



the Chimes

March 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

One of my most beloved passages in New Testament is Matthew 4:37-56 when Jesus confronts the Gerasene Demoniac. A man runs out of the tombs with an unclean spirit; no one could restrain him. He runs up to Jesus, spewing all sorts of language. And Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He was interested in who he was, not what he was.

In any church it's important to get to know the people and who we are. This month I took the first step to do that. With the help of five wonderful members, I met in various neighborhoods with members and friends of First Presbyterian and one meeting at the church. Forty-one people attended. The results were an assortment of positive items of the church, pleasant and memorable moments, and thoughts on expanding, improving, or starting activities. The results of these meetings will be posted elsewhere.

As we come together and study, have fellowship, share work, worship, we realize the importance of each one of us. For who we are determines what we do.

As your interim minister, I will try and help you do that. We will examine how we can be of benefit to our church, our community,



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

neighborhood, and block. We will discuss our possibilities, challenges, and hopes within our downtown area with three high rise apartments, infrastructure power of our city and county diagonally across from us, Soup Opera and Transient Bus Depot within two blocks, and those who select our street clothes and those that enter in for Sunday morning. And that's just the tip of it.

We've started to learn about ourselves...passions and talents. In the months ahead, I hope to do more. As part of this, here are 10 interesting things about our members. See how many you know.

1.) Who traveled across America three times on his motorcycle? 2.) Who was invited to join the choir as a Fairmont State student? 3.) Who was invited to the church by Mr. E.B. Smith when they just moved here from Pittsburgh? 4.) Who was a Hardees District Manager who told the church the real prize in getting them here is his wife, not him? 5.) Who was a State Trooper? 6.) Whose father was a State Trooper? 7.) Who is a graduate of Dartmouth, plays the tuba and can sing? 8.) Who is a graduate of Northern Illinois, taught Disciples Bible Study and sang in a church choir? 9.) What two people graduated from Thiel College? 10.) Who is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and who did extensive work in the historical archives of the school?

NEIGHBORHOOD VISITATIONS RESULTS: Over a week and half of visiting in neighborhoods, here are the results of what people shared:

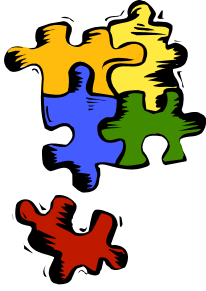
GOOD AND VERY GOOD: Strong Fellowship, Bond Together when Trouble occurs, Excellent Christian Education Program and workers in content and activities. Two families remarked that was the reason they came here; Good Music for Children and Adults as well as with Fairmont State and Vocal Tapestry Christmas; Street Clothes Ministry, Lunch Bunch for Women, Lenten Study, Christmas Eve Service, Apple Butter Project, Church Softball Team and League, Staff, Dedication of Volunteers, and leadership

MEMORABLE MOMENTS: Ruth Martin: Holding Kim Trisel's foster child – Ian on Christmas Eve. Mike Stivers and Peggy Twyman echoed similar moments; Giving special For me, it was Bill Sadler's John Calvin Reformation Service; Gene Lassiter's 911 Worship Service and the following year recognition of first responders; Exchange of Pulpits between First Presbyterian and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Worship Services in the Park, on Vacation Bible School celebration and on the 200th Anniversary of the church; and Elise Neal dressing up as Little Bo Peep at Trunk & Treat Event at East Marion Park.

EXPANDING, IMPROVING, OR STARTING ACTIVITIES: More welcoming opportunities (Bread Ministry) for first time visitors; (2) for groups within the church (grandchildren, grandparent's day); (3) for community service and Fraternal Organizations, Governmental and City Employees as well as civic groups; (4) Brochures: to explain finances and where the money goes, for all the programs and activities of the church, and info on endowments as to givers, status and support they provide; (5) Someone hired to do web site, public relation, and possible live streaming for church services; (6) Four people said to reinstitute Salt Shakers; (7) A Talent Night to showcase people or groups skills, talents, or passions; (8) More classes according to age; (9) Church involvement in Disaster Settings; (10) A quarterly Wholeness covered dish dinner to offer prayer concerns for others; (11) More involvement in the community and needs; (12) Quite a few desired a return of the past: When pews were filled, various women's groups and men's groups were active and children and youth activities abounded.

Answers to 10 Questions: 1- Ken Miller; 2- Peggy Twyman; 3- Jean Lambert; 4- Mike Stivers; 5- Mike Walker; 6- Jason Brumage 7- Jim DeLong; 8- John O'Connor 9- Erin and Eric Hauser; 1- Margot Willis





Child Watch Visitation: “Fitting Together the Pieces of Prevention”

On behalf of the Child Watch Initiative, we would like to invite you to participate in Marion County’s seventeenth Annual Child Watch Visitation Day. This visitation program is a unique opportunity to visit programs and facilities addressing the needs of abused and neglected children.

This special event will take place Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We feel this experience will be valuable in providing the most current insights into the crisis facing today’s children and to see some of the actual locations in which these children receive services.

In Marion County alone in 2018, **172** children were involved in abuse and neglect cases on the court’s docket.

As business, faith based, and community members, you are increasingly being called on to respond to these problems. Child Watch Visitation Day offers you the opportunity to view the child abuse and neglect system through the children’s eyes as they, unwittingly become involved. The Visitation Program involves no monetary solicitation for the collaborative planning agencies or any programs involved. Our goals are to heighten awareness of effective strategies for addressing concerns regarding abused and neglected children and to mobilize community volunteers into directing their energies toward these issues.

Our Child Watch Visitation Day will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Jackson Street in Fairmont; ample parking is available beside the church on Jackson Street (parking lot within the stone walls). Lunch and transportation to all visitation sites will be provided; we will return to the Presbyterian Church to conclude the day’s program.

There is no cost to participate in the Child Watch Visitation Day; we only ask that you set aside this one day to learn more about the issues of child abuse and neglect as they affect local children. Please pre-register by March 29th by calling, writing, or sending us an e-mail using the below-listed numbers and addresses. We will confirm your registration with a return phone call. Should this date not fit into your schedule, please share this invitation with a colleague, friend or family member. We are limiting the group size to simplify the logistics of touring multiple sites, so please pre-register early. We truly hope to see you on April 11th!

Frank Jarman

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March Prayer List

Christine Drainer

Jenny Harney

Steven Wilson

Hanah Wilson

Henley Richards

Richard Willoughby - Amy

Koon’s brother-in-law

Peggy Eddy

Fowler Family

Heather

Cheyenne

Jeremiah (5 years old)

Dan - Kim Trisel’s brother-in-law

Pete Collier - Ruth Martin’s nephew

Katie & Michael Steele

Diane Mason - Peggy

Twyman’s niece

Erin Hauser and family

Donnie Metheny

Priscilla Pita’s sister

Albert Sucillon

Mattie Morgan

Melissa Cook

Terri Bunner

Pastor Ray Crabtree

Joey Bensenhaver - Dave &

Judy Cooper’s nephew

Joy Bomba - John & Anne

Schooley’s niece

News & Notes

'SALT SHAKERS' IS BACK!

It's been a long time, but we're starting Salt Shakers again and hope to make this the best year ever!!!



Here's how it works. One person (or couple) serves as the host and provides a main dish. Three other people (or couples) are responsible for bringing a salad, vegetable, and a dessert. Dinners do NOT have to be formal. Don't worry if you don't have a large dining room!!! Dinners are held once a month. Everyone is assigned a number and those are matched up randomly to put groups together. Each month, you'll be in a different group. The host will contact the others in the group for that month to schedule the dinner and to coordinate the meal. What a great way to visit and get to know each other!! REMEMBER, you DON'T have to be a couple!!!

If you're interested, call or email Kathy Snider (304-367-1969, ksnider514@msn.com) or Betty Pat Lee (304-363-8476, bplee36@hotmail.com). We'd like to have everyone signed up by March 10 and start the dinners in April. Because we're starting this in the spring, we'll plan to do the months of April, May, September, and October. We hope you plan to join us!!!

PNC UPDATE: The group continues to meet twice a week to gather information and write for the Ministry Information Form (MIF) about our church and its members. Once the form is completed and approved (Presbytery and Session), 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. We are also looking at advertising in *Presbyterian Outlook*.

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

Hospitality: Attention, attention, attention!

First Friday has a name change. It will now be called "Parents' Night Out." The March "Parents' Night Out" will be March 1 at 5:30 in the Social Room of the church. Drop off your children for a free meal and fun filled evening!

LENTEN dinners and study will begin at 5:30 in the church Social Room on Wednesday, March 6. The remainder of the Wednesday dinner/studies will be March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and April 10. Please be sure to make a reservation so they know how much food and materials need to be purchased. Fun, food, and fellowship!

A WORD OF APPRECIATION: I would like to take the opportunity to thank DD Meighen for going above and beyond in leading our church through the transition toward finding a new pastor. I feel his involvement, devotion, caring, and visions are leading our church toward a bright future. I feel DD is helping our church family learn more about each other, helping us recognize all the positive things our church has to offer, and he is helping us brainstorm goals and ideals we need to make positive changes. His manner is gentle and encouraging. His comfortable way of leading worship each Sunday enlightens me. He uses the Biblical teaching of the past and relates them to the present. I look forward to Sunday worship every week. DD you are a true blessing to our church family and I appreciate all that you do!

Sincerely, Betty Pat Lee

Christian Discipleship

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

This month, First Friday, now called "Parents' Night Out," will be on March 1. The kids will be learning about the Fruits of Spirit and making some great crafts to learn about this amazing biblical passage. Among other keepsake crafts, the kids will be making their own baskets of fruit. Each child can take these home and use them to memorize the fruits of the spirit so they can begin to work to live a life filled with the goodness of the spirit! Dinner is served at 5:30 and the event concludes at 8:30. Please share our Facebook post with your friends and tell friends and loved ones about these monthly events. This is a fantastic ministry and a great opportunity to share Christ with children. Let's work together to grow Parents' Night Out! Please register at the link below.

<https://apps.stablerack.com/SecureForms/?cid=86967&fid=9237>

LENTEN STUDY

This year's Lenten Study is an exciting opportunity to learn how to get healthy in five areas of your life: faith, fitness, focus, food and friendship. We are able to best serve God if we are healthy in these areas of our lives. This study will teach us how to obtain optimal health in mind and body so we can be free to serve God. Each week we will discuss one of the five areas of a healthy life. We will learn as a group and then break up into smaller groups to further discuss the Daniel Plan. We will also have a study group available to read the book of Daniel and study this amazing profit. Childcare will be provided for all ages and the children will be learning about the prophet Daniel and Lent each week.

The Lenten Study will be every Wednesday from 5:30 to about 7:30 or 8 p.m. dinner will be served at 5:30. We will watch a short Daniel Plan video about the days' topic, have a group lesson and then break off into smaller groups for a group study. Each couple or individual will receive a Daniel Plan book to read and we will have journal questions to take home. We are very excited to lead this study! Please register on the links below so we can ensure we have enough supplies for each person. Please register adults and children on individual links.

Adult registration: <https://apps.stablerack.com/SecureForms/?cid=86967&fid=9284>

Child registration: <https://apps.stablerack.com/SecureForms/?cid=86967&fid=9236>

MOTHER'S DAY SALE

To continue to raise money for Amede, the Sunday School's Compassion International child, we will be have a Mother's Day gift sale after Easter. We will have some great gifts for mom and grandma. Shop in the church lobby and stay tuned to the church's Facebook page to see some of the gifts we will be selling.

March Narrative Lectionary Text

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON TITLES

March 3	Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Transformation
March 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13	An Opportune Time
March 17	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35	Against All Odds
March 24	Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9	Go Ahead: Blame God
March 31	Joshua 5:9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Strayed and Stayed

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 5	Carlton & Justin Neely
March 6	David & Penny Roberts
March 16	Glen & Dana Satterfield
March 26	Ken & Michele Miller

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Sue Hess
March 4	Peggy Twyman Charlene Walker
March 11	Adam Pratt
March 15	Oliver Garletts Tommy Hamilton
March 16	Judy Scott
March 17	David Floyd
March 18	Joan Krause-Smith
March 22	Marilyn Morgan Andrew Swihart
March 27	Arya Doss
March 28	Emily Starn
March 29	Cooper Urse
March 30	Linda O'Connor
March 31	Don Trisel

FEBRUARY PLEDGES

February 3	\$2,480
February 10	\$9,453
February 17	\$22,101
February 24	\$835.74
February Total:	\$34,869.74
To Date Total:	\$43,252.18

March Ministry Volunteers

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

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- Holidays in United States
- First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Bell Rehearsal ■ 9:00 AM Childcare & Children's Activities ■ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School ■ 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship Service 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM McAteer's Breakfast Group 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Council of Churches 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:30 PM Parents' Night Out 	<p>2</p>
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<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Daylight Saving Time starts ■ 9:00 AM Bell Rehearsal ■ 9:00 AM Childcare & Children's Activities ■ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School ■ 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship Service 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM McAteer's Breakfast Group 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:30 PM Lenten Dinner and Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Admin Team Meeting 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ St. Patrick's Day ■ 9:00 AM Bell Rehearsal ■ 9:00 AM Childcare & Children's Activities ■ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School ■ 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship Service 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 AM McAteer's Breakfast Group ■ 6:30 PM Session Meeting 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:30 PM Lenten Dinner and Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 8:00 PM Chimes Submission Deadline 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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