

## Beyond the Columns

I was never a big fan of Halloween. All the talk about devils and demons was creepy. Super hero costumes were cool. Some homemade costumes show a lot of imagination and all the children are adorable in their outfits. I never enjoyed dressing up. If I could have gotten away with just walking around asking for candy, I would have. I do like the candy. Let's face it, as delectable as the Snickers, Milky Ways and Reese Cups are, too much of a good thing leads to upset stomachs and expanding waist lines.

Ancient customs surrounding Halloween were meant to symbolize how the saints scared away demons. Legends and tales of what our ancestors believed about the demons and devils were even more elaborate than the plots for "The Walking Dead". Modern consumerism has taken the distortion of God's plan to an even greater level. As soon as the Back to School sales are over, jack-o-lanterns appear. Horror movies appear in the theaters making it seem as if the powers of death and violence will win in the end.

Jesus dealt with demons in an entirely different way. When he confronted the man with a legion of demons, Jesus cast them into the pigs. When a woman pleaded for the life of her demon possessed daughter, He cured her. Any time Jesus encountered demons he would cast them out, call them out or simply banish them with ease. Even when people who did not travel with his followers used Jesus name, the demons fled in fear.

The point is, although the cosmic powers of sin and death as well as the religious and political powers of Jesus' day sought to overcome God's love by crucifying His Son, there was no real contest. God always wins. What if we used October more as a time to celebrate God's blessings rather than Satan's impotence? We should celebrate the gift of life seen in the abundance of the harvest. We should come together as God's people testifying to whose we are rather than trying to be something we are not. How do we do that? We can walk in the CROP walk to feed the hungry of the world. We can celebrate the lives of those who have finished their race and passed the faith down to their brothers and sisters in Christ on All Saints Day. We can ask God's blessings on all the families of earth as our spiritual ancestors, the Scots, did during the Kirkin' O' the Tartans. We need to respond with generosity to the never failing, all encompassing love of God by pledging our tithes to the church and rededicating ourselves to serve as his disciples. By giving our time, our talents, and ourselves in service to our Lord we put our hearts, our minds and our priorities in the correct order. When we do that, no demon in any form can stand against us.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events, Meet our Members, Day School News and much more.



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### **Children Events:**

Family Night Supper Bible October 3rd

October 14th Church Picnic

Join us for the Alliance Concert on October 17th

Fishing –more info to come

### **Youth Events:**

Youth Group October 3, 10, 17 & 24

October 14th — Church Picnic

No Youth Group on October 31st

October 21st — Laser Tag

October 7th—Join us for the Crop Walk

October 27th — Lunch Ministry



The New Membership Directories are ready for pick up; thanks to all who helped assemble some extras. If you HAVE NOT sent in your information for your page, copies to fill out are available at church to do so.

Next membership meeting: Monday, Oct. 29th 6 p.m.



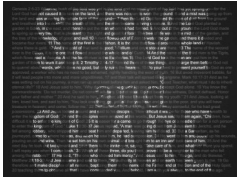
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# October 2018

To Know Christ And Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 Prayer 10 Co.Council 12:30 Day Circle 7 Evening Circle	2 6pm Deacons 7 pm Property Comm	3 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm WNS	4 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 Office Closed	6 10:45 Blb. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
7 9 Worship Comm. 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	8 9:30 PrayerGroup 11 VIP	9	10 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm Youth	11 5:30 pm Chancel 5:30 Stewardship	12 Office Closed	13 10:45 Blb. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
14 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship Church Picnic	15 9:30 Prayer Group	16 7 pm Session	17 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm WNS Alliance	18 10 am Segway Tours 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	19 Office Closed	20 8:00 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 10:45 Blb. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
21 9 Mission Comm. 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship	22 9:30 Prayer Group 4:30 CE Comm.	23	24 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm Youth	25 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	26 Office Closed	27 10:45 Blb. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
28 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship Reformation Sunday	29 9:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Membership	30	31 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm Youth			

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES



**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey Bill Brown, Lisa Brown, Tim Burnette, Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cut-

tle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East (K. Meadows), Johnny Gauldin, Fred Gunn, Jay Hayes, Lois Hayes, Doug Hines (S. Whitt's brother), Martha Jo Hodges, Dianne Hottenstein (S. Mathena), Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Gail Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Beth Landfair (John's mother), Bill Landfair (John's step father), Ellen McDonald (John's wife), Freel Shipe (J. McDonald's father-in-law), Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberly, Tom West, Samantha Williams, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller's grandmother), Dianne East, Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

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

### CAREGIVERS

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**—Will Holman  
Condolences to the family of Donna Fowlkes on her passing September 14th, 2018.

Our condolences to Evie Oglesbee and family on the passing of Ron Oglesbee. Her address is 4425 Dogwood Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740-3039

Our condolences to Gwen Baucom on the passing of her late husband, Ed's niece in Louisiana.

## 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.

October 6: Women's Circle  
October 13: Westover Baptist  
October 20: Unity Presbyterian  
October 27: Youth

Don't forget the Disaster Relief side of our Crop Hunger Walk fund raising! Sign up in the juice room or online to walk or donate. [www.danvillecropwalk.org](http://www.danvillecropwalk.org) for Sunday, October 7th, 3 p.m. at Ballou Park.

Did you know that \$24 is good for a **1 year** supply of nutrition packets for **20** children, promoting healthy development and preventing life-long health problems?



Our annual Church Picnic at the Wiseman Farm will feature our traditional picnic food and fun games all supplied by the membership committee of FPC. You just bring a dessert to share and chair for your comfort. See you on **Sunday, October 14th at 4 p.m.**

**\*\*Rain venue will be the Overbey Fellowship Hall at the church.**





## Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

October 7- The flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the marriage of Nancy R. Schomer to Joshua A. Clayton.

October 28—The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Esley Rebecca Hill and Christopher Mac-Corckle Hill by their grandparents, Sam and Becky Meadema.

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

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.

October 1 Lois Hayes # 45  
Roman Eagle Nursing Home  
2526 N. Main St. Danville, VA 24540

October 8 Grace Litzenberg  
954 Main St. Danville, VA 24541

October 15 Ruth Lawton  
Brightleaf Health Care  
432 Hermitage Dr., Danville, VA 24541

October 22 Linda Terriberry  
Roman Eagle Nursing Home  
2526 N. Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

If you feel visiting the elderly is your gift, please consider joining our VIP Committee. Talk to one of the following members: Pat Argyrakis, Gwen Baucom, Mary Ann Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Bunny Hayes, Nancy Wilson, Carolyn Baker, Susie Crews, or Kent Shelton.



Acts 2:42 "and they devoted themselves to prayer." EVERYTHING BEGINS with PRAYER. Monday Morning Prayer Group will start again Monday, October

8th at 9:30 a.m. Join Linda Copeland & Marie-Louise Crane to start the week with prayer for our world, our country, our city and our families.



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

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Develop a paint schedule for hallways, etc.

Plaster in choir loft

Sun Sail for playground Area

Replace broken Church Office sign

Investigate humidity control with Contech in Sanctuary

### ***Completed items:***

Replaced shingle roof  
4 receptacles in organ pipe area for ventilation fans have been installed

## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Christian Education  
Committee**  
Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will  
meet Monday Oct. 22nd at  
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Worship Committee will  
meet Oct. 7th 9:00 a.m. in  
the parlor.

### DIACONATE NEWS



If you would like to send  
the Browns a card their  
address is:

112 Clover Point Circle,  
Guyton, GA 31312

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.

Thur. Nov. 1st

Thur. March 7th

Thur. May 2nd



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) needs your support for those affected by the recent Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering aid to those impacted by the storm. PDA has deployed teams to the affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian & community leaders to assist in coordinating relief efforts. PDA will also provide spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to those impacted. The needs for the response are great. God's people are called to stand in the "GAP" —**Give, Act, Pray.**

**Give-** your gifts-Presbyterian Church (USA) P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264  
**Act-** Learn how you can help families who have lost everything

**Pray** -"God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude and hope; that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance and strength in the days of recover and reflection that come."

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom & diligence among agencies & individuals assessing damage & directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers as we respond to the human needs of this devastating storm.

*Taken from the Presbyterian Mission by Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus*

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 28, 2018 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." 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.

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 1st 10 a.m. in room 108.

The new Presbyterian Women's Handbooks are ready. Copies to be found in the Sutherlin Entrance or Narthex; please pick up a copy.

Monday October 1st the Day Circle meets at 12:30 pm in room 108 continuing their bible study called "God's Promise: I am with you" taught again by Charlotte Lowther.

Evening Circle will meet that same evening at 7 p.m. in the home of Gwen Baucom, 310 Sutherlin Place to continue their bible study "Chasing After The Heart Of God" taught by Joyce Perez.

Spread the word and bring a friend; all are invited to join in which ever study suits them best.

## CHICKEN & BROCCOLI CASSEROLE BY HARRIET BEALE

3 pkgs. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli  
 4–5 whole chicken breasts  
 2 cans cream of chicken soup  
 1 c. mayo.  
 1 tsp. lemon juice  
 1 c. grated sharp cheese  
 1/2 c. toasted bread crumbs  
 1 tsp. Curry powder  
 1 tbsp. butter

Cook broccoli, drain, & arrange in 3 qt. baking dish. Place cooked chicken on top. Mix soup, mayo, lemon juice & curry powder & pour over chicken. Sprinkle with cheese and top with bread crumbs tossed with butter. Bake at 350 for 30 min. Serves 8-10

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

In last month's "Stewardship In Action", we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by CB Strange. This month we'll highlight the contributions of Charlotte Lowther. Charlotte has been very active in the life of our church. She has served on many committees and has been an Elder and Deacon. She has chaired the Christian Education Committee and has been a member of a pastor nominating committee. Charlotte is also very active in the Presbyterian Women. She currently leads bible study for the day circle and, in 2000, was given an honorary life membership for her outstanding service to the Presbyterian Women and to our church. Charlotte's stewardship to our church has meant so much to so many people. Thank you Charlotte!



- 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
- 23 Iya Kassa
- 25 Anne Kernodle
- 26 Carolyn Baker  
Nick Argyrakis
- 28 Fred Baker
- 30 Gail Gunn

## Stewardship Corner

### August 2018 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
<b>Contributions</b>	\$18,630	\$ 222,717	\$ 205,314	\$ 217,667	\$ 5,050
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 1	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,726	\$ 3,670	\$ (2,126)
<b>Transfers</b>	\$ 66,532	\$ 129,519	\$ 88,282	\$ 68,315	\$ 61,204
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 85,163	\$ 353,780	\$ 295,322	\$ 289,652	\$ 64,128
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 47,116	\$307,326.57	\$ 296,246	\$ 289,652	\$ (17,675)
<b>Net Total</b>	\$ 38,047	\$ 46,453	\$ (924)	\$ 0	\$ 46,453

### Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! The committee has been very busy planning our Stewardship Campaign for November. We'll have our budget presentation at the Wednesday night dinner on Nov. 7th and we'll be mailing out our pledge cards at about that same time. Commitment Sunday will be Nov. 11th and you'll have the opportunity to bring your pledge card forward during the service or place it in the commitment basket after the service. We'll see you soon!



The Cuttles have moved to be closer to family and would love a card from you! Here is their new address:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cuttle  
 c/o Mr. & Mrs. Parks Newby  
 1518 Duplin Rd.  
 Raleigh, NC 27607

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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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  
vickie@fpcdanville.com



Congratulations to Richard Carson & Camryn Green, Jr. of Chicago, Ill. on the birth of Elliott Olivia born July 24th weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Dickie & Pam Green.

Opportunities to Study the Word    Sunday Mornings

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /Jackson Weller & Tom Gillespie discuss the scripture lesson being used in the sermon, to prepare for worship/discussion type class  
Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ Joyce Perez “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/Linda Copeland Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/Jay Hayes, Tom Barrett, Bob Newnam, Kent Shelton & Gene Hayes  
“The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum bringing to life the stories & lessons that are the foundation for our Christian faith.

K-2/Rm 304/various instructors

Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

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School is in full swing & our children are learning something new everyday!! We have over 35 children this year and many new families as well! Our classrooms are full of joy and activities. Thank you for all for plucking an apple off our wishing tree, we still have a few more if you notice one hanging, pluck it! We're still needing donations to our scholarship fund as we have one family receiving that blessing this year– there will surely be more in the future. Please know how grateful our Day School teachers and families are for your continued support.  
Erin Parris, Director

## DAY SCHOOL NEWS



The Membership Committee will have the musical group Alliance for our special guest Wednesday Oct. 17th. They will sing a melody of Patriotic, gospel, and popular music. We will have a special Wednesday Night Supper meal and we will need a head count for this meal so it will be important to sign up for this event. Please mark your calendars for this special program.



**REMINDER:**

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will be October 20th at 8:00 a.m. Please join us as we study "Act Like Men." Pastor, author, and teacher James MacDonald will challenge us to take hold of our God-given role. Through video teaching, group discussion, and personal Bible study, he will urge you to live out Paul's instruction in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.







## KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

In Scotland of old, the Kirk (Church) was very important, and most activities centered around it. The Scottish Highlanders were a war-like people, and there was almost constant conflict between the clans or with England. When a clan or a confederation of clans were making ready for battle, they would meet at the Kirk to have a roll call of clan members. They would also receive their blessings before marching off to war. Later, this became an annual service at which members of the Highland clans, dressed in their finest tartan colors, rededicated themselves to their Heavenly Father, and praised Him in eternal gratitude for His watching over them during the past year. After the defeat of the Highlanders by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the wearing of the tartan, the carrying of weapons, and the playing of the bagpipes was against the law. In fact, the bagpipes were declared a weapon of war. As a result, they could no longer have their tartans blessed at their rededication services. The Highlanders, however, began to secretly carry small scraps of tartan material. These tokens of Scottish family and pride were kept in defiance of English rule, to preserve Scottish dignity, and in honor of the family heritage they represented. They would carry these swatches of material, appropriately concealed, to their Kirk to be "Kirked" or blessed. At a time and prearranged signal known only to the clergy and the parishioners, the clansmen and clanswomen would take hold of their tiny pieces of tartan, while the presiding minister blessed the cloth in fluent Gaelic. Being in Gaelic, the language of the Highland Scots, the English soldiers did not understand what was going on.

The Kirkin' o' The Tartans was started in America by Dr. Peter Marshall, a native of Scotland. On April 27, 1941, Dr. Marshall held the first Kirkin' in Washington, DC at what was then known as the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. This ceremony was based on the old rededication service of the Highland Scots. Dr. Marshall was later named first Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, where he served until his death in 1949. Dr. Marshall's widow, Catherine, recounted her late husband's life, deeds, and services to his Lord in her biography, *A Man Called Peter*. In 1956, 20<sup>th</sup> Century-Fox made the book into a movie by the same name. In the movie there was a Kirkin' o' The Tartans, and the idea of the Kirkin' spread across the nation. Churches across the U.S. now have this service, usually on Reformation Sunday. This service has also become a part of most Highland Games that are held across the Nation.