



the Chimes

July 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINDOW PROJECT.
Work has begun on the restoration of the stained glass windows on the parking lot side of the main building. Property Team wants to give a special thanks to all those who donated to this project.



Worship Schedule

- 10 a.m. Worship Service

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



Musical Notes *from John Morrison, Director of Music & Organist*



Here's a sneak peak of the July Special Music Schedule:

July 2 – Charlene Sullivan, solo

July 9 – Men's Chorus

Amy Koon, handbell solo

July 16 – VBS Worship at MCPARC

July 23 – Women's Chorus

July 30 – First Presbyterian Summer Singers

Thanks to Alyssa Schwartz who played a beautiful prelude by Ian Clarke June 25 and will be returning to play again later this summer, date TBA. Thanks also to Stan Swihart, Tom McClure, the Men's and Women's



Choruses for all the wonderful special music throughout the month of June.

The Montreat Music and Worship Conference is just around the corner and I look forward to sharing this year's experience with you in the August Chimes.

May the peace of Christ be with you, *John Morrison*



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Church members (above) Diane Floyd and Amy Koon delivered items collected from church members to the Soup Opera. Some members also participated in Marion County's Day of Action (left) Amy Starn, Diane, and Marilyn Morgan helped at Mary Lou Retton Park while Amy (4th from right) helped at The Connecting Link.



First Church's News & Notes

Mark Your Calendars

- August Chimes deadline is **Friday, July 21** at noon.
- Gather in the Garden: July 2 after church service
- Vacation Bible School: July 10-12 5:30-8 p.m.
- July 16 Service at WaveTek at 10 a.m. Pavilion #2
- Session Meeting: August 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteer's at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m.
- Black Bear's game: Friday, August 11

Message from DMC Emily Harden

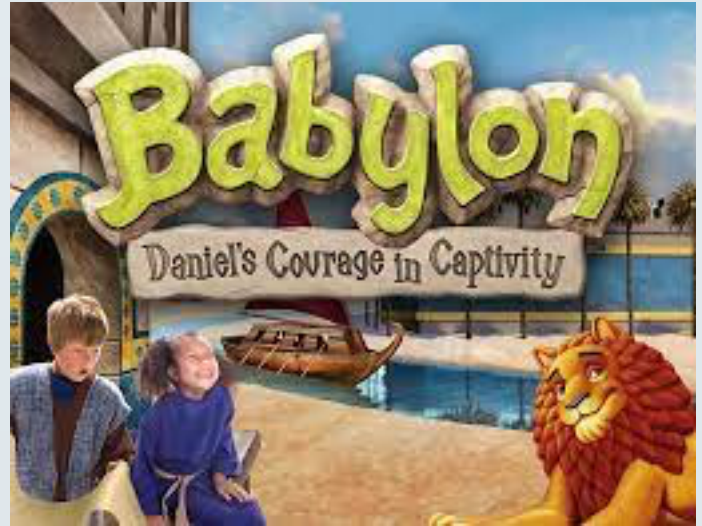
Happy summer friends! We have been taking a break from Sunday School for the summer, but have been continuing with Children's Church and are looking forward to Vacation Bible School! July 10-12 kids of all ages will be engaging with the story of Daniel and learning how God continues to be present with us, even when things seem the most hopeless. There is still time to register as a participant or a volunteer!



On July 16 we will be having VBS Sunday at Wave-Tek Park where we will gather together outside the walls of the sanctuary to enjoy God's great outdoors and celebrate what is sure to be a successful week of VBS.

In June, we recognized the efforts and work of our volunteers and teachers this year. Whether it was for Sunday school, Children's Church, Parents' Night Out, Bells, or Children's Choir, the investment of our dedicated teachers in our programming and in the lives of our children is truly invaluable. We would not be able to do any of this without your hard work and love. Again, we say thank you, thank you, thank you!

Many of our youth are heading off to summer camp this summer, and as a former church camp devotee, I am so excited on your behalf! Your church continues to hold you in prayer, hoping your time will be fun, meaningful, and deepen your relationship with the God who loved you into being.



**July 10-12 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.
in the Social Room**

Spread the word and don't forget to register!

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Session Committee News

Hospitality: July events announced including VBS

I want to thank the hospitality members who helped with the combined Mother's Day, Father's Day Luncheon. A special thank you to Janet Chittum, for being hospitality host for this luncheon. A wonderful time was had by all who attended and fellowship continued until the last dish was dried and put away. Shoutout to all who helped with cleaning up after the luncheon. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Sunday, July 2 "Gather in the Garden" will be held in the church parking lot. If inclement weather, it will be held in the church social room. Hospitality host will be Martha Sweet and Deanna Kritzer.

There will be no hospitality meeting during the month of July.

VBS begins Monday, July 10 thru Wednesday, July 12 with dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. each evening in the church social room. Sunday, July 16 there will be a picnic luncheon following service at WaveTek park pavilion #2. Service will begin at 10 a.m. at pavilion #2.

If you have food allergies, please plan accordingly. You are welcome to bring you dinner/lunch and eat with us!

Monday, July 10 - Sloppy Joes, potato salad, applesauce, veggies with dip and ice cream bars for dessert. Hospitality host, Pam Bunner.

Tuesday, July 11 - Hotdogs, sauce, pasta salad, baked beans, veggies with dip and ice cream bars for dessert. Hospitality host, Deanna Kritzer.

Wednesday, July 12 - Pizza, salad, veggies and dip and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Hospitality host, Charlene Walker.

Sunday, July 16 - Hospitality will provide chicken, drinks and paper product. Church family will be asked to bring a covered dish to share.

The next hospitality meeting will be Tuesday, August 1 at 10 a.m. in the church parlor.



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July Nurturing Faith Ideas

SCRIPTURE

July 2: Read Psalm 13. This is a psalm of lament that begins with the cry “How long?” Even in the midst of being forgotten, the psalmist calls upon God to answer, and, in the end, sings of God’s help. Do you know someone going through a hard time? Remind them that even in the midst of their pain, God is with them and God can be trusted to help.

July 9: Read Psalm 145. In this acrostic poem, each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet and praises God for what God has done. By yourself or with a friend, write the letters of our alphabet down a piece of paper. For each letter, write something that begins with that letter for which you would praise God.

July 16: Psalm 119:105 reads, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Think about how the words of the Bible have guided you in doing right in your life. Share what comes to mind with someone else.

July 23: Read Psalm 139:1-12. Have you ever felt alone, or like no one cared about you? The psalmist reminds us that our God knows us and loves us; there is nowhere we can hide from God, nothing God doesn’t know about us, and God loves us. We are always surrounded by the God who made us. Each day this week, tell someone else that God loves them.

July 30: Read Psalm 105:1-11. In the opening verses, the psalmist calls readers to give thanks to God for what God has done for God’s people, and then lifts up some of the specifics of what God did in the past. God continues to do amazing and wonderful things. Identify five things that God has done for you and/or your church. Write them down and share the list with someone else.

BIRTHDAYS

July 7 Carly Satterfield
July 8 Barbie Smith
July 9 Mike Walker
July 24 Blake Boggess
July 26 Brianna Hauser
Dalton Stalnaker
July 27 Martha Sweet

Paul Hines
Rev. James and Carolyn Kerr
Joe Jernigan
Family of Ernestine Nigh
Michele Miller
Family of Carter Stone
Ramone Baker
Ralph Cummings
Peggy Twyman
Linda Stoops

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 Terri & Pam Bunner
July 6 Jim & Becky Kettering
July 30 John & Linda O’Connor

PRAYER LIST

Family of Blair Montgomery
Koby Toothman
Cathy Redding
Cathleen - friend of Linda Stoops

MAY/JUNE PLEDGES & GIFTS

May 28	\$1,858 (includes Pentecost)
June 4	\$3,559
June 11	\$1,706
June 18	\$1,160
June 25	\$2,267
Total:	\$10,550

Total to Date: \$87,316.46

July Ministry
Volunteers

Liturgist: Amy Koon

USHERS : Kim Steele (captain), Bob & Lois
Brummage, Jim Thompson

NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close on July 9 & 23



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

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