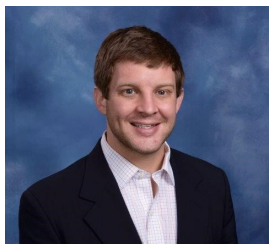




## Beyond the Columns



### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

I greatly enjoyed the sermon series that are finishing on September 3, and which took us through much of the summer. In exploring people’s “Coming to Jesus” moments in the Gospel of Matthew, I hope that you were able to grow in understanding of how and why we might also approach Jesus today. There were still some examples from the Gospels that we did not use in that series, so we

might want to come back to it sometime in the future.

For the next few months, however, we have a couple of regular seasons of the church to tackle. One of them is Reformation Sunday. While this usually only takes up one day—the final Sunday in October—this year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 Theses (his concerns about the practices of the church) on the Wittenberg church door. In honor of this significant anniversary, we will spend the entire month of October, rather than just a single week, studying some of the themes of the Reformation and what they mean for our lives of faith.

So, with October dedicated to that, we will look at our 2017 Stewardship theme in September! This is fitting, since September 20 is the annual Stewardship dinner (special thanks to the donors who have made possible a very special meal), and since the seeds that our children planted on August 20 to go with our theme have already sprouted! That theme, “Bearing Fruit: Being Jesus’s Disciples” comes from John 15, and especially verse 8: “This is to my Father’s glory: that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be his disciples.”

The motif of fruit is abundant in Scripture, and might best be known because of the “fruits of the Spirit,” which Jackson Weller and Bob Ramey have already touched on in some recent sermons. We will return to those as we explore our theme, but our focus on September 10, 17, and 24 will be Jesus’s instruction and encouragement for us in John 15 itself. I trust that Jesus will speak to all of us just as he did to his disciples long ago, preparing us to be his fruitful disciples!

While I am on the topic of Stewardship, I want to thank you again for your generous giving in 2016 and thus far in 2017. As the Finance Committee and I have mentioned, the budget surplus you provided in 2016 has allowed us to give \$30,000 beyond our initial missions budget to our local and global partners in 2017! As 2017 has gone on, you have also been remarkably regular and generous in your giving. Please keep it up so that we can continue to be the generous congregation that our mission partners and our community know us to be!

As we explore more about the theme of “bearing fruit,” I hope we can all consider how God is calling us to be even more fruitful disciples. No matter our station or abilities, we can grow closer to Jesus and serve him more in thought, word, and deed. Meanwhile the Holy Spirit will lead us to the right places to serve and proclaim Jesus to others, as well. I pray that he will do so through this Stewardship season, and I look forward to sharing it with you!

In Christ,

Allen



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Stewardship in Action, Recipe of the Month, and more.

# Contacts, First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, Holidays in United States

Sep 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Mark your calendars:  
Join us for a **Community Prayer Service** for  
in the Sanctuary on September 18 at 7 p.m.



Contact Jackson for details: [Jackson@fpcdanville.com](mailto:Jackson@fpcdanville.com) or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

### Children:

September 17 — Picnic After Church—Dress casual for church and stay for a picnic lunch & playground time for the kids. The church will provide hotdogs, chips, sides, and drinks; we ask that you bring a dessert to share. We'll eat, hangout, and let the kids play on the playground. This will be a great time of fellowship for kids and parents. Please give Jackson Weller a head count by September 14th, email at [jackson@fpcdanville.com](mailto:jackson@fpcdanville.com)

Looking Ahead: October 4 & 18— Children will have Bible Club following the Wednesday Night Supper

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**Youth:**                      **Youth Group** will meet September 6, 20, and 27.

September 10 – Scavenger Hunt

September 23 – Lunch Ministry

Many thanks to the families that hosted the Progressive Dinner!!! Thank you to the Belk, Brown, Clarke, and Van Valkenberg families for opening up their homes and the amazing meals you provided !!!

Looking Ahead: October 1— Annual Crop Walk





## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Ken Brewer, Bill

Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Bruce Hopson, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds' sister), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberly, Tom West

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett's son-in-law), Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller's Uncle), Mack Williams, Russell Vandiver

**OUR VIPs**—Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Lois Hayes, Ruth Lawton, Grace Litzenberg, Malcolm Mallery, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Linda Terriberly, Nultie Wiseman

### CAREGIVERS

#### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

##### Our condolences to

—The family of Martha Cutright, whose mother passed recently.

—The family of Jean White whose son Eddie passed away Aug. 22nd.

—The family and friends of Kathy Huggins who passed away Aug. 30th.

## SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

**WHAT:** Serving a hot lunch to the community

**WHEN:** Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

**WHO:** Different groups are in charge each week. **EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!** Cooking, clean up, greeting, Bible Study, chatting with guests.

Sept. 2: Women's Circle  
Sept. 9: Westover Baptist  
Sept. 16: Unity Presbyterian  
Sept. 23: FPC Youth  
Sept. 30: Outlook Class



you feel a calling to serve in any of these areas, please email Brenna Takata at [brenna5008@gmail.com](mailto:brenna5008@gmail.com) or call the church office and leave a message with Vickie.

- Small Group Gathering will resume on Monday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

—Linda Copeland and Marie-Louise Crane



Christopher Hill, MD, husband of Lucy Meadema Hill, has returned safely to his family following a 6 month deployment with the US Navy! His delighted family thanks the congregation for prayers for Chris, Lucy and their children while he was away.



### Flowers on the Reredos

If you would like to place flowers we have dates that are available for the month of September.

For information, please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net.

After the service, flowers are distributed to those persons on our prayer list or as directed by the sponsor.



### VIP OF THE WEEK

Please remember our VIPs in prayer each week and drop them a card or note to let them know how much they are loved.

**Sept. 10** Fae Smith  
661 Timberlake Dr., Danville VA 24540

### REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast will resume Sat. Sept 16th at 8:00 a.m.



### Property Committee

#### *Bob's To-Do List*

Obtain estimate for roof  
Determine cause of ceiling leak room 108 & repair damage  
Touch up paint in nursery area

#### *Completed items:*

Additional grab bars ladies RR  
Replace light fixture in nursery room  
Paint stucco material at front steps  
Power wash walk front steps



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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Christian Education

Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will  
meet on Monday, Sept. 25  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor.



A list of duties, committee  
Information, and more is  
available at

[http://fpcdanville.com/  
duties-and-committees/](http://fpcdanville.com/duties-and-committees/)



## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS



### PRESBYTERIAN FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

[www.PFF.net](http://www.PFF.net) 612-869-0062

PFF was established in 1981 by American missionaries to stimulate congressional involvement in mission among unreached people groups. Our missionaries stress reaching groups throughout the world who have not received God's word. They do not specialize in relief ministry, but support those who do, knowing that people need hope as well as food and water. Families need encouragement that God cares for them and their children. Our missionaries, whom we are not able to name, work with partners to translate the Bible, plant churches, train indigenous leaders, build schools, and cross the frontier carrying the joy of Jesus Christ. We urge you to go online or call to see the many countries they are touching. Pray for our missionaries as they work in the mission field.

Evening Circle will meet Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Mathena, 700 Stream Way. This is our first meeting for the "new year" and everyone is urged to attend.

## BANANA PUDDING COURTESY OF INA INGRAM

*From the 2009 Stewardship Supper Cookbook*

- 1 (14 oz. can) of Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
- 1/4 c cold water
- 1 (4 serving size) pkg. instant vanilla pudding
- 2 c (1 pt.) whipped cream whip
- 36 vanilla wafers
- 3 medium bananas
- Juice from "real" lemon

Mix pudding with water. Let chill for 5 minutes. Stir in Eagle Brand milk until well blended. Whip 2 cups cream until peaks form...Add to pudding. Fold in well. Slice bananas in pie plate in lemon juice. In a deep dish, put a layer of pudding, a layer of wafers, and a layer of bananas...pudding on top. Chill.

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Last month in this column we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Roy Pinckney. This month we highlight David Swann. David, like Roy, is a fixture at our Saturday Lunch Ministry. David is there every Saturday to help food preparation and cleanup. During the lunch program, David converses with the attendees and makes them feel welcome. David is a faithful Deacon who works hard to make sure his duties are carried out and to help other Deacons when necessary. When the Deacons organize a special event, David is always willing to help. If another Deacon needs a substitute for Saturday Lunch or Collections duties, David is quick to volunteer. As a matter of fact, David can always be counted on to assemble a team to collect offering each and every Sunday. This is such a help to all the other Deacons. David is a valuable member of the Diaconate and a blessing to our church. Thanks David for the many gifts you provide to the people around you!

### Stewardship Corner

#### July 2017 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$24,469	\$185,531	\$156,884	\$181,125	\$4,406
Other Income	\$43	\$1,527	\$114,213	\$5,685	(\$4,158)
Transfers	\$8,500	\$69,928	\$31,008	\$54,551	\$15,377
Total Revenues	\$33,011	\$256,987	\$302,105	\$241,361	\$15,625
Expenses	\$38,375.63	\$254,016.69	\$344,695.11	\$239,903.16	(\$14,113.53)
Net Total	(\$5,364)	\$2,970	(\$42,590)	\$1,458	\$1,512

#### Stewardship News

Hello from the Stewardship Committee! Make sure to mark your calendars for our Stewardship Dinner to be held on Sept. 20 at 6:00. This year's dinner will consist of a great meal and a great program. The meal, like last year, will be free of charge so we can get as many to attend as possible. The program will consist of a talent inventory to help you understand where your own talents lie. As you remember, this year's Stewardship theme is "Bearing Fruit; Using our talents" so we'll be working to match talents from the talent inventory to the various organizations in our church. Hopefully our members can then better understand where their individual talents can be of the most value!

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you

**Thank You Linda Kile** for your many years of service in counting our offering. We would like to express our grateful appreciation in your gift of time year after year. Thank you for your sharing your talent with us these many years.

Join us **Wed. Sept. 6th at 4:15 pm** at Danville Cinema to see **"All Saints"** based on a pastor's true story. Dinner to follow at Nonni's Pizza.



### September

- 3 Paige Wiseman
- 4 Sally Clark
- 5 Pat Bolt
- 6 Dixie Hayes
- 7 Caitlyn Crews  
Susie Crews
- 8 Millie Hatcher
- 10 Jeff Davis  
Anne Harvey
- 14 Anderson Miller  
Sue Miller
- 16 Gail Jones  
Pat Knick
- Sam Meadema
- 21 Mark Heard  
Tom Gillespie
- 22 Ava Barrett
- 23 Rebecca Atkinson
- 24 Linda Dodson
- 25 Thelma Meadors
- 26 Carol Strange
- 27 Bob Ramey
- 28 Lauren Mathena

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER PHOTOS

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1826, we were the first organized congregation in Danville. Our sanctuary and offices are located at 937 Main St, next door to the Sutherlin Mansion and Museum and a few blocks west of downtown.

On Sundays, Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 AM and worship services are at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. For all other events, please see our calendar and missions page. You can also follow us on Twitter and like us on face-book.

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