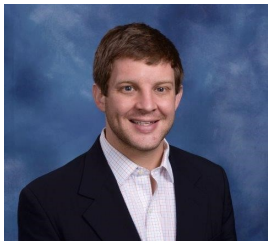


# Beyond the Columns

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

First of all, come to the Stewardship Weekend concert at 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 4!



Second, we are returning to an old tradition at First Pres. this November, and I think it is one that I could get used to in a hurry. Remembering that we often had guest preachers for our official commitment Sundays, the Stewardship Committee suggested that we put together a weekend with a guest preacher and speaker. It just so happened that a professor in my doctoral program, David McKechnie, and his wife, Linda, had come to FPC for the Patton Lecture Series in 1999. When we contacted them about coming back again, they jumped at the opportunity.

Linda will present a concert on Saturday and play during worship on Sunday, and Dave will add some commentary on Saturday night and preach on Sunday. In the meantime, we will begin making our financial pledges to God's work through First Pres. for 2018. Your generosity over the past two years has been remarkable, and we have been able to stabilize our budget and invest our surplus back into our missions giving. As we look forward, we should also be encouraged by the growth of our Wednesday Night Supper programs and our children's and youth ministries for encouragement and validation of our giving. In the coming months, our Church Vision Committee will also be bringing forth some ideas and proposals that will lead us into the coming years. So, we have a lot to look forward to as a congregation as we consider our pledges for 2018.

Beyond November 5, however, I am not sure how to talk about the month to come. Over the past year or so, you might have noticed that I have had a number of raspy-voiced sermons and moments of congestion during a worship service. I know that the choir has noticed, because I have severely depleted the stores of tissues that they keep at the end of each row. You might have even noticed committee meetings during which I have been dealing with sinus headaches.

Well, I thought that all of these afflictions were the result of having a baby who was in child care and was participating in reverse show-and tell (i.e.- bringing home all the diseases that her classmates give her at school). That might be a factor, but apparently I have a significant spur in my septum that is blocking a sinus and needs to be addressed. Thus, I am having surgery on November 7. Joyce Perez will preach on November 12 and I will return on November 19.

While I would not mind if the guest preacher for Stewardship Weekend became a regular occurrence, I hope that my surgically-induced absences are few and far between. By the end of the month, we will be looking toward Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before Advent), and will be guided by some Psalms and their reflections on God's promises and anticipation of His work in Jesus. I will also lead two lessons on the Spiritual discipline of simplicity for our Wednesday Night Supper programs, and we are all invited to the community Thanksgiving service at First Baptist Church, at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 20.

So, while I will have a few days of laying low early in the month, I look forward to all the rest of what God has in store for us as we approach the end of the year. Thanks for your prayers, and I look forward to clearer breathing and plenty of tissues left for the choir!

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**

**Nov 2017 (Eastern Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship 11am - Worship 12pm - Reformation	9:30am - Prayer 10am - Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - Membershi	Halloween	8pm - Wed. Supper 8pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. 11:15am - Lunch 5pm - Linda
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving 9am - Worship 8:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship 11am - Worship	12 PW Luncheon 9:30am - Prayer 10am - Staff Mtg. 7pm - Evening Circle	8pm - Deacons 7pm - Property	8pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed Veterans Day	Veterans Day 10:45am - Bib. 11:15am - Lunch
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship 11am - Worship	9:30am - Prayer 10am - Staff Mtg. 11am - VIP	2pm - DAR Mtg. 7pm - Session	8pm - Wed. Supper 8pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	8am - Men's 10:45am - Bib. 11:15am - Lunch
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am - Missions 8:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship 11am - Worship	9:30am - Prayer 10am - Staff Mtg. 7pm - Community		Day School closed 8pm - Youth	Office closed Thanksgiving Day 5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. 11:15am - Lunch
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship 11am - Worship	9:30am - Prayer 10am - Staff Mtg. 4:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - Membershi		8pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. 11:15am - Lunch



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

#### Children:

Nov. 1st & 15th — Bible Club

Be looking for a postcard for Christmas Eve rehearsals !!!

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#### Youth:

**Youth Group** will meet November 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th

Camping Nov. 11-12th

Lunch Ministry Nov. 25th

No Youth Group on the 22nd —Everyone enjoy Your Thanksgiving Break !!!



It's time to order poinsettias in honor of or memory of a loved one to grace our sanctuary this Christmas season. They are \$7 for 4 in. wrapped plants or \$13 for 6 1/2 in. Orders are due by Nov. 13th, if you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Walden. 434-203-7778

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Baptist Church, Monday, November 20th at 7 p.m.



Thank you Frank & Paige Wiseman—For hosting the annual church picnic at Grenadier farm. We appreciate you hospitality, good times were had by all!

The men of Holbrook Street Presbyterian Church are hosting a Presbyterian men's breakfast at 8:30 AM on Saturday November 11th. The men of First Presbyterian are invited, along with others from the surrounding area. Please join them for a time of fellowship, prayer, and study!





## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### PASTORAL CONCERNS—

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

Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Charles & Lib Cuttle, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Bill Lorimer, Larry Mann, Ruth 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 Terriberry,

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), Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers ( Jackson Weller's Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiesman

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

Nov. 4 : Women's Circle  
Nov. 11 : Westover Baptist  
Nov. 18: Unity Presbyterian  
Nov. 25: Youth

## Clothing Drive



## What's in your closet?

The Deacons will be giving away clothes at the Saturday Lunch Ministry on November 11th. Please bring your FALL and WINTER clothes to the fellowship hall and leave them in front of the stage. Thank you.

Need people to help with food prep on Tuesday before Wednesday Night Suppers. If you can donate your time to this ministry please contact Jackson.

**HELP  
WANTED**



Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Bob Ramey on the birth of their great granddaughter, she was born on his birthday, what a special blessing to the family! He is known as "Poppy" to many of the grandkids and we are proud to announce the arrival of Poppy Blake Hovis.

## Flowers on the Reredos



Nov. 5— The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandsons by Ava and Tom Barrett.

Nov. 12—The flowers that enhance our worship this morning are given to praise and glory of God, and in loving memory of Catherine Cuttle and Bob, by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cuttle and Mr. & Mrs. Parks Newby.

Nov. 19— The flowers that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of Kent's mother, Neva E. Shelton by Diane & Kent Shelton.

Nov. 26th—The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and for the season of Thanksgiving by Rebecca and Chris.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, for more information, please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or [rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net](mailto: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.

Nov. 5 Nultie Wiseman, 5969 Dry Fork Road, Dry Fork, VA 24549

Nov. 12 A. B. Motley, 480 West Main St., Danville, VA 24541

Nov. 19 Lib Cuttle, 1111 Main St.#201, Danville, VA 24541



Family Night Suppers this month will be November 1st and November 15th. Sign up in the juice room or call the church office to reserve your spot.

Nov. 1st will be covered dish, the church will provide the dessert and drinks. Bring your favorite entrée OR side dish. The program for Nov. 1st will be Bible Study—Part 1. Bible Club will be held for children 10 & under.

The next Supper will be November 15th and will be turkey with all the trimmings. The program will be Bible Study—Part 2. Bible Club will be held for children 10 & under. Price will be \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free.



## Property Committee

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

Paint apartment porch  
woodwork

Sutherlin Street  
Entrance needs paint

Possible cleaning of the  
kitchen

Check bulbs in sanctuary

### *Completed items:*

Inventory and properly  
disposed of paint

Elevator repaired

Cork strips in Sunday  
School area &  
Day School area

Sutherlin Street Entrance  
Portico repaired

Downspout on building be-  
side parking lot replaced

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Christian Education**  
Committee  
Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will  
meet on Monday, Nov. 27th  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

The Weekend Back Pack Program has started.  
FPC will be responsible for packing back packs the  
following dates. If you are interested in helping,  
please contact Nancy Wilson to sign up.

Mon. Nov. 20th

Wed. Jan. 31st

Wed. March 28th



A list of duties, committee  
Information, and more is  
available at  
[http://fpcdanville.com/  
duties-and-committees/](http://fpcdanville.com/duties-and-committees/)

The Day Circle is hosting our annual Thank Offering Luncheon. All women  
are cordially invited to attend Monday Nov. 6th at noon.

Evening Circle will meet Monday Nov. 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of  
Karan Johnson, 320 Hawthorne Drive.

Our Angel Tree will be set up on Sunday, Nov. 19th and ripe for the  
picking. Please take a moment to find a little angel and strengthen  
the tie that binds them to their incarcerated parent this Christmas.



Our mission co-workers, the Sydnors (from France) will be in Danville on Thursday, Nov. 16th for a dinner at 7 p.m.  
at Joe & Mimma's. The whole congregation is invited to break bread with them, hear their news and show them our  
support. Please call the church office with R.S.V.P's Gary Wimer, Chair Missions Committee



Rev. Cecil Eanes has moved  
his new address is 125 Riverstone Terrace Apt. 308,  
Canton, GA 30114  
Please send your cards to this address.



### REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast will be Nov. 18th 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.

## SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE COURTESY OF DIXIE HAYES

*From the 2009 Stewardship Supper Cookbook*

3 C cooked & mashed sweet potatoes  
1C sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 c melted butter

### Topping:

1 C brown sugar  
1/2 C flour  
1 C chopped nuts  
1/2 C butter  
Mix first 5 ingredients together and pour into casserole dish  
Mix topping with fork to crumble  
Sprinkle on top of potatoes  
Bake 39 minutes at 350 degrees



### November

2 Hampton Wilkins  
William Wright

8 Alex Walthall  
Nathan Brown

11 Donna Fowlkes  
Elliot Stowe

12 Jim Pritchett  
Kent Shelton

13 Becky Meadema  
Joyce Perez

14 Joan Reynolds

17 Julia Gregson  
Helen Meadors  
19 Shane Gillespie

20 Ruth Meadors

24 Dale Haley

25 Lisa Argyrakis  
26 Wayne Womble  
27 Beth Brown

29 Stone Sherman

### ANNIVERSARIES

18 Gwen & Ed Baucom

20 Diane & Kent Shelton

28 Carolyn & Fred Baker

30 Pat & Ted Argyrakis

Let us know if we have missed  
your special day!

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Last month in this column we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Brenna Takata. This month we highlight **Ruth Meadors**. I'm sure many of you remember some of the delicious meals that Ruth prepared for past Wednesday night dinners but you may not be aware of Ruth's contributions to the church youth programs. Ruth has hosted several youth dinners at her home and has opened her places at Wintergreen and at Lakewood Campground in Myrtle Beach for various youth activities. She has gone on mission trips and she went to Jamaica with the youth in 2015. She has been and always will be a person ready to help when help is needed. Thanks Ruth for the many gifts you provide to the people around you!

### Stewardship Corner

#### September 2017 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$19,783	\$205,314	\$191,592	\$207,000	(\$1,686)
Other Income	\$198	\$1,726	\$114,214	\$6,498	(\$4,772)
Transfers	\$18,354	\$88,282	\$59,262	\$62,344	\$25,939
Total Revenues	\$38,335	\$295,322	\$365,067	\$275,841	\$19,481
Expenses	\$42,530	\$296,246	\$381,945	\$274,175	(\$22,071)
Net Total	(\$4,194)	(\$924)	(\$16,878)	\$1,666	(\$2,591)

#### Stewardship News

Please plan to attend our Stewardship Weekend concert to be held on November 4th at 5:00 in the our sanctuary. Linda McKechnie will be sharing her many talents as a pianist, arranger, and recording artist. Linda succeeds with dramatic flair in rejuvenating the traditional Christian hymns, praise and worship choruses, and Christmas carols by blending these with the powerful themes of the master composers such as Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart. It should be a great concert!

On Sunday David McKechnie (Linda's husband) will deliver a Stewardship themed message. Linda will also be performing during the worship service. During this service you will be able to return your pledge cards that you received in the mail. There will be a "Consecration of Pledge" inserted into worship service to allow the congregation to come forward and deliver their pledges to the plate. Anyone choosing not to come forward could place their pledge cards in the collection plate during the Dedication of Offering. We look forward to seeing you!

## DAY SCHOOL NEWS

### 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

November is a month to be thankful, and boy do we have a lot to be thankful for! Our sweet children are learning and growing everyday! This month we'll look forward to celebrating daddies with "Donuts with Dad" on November 14th. Then on the 21st our children will celebrate Thanksgiving with each other and we'll share a meal together. Join me in giving thanks to God for all of our many blessings! Enjoy some of our pictures from October!

Erin Parris, Director



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