



the Chimes

June 2024

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,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have had a busy Christian year so far. We began in Advent with the anticipation of the coming Christ. Then we celebrated Christmas with God being born among us. Epiphany reminds us of the visit of the Magi and the light of Christ illuminating our world. Then we

remembered Jesus' baptism and the promises that it holds for us. Very quickly, we moved into Lent as we prepared our hearts once more to approach the cross and hear the story of our salvation. This culminated in Easter with the glorious news that Christ is risen! Finally, we arrived at Pentecost and celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit moving in us and in this church and in this world.

Each of these are wonderful by themselves, but together, they reveal the larger picture of God's love and goodness poured out for us. Praise the Lord!

Now, we settle down for a while. There are no more major events in the church calendar for a while. The paraments will change to green and remain green until the end of November. We enter what is traditionally called "Ordinary Time" in the church. The word "ordinary" in this sense derives from the word "ordinal" meaning (according to



Merriam Webster) "of a specified order or rank in a series". Basically, Ordinary Time simply means "counted time".

We use the word "ordinary" in a different way today. Usually, I mean something akin to boring, normal, regular, hum drum. Yet, if I'm honest, that is how most of

my days feel, regardless of what the calendar says. I get up and do the same old things. Each week progresses in much the same way. There is a comfort in that, but also a tendency to become complacent. It all seems so...ordinary.

Into this space, we hear the words from Ecclesiastes 3:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...[God] has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end."

For everything there is a season? Really? Obviously, the big events in life have a space, but often I feel like I'm just waiting for the next big thing. But everything has its season? Going to the doctor and sitting in the waiting room? Taking Marley to another soccer practice? Doing the basic things to get through the day? *(Continues on page 3)*



- 9 a.m. Music Rehearsal
- 10 a.m. Summer Worship Service

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





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

Here is the upcoming special music schedule for

worship:

May 26 – First Presbyterian Summer Singers Pickup Choir

June 2 – Men's Chorus

June 9 - Women's Chorus

June 16 - John Schooley, solo and Anne Schooley, piano

June 23 - First Presbyterian Summer Singers Pickup Choir

June 30 - Men's Chorus

Special Music rehearsals are at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the choir room.

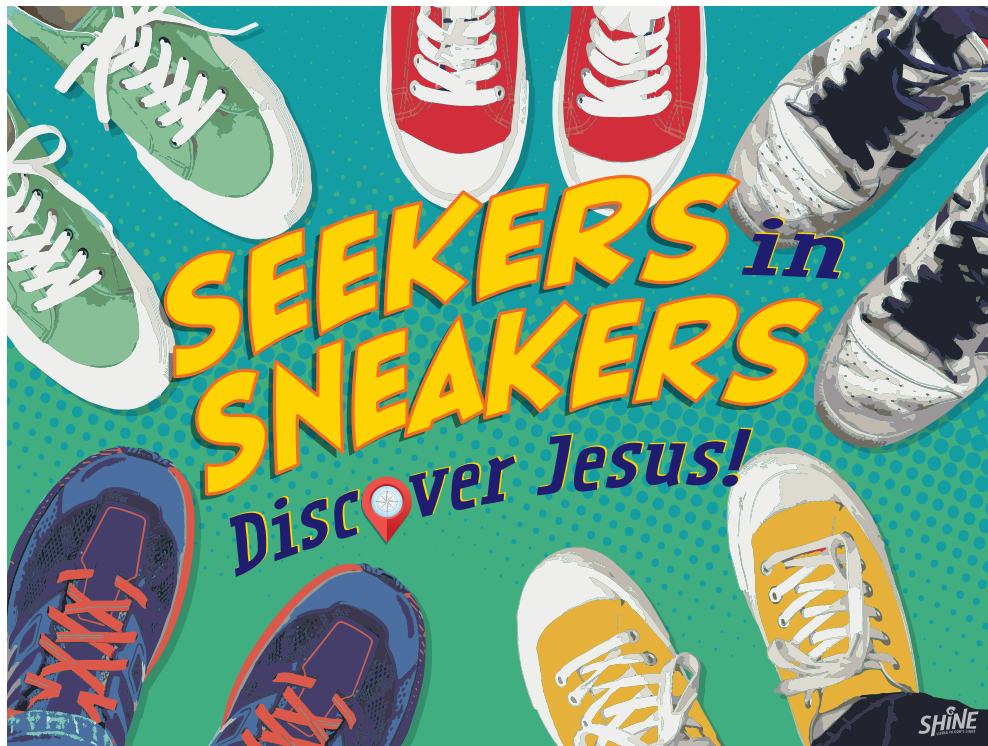
Don't forget that Vocal Tapestry is giving a concert June 2 in the sanctuary.

It is also the time of year for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference and I am looking forward



to heading to western North Carolina for some inspiration and rejuvenation in June!

May the peace of Christ be with you,
John Morrison
Director of Music and Organist



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Don't forget to mark your calendar and invite friends to VBS on June 10-12 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. in the church social room.

Mark Your Calendars

- July Chimes deadline is **Friday, June 21** at noon
- Gathering in the Garden: June 2 after the service
- Session Meeting: June 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteer's at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Summer Worship Service: 10 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School: June 10—12 at 5:30 p.m.
- Teacher/Volunteer Breakfast: June 2 at 9 a.m.
- Youth Group Bowling: June 25

Hospitality Team

Thank you to everyone who attended the reception for Charles Lettrick on April 21. Sharing of stories and what is next for Charles was the topic of conversation. Hospitality served cake, punch and coffee.

June 2 – Gather in the Garden will be held immediately after church in the Social Room. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship. Punch, coffee and sweets will be served.

June 10, 11, and 12 – Vacation Bible School - Hospitality will be serving an evening meal at 5:30 right before the program begins.

August 9, Tailgating from 4 – 6 p.m. before the Black Bear baseball game at 7 p.m. in Morgantown. More info to follow about tickets, etc. Bring a chair and your own drinks for this event. Submitted by Anne Schooley



Someone turning 90 on June 25!!

Jim Thompson is turning 90 on June 25. The family joyfully invites his church family to help celebrate this special occasion at a reception immediately following church service on June 23 in the social room.

If unable to attend he always enjoys cards,

especially funny cards.

Jim Thompson
88 Windward Circle
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Outreach Team: yard sales successful

Two successful yard sales were held to raise money for the Shoes for Kids Ministry. Total made from the two sales was a little over \$1,600.

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with the sales and for the donations from the congregation that made the sale such a success!!

The very generous congregation collection for Hope that was collected in May was delivered and gratefully received by the staff.

June

Food Pantry: Collection Non perishable can goods and box goods. Collection tubs are located outside the main office.

Property Notes

The team wants to again thank Charles for all his time serving First Church as its sexton. Search continues for his replacement. Members are also in the process of hiring a team to help in cleaning the church.

Murray Sheet Metal has delivered the equipment to replace the last of the old boilers. The project will start in September.

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Again I ask, everything?

Yet, there it is and that is the gift of this time in the church calendar. We don't live on the mountaintops all the time. Sure we need to go there sometimes to be refreshed, but we cannot stay. We come back down where there is frustration, hurt, heartache, grief, boredom, and the plain, ordinariness of life. The promise we receive though is that God meets us there. That God has a purpose for us there. In fact, each day is enough if we remember that it is a gift of God and we look for God's blessings and movements.

That's what we do in this time in the church. The first half of the year grounds us firmly in the salvation of God. The second half helps us see what it means to live as redeemed people of faith. We learn what it means to follow Jesus and to struggle, to rejoice and to weep, to plant and to reap, to tear down and to build up. Here, in the commonness and ordinary parts of life are where it sometimes feels difficult to be faithful, but God is faithful to us. Truly our lives are filled with grace, forgiveness, and love.

My encouragement for us is to find peace and to be grounded in the ordinary parts of life. I encourage all of us to find a simple daily routine to remind ourselves our who we are and whose we are even in the ordinary. Kathleen Long Bostrom offers a few ideas: "Use life's ordinary moments to pray. Pray at a stoplight for the other drivers around you. Pray while standing in a long line and getting impatient. Pray when sitting in a doctor's office and the staff is way behind schedule."

Friends, may we learn how to live in the ordinary knowing our extraordinary God is with us.

To the glory of God,
Rev. Evan Walker

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Mother's Day honors

Mothers (all women in the church, as they "mother" our children at church) were honored on Mother's Day, May 12 with devotional notepads given out by the children during worship.

Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

The CDM Team is hosting an Appreciation Breakfast for all teachers and volunteers in our Christian Discipleship ministry. If you taught, were a shepherd, or volunteered in any way to work with our children and youth, please let us thank you at breakfast on June 2 at 9

a.m. (right before church service).

We want you to know how much you are appreciated. Please RSVP to Erin Hauser, Lauren Ranson, Meredith Knight or Amy Koon.

Adult Bible Study picks up June 9

Adult Bible Study will not meet Sunday, June 2, but will pick up again on June 9 and continue through the summer. Our thanks to Jess and Austin Fatkin for leading this ministry.

First Church VBS June 10-12

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10 - 12 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), from 5:30 - 8 and Jess Fatkin is our director.

Children in grades 2 - 5 as well as adults, are invited to participate. Nursery care will be provided. Older youth may volunteer to be helpers. We have registration forms and volunteer forms for anyone who wants to help and any children who want to attend. All members may invite children to come and join us. Get forms from a CDM Team member



for yourself and any children you think might want to come. The program is "SEEKERS in SNEAKERS", and promises to be an interesting, fun time for all ages - including adults!

Youth Group summer events scheduled

Two Youth Group events are being planned - Bowling on June 25 and Ace Adventures at Tygart Lake on July 17. We hope all youth and friends will attend. More details will be provided as the dates get closer.

Christian Discipleship Ministry Coordinator

We are still looking for a coordinator and ask all members to help us recruit. Anyone interested can talk with Rev. Evan Walker or Amy Koon, chair of the CDM

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Roger Kritzer

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Pam Proctor

Abby Shuck

Maddie Edwards

June Nurturing Faith Ideas

SCRIPTURE

June 2: Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

June is National Children's Awareness Month. Children are important to God and a blessing and gift to us. Hannah knew this and entrusted her son, Samuel, to God. Adults, consider the children in your life, talk with them about how God might be calling them to serve. Children, talk with an adult you trust about where you think God is calling you to serve the church.

June 9: 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 16: Read Mark 4:26-32

Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to that of a mustard seed. 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 23: 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 of worry, sorrow, fear? In the presence of Jesus, we can have peace even in the wildest storms.

JUNE

Birthdays

6/3	Ruth Martin
6/4	Betty Pat Lee
6/13	Robert Brummage
6/14	Arlene Hadley
6/15	Brigitte Satterfield
6/16	Eric Hauser
6/23	Carolyn Crislip-Tacy
6/25	Jim Thompson Meredith Knight
6/30	Mary Cummings

Anniversaries

6/4	Mike & Charlene Walker
6/7	David & Diane Floyd
6/8	Earl & Martha Sweet
6/26	Roger & Deanna Kritzer
6/29	Bob & Lois Brummage
6/30	Ed & Kathy Snider Mike & Pam Stalnaker

PRAYER LIST

Rick Deyell, friend of Carlton Neely
Aunt Roberta, Adam Ranson's aunt
Judy Shaver
Paul Hines, Marilyn Morgan's brother-in-law
DD Meighen
Brad Dodd
Peggy Twyman
Linda Stoops

APRIL/MAY PLEDGES & GIFTS

April 28	\$2,050
May 5	\$3,475
May 12	\$2,092
Total:	\$7,617
Total to Date:	\$61,069.00

June Ministry
Volunteers

Liturgist: Jennifer Walker & Ken Miller

USHERS : Pam Stalnaker (captain), Joan Krause-Smith,
& Penny Roberts



NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close



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