

# The Chimes

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Yes, *The Chimes* got a face-lift. For those of you who don't like change . . . sorry. The content remains similar for now. Thanks to your suggestions, though, I'll be adding some new features in the coming months—more Presbyterian questions and answers, book and devotional recommendations (if you'd like to write a review of a book that's had an impact on your spiritual life, please do), and occasional biographical sketches of First Presbyterian members and friends.



You've probably heard that the seven most common words in the church are either "We've never done it this way before" or "We've always done it this way before." Regardless, the message is that the church resists change. In my experience, such resistance is a human thing and is not limited to people in the church.

One change that is coming this month, thanks to the Worship team and the Chancel Guild, is that we will now routinely serve only gluten-free bread for Communion. For several months, we've provided it inconsistently, but that isn't a helpful practice for individuals who cannot, for health reasons, consume the gluten that is in most baked goods (and many other food items). Even the most minimal contact—gluten and gluten-free items on the same plate or touched by the same hands or dipped in a common cup—can cause contamination that makes individuals with gluten intolerance extremely ill. So we've committed to being purists! We're searching to find the most palatable brand (gluten-free bread can be a little dry), so be patient and let us know which ones you like.

Why go to all the trouble? Well, there are folks in the congregation for whom this is a helpful change. But even if there weren't, we could have visitors on any given Sunday for whom "regular" bread is not an option. And that means Communion is not an option. For the sake of hospitality and to live out our belief that Jesus truly welcomes everyone to the table, we want to do what we can so that everyone who worships with us is able to participate in the feast. Sharing the bread and the cup, offered by one to another, is a personal, intimate, and holy gesture. We also want it to be a safe one.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. If you or someone you know is in crisis, call 911 immediately. If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Trained volunteers are available 24/7. If you are uncomfortable talking on the phone, text NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Ann*

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## Piano Available

The piano in the Sunday school room is available. It is no longer used, so the Worship and Facilities teams would like it to have a good home. Talk to Becky Briggs if you'd like to make an offer.

## Choir News

Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, **September 4** at **6:00 pm**, a new—and, we hope—more convenient time. Afterwards, the choir is invited to dinner at a local restaurant. (Thanks, Dotty!) The first Sunday to sing is **September 8**. If you have questions about being a member of the choir, text or call Dotty at (217) 621-4843 or email her at [dottydetorres@gmail.com](mailto:dottydetorres@gmail.com).

There will be some new faces in the choir this year. Kelly Holden and Craig Smith sang with the choir Christmas Eve and have agreed to be a part of the choir for the upcoming year.

Speaking of new faces, maybe it's time for some of you in the congregation to give the choir a try. With the earlier rehearsal time, you won't be getting home too late. If you need a ride, we can provide that too.

## Church Picnic

On **September 22**, worship will be held at 10:30 am at The Hideaway at Kennekuk County Park—rain or shine. See the deacons' report on page 6 for more details.

## Fifth Sunday in September



On **September 29**, the fifth Sunday of the month, the Worship team is planning a hymn sing. Use the bulletin inserts to request your favorite hymn. As we did during the Psalm sermon series, we'll include some music videos in the service. And together we will create a new banner for the sanctuary in commemoration of the church's

190th celebration.

## Thanks to All Who Purchased Pew Bibles

### Given to the glory of God:

The Whitehair Family  
The Youth Group  
Jeanne Burke  
Pat Tarr  
Butch & Shirley Creamer  
Dick & Norma Burch  
Janet & Bob Martin  
Nick & Pat de Place  
Bob & Judy Iverson  
Mike & Joyce Schmitt

### Given in honor of:

*Rosella Newton* by Diana Szaras  
*The Riggle Family* by Lisa Taylor  
*Joy Peters* by Joanne Chacon, Ana Amorin, Antonio Amorin, & Carlos Chacon  
*Evelyn Grace Cornwell* by Roger & Eva Cornwell  
*Rhoda Fox* by Carryl Fox  
*Keaton Binette* by Jason & Anne Binette  
*Margaret Murphy* by Judy Laker  
*Kelly Whitehair* by Judy Laker  
*Dorothy Doty* by Paula Evans  
*Phyllis & Eugene Morin* by Karen Schildt  
*Rev. Ann Schwartz* by Helen Bury  
*My family* by Helen Bury  
*Madge Wagner* by The Wagner Family  
*Pastor Ann Schwartz* by Robert & Margaret Crabb  
*Our grandsons, Spencer & Charlie Boesdorfer*  
by Bob & Nancy Boesdorfer  
*Our son & daughter-in-law, Brad & Sarah Boesdorfer*  
by Bob & Nancy Boesdorfer  
*First Presbyterian Church Family* by Bev Royce  
*My Family* by Bev Royce

### Given in memory of:

*Donald Newton* by Diana Szaras  
*Frances & Herbert Peterson* by Ruth Pancoast (daughter)  
*Charles M. Riggle, Jr.* by Mildred Riggle  
*Ernie Curtis* by Rosemary Curtis  
*Rev. E. Dale Ferrell* by Claudia Ferrell  
*Robert Fox* by Carryl Fox  
*Billie & Iris Carpenter* by Dotty (Carpenter) de Torres  
*Glen Edward Murphy* by Margaret Murphy  
*Diana Dean Root* by Dick & Norma Burch  
*James & Clarina Root* by Dick & Norma Burch  
*Monica Binette* by Jason, Anne & Keaton Binette  
*Muriel & Homer Mullins* by Cline, Ellis & Mullins Families  
*George Doty* by Paula Evans  
*Mary Ellen & Raymond Schildt* by George Schildt  
*Mark E. Schildt* Karen & George Schildt  
*Victor Thompson* by Mary Thompson  
*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Riggle, Sr.* by Jean Quick  
*Thelma & Samuel Laker* by Judy & Steve Laker  
*Monte Goodwin* by Julie Goodwin Clark  
*Rev. Joe Bury* by Helen Bury  
*Our son, Larry* by Mike & Joyce Schmitt  
*Dr. George S. Torrey* by his family  
*Hazel Stephens* by The Wagner Family  
*Leo & Helen DuBois* by Robert & Margaret Crabb  
*Our parents, Elmer & Doris Boesdorfer and Bob & Bonnie Shipley* by Bob & Nancy Boesdorfer  
*Don Newton* by Bev Royce  
*Grandparents, Ross & Dorothy Newton and Gilbert & Alberta VanCamp* by Bev Royce

### Bibles given in honor and in memory of:

*Rosemary & Ernie Curtis* by Linda Curtis

### A Minor Miracle in the Ferrell Family

Some of you may recall Dale’s younger son, John. He was the one with the beard and a full head of hair. For years he and his wife, Margaret, planned to sell their several acres and move to the wilds of Idaho; they cared for family, but no one else. Society had too many problem people, and they wanted to just focus on their dogs and guns. They left their jobs in Spokane Valley, Washington about ten days before Dale passed. They intended to stay as long as necessary; I was grateful beyond words.

All last summer several of you had continued to ask how you could help. Karen and George Schildt picked up Dale’s daughter from the Indy airport so that she would not have to rent a car she didn’t need. Nancy Coan took my car in for service. Someone kept the lawn mowed. Jan Voorhees, Susie Serfoss, and Nancy Coan brought meals every other evening.

And Pastor Ann was always close. She visited Dale twice in the hospital and every other day once he came home. After he passed, she worked with his children to create a lovely, comforting service, while Sheila was very generous and helpful in generating the bulletin and the slide show. Then Mary Thompson’s pound cake appeared surrounded by fruit plates. Amy opened the nursery, a true blessing for my grandchildren! And then you all welcomed our family. Your loving concern was palpable and the topic of conversation for days afterward. Dale’s children said that they felt at home and loved, and they were amazed.

After we returned from the cemetery in Hoopston, friends provided a bounty of food at home. The children asked if they could stay a few days longer, and I replied, “Sure, as long as the leftovers last.” They stayed for six days, three children and spouses, eating lunch and dinner. When they left, I still had a few items in the freezer. It was wonderful, and they helped me so much!

Fast forward to Saturday, August 10, 2019, when the family gathered to mourn the passing of Bob Smith, Cynthia’s husband. At a quiet time, John announced some news. They had sold their house, horse, and property and bought a three-bedroom ranch house in Spokane Valley, and the neighbors were wonderful!

After a few minutes of praising their neighbors, John leaned across the table and said, “Claudia, we have you

to thank for all this. We got on the plane to come home and we said, ‘There might be something to this neighbor thing, to this help-each-other thing, to this look-out-for-each-other thing.’ We thought about it all winter, and so we sold the property and bought a house in town. Thank you!”

I did nothing. You expressed your loving concern, and it changed the lives of two people. Idaho will have two fewer angry isolationists. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. Our family thanks you.—  
*Claudia Ferrell*

### September Birthdays

- Pete Krainock .....Sept. 2
- James Potts.....Sept. 7
- Kyla Bowler .....Sept. 10
- Jessica Bowler .....Sept. 10
- Ann Schwartz .....Sept. 11
- Charles Winchester .....Sept. 13
- Steve Bowler .....Sept. 19
- Diana Szaras.....Sept. 23
- Iris de Torres .....Sept. 23
- Mid Riggle .....Sept. 25
- Joyce Schmitt.....Sept. 29
- Peggy Gibson .....Sept. 29

### September Anniversaries

- John & Sheila Smiley ..... Sept. 1
- Dave & Becky Briggs ..... Sept. 8
- Scott & Jessica Sykes ..... Sept. 13
- Wes & Nancy Grimes..... Sept. 25



Mid Riggle is celebrating her  
95<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Please join her and her family  
on Sunday, September 29 at  
10:45 am (after service) in the  
lounge for cake and fellowship.

### FPC Youth Calendar

Sept. 8.....Sunday school, 10:00 am  
 Sept. 11.....Youth group, 5:30 pm  
 Sept. 14.....College-age group, 6:00 pm  
 Sept. 15.....Sunday school, 10:00 am  
 Sept. 18.....Youth group, 5:30 pm  
 Sept. 21.....College-age group, 6:00 pm  
 Sept. 22.....Worship and church picnic, 10:30 am  
 Sept. 25.....Youth group, 5:30 pm  
 Sept. 28.....College-age group, 6:00 pm  
 Sept. 29.....Sunday school, 10:00 am

### Sunday School Kick-off

The new season of Sunday school resumes on **September 8**. The theme for the 2019-2020 year is “I am a child of God.”

To celebrate our back-to-Sunday-school kick-off, everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy ice cream sundaes in the lounge after worship on September 8.

Children and youth, ages 3 through 12, are invited to worship with the congregation for the first part of the service and then leave after the children’s time until class ends at **11:00 am** (a later end-time than in previous years). Thanks to Karen Schildt, Pat Tarr, and Kelley Whitehair who will teach again this year.

On the first Sunday of the month, we will continue the practice of having children stay in the sanctuary with their families so they can receive communion and experience a full worship service.

### Wednesday Book Group

If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, join the Wednesday afternoon book group. We are halfway through *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*, but will soon announce our new title. The group meets at 2:00 pm in the board room.

### The Bible in Politics

The Sunday adult education class continues to discuss *The Bible in Politics*. Our primary goal is better understanding—of the scriptures, world events, and each other. All are welcome to join the conversation. We meet at noon on most Sundays in the board room.

### News from the Women’s Circles

*Ruth Circle* will begin its new year on Tuesday, **September 10** in the boardroom at 10:00 am. We are studying *Christian History Made Easy* by Timothy Paul Jones, PhD. This is a quick and colorful guide to understanding key biblical events and people. All are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Tarr (217-427-5203).

*Lydia Circle* will meet on Thursday, **September 26**, at 2:00 pm at the home of Mary Thompson, 123 Edwards. Mary will give the devotions, and Ellen Gramm will lead the study, Chapter 6, in *God’s Promise: I Am with You*. Shirley and Butch Creamer are the new co-moderators of the circle, and they invite others to join the Circle for prayer and study.

### Pre-Celebration Church Work Day

Before we welcome guests to our 190th celebration, we have to clean! On Saturday, **September 28**, 8:00-12:00 noon, we’ll work to make this place sparkle and shine. Please come to dust, wash windows, polish woodwork, and vaccum inside, or weed, mulch, and paint trim outside.

If you are willing to help but can’t be present on the 28th, talk to Nick dePlace. He can provide supplies and instructions if you’d rather come on a different day.

September Meetings	
Sept 3.....	3:00 pm Faith Development Team
.....	6:00 pm Deacons
.....	7:00 pm Nominating Committee
Sept 8.....	11:00 am Worship Team
Sept 9.....	3:30 pm Personnel Team
.....	4:30 pm Mission Team
.....	5:30 pm Congregational Care Team
.....	6:30 pm Facilities Team
Sept 11.....	5:00 pm Finance Team
Sept 17.....	3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
.....	6:30 pm Session
Sept 18.....	9:30 am Office Staff
Sept 19.....	5:00 pm All Staff

## Session Highlights

Session met on August 20, 2019. Following are highlights of their meeting:

- 10 out of 12 elders present
- Approved bid from Liggett's of \$1,575 for plumbing repairs in men's basement bathroom
- Approved bid from Custom Steel Works of \$1,885 for a new boiler room door
- Voted to remove the stone/wood sign box at the southeast corner of the building which is deteriorating and may pose a safety hazard
- Designated 25% of Peace & Global Witness Offering to Peer Court
- Upon recommendation from Personnel team, voted to change officers' manual regarding holiday pay calculation so all employees' holiday pay will be based on normal work-day hours

The next stated Session meeting will be **September 17, 2019**. Because of the church picnic, the next Coffee Talk with the Session will be **September 29**.

## What's New in the Church

The Facilities Team says hello to everyone. It's September and lots is happening. You may have noticed a turquoise picnic table under the tree in the north lot. This is a meeting place for anyone to sit and talk. Thanks to Dick and Norma Burch, Nick dePlace and Pat dePlace, and Karen Schildt for purchasing, assembling, and painting the table.



The remodel of the kitchen has been put on hold for now. It will be done in early 2020.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came out and helped to spruce up the landscaping. Mulch was applied and many weeds were pulled. It looks great.

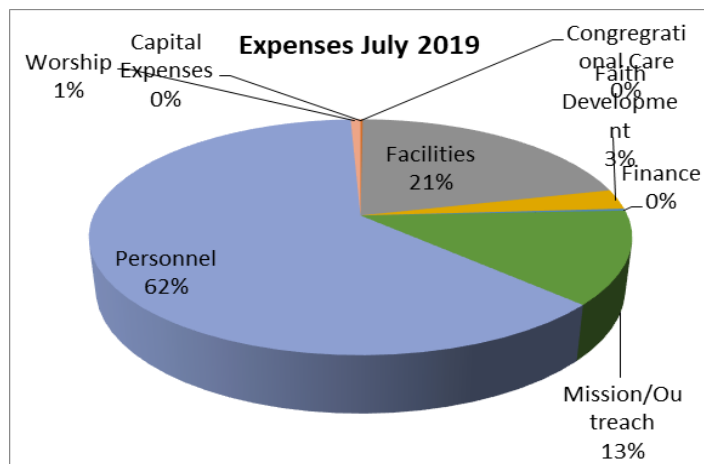
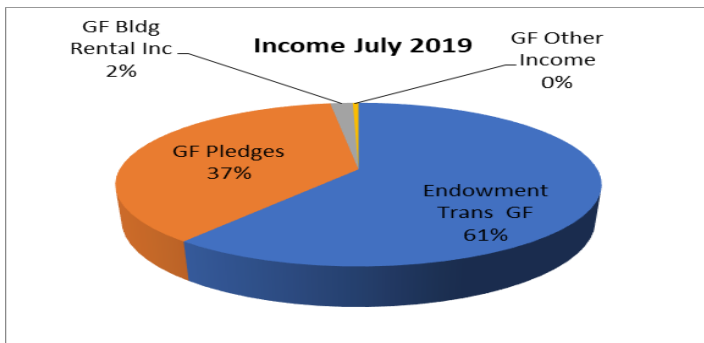
The flashing on the east side of the building and the chimney cap will be repaired soon. The men's bathroom and shower in the basement are being upgraded now for use by the Dwelling Place. A dehumidifier has been purchased to replace one in the basement.

A new fire alarm system will be installed this fall. We are looking at bids now, asking questions of the vendors, and continuing to talk to the Fire Marshall. New doors will be installed on the outside gym entrance and boiler room soon.

The church is getting ready for the 190<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Jim and Linda Anderson have been working hard to make the inside of the church look great. They have found and hung many pictures that have been in storage. They have found usable furniture and items that they have placed throughout the church. The next big project is a work day on September 28 to spruce up the inside of the church. Watch the bulletin for more details. Many hands make short work days.

Keep "This Old House" in your prayers and hope that God will hear our prayers and provide the resources to keep our church beautiful.

### July 2019 Income and Expenses



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### Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

*Now may the Lord of peace . . . Give you peace at all times in all ways.—2 Thessalonians 3:16*

The second letter to the Thessalonians was written based on the belief that Jesus’ return to earth was imminent and would result in God’s triumphal resolution for all creation. But many in that early church were disappointed and frustrated that God’s timing was different than their expectations. Fear and hopelessness spread among the believers, resulting in divisions and mistrust, which began to sap the church of its vibrant ministry. Paul wrote the letter to encourage their continued faith and hope and to remind them that the God of peace can bring peace at all times, in all ways.



In every time and place, the church wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and expectations and God’s. We are called to trust that even the small seeds of peace that we plant can grow.

On **October 6**, World Communion Sunday, we will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. While 75% of your gifts will support church-wide ministries of peace and reconciliation, the Session has voted to designate our local portion to Peer Court, a program housed in our building that gives youth the opportunity to learn from their mistakes before a juvenile crime becomes part of their record. Youth offenders who take responsibility for their actions can have their cases heard at a teen court trial that is staffed by trained youth jurors, attorneys, and clerks. The focus is on justice and reconciliation. Please give to support this innovative peacemaking program.

### Mission Matters

Here is a calendar of ongoing mission opportunities:

- September:** Details to come soon!
  - October 6:** Peace & Global Witness Offering
  - November:** Prizes for Bingo games for patients/residents at the VA.
  - December 22:** Christmas Joy Offering
- Please share with the Mission/Outreach Team ideas you have or opportunities you are aware of for doing mission in our community: *Pat de Place, Lisa Taylor, Diana Szaras, Judy Iverson, or Myanne Compton.*

### From the Desk of the Deacons

The lazy days of summer are coming to a close. It won’t be long, and it will time for the annual church picnic. The date is **September 22**. The place is **Kennekuk County Park, the Hiway**. Please bring a dish to share. The Deacons will be providing fried chicken as well as lemonade and tea. Stretch yourself. Let’s see a few more vegetable dishes. Bring a lawn chair or two, perhaps an extra to share. Worship is at **10:30 am**. The meal will follow.



We want to thank Kelly Whitehair and her crew for a positive SOS (Summer of Service) program for our youth. We want to thank all the young people who participated. We pray that all learned and grew from the experience.

Due to life and all that it serves us, the Deacon subcommittee has not concluded its work on an alternative to the Food Pantry. It appears that a recommendation from the committee will be coming in the fall. Therefore, we ask for your patience and prayers for the life issues faced by Myanne Compton and Diana Szaras as well as for guidance as the committee convenes to bring an alternative back to the Deacons for consideration.

Your support, financially, spiritually, and in human effort, is greatly appreciated. Without each member of the church family helping, the Deacons could not complete their mission. Thank you.—*George Schildt*

### In the Church Mailbox

Special thanks to all who helped to make Community Days a success. Thanks and God bless.—*Mary Thompson, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Chair*

Sunday Morning Schedule	
Worship.....	9:45
Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00
Fellowship.....	10:45
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS).....	11:00
Adult Ed.....	12:00

## Wet or Dry Danville?

The Presbyterian Church was a leader in the Temperance Movement in the early 1900's. First Presbyterian Church was no exception, as is illustrated in this article from *The Blazer*, a monthly publication of our church. The following article was taken from the May, 1914 edition and was titled "Church Work – The Election."

"Danville's wet and dry election on April 21, was lost to the wets by a small majority of 189, out of a total vote of over fourteen thousand. The campaign was indeed a battle royal, and never in all the political contests of the past has Danville witnessed such a determined struggle at the polls. No quarter was asked or given by either side, nor did either side lay down their arms until the last vote was cast and counted. The dries were far from being discouraged at the result of the election, while the wets were merely glad that they were alive, and able to continue in business for one more year. The saloon interests received the returns in sullen silence, and there was not a single shout or sign of triumph because of the questionable victory. The saloons saw their doom written in the returns, and the wiser heads among them are already planning to go out of business before the same cyclone strikes them next spring.

It has been estimated by those who are familiar with the game of politics as played in Danville, that the saloons spent not less than \$125,000 in the campaign and in buying votes on election day. We call it an election, but on the part of the saloons it was an auction and every purchasable vote in Danville was bid in by the saloons. Every boodler got his price, and we regret to say that a large number of boodlers wear skirts and pose before the public as women. The victory was so expensive that a large number of the saloon-keepers have declared that they will not "put up" for another campaign, but will let the election go by default. On the other hand the dries are already planning for a bigger fight than ever next spring when the election will be held for the entire township instead of for the city alone. In no sense of the term are the dries discouraged, and now with the splendid experience that they have had, they feel that a dry Danville is assured next spring and that it's all over but the shouting. The dries will maintain and strengthen their organization, and when the order to fire is given next spring, every gun will be

in position and every man and woman will be on the job. The coming year in Danville will see great things happening hereabouts, and thanks to the women, they are to do a man's share of the work. Danville is going dry in 1915!"

(Contributors note – The recent general election in Danville drew approximately 7500 voters.)


—Jim Anderson

## Celebrating Our History

First Presbyterian Church will celebrate 190 years of faithful ministry in Danville, Illinois, with a celebration on Sunday, **October 20, 2019.**

Highlights will include:

- An organ recital by Ray Wiggs, former FPC organist, 9:00-9:45 am
- Worship at 9:45 am, featuring organist Dave Schroeder and the First Presbyterian choir
- Reception in the lounge, 10:45-11:15
- Brunch in the gym at 11:15
- Proclamations presented by local and state officials
- An Abraham Lincoln presenter who will share stories of Lincoln's travels to and activities in Danville as he was traveling the 8th Judicial Court
- A display of period dress and historical artifacts from Susan Biggs Warner of the Vermilion County Conservation District, as well as photos and stories that members continue to post on the Memory Board in the library

**The Mouse House**  
All books and greeting cards are now .25 each!

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