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WE ARE A NURTURING, VIBRANT  
CONGREGATION, REACHING OUT  
TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.

**Sunday Worship:**

8:30 a.m. in person  
& 10:30 a.m. in person  
or [livestream on Facebook](#)

**Newsletter Article Deadline is the 15th of each month**

If you would like to be added to either our email or postal mailing list, please contact the church office to leave your name and preferred contact information.

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August 2022



first things  
**FIRST**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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If you refrain from  
trampling the sabbath ...  
then you shall take  
delight in the LORD.

ISAIAH 58:13-14, NRSV



*"All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."*

*Acts 1:14*

Transition isn't easy. For years I lived in it, always keeping my things in a different place and ready to move my life out of a dorm room and into another house for the summer. Then it was back to the dorm room to continue a life in transition. I spent much of my 20s living like this, so I'm grateful to be so much more settled, even after only a year here in the wonderful city of Parkersburg.

Well, we've hit a transition again here at FPC Parkersburg. We're losing someone dearly

loved by this whole community and are figuring out the next stages - what's the future of our music ministry? Music has been so important here, and Amy has blessed us with her gifts and musical direction for thirteen years. Where do we go from here?



The Bible can actually help us. The entire book of Acts is about the biggest transition ever: the beginning of the church. How would the disciples move on with Jesus gone? Who was the message for if most of their fellow Jews were rejecting the Word, even forcing them out of Jerusalem, where Jesus had told them to start out preaching? How would they move to the ends of the earth? How could the message possibly spread that far?

I don't know that these thoughts went through the apostles' heads, especially after the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. But they absolutely had some major adjustments to make; many followers were scattered by Saul's persecution. The apostles had to face Saul as he changed

into Paul, the man Christ was calling to spread the Gospel far and wide, a terrifying thought since his persecutions were still fresh in their minds. There were disagreements, struggles, and martyrdoms. Disciples devoted themselves to prayer. They proclaimed the gospel. And in so many verses, we also hear about the church growing (Acts 2:41, 2:47, 5:14, 9:31).

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In the Book of Acts, Luke shows us, again and again, how God is at work. As we consider and take our next steps, I have a few requests: be in prayer, listening for how God might be leading us. Pray for us, as leaders- for the Spirit of wisdom and discernment. Listen and consider how God might work through you and others in this time of transition. For God is at work, here and now.



Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Annie*



## *Farewell Reception*

The Session invites you to join us on **Sunday, August 7**, following our Congregational Meeting, to honor Amy Sinclair. Amy is retiring after thirteen years as our Director of Music. Come help us show our sincere appreciation for her dedicated ministry and years of friendship.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

10:30 ON SUNDAYS

### Nursery & Toddler Room

~ Birth through age 4

### Children's Church

~ K - 2nd grade

### Kids in grades 3+

~ remain in the Sanctuary  
(Kids activity bulletins  
inside Sanctuary door)



## Liturgists for August



7 Jessica Linville  
14 Morgan James  
21 Lori Rings  
28 Justin Bosley

## THE GATHERING

August 3rd - 6 p.m.



**Hot Dogs &  
Ice Cream Social**

**Bring sides & salads.**

**Hot dogs & ice  
cream will be  
provided.**



## Blessing of the Backpacks

All children are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship on **August 14.**

During the Children's Time Pastor Annie will bless them, seeking the Lord's presence and protection as the children begin a new school year.

## Nuptial LOLs

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!



- ♦ I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- ♦ Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from I John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "... for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- ♦ I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- ♦ While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- ♦ I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

# Family Fun Day!

August 13th 12-4pm

Games,  
Prizes and  
more!  
Snobiz  
from 1-3!

First Presbyterian Church  
will be holding a family fun  
day on August 13th. There  
will be **carnival games** and  
**prizes, inflatables** and  
**Snobiz** from 1-3!

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**We still need volunteers and donations.  
You can sign up in the hallway following  
worship on Sundays.**

## Happy Birthday!

Sarah Alfred	3rd
Marveta Coffman	8th
Sandra Cowell	12th
Carder Dennison	17th
Carol Sanders	19th
Greg Boso	20th
Ruth Ann Huddle	21st
Tiffany Gibson	22nd
Carol Ramsey	22nd
Frances Linville	24th
Joyce Mather	25th
Ashley Roney	25th
Valerie O'Dell	28th
Pastor Annie	31st



August  
BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Anniversary!

Joe & Kathy Hinkley	2nd
Chad & Kristin Holliday	12th
Bob & Rita Fish	17th
Wayne & Carol Sanders	23rd
Jim & Coraletta Houck	28th
Dan & Judi White	30th
Robert & Nancy Cutlip	31st



August  
ANNIVERSARIES

When I enter that beautiful city  
And the saints all around me appear,  
I hope that someone will tell me:  
It was you who invited me here.

—Carrie K. Butcher

**NURSING HOME**  
**RESIDENT**

**Harmar Place**  
Carol Watson

*In Christian  
Sympathy*

Fern E. Engelbrecht - May 27  
Mary Anne Danser - July 8  
Nancy Jean Amacher - July 9



## SATURDAY STEWARDS

Each week 8:30 a.m. - noon

Come and join in a time of fellowship  
as we work on various projects inside  
and outside of the church.

We gather each **Saturday at 8:30  
a.m. in the Harris Room** for a light  
breakfast before beginning work.

Feel free to come and go at your leisure - any and all help  
is appreciated.

For more information contact Mike Beckett at  
304-588-6203, or email [facilities@fpcpburgwv.org](mailto:facilities@fpcpburgwv.org).



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# mission

## Friendship Park

We are still collecting children's items for the **Give-and-Take Box** at the park. We would like outdoor toys (bubbles, sidewalk chalk, squirt guns, jump ropes, frisbees, story books, etc.) to provide summer fun for the families that utilize this space. Please leave your donated items at the collection point outside the Sanctuary.



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If you are interested in working with the Mission Committee to maintain the park, or in other ways, please reach out to Morgan James at 304-917-1748, or [bibbeemorgan@gmail.com](mailto:bibbeemorgan@gmail.com).



## Cents-Ability

**A strategy for raising awareness — and funds — for the fight against hunger**

You will notice that our monthly “Two-Cents-a-Meal” offering has been relabeled “Cents-Ability.” It is the same offering, just with a different name. So please, continue your generous giving to this worthy cause to fight hunger.



Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as Two-Cents-A-Meal, a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command “You give them something to eat.” When members bring their offerings to church on the appointed Sunday, all of those coins “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” as they are received and dedicated.

These small acts of faithfulness can add up: a congregation of 100 persons can offer \$2,160 dollars a year. A 30,000-member presbytery has the potential of raising over \$1.6 million annually at a nickel a meal.



Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

In order to continue our Sunday Coffee Hour it is imperative that more folks volunteer as hosts. There is a sign-up chart on the bulletin board outside the Harris Room. Find an open date and sign up!!



The Presbyterian Women provide all the coffee/tea & supplies. You may need juice (check supply first) and a light snack. Coffee hour is 10:00 -10:25, ending before Worship begins. To ensure coffee is ready, you should arrive by 9:30. It can be as simple or as fancy as you want. *(Keeping the weekly coffee hour simple makes a commemorative event or celebration seem more special.)*

If you have any questions see or contact Yvonne White @304-422-1104.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>6:00 PM</b> Deacons' meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> KOM Knitters	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Financial Mgmt. <b>6:00 PM</b> The Gathering Hot Dogs & Ice Cream 	<b>4</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>5 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Saturday Stewards <b>6:00 PM</b> HA Mtg.																																										
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