



Beyond the Columns

A WORD FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Message from the Vision Committee

A vision statement is a picture that describes where our church aspires to be in the future. The vision committee has been discussing what we are doing to know Christ and make Him known, what motivates us to do it, and how we are going to nourish people that are hurting in our community. It would be easy to get discouraged thinking about First Presbyterian Church's future, given Danville's demographics, our aging membership, and now being in transition between pastors. But rather than look for obstacles, we see opportunities; rather than focus on our weaknesses, we are building on our strengths.

We started our last meeting with a devotion from Numbers Chapter 13. Moses sent ten spies into the Promised Land to see if the Israelites could take this land of milk and honey from the Canaanites. Eight of the men returned saying, "Their cities are well fortified and the Canaanite people are giants. We look like grasshoppers next to them". However, Caleb and Joshua told Moses "The Canaanites' protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them".

As you see a picture in your mind's eye of the future of First Presbyterian Church, hear the words of Joshua "The Lord is with us. Do not be afraid."

In Service to Christ

The Vision Committee

Tom Barrett, Harriet Beale, Whitney Clark, Karan Johnson, Becky Meadema, Joyce Perez, Kent Shelton, and Jackson Weller

Note: The Vision Committee will present our report at the final Wednesday night church supper on April 11th, 2018.



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March Birthdays

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March 2018

To Know Christ And Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30p C.Choir	2 Office Closed	3 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
4 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	5 9:30 NO Prayer Group 10 Staff Mtg.	6 5:15p Handbells 6p Deacons 7p Property	7 6p Wed. Supper 6p Youth	8 5:30p C.Choir	9 Office Closed	10 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
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Contact Jackson for details: Jackson@fpcdanville.com or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2018 June 11th—14th 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Children & Adults

“Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus”



Children:

Bible Club will meet March 7th & 21st

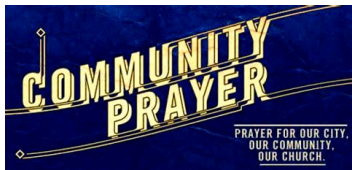
Palm Parade March 25th

Easter Egg Hunt & Party April 1st

Youth: **Youth Group** will meet March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th.

Airbound March 18th after Church

Youth Lunch Ministry March 24th



We will have our next Community Prayer Service Monday **March 19th at 7 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Join us in the sanctuary, as we have prayer time.



REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast will be March 17th at 8:00 a.m.

You are invited to join us for our study; “Unfolded: The Story Of God.” Most of us know specific Bible stories, but do you know the overarching story of the Bible? While the Bible is a collection of 66 books, the reigning theme that still holds eternal implications for our lives today is God's powerful story of redemption. We will explore this story of a God who loves us, longs to be known by us, and ultimately invites us into His story.

Dear Congregation of First Presbyterian Church,

All of you have been very thoughtful of Randy and me since we moved to Danville about eighteen months ago. Your prayers, visits, delivery of flowers from the altar and new friendships are very meaningful to us. The childrens department has remembered us with special gifts for Christmas and fun cards expressing Christian love for Valentine's Day. Thank each of you for making us feel welcome in Danville.



Our Prayers are for your congregation. May its membership and leadership be blessed in 2018.

Sincerely,

Randy & Alice Bradshaw

PRAYERS AND PRAISES



PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Becky Meadema, Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Tim Burnette, Claire

Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriber, Mrs. Ellen Tunnicliff, Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Alice & Randolph Bradshaw, MD, (Becky Meadema's parents), Dianne East,

Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Tim Kernodle, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller's Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Tom West, Nultie Wiseman

OUR VIPs—Chuck Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Pauline Fitts, Donna Fowlkes, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Goldie Keese, Ruth Lawton, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Malcolm Mallery, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Fae Smith, Linda Terriber, Tom West, Nultie Wiseman

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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.

March 3: Women's Circle
March 10: Westover Baptist
March 17: Unity Presbyterian
March 24: Youth
March 31: Outlook Class



The 2nd floor apartment is available for rent. Recently remodeled and painted, this apartment has 2 bedrooms (possible 3rd), 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room. Rent will be \$800/with \$800 security deposit. If you know anyone interested, please call Dick Stoakley at 792-7822 ext. 5

Session Duties for March

Security & Side Door: 4 B. Hayes, 11 B. Wilson, 18 J. Reynolds, 25 L. Brown

Greeter Front Door (month of March) G. Hayes

Communion: 18 F. Baker & B. Wilson

Sessional Devotion: 12 R. Beale

Saturday Lunch: 3 B. Hayes, 10 B. Wilson; 17 J. Reynolds, 24 L. Brown, 31 M. Bell

Flowers on the Reredos



March 11th– The flowers are given in loving memory of Ted Argyrakis by Pat and their children.

March 18th– On this date five years ago, Charles Smith enters the church triumphant. The flowers are given in his memory by the family.

March 25th– The palms that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Riley Haynsworth, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond T. Beale by Harriet & Ray Beale.

Evening Circle will be in charge for the month of March.

We have open dates available for March. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net, for more information.

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.

March 5 Chuck Bolt 133 Westmoreland Ct. Danville, VA 24541

March 12 Charlotte Lowther 345 Mowbray Arch Danville, VA 24541

March 19 Tom West 903 Main St Apt 1 Danville, VA 24541

March 26 A.B. Motley 480 W. Main St. Danville, VA 24541



Family Night Suppers this month will be March 7th (Team 4) the program will be the cancer program presented by Susan Mathena & Charlotte Litzenberg and March 21st (Team 1) Bible study by Ralph Hawkins. Sign up in the Dunglinson-Roberts room or call the church office to reserve your spot.

The meal for March 7th will be a covered dish, please bring your favorite entrée or side dish to share. The church will provide the desserts and drinks. The meal for the 21st will be announced at a later date.

Bible Club will be held for children 5th Grade & under.

Price will be \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free.



Property Committee

Bob's To-Do List

Paint apartment porch
woodwork

AED sign needs to be
Installed

Sutherlin Street
Entrance –columns need
repair & painting

Routine Maintenance items
around the church building
ongoing.

Repair to carpet -tile
transition between
children's S.S. rooms &
Educational wing

Completed items:

Broken glass in computer
room fixed

Storm windows checked for
correct seating

Scrubbers in education
building roof checked

Slate steps repaired

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will
meet Monday March 26th at
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Worship Committee will
meet Sunday March 4th at
9:30 in Dunglinson
Roberts.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

The support and prayers of people in churches such as our have kept the Wehmeyers preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Southern Mexico, Colombia and Chile. Don Wehmeyer mentions four prayer requests for 2018: (1) San Pablo Seminary in Merida, Yucatan and Berea Seminary in Palenque, Chiapas both teach solid Reformed theology but have severe financial challenges. There is no future for the church without leadership formation. Help with scholarships is needed; (2) 40-50 Mexican pastors will receive training in the Bethel Series February 19-24th. It is hoped that churches will begin to teach the whole Bible once this ministry is established with the goal of far better Bible literacy among members; (3) Don is working to get the Peninsula Presbytery in Mexico to start supporting short term workshops. Pray for Pastor Misael, a church planter in Chia, Colombia; (4) The Wehmeyers' daughter, Valerie, is doing an excellent job with the administration of the retreat center in Chablekal. A new website is being designed which should attract even more use. Pray that the Lord will bring them someone to help Valerie.

Don writes that they are honored to have us as part of the ministry the Lord has laid on their hearts. They are open to communication of any kind, including visitors to Mexico, as they have an extra bedroom and plenty of coffee to share!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Studies
(First Monday of the month)
Monday March 5th
Coordinating Council will meet at 10 a.m.
Day time bible study at 12:30 p.m.
at church in room 108
Evening study at 7 p.m.
at the home of Harriet Beale
129 Westmoreland Ct., Danville

All women are invited to join our
Danville area sisters in Christ for
our next Church Women United
gathering on Friday, March 2. It
will be held at Loyal Baptist
church, 468 Holbrook St., start-
ing with refreshments at 10:30
a.m. and we will be celebrating
World Community Day. The
theme will be Kindling New Fires
for PEACE.



The church now has an AED sized for youth and adults. This is located in the Sunday School Superintendent's office mounted on the wall. The office staff and Day School teachers will get training but we would like to have several people from the congregation (active attendees) who are interested in learning how to use this equipment. The AED class is approx. 20-30 min. The class will probably be during the week, time and day depending on who responds. If you are interested please contact the office 792-7822 ext. 1 or email Vickie@fpcdanville.com.

Thanks to all who came out and scrubbed the kitchen on Feb. 10th. We are all good to go for Holy Week and hope we killed ALL the germs for you there this flu season!!! (Next big clean scheduled for the Fall !!)



CREAMY LAYERED LEMON SQUARES SUBMITTED BY JACKSON WELLER

2 c. graham cracker crumbs
1/2 c sugar, divided
1/2 c butter, melted
1 1/2 (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 tub (8 oz.) cool whip
1 lb. strawberries sliced (about 3 cups)
1 1/2 c. boiling water
1 pkg. (6 oz.) jello lemon flavor
2 c. ice cubes

Mix graham crumbs, 1/4 c. sugar & butter in 13 x 9 dish; press onto bottom of dish.

Beat cream cheese and remaining sugar in bowl with mixer until well blended. Whisk in 1 1/2 c. cool whip; spread over crust. Top with 2 cups strawberries. Refrigerate.

Add boiling water to gelatin mix in bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in ice cubes until melted. Refrigerate 5 min. or until thickened. Whisk in remaining cool whip; spread over strawberry layer. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Serve topped with remaining strawberries.

Baked Spaghetti submitted by Jackson Weller

1 16 oz. pkg. spaghetti
1 lb. ground beef/turkey
1 onion, chopped
1 32 oz. jar your favorite spaghetti sauce
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
2 eggs
1/3 c. grated Parmesan cheese
5 Tbsp. butter, melted
2 c. sm. Curd cottage cheese, divided
4 c. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Cook spaghetti in boiling water about 12 minutes. Drain. Heat skillet over med. heat, cook & stir beef & onion until meat is browned & onions are soft. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce & seasoned salt. Whisk eggs, Parmesan cheese, & butter in bowl. Mix in spaghetti to egg mixture and toss to coat. Place half of the mixture into greased 9x13 baking dish. Top with half the cottage cheese, mozzarella, & meat sauce. Repeat layers. Cover with foil. Bake in preheated 350 oven for 40 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake until the cheese is melted and lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes longer.



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Let us know if we have missed
your special day!

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 facebook.

You can reach us at
(434) 792-7822 or
office@fpcdanville.com

The criteria for FPC Scholarships from the Scholarship Committee: Member of FCP, Participation in FPC Youth Activities, Age 24 or younger, Submission of 2 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the Youth Director of FPC, Submission of transcript if re-applying, must have a GPA of 2.0 or 2.0 from the previous semester at application deadline date. If you or someone you know will be applying, begin now gathering supporting documents, the deadline will be April 30, 2018.



Preaching schedule for March

March 4th Rev. Jacob Kave

March 11th Rev. Carlton Utley

March 18th Rev. Stephen Earl

March 25th Jackson Weller

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend our services.



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Each month the session will submit a brief summary of the monthly meeting. The congregation is reminded that anyone is invited to attend the session meeting which meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Clerk Report - Motion moved, seconded and passed to accept the funds from Shelton Presbyterian to be designated for the Saturday Lunch Ministry; Joyce or CB will attend Presbytery meeting with Paul Johnson.

Transition Team Report - Session was given the Interim Pastor Position job description. Motion was passed to accept the job description and terms of call for the Interim pastor.

Finance Committee - Motion moved, seconded and passed to allocate the money from Ruby Crowell estate to be moved to the Building Fund Endowment and Rural & Thelma Meadors Roanoke College Trust distribution to be placed into the Scholarship Fund Endowment.

Administrative - Motion, moved, seconded and passed to accept Vickie Holman as the church administrator in addition to her administrative assistant duties. Administrative committee will discuss the salary and hours at their next meeting. Dick's last day is March 29.

Membership - Motion was moved and passed to form a Communications Committee as outlined by presentation that Fred Baker presented. This would include how the abbreviated minutes of session, diaconate, and committees could be dispersed among the congregation.

Worship

- Pastor Supply for March: March 4: Jacob Kave, March 11: Carl Utley, March 18: Steve Earl, March 25: Jackson Weller, April 1(Easter Sunday-radio): Joyce Perez.

- Holy Week: Monday: Ralph Hawkins(Averett), Tuesday-CAM McIntire(Pittsylvania Baptist Association), Wednesday-Meredith Williams(Ascension Lutheran), Thursday-Bruce Wilson(W. Main Baptist), Friday-Bart Fletcher(Mt. Vernon).

- Motion passed to allow the Danville Symphony to borrow the harpsichord for their upcoming concert.

New Business

- Kent gave a deacon report on the cleaning of the kitchen and how the deacons can assist the interim when one is hired..

- CB will continue to serve as clerk of session and elected Brenna Takata as Vice Clerk of session.

- Martha Bell will write the Resolution for Ken Obye.

- Joyce Perez gave an updated report of the Vision Committee.

- Need a stewardship chair person. Gene will ask someone to serve.

Next meeting: March 12, 2018 at 7 PM in the Westminster Room

meet our MEMBERS

Catie Clarke



I was born in Osaka, Japan on May 30, 2000. My dad was in the Navy so my parents were able to adopt me when he was stationed in Japan. I may have been born in Japan but I have been raised Southern. Throughout my life I have lived in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. I am an only child, which is pretty great most days. When I was younger I was homeschooled by my momma and then later by my grandparents. In 5th grade I was able to go to Westover Christian Academy, where I still attend today. I am a current senior in high school and I plan on attending DCC in the fall of 2018. I currently plan to study something along the lines of counseling and psychology. I am in the Westover Christian Academy Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Flag Team, and Percussion ensemble. When I'm not busy with homework, practices, or traveling to Texas to see my dad, I enjoy cooking, reading and writing. I've been a member of FPC for almost 3 years now. I've had the opportunity to go on 3 mission trips with the youth group so far: Jamaica, New Orleans, and Tennessee. My favorite bible verse is Romans 12:9. I consider myself so lucky to be raised by good Christian parents and grandparents.

You can help beautify our sanctuary this Easter by contributing a lily in honor or memory of loved ones. If you wish to purchase a plant, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$15.00 each** and they are delivered to church with wrapping and a bow. Please make sure your information is complete and legible, to ensure that it will be correct in the Bulletin.

Deadline for orders is March 5.

I desire to have _____ lily(ies) dedicated as follows: (Check) _____ In Honor of _____ In Memory of

By _____

(Name as you wish it to appear in the Bulletin)





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

First Presbyterian is hosting the Community Services during Holy Week, March 26-30. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 each day. Help will be needed to set up, prepare, serve and clean up from 11 a.m.—1:30 a.m. Please contact Marie-Louise 770-0136 if you can help.

March 26 Dr. Ralph Hawkins Averett University

March 27 Dr. CAM McIntire Pittsylvania Baptist Association

March 28 Meredith Williams Ascension Lutheran Church

March 29 Bruce Wilson West Main Baptist

March 30 Bart Fletcher Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Directory Update

Our Membership Directory is coming along, but for a last reminder : please pick up your forms from the juice room or church office and turn them in asap. Photos can be taken by Marie-Louise Crane after church, just ask! We want to have a new directory ready for our interim pastor and then our new senior pastor, so we'd really appreciate your input. Thank you!

News from Day School

Happy almost spring!!! Our children have been growing and learning so much since Christmas break, we're incredibly blessed to have such a great group of children! Registration for the fall has now opened and spots are filling up quickly! We look forward to our Easter festivities in March as well as a green themed St. Patrick's Day party! Enjoy our pictures from recent weeks!

