



# the Chimes

May 2024

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## Message from the Pastor

### Beloved of Christ,

May 19 we celebrate what is perhaps the second most important day in the church calendar – Pentecost. The first is Resurrection Sunday with Jesus being raised from the dead. Pentecost is the one day of the church year we change all the paraments to red and I get to wear my red stole. Pentecost reminds us of the gift, movement, and power of the Holy Spirit given to us.

Jesus tells us in John 14:12 “The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” This has always struck me as odd and challenging. We will do greater things than Jesus? Really? In a way, yes. Jesus, in his earthly ministry, was confined to human standards and human conditions. He could only walk so far. Think about the Church through 2000 years of history. True, there are not great parts of our history, but there are also tremendous things the Church has done – hospitals, schools, feeding programs, care for the poor, just to name a few things. All these to further the spread of the gospel of salvation and new creation. Each of these empowered by the working of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story is told in



Acts 2. It's a strange story – disciples huddled in the upper room, a rush of wind, tongues of fire, speaking in other languages, signs in the heavens of blood, and fire, and smoke. What in the world is going on? I imagine a called session meeting if something like that

happened among this church.

I think it's important to consider the back story. Acts is volume 2 in this larger work. Volume 1 is the Gospel according to Luke. Luke wrote both the gospel and Acts. Most people call it Luke-Acts. Luke is making a broad point for us. There is a two-fold movement. In the gospel, we hear of God's grace, mercy, salvation, and love poured freely on all of creation, ultimately in the cross and resurrection. Luke doesn't end the story there. Yes, we are saved from sin and death and destruction – praise be to God. There is an even deeper importance, not just saved from something, but we are saved FOR a purpose. God has saved us and given us a task. The books of Acts answers the larger question, if God has given us all things, not even sparing God's Son, how then shall we live. Who shall we be as redeemed people of God? *(Continues on page 3)*



- 9 a.m. Sunday School & Handbell Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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





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

## The Chancel Choir and Cambridge

Handbells will be wrapping up their seasons in the month of May with several beautiful and fun selections in worship. Some of the upcoming choir anthems include “Jubilate Deo” by Peter Anglea which is rhythmic and catchy with more complex time signatures than your typical anthem. They are also singing “Let the River Flow” by Stan Pethel, “One at the Feast” by Craig Courtney for Communion Sunday, and “The Joy of the Lord Lives in Me” by Patricia Mock and Douglas Nolan. For their last Sunday on May 19, the Chancel Choir is singing a Mark Hayes arrangement of “How Can I Keep from Singing” which is a different tune than you may expect, but very pretty in its own right. It is great to see how Hayes re-invented a familiar text with his own take on it.

The handbells have just rung “Canticle on When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. by Jane McFadden and



Janet Linker which included the tune “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and their next piece coming up is “Give Thanks” arr. by Anna Laura Page. The bells are using quite a variety of ringing techniques in their pieces as well as alternating between ringing both chimes and bells.

While the choirs are off during the summer months, there will be a variety of special music such as Women’s Chorus, Men’s Chorus,

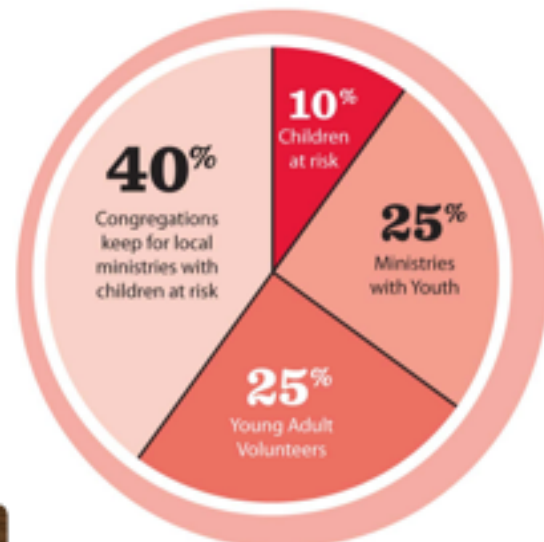
vocal soloists, instrumental soloists and more.

Some upcoming concerts to be aware of: **Friday, April 26** at 7:30 p.m. Fairmont State University Choir Concert in Wallman Hall Theatre

**Sunday June 2** – Vocal Tapestry Concert at First Presbyterian

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

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## Mark Your Calendars

- June Chimes deadline is **Friday, May 17** at noon
- Gathering in the Garden: May 5 after the service
- Pentecost Offering: May 19
- Session Meeting: May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteer's at 8 a.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal: Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
- Yard Sale: May 18 in church parking lot

## Hospitality Team

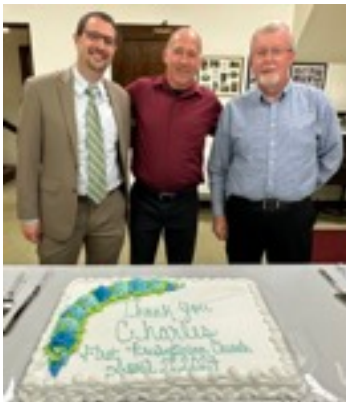
Thank You Charles Lettrick! First Presbyterian honored Charles Lettrick, who has been sexton for the past seven years, on Sunday, April 21 following the church service.

The church presented Charles with a monetary gift and celebrated his time with us with a reception in his honor in the Social Room...and the cake, coffee and punch were perfect for the occasion.

Everyone enjoyed talking with Charles, wishing him well and thanking him for the many years he has been with us and "all of everything" he has done. A card basket was also available for those who wanted to give Charles an individual written goodbye. We all remember Charles's kindness, patience, giving, sharing, attention to detail, helping in emergencies, maintenance of the church building and grounds, and the love he has shown us throughout the past seven years.

In addition, we have all witnessed the many "perks" Charles has done for the church which are far and above the normal days work. We wish Charles and his family every success and happiness. "Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant." God Bless You!

Anne Schooley, *Hospitality*



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That is what Acts wants to tell us – we are given a mission.

Acts is our story. Acts is the story of the church – it's formation, the first problems, and following as the Spirit leads. It's not what the disciples expected and the movement of the church begins in a rather strange way. It's not an organization or institution. When the wind blew, and the tongues of fire fell, they didn't have time to take inventory of gifts, strengths, or resources. When they started talking in other languages, no one began with why this wouldn't work or why they shouldn't do this. How many things in our life and in our church do we never attempt because we are afraid of failure or because we don't think we have the resources or abilities?

In Acts, the church is constantly surprised and constantly learning and growing and changing. There is a difference between building a movement or building a monument. We like building monuments. A monument freezes a moment in time – remember this, never forget that. They can be good things, but friends, Jesus didn't come to build monuments. The Spirit gave birth to the church to be a movement. A movement changes things. A movement shifts things. A movement refuses to be nailed down. A movement is fluid. Whereas a monument relies on buildings and static things, a movement relies on people. A movement is alive. A monument is dead.

Jesus created the church, not so a group of people would come together once and a week, put up with each other for an hour, and then go home unchanged. The Spirit fills the church where this is the place where we practice this faith, where we find encouragement and hope. But, then we are sent out to be the church in the world. We come here to learn about this faith, we are sent out to do it. We practice love, mercy, forgiveness, welcome, mercy, hope, love, and risk. May it be so in us.

To the glory of God,  
Rev. Evan Walker

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## Outreach Team

We had a very successful yard sale on April 13. We raised \$916.70 for our Shoes for Kids Ministry. Thanks to all who donated and worked. It was so successful that the team voted to have another one on Saturday, May 18. Bring your donations to the church Monday - Thursday, 9 - noon and put them in the garage.

We will be collecting the Pentecost Offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Forty percent of this offering stays local and goes to CASA.

We will be collecting needed items for the Marion County Food Pantry during the month of June.

## Christian Discipleship Ministry

We welcome Miss Pam Proctor to our church as the adult nursery attendant. Pam started April 14. Please stop by and introduce yourselves.

The CDM Team will host a teacher appreciation breakfast on June 2, at 9 a.m. in the Social Room. All who volunteered for the children of the church are invited to attend. You are greatly appreciated! Please RSVP to Lauren Ranson or Amy Koon

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10, 11 and 12. Jess Fatkin has graciously volunteered to be the director. Please talk to her about how you can help.



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Marilyn Morgan

### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Amy Koon

### HOSPITALITY

Anne Schooley

## Treasurer

Roger Kritzer

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Pam Proctor

Abby Shuck

Maddie Edwards



# May Nurturing Faith Ideas

## SCRIPTURE

May 5: Read John 15:9-17

Jesus commands the disciples to love one another sacrificially. How much would you give up for the sake of a friend? What does the “complete joy” of Christ mean to you, and how do you share it with someone else?

May 12: Read John 17:6-19

Jesus prays that God would protect the friends that he is sending into the world. Are these impulses at odds with one another – staying safe and serving in the wider world? What risks are you willing to take to speak truth to those who would rather not hear it?

May 19: Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel prophesied to the dry bones, and the Holy Spirit swept over the valley to breathe new life where there had been none. Is there a part of your faith life that feels “dry”? How are you praying the Holy Spirit would renew your church community?

May 26: Read Psalm 29

This psalm describes the voice of the Lord like a powerful storm that blows over the land and inspires the people to worship. When did you last simply sit in stillness and listen to the rain? What do you hear the voice of the Lord saying to you right now?

## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

5/1	John Morrison
5/3	Erin Hauser
5/4	Janet Chittum
5/9	Jill Mason
5/14	Glen Satterfield
5/17	Hailey Hauser
5/18	Celia Knight
5/19	Dana Satterfield
5/20	Pam Nolan
5/23	Henry Downs
5/24	Lois Brummage
	Kurt Perdue

Terri Bonasso  
Ron Straight  
Sarah and family  
Judy Shaver  
Angie Martin, Pam Nolan’s sister  
Family of Tom Messmore  
Family of Barbara Pratler  
Paul Hines, Marilyn Morgan’s brother-in-law  
Judy Palmer  
DD Meighen  
Brad Dodd  
Peggy Twyman  
Ramona Baker  
Linda Stoops

## ANNIVERSARIES

5/23	Stan & Linda Swihart
5/25	Carolyn & Glenn Crislip-Tacy
5/26	Lois & Bill Laughlin

## PRAYER LIST

Family of Greg Groves  
Bryce Cummings  
Family of Chuck Criss, Cheryl Straight’s brother  
Judy Scott

## MARCH/APRIL PLEDGES & GIFTS

March 17	\$1,921
March 24	\$1,910
March 31	\$1,235
April 7	\$4,180
April 14	\$2,894
April 21	\$277
Total:	\$12,417
Total to Date:	\$53,452.00

May Ministry  
Volunteers

Liturgist: Kim Steele

USHERS : Marilyn Morgan (captain), Cindi Siegman &  
Tim Mersinger



NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close on April 12 & 26.



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