

First Presbyterian Church Scrapbook



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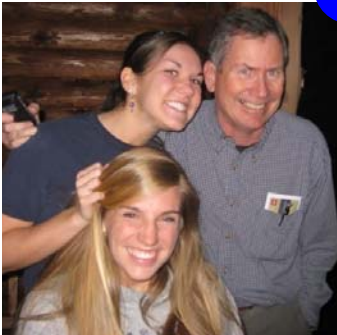
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Programs and Activities for 2008-2009



A Welcoming Home



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Sunday Worship

*Fall through Spring
starting Sept. 14:*

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Summertime: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Fall-Spring

Wednesday Connections

5:15-6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs

5:45-6:20 p.m. Supper

6:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship, events,
committee meetings, open time in
the Game Room, and roller skating.



Welcome to First Presby!

Dear Friends,

We feel honored by your having chosen to visit First Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to prayerfully consider making this congregation your church home.

This body of Christian people is a family, while also being an historic church with a long tradition of community involvement. Christ is the one to whom we seek to conform ourselves, and by the grace of God we are hopeful that together we may grow in our maturity as modern day disciples. Programs are available for all ages and stages of people's lives. Please come join us!

Bill McCoy
Bill McCoy
Pastor



Helpful Information

The Sanctuary and Chapel are open daily for individual prayer.

Child care is offered during Sunday morning worship and Sunday School in Rooms E-108, 114, and 112..

Child care on Wednesday nights is from 5:00-6:00 and 6:30-8:00.

The church offices are open daily from 8:00-4:00, except for lunch from 12:00-1:00. Stop by and we'll be glad to show you around.
Telephone: 343-8961.

Parking: The church has behind the church buildings off Leon Sullivan Way and Kanawha Boulevard and on Virginia Street in the middle of the block past the church (both sides of the street). Parking on Sunday may also be available across Leon Sullivan Way and directly across Virginia Street.

Church Buildings: Abbreviations are often used for the Activities Building (such as A-201) located on the corner of Leon Sullivan Way and Kanawha Boulevard; and for the Education Building (such as E-310) which is attached to the Sanctuary Building and consists of four floors of classrooms. (See map on back cover.)

The church newsletter is mailed monthly. Call the church office, 343-8961, to start receiving the newsletter, or to submit articles and information. The newsletter is also posted on the church's web site www.firstpresby.com.

Weddings and Baptisms are scheduled by calling the Pastor's Administrative Assistant, 343-8961. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

Dining Room: We have many opportunities to share meals as a church family during the year. In order to properly plan and be good stewards of the church's money, we ask that you make a reservation for each event. Dining room prices are: Lunch-\$5.00; Dinner-\$5.00 adult, \$2.00 child; 3 year olds and under are free.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You are welcomed and encouraged to become a member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. All who believe in Jesus Christ and wish to become His disciples are welcome.

Membership Orientation Classes are offered for persons considering membership or for those who want to know more about Presbyterian beliefs. You will learn more about the Christian faith, the history of First Presby, church government, and where things are on the church campus. You do not have to attend this class to become a member, nor does this class obligate you to join, although we hope you will want to! The first of the quarterly classes will start on Sept. 14, at 9:45 a.m. Additional classes are held throughout the year.

If you are a newcomer to First Presby, we hope that you have already received a warm welcome and that you will soon consider this your church home.

We hope that you will find new friends and also find a place where your gifts and interests may be used to the fullest. From uplifting worship times to church dinners to classes and activities, we want you to know that there is a special place for you here.

Although the church building is just bricks and mortar, the real story of First Presby is one of 189 years of work, witness, and ministry to the city of Charleston. We will, by God's grace, continue to be a faithful witness to Christ in the center of this city.

The Session welcomes newcomers into membership every Sunday after the worship service in these ways:

- Letter of Transfer;
- Reaffirmation of Faith;
- Profession of Faith; or by
- Profession of Faith and Baptism.

When you are ready to join, just meet a pastor at the communion table following Sunday worship.

Congregational Care Ministries

First Presby is a church that cares.

We care about our community, the world we live in, and one another. In the New Testament Church, deacons were chosen from among the congregation to care for its members. Our Board of Deacons coordinates our caring ministries for one another. Below you will find a sample of First Presby's caring ministries.

Whether you have a need that we may respond to, or you would like to serve in one of our caring ministries, please contact our associate pastor for congregational care, Jim Roberts, 343-8961, or jroberts@firstpresby.com.

The **In Touch** team visits and special contacts with persons who are homebound, in nursing homes, and in other unique circumstances.

The **Care 'n Casserole** team makes and delivers food for those experiencing grief and death in their families or during times of illnesses, a new birth, or other special circumstances.

The **Chicken Soup** team gathers at the church periodically to make and deliver delicious chicken soup for the tummy and the soul to persons experiencing difficulties and just need the soothing support that this ministry provides. Entire families enjoy the fellowship of gathering around the stove in the church kitchen.

Rebuilding is a repeating eight-week study/support series for those going through divorce.

Stephen Ministry is special one-on-one pastoral care for persons with special needs and situations. Stephen Ministers, trained as good listeners, are ready to put their care into action.

Along with... grief recovery groups, Prayer Chains, Parish Nurses, and more!

Preschool Children

Our mission is to educate children to be creative, caring and loving individuals.

Sunday mornings infants and toddlers experience loving care in Rooms E-108 and 114, during worship services and Sunday school.

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., for the two and three-year old class meets on the second floor of the Education Building, Room 217. Four and five-year olds meet in Room 112, first floor.

All children are welcome in worship! If you choose, child care during worship is available for infants and preschoolers, Rooms E-108, 112, and 114.

During the week the church is filled with children! Our Preschool Program provides caring Christian nurture and opportunities for early growth for children one year (and walking) through age four. Classes start in September and continue through May. We are collaborative partners with Kanawha County Schools offering WV Pre-K classes for four-year-olds. Early drop-off and after-school care up until 2:00 p.m. are available options. A vital part of Christian Education at First Presby, parent education programs are offered throughout the year. The Preschool Program is open to all members of the community; fees are recommended by the Preschool Committee to the church Session. For information about the Preschool, call Ginna Taylor, 343-8961 ext. 128.



Elementary Children

Covenant Kids: Dynamic and Bible-based

On Sunday mornings, 9:45, elementary age children gather in the Chapel for songs, prayer, offering, and the Bible memory verse. They then move to the third floor of the Education Building for workshops such as art, music, temple studies, drama, and cooking that reinforce the Bible verse and story. At 10:45 they return to the Chapel to meet their families.



Two hundred sandwiches?
Of course, we can! Covenant Kids make sandwiches for Manna Meal and cookies and cards for the Fellowship Home as part of their outreach on a Sunday morning in December.

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)

Choirs for Children: During the school year the choirs meet on Wednesdays to practice. They sing in worship once a month, offering their special gifts to God.

Grades K through 2 are part of the Cherub Choir and meet Wednesdays 5:15-6:00, in the Susie Early Room (Sanctuary Building near the playground).

Grades 3 through 6 compose the Cathedral Choir. They meet Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00, in Room 305 of the Education Building. In addition to training young voices, this choir offers students the opportunity to accompany themselves using choirchimes and Orff instruments.



Youth Ministry



Sunday Mornings at 9:45

Youth and their adults leaders use a variety of resources to focus on who they are as Christians and what the Bible has to say about living the Christian life along with current issues. **Sixth and seventh grade** meet together, Room E-406, **eighth grade** has their own class, Room E-407, and **9-12th grade** join together in the Youth Lounge, ground floor of the Activities Building.

For First Presbyterian Church, eighth grade is the year of Confirmation. It is a memorable time for families and for the church. Our young people are guided through the year and encouraged to examine their faith through Bible study, participation in worship, service to the church and community, and fellowship.

Weekly Youth Groups

The **Middle School Youth Group** meets on Wednesday evenings; the **High School Youth Group** gets together Sunday evenings. Contact Claire Butler for more information: 343-8961 ext. 119.

Boy Scout Troop 5 has a long tradition with First Presby. Boys age 11 and older are invited. Contact Blair Taylor for more information, 345-9960.



Music Opportunities

The **Youth Choir** is for all 6-12th graders. They practice on Wednesdays before supper. Youth are also invited to be part of the **Worship Team** that participates in Sunday morning worship.

And they can join the **Capella Bell Choir** or the **Geneva Choir** which sings in the 11:00 worship service, fall through spring.

Youth Sundays and **Coffee House nights** are more times for youth to get into music! If you are interested, contact Claire Butler, 343-8961 ext. 119.

Mission Work-Camp

Plans are under way for First Presby's summer **2009 HIGH SCHOOL WORK-CAMP TRIP**.

We plan to go out of the USA . . . don't miss being part of this exciting and life-changing opportunity.

Talk with Claire Butler about your potential involvement!

Call 343-8961 or email youth@firstpresby.com

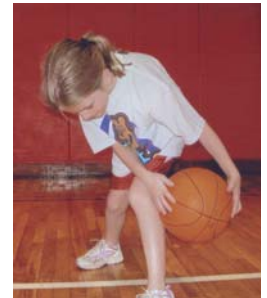
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Upcoming Retreats:

High School at Bluestone, WV, Nov. 7-9; Sixth Grade Sexuality Retreat, Nov. 14-16; Middle School Ski Trip, Jan. 10; High School Ski Weekend, Feb. 20-22; Middle School at Cedar Lakes, WV, March 13-15; High School Youth Conference, Montreat, NC, June 14-20; Middle School Conference, Massanetta Springs, VA, July; Worship and Music Conference, Montreat, NC, July 21-27.

Sports Ministry

Basketball, volleyball, karate, exercise, and roller skating are all part of the ministry at First Presby.



In the Activities Building you will find a full-sized gym. Basketball teams start with kindergarten children learning the game and continue through high school.

Adults enjoy basketball more informally weekdays at noon and evenings. Volleyball and softball teams are more great activities! Families enjoy indoor soccer and couples take ballroom dance lessons. Elementary children can attend the summer basketball camp. In the Recreation Room, we have exercise classes and aerobics, karate, and roller skating. Give Jim Buckalew a call to learn more about sports and recreational activities at First Presby: 343-8961.

College Student Ministry

By transforming college students, we can transform the world for Christ.

The college ministry works with both students who have grown up at First Presby, as well as the students of the University of Charleston. Throughout the year there are bible studies, community outreach opportunities, outdoor events and ski trips to provide these students with a fun and nurturing community. For more information call Robert Peterson, 343-8961 ext. 130.

We love college students.



First Presby has recently provided a space for bicycle repairs to begin a ministry called Rides Redeemed. We hope to assist folks who are in need of transportation and cannot afford a car. For more information, or if you have an old bike to donate, call the church, 343-8961.

Fellowship

Our biggest fellowship event is **Wednesday Connections** — a church supper for all ages in the dining room at 5:45. Prepared by church staff, the meals are \$5/adults, \$2/children and your first supper with us is free. **Join us September through May.**

After-supper fun includes the Game Room with pool, ping pong, air hockey and fooseball, and roller skating in the Recreation Room. Watch the bulletin announcements for other scheduled skating times.

Periodically we have covered dish lunches after Sunday worship. In the summer following worship we have fellowship and goodies on the lawn by the playground. Won't you join us?

Adult Bible Study

Education is a high priority at First Presby.

Sunday mornings adults can choose from ten different Sunday school options. These classes offer a mix of scripture-based discussion, current event topics, and traditional studies. Most start with a social/coffee time around 9:45 a.m. College age folks are invited to an evening study with Rob Peterson, our partner with Coalition for Christian Outreach. Look for current class schedules in the pew racks.

Small groups meet for study during the week. These include Wednesday night contemplative prayer, Thursday morning preview of the next Sunday's scripture texts, Tuesday morning topical studies, monthly "Knitting Into The Mystery," and seasonal studies during Advent and Lent.

Guys, you may want to join the Friday men's breakfast group which meets in the church dining room at 7:00 a.m. September through May. A stay-at-home-Dad's group meets during the week while the preschool is in session. Let us know if you need child care. Feel free to call the church office or any of the staff to learn more about these classes and study groups.



Women enjoy the monthly Bible studies and luncheons of the Presbyterian Women. All are invited to participate. Seven different study groups meet for nine months. There is sure to be one to fit your schedule! This is a wonderful way to meet other women, make friends, and grow your faith and understanding of the Bible. Give Janice Lessley, 342-6846, or Suzanne Meyer, 965-1573, a call for meetings times and locations.

Community Ministry

Serving the community for 190 years!

We have been instrumental in starting Kanawha Valley Fellowship House, Rea of Hope, Daymark, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, Covenant House, and Shepherd's Center of Charleston. We welcome your participation as we serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Our booklet *Opportunities to Serve* is available on the Information Table in the hallway. For more information, contact Frankie McCain, 343-8961, frankie@firstpresby.com.

Serve others in one or more of these ways:

- Serve meals at Manna Meal, Ronald McDonald House, Sojourners Shelter, or Giltinan Center.
- Volunteer at Covenant House's Clothing Closet or Food Pantry.
- Mentor young people with Literacy Volunteers, Read-Aloud, East End Resource Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, or Oakwood Terrace.
- Drive for Meals On Wheels or HospiceCare.
- Help furnish and maintain homes through Daymark, Covenant House, or the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal.
- Participate in the Offering of Letters through Bread for the World and to those who make decisions affecting the lives of the poor, elderly and disadvantaged.
- Support our global mission work through prayers and letters to our mission workers. Names and addresses are available.
- Participate in the World Market through planning and by purchasing fair trade products or alternative gifts.
- Purchase fair-trade coffee, chocolate, tea, and other items through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. These are available weekdays and Sundays after worship.



Stewardship

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. –Matthew 6:21

Stewardship is defined by Merriam-Webster as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” The Old Testament teaches us that God owns everything and has entrusted the management of His resources to us. In the New Testament Jesus calls us to become wise and faithful stewards, to be responsible and accountable for both material and spiritual things—our money, gifts and life.

This booklet offers many opportunities for you to give of your time and talents to further the kingdom of God here on earth. Giving of our material goods is also a worshipful response to God’s ownership of all things. God tells us to give cheerfully from a willing and obedient heart. Our gifts to God should come from our first fruits, not our leftovers. How much should we give? Jesus said much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater. –Luke 13:48.

Giving faithfully involves planning. You may begin to give or increase your giving by reviewing (or creating) your budget. Reducing your debt or living a simpler life style may provide you the freedom to offer more to God. Planned giving utilizing bequests, life insurance, appreciated assets, annuities and life estates may supplement current giving.

Giving involves prayer. Ask God to help you give cheerfully out of love, not obligation. Ask Him to give you a greater understanding of the gospel, a greater love for Him, a greater love for other people, and a place of service in the kingdom.

**Growing
and serving
Christ
together.**

Music Ministry



The Music Program offers opportunities all ages to praise God through singing or playing various musical instruments.

There are no auditions, and all programs are open to everyone, regardless of church membership. We strive to develop and use whatever musical gifts we have to glorify God in worship and in rehearsals with one another. The musicians of First Presbyterian Church welcome you!

Consider joining the **beginning folk harp players**. No prior musical experience is necessary; instruments are available through the church (rent-to-own). Or you might like to learn to ring bells with the **Capella Bell Choir**. The **Geneva Choir** offers anthems and provides leadership for congregational singing for Sunday's 11:00 a.m. worship. We also have a **Worship Team for youth and adults** providing vocal and instrumental leadership. This includes guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, percussion, keyboard, and even musical saw. There is room for your voice and your instrument, too!

If not any of these, try the **Family Choir**. We meet just during the month of June at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a simple anthem for summer worship. Here parents, children, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and friends to sing together for God.

The 2009 **Worship and Music Conference** at Montreat, NC, will be June 21-27. Make plans now to join us for a great week!

For further information, call Director of Music Mary Odin, 343-8961 ext. 137 or email modin@firstpresby.com.

Family Activities

Families enjoy time together while deepening their faith, serving God and growing in the Spirit. Children in kindergarten and first grade learn about the sacrament of **Communion** as they participate in a parent/child workshop. They are welcomed to the Lord's Table with an understanding that grows as they continue to grow.

Fall Festival follows Wednesday Connections supper in October. Costumes, cake walk and games galore guarantee this annual event will be a treat for all who attend!

The **Advent Workshop** encourages our creativity through art, crafts, drama and song as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Young children lead 5:00 worship on Christmas Eve. The church family embraces this long held tradition of First Presby's **Christmas Eve Tableau**.

Families make and deliver chicken soup and special cards to members to the church family and others who need some special care. The **Chicken Soup Ministry** began in 2008 and includes all who are interested in participating.

Whether indoors or outside, the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** (held on Palm Sunday afternoon) is a joy-filled feast of fun activities and *many* eggs to find!

Vacation Bible School includes all ages as we travel back in time to the days when Jesus lived and taught among the people.

The
**Elementary
Retreat**
at Bluestone
Conference
Center will be
Sept. 19-21.
Sign up now!

