



Beyond the Columns

A WORD FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Message From The Vision Committee

What is a Vision?

A vision is a “mental image of a preferred future”. It describes where First Presbyterian Church wants to be in the future. In Deuteronomy Chapter 8, Moses and the Israelites were in the wilderness, and Moses gave them a vision of what the Promised Land of milk and honey would look like---“ A land in which you will lack for nothing and you shall eat and be full.”

Our vision does not focus on our numbers, or our building, or our budget. It is based on recognizing our strengths and the things that are unique about First Presbyterian Church. What are the things we can do better than others to glorify God and make disciples in our community? This is a good time in the life of our church to clarify our vision while we are in transition and selecting an Interim Pastor. An Interim is trained in working with a congregation to deliver its vision and purpose. We can benefit from his or her experience.

The committee will present a draft of our report at the final Wednesday night supper on April 18th. We encourage everyone to attend and offer comments before the report is finalized for Session’s approval.

In Service to Christ,
Kent Shelton
Vision Committee



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Session Highlights, Recipes of the Month, Meet our Members, Day School pictures and much more.

To Know Christ And Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	2 Office Closed	3 5:15p Handbells 7p Property	4 6p NO Youth Spring Break	5 5:30p C.Choir	6 Office Closed	7 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
8 9:00Worship Com 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	9 10 Staff Mtg. 11 VJP 12:30 Day Circle 7p Evening Circle	10 5:15 Handbells 6p Deacons 7p Session	11 6p Wed. Supper 6p Youth	12 5:30p C.Choir	13 Office Closed	14 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
15 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	16 9:30 Prayer Group 10 Staff Mtg. 7 Pm Community	17 5:15p Handbells	18 6p Wed. Supper 6p Youth	19 5:30p C.Choir	20 Office Closed	21 8am Men's Breakfast 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
22 Day School Sunday 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	23 9:30 Prayer 10 Staff Mtg. 4:30 CE	24 5:15p Handbells	25 6p Youth	26 5:30p C.Choir	27 Office Closed	28 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
29 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	30 9:30 Prayer 10 Staff Mtg. 6:00 Membership					



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 April 11th & 18th

Youth: Youth Group will meet April 11th & 18th

No Youth Group April 4th & 25th

Youth Lunch Ministry April 28th

April 14-15 Camping

Be in prayer for our Jamaica mission trip. Our Lord works in ways we don't always expect. Our trip this summer was planned for Belize. Unfortunately (or fortunately) we were the only group to sign-up for the Son Servants Belize trip and it did not meet the minimum registration requirement, so we will be serving in Jamaica this summer with 120 other high school students. This is an amazing opportunity for our young people to see God at work in their lives and the lives of others, our Lord doesn't make mistakes and has a plan for all things, we look forward to the plan He has for our Jamaica trip. Please be in prayer for our young people as they prepare for this trip.



We will have our next Community Prayer Service Monday **April 16th at 7 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Join us in the sanctuary, as we have prayer time.



REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will be April 21st at 8:00 a.m. Please join us for our last breakfast until fall.



Congratulations to Randall & Clint Carty on the birth of Parker Laura, Wednesday March 28, and to proud grandparents Paige & Frank Wiseman!

PRAYERS AND PRAISES



PASTORAL CONCERNS—

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, Ed Fisher (Sally Clark's father), Fred Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, 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, Kaiden Shelton, 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, Tim Kernodle, Erica Mann, Becky Meadema, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, Russell Vandiver, 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.

April 7: Women's Circle
April 14: Westover Baptist
April 21: Unity Presbyterian
April 21: Youth
April 28: 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



Gavin Paul Reynolds, born
3/17/18 at 8lbs. 4 oz. to grateful
parents Andrew & Amanda
Reynolds (with big sis Ivy) and
grandparents **Joan & Mike
Reynolds.**





Flowers on the Reredos

April 1—The cross of lilies are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Temple and Wilson families.

April 15—The flowers are given in honor of Lisa Brown on a special birthday. With all our love,
Jarrod, Trevor, Nathan, and Judi.

Day Circle will be in charge for the month of April.

We have open dates available for April. 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.

April 2 Lib Cuttle Stratford Health Care, 1111 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

April 9 Charles Cuttle Commonwealth Health Care, 1111 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

April 16 Randy Bradshaw Commonwealth Health Care 1111 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

April 23 Alice Bradshaw Commonwealth Health Care 1111 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

April 30 Nultie Wiseman 5969 Dry Fork Road, Dry Fork, VA 24549



Family Night Suppers this month will be April 11th (Team 1) the program will be the Bible study by Ralph Hawkins. Sign up in the Duglinson-Roberts room or call the church office to reserve your spot.

The meal for April 18th (Team 2) will be announced at a later date. The program will be a presentation by the Vision Committee.

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

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

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

Develop a paint schedule for hallways, etc.

Completed items:

Paint apartment porch woodwork

Sutherlin Street Entrance—columns painting

AED & sign installed

Increased lighting in hallways behind sanctuary

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will
meet Monday April 23rd at
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Worship Committee will
meet Sunday April 8th at
9:00 in the parlor.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

Rev. Dr. William Moore & Ann Moore

Birthday Bill—April 24th

Ann —March 12

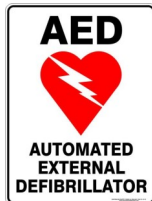
Anniversary June 14

A special prayer from the Upper Room...

Heavenly Father help us to work happily to serve others in the place where you have called us.

Rev. Dr. William Moore has been call to Japan to share the gospel to Jesus Christ.

The community in which there were no Christians now has a growing church with a strong witness of the love of Jesus Christ. Keep the Moore's in your prayers.



Presbyterian Women's Bible Studies
Monday April 9th
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 Bernadine Hayes
245 Linden Dr., Danville

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.

MARINATED VEGETABLE SALAD BY NULTIE WISEMAN

1 can (15 oz.) Lesueur green peas
 1 can (14.5 oz.) French style green beans
 1 can (8 oz.) water chestnuts (slivered)
 1 4 oz. pimento, diced
 4 stalks (2 cups) chopped celery
 1 med. onion chopped
 1/2 green pepper chopped
 1 cup sliced carrots
 Drain all canned vegetables. Peel, slice and cook carrots...no more than 5 minutes.

Marinade for the above vegetables:

1/2 to 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 Pepper
 3/4 cup vinegar
 1 t. salt

Mix to dissolve sugar & salt. Pour over vegetables for at least 24 hours...stirring occasionally. Drain before serving with our without lettuce.



April

2: Ben Stowe

3: Linda Copeland,
Dave Zook

4: Catherine Shelton
Benjamin Kassa

5: Philip Baughman
Will Brown

14: Trevor Brown

15: Zane Evans

16: Lisa Brown

19: Charlotte Lowther

20: Luis Abreu,
Ina Ingram
James Cannon

22: Gwen Baucom

25: Alice Saunders
Jennifer Whitley

28 Heather Perryman

30: Melva Sweeney,
Bracken Erwin

Anniversaries:
April 5 Ray and Harriet Beale

Let us know if we have missed
your special day!

Stewardship Corner						
February 2018 Financials						
		MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions		\$16,107	\$92,786	\$58,825	\$54,417	\$38,369
Other Income		\$166	\$405	\$187	\$918	(\$512)
Transfers		\$44,303	\$52,977	\$9,108	\$17,079	\$35,899
Total Revenues		✓ \$60,576	✓ \$146,168	✓ \$68,120	✓ \$72,413	✓ \$73,755
Expenses		\$61,108	\$92,409	\$62,897	\$72,413	(\$19,996)
Net Total		✓ (\$532)	✓ \$53,759	✓ \$5,224	✓ \$0	✓ (\$53,759)
Stewardship News						
Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! We will be using this space in the monthly newsletter to communicate a snapshot of the church financials and to highlight any upcoming stewardship activities. This year's committee consist of Gene Hayes, Harriet Beale, Nicole Bracey, Lisa Brown and David Parris. We welcome any questions or comments.						

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 April

April 1st Joyce Perez

April 8th Dr. Robert Ramey

April 15th Rev. Jacob Kave

April 22nd Dr. CAM McIntire– Day School Sunday

April 29th Jarrod Brown

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



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

- Motion made, seconded and passed to approved Session minutes of February 13, 2018
- Deacon Minutes - Approved as read
- Motion moved, seconded and passed request from Kevin Bailey to attend Holy Week Services as written in his letter.
- Approved wedding request from a member and approved the pastor to perform the ceremony either October 6th or 13th, 2018. There was also a request from someone who also wants to get married at our church. Session voted a couple of years ago that non-member weddings not take place at the church. Tabled until next meeting and until more information has been received.
The wedding guild is in the process of updating the current wedding brochure. This had not been done since Alex Mitchell was the music director.

OLD BUSINESS

- Need a Resolution for Bill Haysworth - CB will find one in session minutes.
- Martha is doing one for Ken Obye

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Membership

Report of February 26

Motion moved, seconded and passed to create a communications committee as a stand alone committee. Fred Baker will chair. Members include David Parris, Kim Clifton, and Brenna Takata

Worship

Report of March 4

Discussion on the organ fund and upcoming maintenance.

A request to have a children's chat offering for the children during Time for Young Disciples was moved, seconded, but tabled and sent to worship.



Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for the beautiful reception on Sunday the 18th of March. The food, flowers and fellowship provided a perfect ending for my years as Administrator. However, my greatest gift, while serving on the church staff for 15 years, was having the privilege of working in a strong Christian environment surrounded with so many talented and dedicated people. This is the memory I will always carry. Thank you for your guidance, support and prayers.

In Christian Fellowship,
Dick Stoakley

Joyce Perez

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



In our final “Stewardship In Action” article for 2017, we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Bob Newnam. This year we’ll kickoff our stewardship season by highlighting Joyce Perez. Joyce serves the church and our congregation in so many ways. She is currently an Elder and has also served on the Diaconate. Joyce serves or has served on several committees within the church and often delivers our sermons, or serves as liturgist, during Sunday worship. She is the Bible study leader for the evening circle and is very active with the Lunch Ministry. In her spare time, Joyce enjoys hiking all over the country with her husband Richard. Joyce also has lots of excitement in her future; her son is getting married this spring and her daughter will be married next year! Thanks Joyce for the many gifts you provide to the people around you and good luck with your blessed future.



Day School Teachers & Staff

Dr. Seuss Day 2018



Thanks to all those who put together a hygiene or school kit for disaster relief this past month. We collected 123 hygiene kits and 24 school kits city wide (our church sisters city wide help us through Church Women United, like Epiphany Episcopal Church, Holbrook Presbyterian Church, Jones Chapel, Liberty Hill Baptist Church and Loyal Baptist Church). They will be transported to the Raleigh area some time this month and will go to very good use in areas struck by floods, fires and earthquakes. On behalf of Church World Services : “THANK YOU!”

Church Women United as a national organization has been going strong for 77 years and about 55 years in Danville. It has a strong Presbyterian foundation and we are looking for new officers namely a President, Vice President and Secretary. Donna Parris and Marie-Louise Crane will gladly serve as mentors to those who might be interested in serving. As we discern His will for the local chapter of CWU, we pray for God’s will to be done. Thank you for your consideration.



