

Beyond the Columns



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

If you have not gotten the memo already, this year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On All Saints’ Eve (Halloween) of 1517, a priest named Martin Luther posted “95 Theses” raising issues with the Roman Catholic church on the door of the chapel at his university. While many priests and groups had been calling for reform for years, Luther’s actions and the support he received from his local government led to a movement that stuck.

While the Reformation led to the development of new churches and new denominations, as well as many eventual changes in the Roman Catholic church, those who ended up breaking from the established church had many reasons for doing so. Over the centuries, scholars and theologians have identified a core set of theological reasons for the changes, and the five primary ones have come to be called the “Five Solas.”

Even though there are five, the word “sola” means “alone” or “only.” The Five Solas are these (typically phrased in Latin):

Sola Scriptura (“Scripture alone” is the unifying standard witness of the church)

Sola Fide (justification before God comes through “faith alone”)

Sola Gratia (we are saved by God’s “grace alone”)

Solus Christus (“Christ alone” is the mediator between God and humans)

Soli Deo Gloria (to “God alone” is glory due)

Since we begin October with World Communion Sunday and end it with Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans, it is fitting on this 500th anniversary that we look at the core beliefs that changed the church and eventually the world. But while there will be some history and theology in this sermon series, one of the main points of the Reformation was to break down the barriers that the church had put up between God and people. The Reformation may have had a lot to do with theology and church structure, but its most important legacy is the understanding that in Jesus, there are no barriers between God and us.

This truth should encourage us and shape the way we live our lives, both out in the world and when we come together. As we begin our Wednesday Night Suppers and gather for the church picnic and other events, I know that we will share the joy that we have in being called together in this time and place. So as always, I hope that we can spend October growing closer to Jesus and his purpose for our lives and the lives of those around us.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 1 9 Worship Cmte. 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	2 10 PW C. Council 10 Staff Mtg. 12:30p PW Day Circle 7p Evening Circle	3 6p Deacons 7p Property Cmte.	4 6p Wed. Supper 6p Youth	5 5:30p Ch. Choir	6 Office closed	7 Gardner-McCaslin Wed 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
8 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 4p Meadors Reception	9 Columbus Day (region) 9:30 Prayer Group 10 Staff Mtg. 11 VIP	10 7p Session	11 6p Youth	12 5:30p Ch. Choir	13 Office closed	14 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
15 9 Missions Committee 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	16 9:30 Prayer Group 10 Staff Mtg. 7p Community Prayer S	17	18 6p Wed. Supper 6p Youth	19 5:30p Ch. Choir	20 Office closed	21 8 Men's breakfast 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
22 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	23 9:30 Prayer Group 10 Staff Mtg. 4:30p Christian Education 6:30p Membership Cmte	24	25 6p Youth	26 5:30p Ch. Choir	27 Office closed	28 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
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Mark your calendars:
Join us for a **Community Prayer Service** for
in the Sanctuary on October 16 at 7 p.m.



Contact Jackson for details: Jackson@fpcdanville.com or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

Children:

Oct. 18— Bible Club

Oct. 28— Campfire cookout

Youth:

Youth Group will meet October 4, 11, 18, and 25

October 1 — Crop Walk

October 14—Hiking

October 28—Lunch Ministry

The Community Prayer Service, October 16 at 7 pm, will center on prayer for mental health patients and mental health care providers. Mental health issues, unfortunately, are still swept "under the rug" in our society for no good reasons. These dear folks need our prayers as much or more than anyone else. We also need to pray for those who care for them, both family and professionals, that God will give them wisdom to provide proper care and be able to share their faith in Christ. Please join us for this monthly event, when we will pray, sing, worship, hear Scripture, and share together at the Lord's Table. This event is open to everyone from the local community, so PLEASE invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join us, regardless of denomination or church affiliation.

October 29th is Reformation Sunday, and we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses. In addition, we will have the Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society joining us for the Kirkin' o' the Tartans on the same day, with a luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall. Special music will be provided by society members, sharing their vocal, flute, drumming, and bagpipe talents. Please plan to be a part of both this exciting worship service and the delicious luncheon. Cost for food will be announced in the Columns.

We would also like to thank everyone for the generous donations you have made toward the purchase of new robes and stoles for the Chancel Choir. If all goes well, the choir will be decked out in our new finery beginning the first Sunday of Advent. There will also be a few other new colorful additions to the Sanctuary, so be on the lookout.

Thank you all for your dedicated worship of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, here at First Presbyterian.

In His Service with You,

Jarrod Brown

On behalf of the Worship Committee



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 Law-
ton, 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 Saun-
ders, 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,
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,
Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Linda Ter-
riberly, Nultie Wiseman

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Our condolences to Karan Johnson on the recent loss of
her mother, Virginia McCloskey.

Our condolences to Ruth, Marissa and Colin Meadors on
the recent loss of Thelma Meadors.

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.

Oct. 7 : Women's Circle
Oct. 14 : Westover Baptist
Oct. 21 : Unity Presbyterian
Oct. 28 : Outlook Class



Join us as we celebrate Colin Meadors become an Eagle Scout. This high-
est award in Boy Scouts is one few achieve. We will have a reception for
him Sunday October 8th from 2—4 p.m. in the Overbey Fellowship Hall.
Please join his family & friends as we honor this fine young man. R.S.V.P.
to the church office by October 5th.

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

The Deacons will be giving away clothes
at the Saturday Lunch Ministry on No-
vember 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**

All are invited to our annual Church Picnic. To be held Sunday October 15th at 4
p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and a dessert and expect to be enter-
tained by a hayride; under parental supervision. Bring your fishing rod if you'd
like, but leave the dog at home! All this fun will take place at Frank & Paige
Wiseman, 752 Pine Lake Road, Danville, VA



SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers on the Reredos

Oct. 1 The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Pat Bolt by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.

Oct. 8 The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Mr. & Mrs. Kent Shelton, in honor of the marriage of their son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Lauren Gardner, on October 7, 2017.

Oct. 15 The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Esley Rebecca Hill and Christopher MacCorkle Hill by their grandparents, Sam and Becky Meadema.

Oct. 22 The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. Plumer Wiseman, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Wiseman, III by Mrs. Plumer Wiseman and Mrs. Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis

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

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.

Oct. 1 Chuck Bolt, 133 Westmoreland Ct., Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 8 Goldie Keese, #32 East Wing, Roman Eagle Rehab., 2526 N. Main St., Danville, VA 24540

Oct. 15 Charlotte Lowther, 345 Mowbray Arch, Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 22 Libby Hodge, 157 Marshall Terrace, Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 29 Tom West, 903 Main St., Danville, VA 24541



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



Family Night Suppers return October 4th! Sign up in the juice room or call the church office to reserve your spot. The program for Oct. 4th will be a recap of the Youth Mission trip. The menu will be meatloaf, creamed potatoes, veggie crisp, salad, rolls and pumpkin cake. The next Supper will be October 18th and a presentation will be made by the Finance Committee. The menu will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread and a tasty dessert.

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



Property Committee

Bob's To-Do List

Paint apartment porch
woodwork

Repair Sutherlin Street
Entrance

Possible cleaning of the
kitchen

Completed items:

Paint has been touched up
in the day school area

At the present time there
have been no leaks in the
day school area

Most of the day school
rooms have removed tape,
tacks, etc. from painted
surfaces

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education
Committee
Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will
meet on Monday, Oct. 23rd
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.

Wed. Oct. 4th

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/)



We will have a special offering for the
recent hurricane victims which we will
collect Sunday October 1st. We will
send all contributions to the Presby-
terian Assistance Disaster. Please
give as the Lord leads.

The PW will meet on Oct. 2nd with the Day Circle group to study the book of
Hebrews at 12:30 p.m. in room 108. The Evening Circle will meet that same
day in the home of Pat Argyrakis, 115 Fenton Place at 7 p.m. with a bible study
by Joyce Perez on "Listening For The Voice of God."

As always, all women are invited as we look forward to delving into God's word
together.

There will be a congregational meeting Oct. 8th to elect a
new officers. Please mark your calendars to attend worship
services October 8th to vote on the new officers.



REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast will be Oct. 21st 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. Over 8 sessions we will explore this story of a God
who loves us, longs to be known by us, and ultimately invites us into His story.

SLOW COOKER SOUTHWEST STEW COURTESY OF MARTHA BELL & GLENDA HONEA

From the 2009 Stewardship Supper Cookbook

1 lb. boneless chicken, cubed or 1 lb. stew meat

1 28 oz. can tomatoes with basil

1 med. onion, chopped

1 tsp. chili powder

1 pack taco seasoning mix

1 can black beans, rinsed & drained (15 oz.)

1 can (11 oz.) corn with red & green peppers, drained

Mix first four ingredients in 4 quart slow cooker, cover and cook on low for 9 hours.

Stir in taco seasoning mix, beans and corn, cook on high setting 15-20 minutes or until thickened. Serves 4



October

2 Kay Gillespie

4 Bob Lowther

5 Jean White
Wilson Walden

7 Bob Newnam

8 Collier Wiseman

9 David Clark
Angie Alexander
Michael Jones

11 Brenna Takata

14 Bill Fitzgerald

15 Frank Van Valkenburg, IV
Fae Smith
Nicholas Argyrakis

17 Betty Fitzgerald
Maria Abreu

20 Nultie Wiseman

22 Denise Van Valkenburg

25 Anne Kernodle

26 Carolyn Baker

26 Nick Argyrakis

28 Fred Baker

30 Gail Gunn

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Last month in this column we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by David Swan. This month we highlight **Brenna Takata**. Miss Brenna, as the kids call her, is active in so many facets of the church and touches so many with her activities. She touches us all with her love of music; she is a member of the choir and performs in the hand-bell group. She is a natural leader; she is currently a member of the Session and a past member of the Diaconate. She loves to organize; she manages and communicates the weekly activities of people serving during the Saturday Lunch and Sunday service. Finally, she loves the children of the church; she's the chairman of the Christian Education committee, she works in the nursery, and even plans the toddler's Sunday School curriculum. She also loves to help with church dinners! Thanks Brenna for the many gifts you provide to the people around you!

	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

Hello from the Stewardship Committee! Thanks to everyone who attended the Stewardship Dinner on September 20th. It was a time of great food, great fellowship and an opportunity for you to learn about your own talents. Now let's focus on using our talents to better ourselves and those around us.

Our next Stewardship event will occur on the weekend of November 4th and 5th. David and Linda McKechnie will be sharing their talents with us on Saturday evening and during the service on Sunday. David is a Presbyterian pastor and speaker while Linda is a renowned concert pianist. Linda will present a piano concert on Saturday evening. On Sunday, David will deliver the sermon and Linda will again perform. Please plan to attend both of these exciting events. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

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Celebrating Reformation Sunday at First Presbyterian Church...

We look forward to a special celebration of Reformation Sunday as we are joined by the Scottish Society on Sunday, October 29, 2017 for the "Kirkin' Of the Tartans".

You are invited to stay for the Reformation Sunday Luncheon after the worship service. The cost will be \$6 per person this year. Tickets may be purchased through the church office or in the "Juice Room" on Oct. 8, 15, 22.

The Menu: Tomato Soup, build your own salad, baked chicken breast, bread, and fresh fruit.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEANINGFUL EVENT.



Our thanks go to Debbie Cross for this beautiful mural she painted in memory of Pat Bolt.



Our halls are filled with lots of little children again and we're off to an excellent start. Our Yankee Candle fundraiser will be going on from September 29-Oct 20, please consider purchasing one of their products to help our school out! Enjoy the pictures of our firefighter visit! Erin Parris, Director