

First Presbyterian Church of Danville

191 Years of “knowing Christ and

November 2018

Beyond the Columns

God is full of surprises. In the story of God’s people, there have been many twists and turns, many mighty leaps forward followed by bone jarring reversals of fortune. It seems almost impossible that humanity can survive the ride. However, with God all things are possible. The mountains are climbed, raging rivers are forded, the still waters are found and the heavenly banquet provided, but sometimes we are not quite sure how we made it. It only makes sense if we play our part trusting that God will provide all we need to accomplish what fits into the divine plan.

The story of Ruth is one where nothing seems to logically fit together. Israelites are not supposed to marry Moabites. Elimelech and his family leave Bethlehem (which literally means “house of bread”) because there is no bread and go to live amongst the enemies of God. There they find a home and food and live happily for ten years. Tragically the males of the family die and once again in desperation Elimelech’s wife, Naomi, is forced to return home to find what meager provisions she can amongst her own people. She does the logical thing and tells her Moabite daughters-in-law to stay with their own people. There they will be cared for. But, one of her daughters-in-law, Ruth, refuses to take the safe and sensible option. She says she will go with her mother-in-law and care for her even though it makes no sense. God provides. Strangers become family. God works His purpose out in a remarkable way because of their love for each other and their trust in God.

Congregations come together in just as surprising ways. Who would ever have predicted that persons from the Netherlands, Tidewater, Hawaii, New Jersey, suburban Maryland, southside Virginia and countless other areas of the world would gather together to worship, do mission, and accomplish ministry that would somehow fit into God’s larger plan for the world in Danville, Virginia. The odds are long, but somehow it all works.

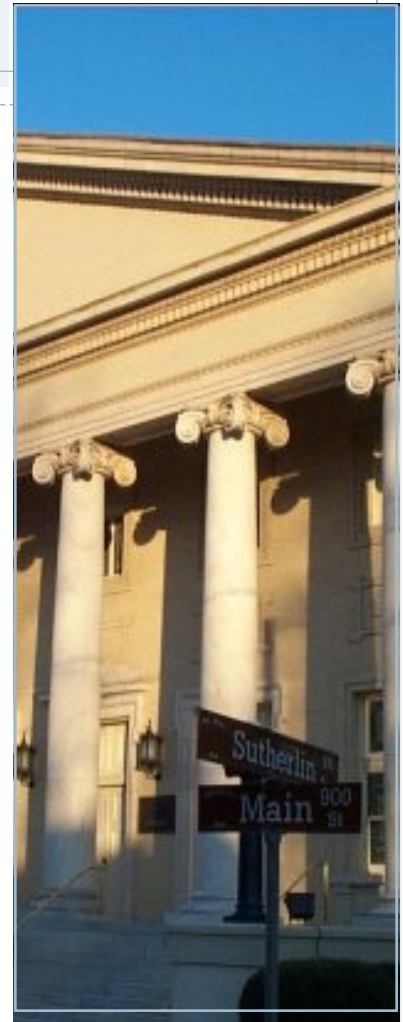
How are we to react to the totally improbable story in which we find ourselves? We could try to go our own way, write our own script, or create our own destiny. Doing so often leads to lonely and aimless lives. Life can be tough enough even when we face it together armed with faith in God and love for each other. Self-directed solo acts don’t seem to stand up to the test of time.

We are to be thankful for the opportunities God gives us. We should be thankful for the people God puts in our lives to journey with us. We should be thankful for the strangers God puts in our pathways. We should be thankful for places God sends us even if we have never heard of them before. We should be thankful for the improbable and impossible tasks God sets before us to accomplish. We should be thankful for the gifts and talents God provides us with and for willing hearts to persevere and overcome the obstacles that come our way.

Be thankful and play your part for you never know when you might become the great grandmother of a king.

Yours in Christ,

John



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events, Meet our Members, Stewardship Corner, and much more.



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

Children Events: **Dinner & Bible Club November 7th & 14th

**Pizza & Movie November 18th following Worship

**November 18th our children will sing during worship. They will practice their song Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Events: Youth Group November 7th, 14th, 28th

No Youth Group November 21st- Enjoy your Thanksgiving !!!

November 10th- Hiking

November 24th- Lunch Ministry



Thanks to all who gave of their time and treasure making our 11th annual Crop Hunger Walk another blessed experience ! We will let you know the numbers as soon as the treasurer has counted it all!!

The annual church picnic was held at the church fellowship Overbey Hall because of the devastation of tropical storm Michael. A big thank you to cooks Nick Argyrakakis and Barry Cutright who gave us all the opportunity to eat great hamburgers and hot dogs plus share our stories and be encouraged



November 2018

To Know Christ And Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship	5 9:30 Co. Council 10:00 Staff Mtg. 12:00 Thank Lunch 7:00 Evening Circle	2 5:15 HandBells 6pm Deacons 7 pm Property Comm	7 5 pm PNC Comm 6 pm WNS 6pm Youth	1 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	2 Office Closed	3 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
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PRAYERS AND PRAISES



PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey Bill Brown, Lisa Brown, Tim Burnette, Claire Campbell, John Cao, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law),

Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East (K. Meadows), Johnny Gauldin, James Gill, James Gill, Jr, Fred Gunn, Jay Hayes, Lois Hayes, 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), Jane Marini (B. Fitzgerald's daughter), Ellen McDonald (John's wife), Freel Shippe (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) Joe Alexander, 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, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Fae Smith, Linda Terriberly, Tom West, Nultie Wiseman

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY-Dustin Heimstead

Condolences to the family of Ed Polhamus

Condolences to the family of David Clark in the passing of his father Nelson, October 16th.

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.

November 3: Women's Circle

November 10: Westover

REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is postponed until December, enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday.



Friends of First Presbyterian Church: A big thank you to all your kind thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes as I recover from my hip replacement surgery. Although I have a ways to go, I am advancing on the road to recovery. I greatly appreciate all of your thoughtfulness and ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers. Thanks for being such a wonderful and caring congregation. Kindest regards, Ellen McDonald



Sunday Oct 21st we welcomed our newest member Jacquelyn Rochford to our church family. When you see her next, extend her a warm welcome.



Sunday Flowers on the Reredos



Nov. 4th : 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. 11th: The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Catherine Deaver Cuttle and Bob

Cuttle, and in honor of Charles and Elizabeth Cuttle by Parks, Frances and John Newby.

Nov. 18th: The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Neva Shelton and in honor of Ella Ryan by Diane and Kent Shelton.

Nov. 25th: The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and for the season of Thanksgiving by Rebecca and Chris.

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

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



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.

November 5 Carolyn Miles
601 Bridge St. Apt 115
Danville, VA 24541

November 12 Fae Smith
661 Timberlake Dr.
Danville, VA 24541

November 19 Goldie Keesee # 32
Roman Eagle Health Care
2526 N. Main St., Danville, VA 24540

November 26 Chuck Bolt
133 Westmoreland Ct.
Danville, VA 24541

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.

Property Committee

Bob's To-Do List

Computer, streaming TV & sound system hardware & repair Sutherlin Speakers

Investigate the aging alarm system, Carbon Monoxide & Fire Alarm

Investigate humidity control with Centech in Sanctuary

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

Replace broken Church Office sign

Completed items:

Commode in ladies room

Hot water heater

COMMITTEE

UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

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



Worship Committee will
meet Nov. 4th 9:00 a.m.
in the parlor.

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 MISSION EMPHASIS



The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Luncheon—open to all women—is being hosted by the Day Circle and will be held on Monday November 5th at 12 noon. Come join us; we'd love to have you (and reservations are appreciated through the church office.)

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 5th 9:30 a.m. in room 108.

Monday November 5th the Day Circle meets after the Thank offering Luncheon in the fellowship hall continuing their bible study called "God's Promise: I am with you" taught again by Charlotte Lowther.

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

Evening Circle will meet that same evening at 7 p.m. in the home of Sandra Strange, 285 West Main St. 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 whichever study suits them best.

DIACONATE NEWS

You might have seen David Swann ask the deacons in church to help collect offering on Sunday morning, but did you know that you do not have to be a deacon or an

elder to help with this? We might ask you to help with this sometime....you've seen it done often enough and we won't ask you to bring the plates forward, so we hope that you would consider saying "yes" to David should he ask you sometime.

Our lunch ministry helpers on Saturday mornings need new infusion of youth and energy!! If you have 2 hours to spare one Saturday morning (10 to noon), just show up and ask how you can help. We promise you will not leave hungry or bored. Our church's lunch ministry NEEDS YOU in general but especially to help out with your treasures as the Diaconate will host our annual special Thanksgiving Lunch Ministry meal again on Saturday, November 17th. Of course you are also invited that day to serve as hosts and meet, greet and mingle, we look forward to a truly blessed mission opportunity that FPC has been able to extend to

SPINACH CASSEROLE BY ELAINE



1 10 oz. pkg frozen chopped spinach
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 10 3/4 oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup
 1 egg beaten
 1 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 2 slices of bread, cubed

3 Tbsp. melted butter

Dash of garlic salt & red pepper

Cook spinach using 1/2 cup water & 1 tsp sugar. Drain -mashing out all liquid. Combine spinach, soup, egg & cheese. Pour into greased 1.5 qt. casserole. Toss the bread cubes in the melted butter to which the garlic

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

In last month's "Stewardship In Action", we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Charlotte Lowther. This month we'll highlight the contributions of Tom Barrett. Tom has been very active in the life of our church. Tom has served as both an Elder and a Deacon and one my earliest memories of Tom was being the Wednesday Night Dinner host. Tom is very active on the Property Committee and also serves on the Admin and Vision committees. Tom frequently helps with the Saturday Lunch Program and does a great job with his children sermons during Sunday worship. With all these activities, Tom still finds time to visit our shut-ins. Perhaps that is Tom greatest gift to our church. Thank you Tom!



November

2 Hampton Wilkins

8 Alex Walthall
 Nathan Brown

11 Elliot Stowe

12 Jim Pritchett
 Kent Shelton

13 Becky Meadema
 Joyce Perez

14 Joan Reynolds

17 Julia Gregson
 Helen Meadors

20 Ruth Meadors

24 Dale Haley

25 Lisa Argyrakakis

26 Wayne Womble

27 Beth Brown

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20 Diane & Kent Shelton

28 Carolyn & Fred Baker

Stewardship Corner

September 2018 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$15,079	\$ 237,796	\$ 236,681	\$ 244,875	\$ (7,079)
Other Income	\$ 450	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,896	\$ 4,129	\$ (2,134)
Transfers	\$ 13,044	\$ 142,562	\$ 107,914	\$ 76,854	\$ 65,708
Total Revenues	\$ 28,573	\$ 382,352	\$ 346,491	\$ 325,858	\$ 56,494
Expenses	\$ 35,110	\$ 342,436	\$ 324,754	\$ 325,858	\$ (16,578)
Net Total	\$ (6,537)	\$ 39,916	\$ 21,737	\$ 0	\$ 39,916

Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! November is finally here and we're ready to start our Stewardship campaign. 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!

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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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

AMY'S ARMY NEWS

If you wish to help Amy Bracey beating brain cancer. She has several fundraisers

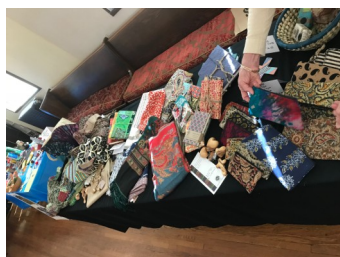
Sat Nov. 3rd at Frank's Restaurant from 3 p.m.-9 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 7th at Buffalo Wild Wings at 5 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 20th at 5:30 at Linden Rose from 5:30—8 p.m. (1226 West Main St.) Shopping Benefit

The Bracey's address is 120 Clearview Dr., Danville, VA 24541

ANNUAL MEETING



The next Presbyterian Meeting at FPC will be held on Thursday November 15th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome to come out and attend or help out in the various and plentiful volunteer opportunities that day. Contact the church office for information. The exhibits are worth visiting especially the service sale with all



The missions committee would like to introduce to you the 'new' faces of our Saturday lunch ministry that will be there to greet you downstairs as you and our guests come in. They have been doing this for quite awhile to help out Roy and we apologize for not having done so earlier. From left to right: Jackie Wilson, Reggie Walters and Leroy Lemont. Jackie was born and raised in Danville and is a graduate of Dan River High School (class of 74). She has 2 brothers and 1 sister and dotes on her nephew and niece. She loves to serve our church in our lunch ministry and also helps clean at Calvary Baptist Church whenever they need her. She is a true gem.

Reggie is a retired security guard of 36 years. Born and raised in Danville, he is a widower with 5 grown children and loves to fish.

Leroy is 48 years old and works around town cutting grass, putting up sheet rock or cutting wood. Also born and raised in Danville, he also loves to serve at church here but helps out at St. Luke's Methodist Church with whatever they need as well. He is a graduate of GWHS and played basketball. These are but a few of the many familiar faces at our lunch ministry. Come and tell them 'thank you' sometime.



A message from the Vision Committee.

At First Presbyterian Church we have some important question to ask ourselves:

Who we are now?

Who are our neighbors?

Who is God calling us to be today?

As Christians we want to serve God and reach others with the Gospel. But our culture and world has changed. What are the most effective ways we can do that in the 21st century?

When churches plateau or decline in their growth and vitality it's time to honestly ask: What are we able, willing, and committed to do to move forward faithfully?

The Vision Committee has identified seven areas we can work on to be the vibrant, energetic, healthy church we all want to be. We have discussed specific action items to achieve each vision. These ideas will be presented to the appropriate church committees for consideration.



Angel Tree News: We are gearing up for another Angel Tree Ministry with our Angel Tree ready and ripe for the picking as per Sunday, November 25th and our party to be held on Saturday, December 15th from 2—4 p.m. We'd love for you to help out with the various moving parts this blessed Ministry entails. **For inquiries call Marie-Louise 434-770-0136.**





Here are some pictures to enjoy from our Wednesday Night Supper on October 17th with a delicious meal and the Alliance group entertaining us with a wonderful selection of songs.



Our Wednesday Night Suppers this month will be Nov. 7th which will be a covered dish: please bring an entrée or side dish and the church will provide drinks & desserts. There will be no charge for this meal. Team 4 will be in charge. The program will be from finance committee about our proposed budget for 2019.

November 14th we will have our turkey dinner, turkey and all the trimmings! Team 1 is in charge. The program will be a bible study from Joyce Perez.

Time for both dinners is 6 p.m.

\$6 per person ages 11 & up Children 10 & under eat free.

Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18



You are invited to our Community Thanksgiving Service Monday November 19th at 7 p.m. This year the Service will be at Sacred Heart Church. Please make an effort to attend this special service.

It is time to **order poinsettias** in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Christmas season. Prices are \$7 for the 4 inch wrapped plants and \$13 for the 6.5 inch plants.

All orders should be in the church office by Sunday November 11th.

Please call Elizabeth Walden at 203.7778 for more information.

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

Given by: _____

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

Please enclose a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and return it to

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