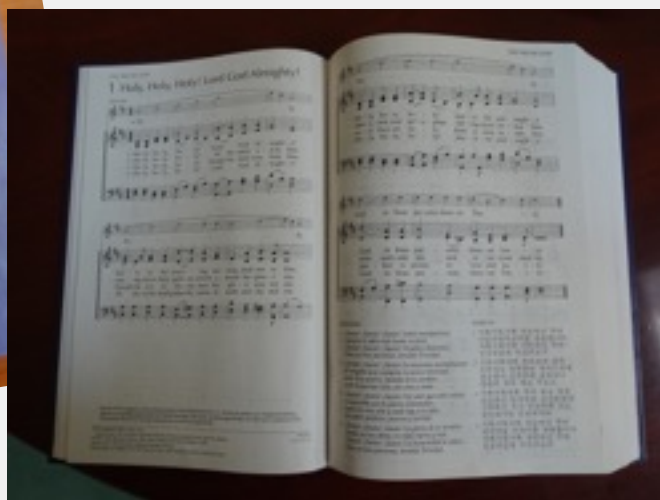
**July 1:** Town and Gown: Here We Go Again benefiting Tygart Valley United Way, CASA of Marion County, and HOPE of Marion County.

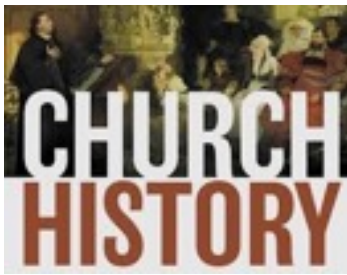
(I and RJ Nestor are playing for this.)

Tickets will be available at [tvunitedway.org](http://tvunitedway.org) beginning Thursday, May 13.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

John Morrison  
Director of Music and Organist





## 1st CHURCH's HISTORY CORNER

by Jean Lambert

### *A look at First Church's Presbyterian Legion*

If you walk into the Church from the parking lot, you will see on display the names of those members who were a part of "The Presbyterian Legion." You might ask - What was the Presbyterian Legion? The organization was made up of women and girls of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont, WV. It was formed in April 1910 under the determined leadership of Mrs. Edwin Robinson.

One of its chief objectives was to develop the friendly association of the members and to give them an opportunity for the raising of funds for the new Church building (our present building). To this end a systematic grouping of the women and girls was formed consisting of a number of divisions each asked to make money individually and collectively. Its plan was to work from April 1910 to April 1916 and then disband and, if possible, to make the sum of \$1,200.00 each year for the period of six years. Beginning March 1912 to March 1916 a new plan of work was adopted for four years.

The first funds (\$76.00) were earned at a lawn party. The largest food venture to make money was to serve a Masonic banquet. They served 625 people with 550 being seated at one time (\$.75 per plate). Other money-making schemes included recitals, refreshments at the Opera House, cakes for Hartley's Department Store's opening, rabbit dinners, quilting parties, mile of penny slips, sale of washing machines, sponsoring lectures, etc.

The goal set plus extra was reached for which they were proud.



## *June Prayer List*

Linda Stoops  
Fred Poling, father of Deanna  
Kritzer & Ben Poling  
Angie Stewart, Amy Koon's  
daughter  
Donna Long, friend of Amy Koon  
Kip Price  
Agnes Price  
Alisa Perdue  
Linda O'Connor's sister, Amy

Charlene O'Donnell, husband needs  
heart surgery  
Celina (Frankie) Bostic, Vicki's  
mother  
Cecil Corley  
John O'Connor  
Joe Lambiotte  
Alex Garrison, Jennifer Walker's  
cousin  
Marilyn McDougal

Jodi Rush, friend of Evan &  
Jennifer Walker

First Church's First Responders

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### SHARING GOD'S LOVE ALL MONTH LONG!

Here are suggestions for sharing God's love with others. Take purposeful action during the month of June. Share with neighbors, friends, and family.

#### Sharing God's Love

The official start of summer is June 20. (This is the longest day of the whole year! It is the moment when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky.) Summertime is often filled with "first times." Can you remember your first drive-in movie? Be aware of first experiences and make a list of all the "firsts" you, or the children you are with, experience. It might be the first time to ride a bike, pet a horse, or eat sushi. As you celebrate these firsts together, know that God is celebrating with you.

#### Sharing God's Love

Sunday, June 14, is Flag Day. If you have a flag, set it out for all to see. If you don't have one, you can make one with paper and tape it to a window. Taking part in a special day like Flag Day enhances our feeling of community and connection. God is all for community. God has a particular way of being in community with us. This is one of the many marvels of our God.

Additionally, Saturday, June 20 is West Virginia Day! What will you do this year to celebrate our state?

#### Sharing God's Love

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. What is the history of Father's Day? Look it up on your computer. You might be surprised. Share what you learn with your father or another "dad" you know. Share God's love openly.

#### Sharing God's Love

Summertime is discovery time! Take delight in all discoveries. This can be as simple as helping a child dig for fishing worms or finding a new bud on a garden plant. God is with you, delighting in your discoveries. Give yourself the joy of discovery firsthand or by way of listening to the experience as told by a friend or child, as you share God's love.

#### Sharing God's Love

Playing includes a complete focus on having fun; it is this attitude that makes it play. While play involves rules as agreed to by the players, it is mentally removed from "real and serious life" and includes the option to stop at any time. (Adult-led games can be great for kids who freely choose them, but can seem like punishment to kids who haven't made that choice.) Children look for times and places to play and friends to play with, and one of those times is the 4th of July!

# June Nurturing Faith Ideas

## SCRIPTURE

**June 6 - Second Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 5: Read Mark 3:20-35**

Jesus' own family thought he had lost his senses. He left the security of a carpenter's business to become a wandering preacher. No one, they thought, could take on the Scribes and Pharisees and come out a winner! And, he could care less about "What will people say?" Sometimes the voice of our neighbors is louder than the voice of God! What risks are you willing to take for the sake of building God's kingdom?

**June 13 - Third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 6: Read Mark 4:26-32**

Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to that of a mustard seed. There is nothing so powerful as growth. Just as the smallest of seeds grows into a great bush; we, too, can sow seeds that help God's kingdom to grow. Think of "seeds" you or your church family have planted that have produced amazing results in your church or community.

**June 20 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 7: Read Mark 4:35-41**

The disciples were afraid and worried when the storm threatened to overtake their boat on the lake. They asked Jesus "Teacher do you not care that we are perishing?" In response to their fears, Jesus calmed the storm. What are the storms in your life, worry, sorrow, fear? In the presence of Jesus, we can have peace even in the wildest storms.

**June 27 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 8: Mark 5:21-43**

The Ruler of the Synagogue and the woman with a hemorrhage, when all else failed and they were at their wits end, turned to God. These stories, found in Mark, give us hope in times of despair. Many years ago, during VBS, there was a song with the words "With God all things are possible." Five- year old Chloe heard the words, "With God all things are Popsicles!" What brings more happiness and excitement to a child than a popsicle? Can you feel that excitement knowing that God is there for you when you reach out in faith?

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| June 4  | Betty Pat Lee        |
| June 13 | Robert Brummage      |
| June 14 | Arlene Hadley        |
| June 15 | Brigitte Satterfield |
| June 16 | Eric Hauser          |
| June 23 | Carolyn Crislip-Tacy |
| June 25 | Jim Thompson         |

## MAY PLEDGES & GIFTS

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| May 2  | \$1,980  |
| May 9  | \$1,147  |
| May 16 | \$10,800 |
| May 23 | \$1,295  |

May Total: \$15,222  
To Date Total: \$72,654

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| June 4  | Mike & Charlene Walker |
| June 7  | Dave & Diane Floyd     |
| June 8  | Earl & Martha Sweet    |
| June 26 | Roger & Deanna Kritzer |
| June 29 | Robert & Lois Brummage |
| June 30 | Ed & Kathy Snider      |
|         | Mike & Pam Stalker     |

*June Ministry  
Volunteers*

## USHERS

Mike Stalnaker (captain), Pam Stalnaker, Penny Roberts, Dave Roberts

## Preserving our church history

There has been an interest shown in having a First Church historical room. It would show the grand history and activities held in the Church for current Church members and those who come later.

If anyone is interested in being on a committee to help with a history room with meetings to be held in the morning, please contact Jean Lambert.

*Below is a possible room that could be used to house the various items and documents. The room is located just off the balcony.*



# BLUESTONE

## Summer Camp 2021

**June 15 - 20**  
**June 22 - 27**  
**June 29 - July 4**  
**July 6 - 11**

**RV CAMPING SITES**  
**AVAILABLE TO RENT!!**

CALL OR EMAIL  
TO RESERVE!!

- \$35.00 per night (double occupancy)
- \$10.00 additional per each ages 3+ (maximum 4 people per site)
- \$25.00 per day Summer Program Fee (covers every one at your campsite)

The math works out to \$17.00 per person per day at maximum site occupancy. Meal services are not included.

Call Mark (304) 397-5050 to reserve a camp site  
or email [mark@bluestonecamp.org](mailto:mark@bluestonecamp.org)

## Mask-wearing policy changed

During its May meeting, the Session voted to make a slight change to First Presby's mask-wearing policy.

Effective Sunday, May 23, you must enter the church wearing your mask and continue wearing it while you are making your way to your pew. You may remove your mask once you are seated and leave it off until the end of the service. Once the service is over, you need to wear your mask again until you are outside the building.

## Mark Your Calendar

- July Chimes deadline is Wednesday, June 23 at noon
- Session Meeting: June 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Nature Camp: 6:30 at Valley Falls State Park
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteers at 8 a.m.
- Zoom Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m.

## COPING WITH COVID-19 IN WEST VIRGINIA

### WAYS TO COPE

It is important for us to take time each day to take care of ourselves physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

#### PHYSICAL HEALTH

Take good care of your body.

- Attend to your medical needs
- Make sure you are getting enough sleep
- Breathe fully and deeply
- Exercise – walk, stretch, dance

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Take good care of your mind.

- Stay grounded – notice what you see, hear, smell, taste and touch
- Pace yourself – try to focus on what you can do today
- Limit the amount of time you spend on news/social media – consider the sources for news

#### EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Take good care of your feelings.

- Check in with friends and family – try not to become isolated
- Listen to your favorite music
- Savor a cup of coffee or tea
- Set boundaries with others – it's ok to say "No"
- Whenever possible, try to laugh

#### SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Take good care of your soul.

- Pray or meditate
- Practice kindness and forgiveness
- Focus on what truly matters



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## COPING WITH COVID-19 IN WEST VIRGINIA

Covid-19 is impacting all of us in many different ways. Our usual ways of coping are being challenged. To add to our stress, it appears that COVID-19 isn't going away anytime soon.

- Are you tired and having trouble with sleep or concentration?
- Are you more forgetful or irritable?
- Are you worried about your or a loved one's health, job, finances, housing?
- Are you concerned with the uncertainty of the future and the conflicting information you hear on the news?

There are ways to cope and resources available to you.  
**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**



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