



# the Chimes

October 2022

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,

Philippians 2 contains these words:

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:

be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

These are beautiful words, but they are not easy words. Can you imagine having the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus? This does not mean that we literally share a brain. It does mean that we try to love as Christ loved and to welcome as Christ welcomed. To quote C.S. Lewis: "[Christ] came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other [people] the kind of life He has—by what I call 'good infection'. Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else."



This language of infection intrigues me. We have all heard more than enough about infections in the last two years. Social distancing and masks have become common. Lewis turns that from an infection that leads to illness and possibly death to a good infection by the life of

Jesus the Son that leads us more fully into the abundant life of God. This good infection transforms us and our thoughts and our priorities. This good infection is meant to shape us into the image of Christ that has come into the world and dwells in each of us.

First Presbyterian Church follows and desires this good infection. In an effort to discover and learn and grow, we are beginning Matthew 25 Dinners. The Presbyterian Church (USA) encourages all churches to delve into this vision and to live according to the message contained in these words. The Son of Man talks about ways people welcomed, fed, cared for, and visited others. Then follows the famous words, with both negative and positive connotations, "What you did for the least of these, you have done to me."

This initiative invites us to step out in faith  
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## Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Childcare Begins
- 9 a.m. Sunday School & Handbell Rehearsal
- 10 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal & Children's Music
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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



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# First Church's News & Notes

## Mark Your Calendars

- October Chimes deadline is **Friday, October 21** at noon.
- Parents' Night Out: October 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- Matthew Dinner: Oct. 9 following church service
- Trunk or Treat: Oct. 26 at the church
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteers at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## Blubaugh Fund meeting on Oct. 27

On Thursday, October 27 at 2 p.m. a meeting will be held in the social room of the First Church where the Women of the Church will decide on their recommendation to Session for how the money in the Nettie Blubaugh Fund will be spent.

All women are asked to attend. If attendance is not possible and a special recommendation would like to be made, please write a note to be received in the Church office by October 20 or contact someone who will be attending.



## World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2

The peace of Christ belongs to everyone, everywhere. The PC (USA) invites us to enter a season of prayer for peace. This will culminate on October 2, as we participate in World Communion Sunday remembering that God is Lord over all peoples and has called us to live in peace and love.

We are also invited to participate in the Peace and Global

Witness offering. A gift to

the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. From this congregation, 25 percent will support CASA, 25 percent will support our Presbytery's efforts for peace and 50 percent will support the national church in its efforts to work for justice and peace.

The PC (USA) Mission Agency shares: "The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere." Thank you for your support.

## Church Family Thank You!

So many of you have sent me prayer messages, cards, flowers, food plus driving me to doctor's appointments for which I am so grateful.

The director of the assisted living in which I had been living said that of all the people she has had in her facility that I had received more cards, etc. and this is mainly because of the many kind members of the Church.

Everything has been very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Jean Lambert

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and put actions to our beliefs. Specifically, the three major areas are Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. Such lofty goals will never be achieved by one congregation. Together, as the body of Christ, our individual work can bring lasting and meaningful change.

At these dinners, each of these ideas will be brought together to help us learn to see Christ in others and to be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. In doing so, we may be surprised how and when the kingdom of God is revealed.

But the first step is to listen and learn. We will be inviting several organizations to share with us during worship and then have more discussion and questions with a meal following our morning worship. There will be two dinners this fall. The first is October 9 and the second is November 13. The speakers will be asked to talk about their own programs, who they are and what they do, but also more generally about trends they see and difficulties they encounter and needs that may be going unmet. Over the course of the Matthew 25 Dinners, the invitation is to pray and consider what is God calling to do and learn. Where is God wanting to use our time, our talents, and our treasures? What is First Presbyterian Church Fairmont being led to do in order to be the salt and the light Jesus calls us to be in this community?

I encourage all to come with open hearts and ears ready to listen and receive. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and share. Plan on staying after church to envision together. Pray for the Spirit to guide us as a church and as individuals to deeper and a fuller walking with Christ our Lord.

Please RSVP to Deanna Kritzer at (304) 694-2379 if you plan to attend these dinners.

I look forward to this new endeavor with hope, promise, and excitement with where God is leading us. To the glory of God,

Rev. Evan Walker

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Session Committee News

### **Hospitality announces upcoming events for October**

Hospitality prepared 10 bushels of apples for Apple Butter Day on September 24, which supports our Shoes For Kids Project. We are grateful for all the help we received. Thank you to those who donated apples, picked

apples, donated sugar, jars, lids, rings, and those who prepared the applesauce. It takes a lot of preparation before we even gather for Apple Butter Day!

#### **Mark your calendar:**

October 7: First Friday.  
Parents Night Out,  
Hospitality Host will be Janet Chittum.

October 9: Matthew 25  
Dinner immediately  
following church service.  
Menu: Quiche  
(vegetable and

vegetable/meat), salad, dinner roll and a variety of cakes for dessert. Please RSVP to Deanna Kritzer (304-694-2379).

October 11: Hospitality meeting at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. Anyone wishing to join our committee is welcome.

October 26: Trunk or Treat. Menu to be discussed at our October hospitality meeting and announced in the church bulletin.

Upcoming events for November:

November 4: First Friday, Parents Night Out

November 13: Thanksgiving/Matthew 25 Dinner immediately following church service.

November 16: Advent Workshop

### **Property gives an update on church projects**

Session approved three projects submitted by Property for repairs to the church. Two of those are for the various roofs; a section on the main roof will have tiles removed and water proofed and the main roof over the office will be replaced. A new heating and air conditioning unit will replace the old unit on the office roof.

Earl Straight purchased a dehumidifier for the boiler room and we are still waiting for a part from Advanced Heating and Cooling. Universal Mechanical Services also worked on the chiller system to the main building. The Property Team has received bids for the keyless entry and security systems and has met with the various representatives to hear proposals.

The team also gave the state grant group from Charleston a complete tour of the building. They were very impressed with the historical part of our building and the proposal for stained glass window renovations.

## Staff

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## Session

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Eric Hauser  
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Jennie Poling  
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Deanna Kritzer  
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## Treasurers

Roger Kritzer  
David Floyd

### **Nursery Attendant**



# October Nurturing Faith Ideas

## SCRIPTURE

### October 2 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 17:5-10

Sometimes, when life seems hard, it's difficult to remember our God is bigger than all of our worries, and we only need faith the size of a mustard seed. What are some things we can do to help our faith grow? What helps to remind you that we only need a little faith, and God will help ease our pain and suffering?

### October 9 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalms 111

In this passage, we are reminded to praise the Lord and thank Him in everything we do. Sometimes, this can be hard, especially when things don't go our way. How can we thank God for all of our blessings, and also remember to thank God for our unanswered prayers? How does God want us to live our lives so we honor God?

### October 16 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 18:1-8

Here we read the parable of the judge who didn't fear God and the faithful widow who wanted her rights protected. The Bible tells us that God will judge in favor all who believe and serve God. How can we live our lives to better serve God?

### October 23 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8

In this passage, we are reminded if we serve God and live our lives for God, we will be rewarded with everlasting life. Does this give you comfort when faced with despair? How do you keep your faith when things get tough?

### October 30 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

In this passage, we are taught it is right and just to praise the Lord, even when people won't listen. We are reminded, again, to stay faithful in our Lord. How do you profess your faith in God? What are some ways you can spread the good news of our Lord?

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 5	Doug Shaver
October 11	Stan Swihart
October 12	Rob Steele
October 13	Ami Starn Brian Starn
October 15	Jim Kettering
October 21	Earl Straight

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 7	Eric & Erin Hauser
October 10	Rob & Kim Steele

## PRAYER LIST

Family of Jean Swihart Lehner, Stan  
Swihart's sister  
Family of Glenn Harman  
Michelle Miller  
Marsha Noff  
Blair Montgomery  
Donnie Siegman, Cindy's nephew  
Dr. Ron Graziani  
Family of Virginia Marvin  
Family of John Swiger  
Alvaro Family  
Dr. Jeriel Gilmer  
Carlton Neely  
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Cards may be sent for  
Marsha Nolf  
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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PLEDGES & GIFTS

August 21	\$3,058
August 28	\$1,308
September 4	\$2,260
September 11	\$1,773
September 18	\$1,772
Total:	\$10,171

Total to Date: \$101,718.85

## October Ministry Volunteers

## USHERS

Jim Thompson (captain), Ken Miller, Mike, Kaden &  
Charlene Walker

**NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close on October 9, 23.**



# First Church's News & Notes *cont.*

## Parent's Night Out

Mark your calendars for Parent's Night Out on October 7 from 5:30 to 8:30. The event is open to children ages 5 and up. It is designed for children ages 5-11 but older children are welcome to attend. Dinner is served at 5:30 and is followed by Bible centered games and activities and projects until 8:30. Please RSVP to [discipleship@fairmontfirst.net](mailto:discipleship@fairmontfirst.net), or to the event "evite". To be added to the "evite" list please email your phone number to the email above.



As the air gets cooler, it is that time of year again! Trunk or treat will be on October 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 and then we will head outside for games and some fun trunk or treating.

If you would be willing to set up a trunk email [discipleship@fairmontfirst.net](mailto:discipleship@fairmontfirst.net). The more trunks we have the better the event! We will have some games and prizes to hand out to those who will have trunks set up, please provide some candy or treats to pass out. You can plan for 30-50 children. This event will be help rain or shine, please plan accordingly.

## Bible verse Competition

As the Sunday school year gets rolling, we will begin anew our Bible verse competition! This year the top three memorizers will receive a cash prize in May.

Kids can memorize any verse on any week. We will also add a new prize for every verse memorized. Kids will receive a wooden treasure chest after their first verse is memorized and



then after that they can choose a real gemstone for every verse they memorize.

Help your kids fill up their treasure chest with jewels that moths can't destroy!

## Children's Church

Children's Church will resume this fall. Children will be invited to attend after the children's time during the worship service. Children's church will not be held on communion Sunday's and on for certain special services throughout the year.

### Mark your calendars:

October 7: Parent's Night Out

October 16: Children's Sabbath Sunday

October 26: Trunk or Treat





# Shoes for Kids Project - A Day of Apple Butter Making

*A BIG thank you to everyone who helped in the making of apple butter to support Shoes For Kids*





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