

## Beyond the Columns

January 2019

Another year has passed. A new year has begun, and with it, a combination of excitement at what could be and dread at what might happen. As we age it seems as if time speeds up exponentially. When we are children, Christmas seems to take a decade to come every year. When we are older, decades seem to go by in the blink of an eye.

God has a different perspective on time. Time began with "The Word." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." Jesus was, is and will always be "The Word", "The Life", and "The Light" of the world. With Jesus, we can blink away the decades without fear. With the light of Christ in our hearts, we can see new opportunities for ministry, expand the musical repertoire used in worship services, and explore the depths of the Bible that will overcome our hesitations and compel us to share the Gospel with a whole new generation of people.

A friend of mine posted on Facebook an inspiring challenge that I share with you as the new year dawns. The post said, "I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2 a.m. car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by going to church, we need to be the church."

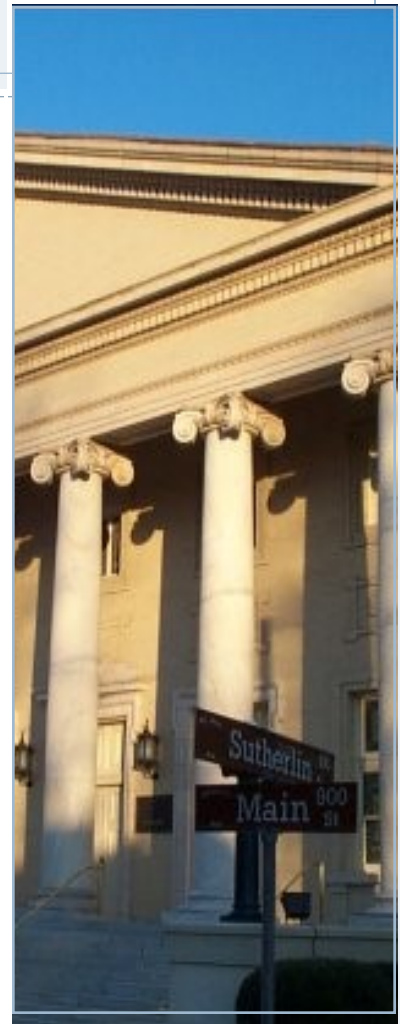
At first, I didn't like the post because I like going to church. I love the beauty of the building. I like the people that attend church on a regular basis. I have always appreciated the historic traditions and sound theological doctrines of our denomination. Feeling comfortable in my faith is a feeling I appreciate. I've spent almost 32 years leading congregations in a certain way and God has been able to use me to reach out to others and help them to know of God's love and grace.

Yet, as I read the post again, I gained an appreciation for the challenge it lays before us. As much as I appreciate the past, what I most appreciate about my relationship with Jesus Christ is that it is constantly changing to meet the challenges the world sends our way. Our faith never stays the same because if it did, it would grow stale. Faith evolves over time and helps us respond to the new challenges each year brings. If you had told me 32 years ago, how serving God would involve helping to start a soup kitchen, putting insulation in a mobile home, helping to building a deck on a home and running a mimeograph machine I would never have believed you. Forty years ago if you had told me I would serve 6 congregations in any other capacity than choir member, I don't think I would have believed you.

Faith is not something that can be defined or directed solely by those things we can see or measure or conceive. Faith is something that is defined and directed by the one who was at the beginning, is with us all the days of our lives and who will carry us to eternal life. As First Presbyterian Church seeks to evolve in ways that will meet the new challenges that 2019 will bring, let us not define ourselves only by what is contained within the walls of our building. Rather, let us be defined by He who spans all time and place. He was certainly never limited in His love for all of His children and neither should we.

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](mailto:Jackson@fpcdanville.com) or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

**Children Events:** Bible Club January 9th & 23rd Ice Skating January 20th

**Youth Events:** Youth Group January 9,16,23,& 30

**Ice-Skating January 20th**

**Lunch Ministry Sat. January 26th**

**Lock-in January 26-27th**



A big thank you to the Outlook Sunday School Class who hosted our annual Christmas Breakfast on December 16th. Everyone enjoyed all the tasty casseroles and goodies!!



# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Evening Circle meets at Brenna T. 5008 Cobblestone Dr. Danville 1/7	1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2 5 pm PNC	3	4 Office Closed	5 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Pro- gram
6 Installation of Elders 9 Worship Comm. 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	7 9:15 Prayer Mtg. 10:00 Staff Mtg. 12:30 Day Circle 5:45 pm Deacons 7 pm Even. Circle	8 5:15 pm HandBells 6 pm Property 7 pm Session	9 5 pm PNC 6 pm WNS 6 pm Youth	10 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 Office Closed	12 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Pro- gram
13 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	14 9:15 Prayer Mtg. 10:00 Staff Mtg. 11 am VIP	15 5:15 HandBells	16 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	17 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	18 Office Closed	19 8:00 Men's B'fast 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Pro- gram
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To Know Christ And  
Make Him Known

## 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), Fred Gunn, 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), Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis, Jane Marini (B. Fitzgerald's daughter), Ellen McDonald (John's wife), Freely 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, 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, James Gill, Sr. & Jr., Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Jay Hayes, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Russell Vandiver, Willem van der Griendt (ML Crane's father), 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, Tom West, Nultie Wiseman

### CAREGIVERS

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

### THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

## 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.

January 5: Women's Circle

January 12: Westover Baptist

January 19: Unity Presbyterian

January 26: Youth

### REMINDER:

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is Saturday January 19th at 8:00 a.m. We will continue our James MacDonald "Act Like Men" bible study. Please join us as we are challenged to take hold of our God-given role.



It's never too late to send in your membership directory page. If you haven't done so, ask Vickie (Vickie@fpcedanville.com) to send you the form by email and gather some wonderful holiday pictures to go with it. The second roll out is still available (Dunglinson-Roberts or Office) to those who had not gotten those sheets.

We also ask that you adjust your membership page for

James Gill, Sr & Jr. is 338 North Ridge St. Apt 6



Thank you from Lee Norman—

*Dear Congregation of First Presbyterian thank you so much for your support, love and prayers during my extended illness. The church is so dear to my heart. If I am not there in body, please know I am in spirit.*

*With love, Lee Norman...*







## Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

January 13th—The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Ronnell D. Belton by his family.

January 20th—The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Pat

Bolt, Buck Collins, Sarah Collins, and Tom Collins by Charles Bolt and family.

January 27th— The flowers that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of Katherine Sitzer Barrett Buchanan by Susan Mathena.

Deacons will be in charge for the month of January.

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

January 7 Nultie Wiseman  
5969 Dry Fork Road  
Dry Fork, VA 24549

January 14 Flo Hall # 23  
149 Executive Drive Brookdale Place  
Danville, VA 24541

January 21 Lois Hayes # 45  
Roman Eagle Memorial Nursing Home  
2526 N. Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

January 28 Grace Litzenburg  
954 Main St.  
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.

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Carolyn Miles new address is c/o Patrick Davidson  
1004 Cedar Street  
Marion, SC 29571

## 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

Investigate Amp replacement

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

### Completed items:

Broken Church Office Sign replaced

Kitchen Stoop Support Columns reinforced

Double gate from nursery to parking has been repaired

Globe for front entrance has been replaced

## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Christian Education Committee**  
Brenna Takata, Chair

No Christian Education meeting in the month of December.



Worship Committee will meet Dec. 2nd 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.



Matthew and Teresa Lee, missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa, visited First Presbyterian December 5 for Wednesday night supper. They showed pictures and a video to share information about the country, their friends and co-workers, and their mission. Approximately 40% of the population is Christian, but many have no Scripture in their language. Working for Wycliffe Bible Translators, Matthew coordinates the production of both New Testaments and entire Bibles in the local languages of the people. His team is ecumenical, including Lutheran and Baptist translators. He showed several of the volumes of scripture they have produced. Teresa has been teaching kindergarten students of missionaries in the Greenwood School, a local school that serves all ages. The Lees are currently on leave in the US to raise supporting funds for their return to Cameroon. During this period, they will be located in Texas where Matthew will complete his master's degree in linguistics.

Having this exciting young couple so dedicated to the work of spreading the Gospel and sharing the word of Jesus truly enhances our spiritual growth and willingness to support their commitment.



Monday January 7th the Day Circle meets at 12:30 p.m. 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 Brenna Takata, 5008 Cobblestone Drive, to continue their bible study "Chasing After The Heart Of God" taught by Joyce Perez. All are invited and definitely reach out to a friend and bring her along as we study the Word of God.



### DIACONATE NEWS

Our 2019 deacons and elders are here to serve. Their pictures are posted on the bulletin board outside the Dunglinson-Roberts room.

We received a thank you from Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis for all the love and prayers of First Presbyterian's friends and family!! "I am so very grateful for their love and support and God's blessings. I'm almost back to 100% , and feel so much better. I know the only thing that got me back on my feet were your prayers!!" Thanks again from Mary Ann....



## HOLIDAY CRANBERRY CHICKEN & OREO COOKIE DESSERT

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

#### *Holiday Cranberry Chicken*

Yield: 4–6 servings

1/2 c. Heinz chili sauce  
1/2 c. whole cranberry sauce  
2 Tbsp. orange marmalade  
1/8 tsp. ground allspice  
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
2 Tbsp. sugar  
4–6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Combine first 6 ingredients. Mix well. Pour over chicken. Cover tightly with foil and bake until chicken is tender and well done. Remove foil during the last few minutes of baking to slightly brown the chicken. Do not, however, allow the chicken to become dry. Spoon sauce from pan over each chicken breast and serve.

#### *Oreo Cookie Dessert*

Serves 12

20 oz. pkg. oreo cookies crushed  
1 stick butter (melted)  
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
16 oz. Cool Whip  
1/2 c 10x sugar

1 large pkg. instant pudding (vanilla or chocolate)

Crush oreo cookies & mix with melted butter. Use 3/4 of the mixture to line the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Mix together cream cheese, Cool Whip and sugar and spread over the cookies. Mix instant pudding according to package directions and pour onto top of cream cheese layer. Top with remaining 1/4 of the crushed cookies. Refrigerate overnight.



2 Anna Honea

3 Dick Stoakley

5 Carter Meadors  
George Crowell

7 Barry Cutright

9 Martha Mallery  
Amy Quinn

10 George Snead

11 Gail Ramey  
Brad Turner

13 Bob Willeford  
Richard Stoakley  
Kim Meadows

14 Madeline Parris

15 Barbara Newnam

16 Lia Argyrakis  
Hunter Cutright  
Brandon Willeford  
Flo Hall

19 Whitney Pritchett

20 Tom Barrett  
Grace Litzenberg

22 David Parris

24 Jackson Heard  
Nancy Wilson

25 Lois Lea Paalman

27 Mary Lou Snead

31 Michael Wilson  
Maggie Weller

#### **Anniversaries:**

January 3  
Robert & Kim Clifton  
January 8  
Walter & Gail Gunn

### Stewardship Corner

#### November 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>	\$ 22,665	\$ 288,352	\$ 281,759	\$ 299,292	\$ (10,940)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 755	\$ 4,225	\$ 3,055	\$ 5,046	\$ (821)
<b>Transfers</b>	\$ 8,185	\$ 158,933	\$ 112,915	\$ 93,933	\$ 65,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 31,605	\$ 451,510	\$ 397,729	\$ 398,271	\$ 53,239
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 51,348	\$ 416,838	\$ 398,176	\$ 398,271	\$ (18,567)
<b>Net Total</b>	\$ (19,743)	\$ 34,673	\$ (447)	\$ 0	\$ 34,673

#### Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. We've had a very successful stewardship campaign for 2018 and would like to thank everyone for all the help. Watch this column for updates on our upcoming 2019 campaign.

**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  
vickie@fpcdanville.com

**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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## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

2018 is closing in and out children have been busy with lots of learning and socializing even though mother nature has had lots to say about their growth!! We're praying for NO snow in 2019 so we can continue on with our fun activities! Our Christmas program is always a huge hit, the tiny children nativity is the best part of the day! Many thanks to our wonderful church family who is always supporting us at any chance they can. Happy New Year to you all!



As we start a new calendar year we invite you to take out an hour for prayer: join Dr. McDonald, Linda Copeland & Marie-Louise Crane on Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor at church where we pray for our church, family, our community, our nation and the world.



The VIP Committee would like to thank Barry Cutright & Nick Argyrakis for all the gifts they shop for to put in the gift bags for our VIP Members. When the bags are delivered it means so much to the members to know someone is thinking about them.



Our **Wednesday Night Suppers** this month will be January 9th at 6 p.m. The meal will be announce at a later date. The program will be presented by the Summer Youth Missions. Team 3 is in charge.

January 23rd will be our next WNSupper, we will have a chili cook-off. Team 4 is in charge. See below for the chili cook off info....

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.



**Angel Tree News:** The Angel Tree Party was held on Saturday, December 15th from 2-4 in the fellowship hall where we did arts & crafts with the children and their caregivers before singing and presenting their gifts. Thanks to all who came out to help and then took their sleighs and delivered the gifts to those who could not come out.



Share your favorite chili with us!! **Needed** a few people to share their chili with us in our Chili Cookoff to be held on Wed. January 23, 2019. Each participant can bring one crockpot of chili. Email Brenna Takata at [brenna5008@gmail.com](mailto:brenna5008@gmail.com) or call the church office to let them know you will be participating. Should be a fun and "HOT" night!



## VISION COMMITTEE

The Vision Committee has identified seven visions of what we want our church to become. The first one is: “We see a church that is missional and outward focused in serving our community.”

Our church motto is “To Know Christ and Make Him Known.” We know Christ better through Sunday morning worship, Sunday school, Women of the Church, and many other learning opportunities. We make Christ Known by feeding the hungry on Saturday mornings, putting presents under the Angel Tree, packing backpacks weekend lunches at God’s Storehouse, and sharing our faith with people we meet. The Vision Committee is looking for ways we can partner with other church to respond to the needs in our community and MAKE HIM KNOWN.

In Service to Christ,

Kent Shelton & the Vision Committee

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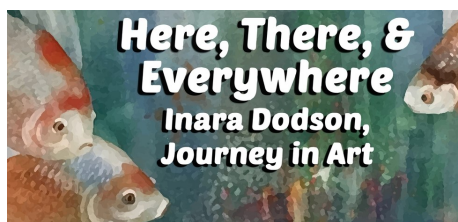
Thanks to Elizabeth and Keith Walden for decorating our church doors with the Christmas wreaths this past Advent Season and with the poinsettia tree in the sanctuary as well.



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Our own, Ina Dodson, has been selected to exhibit at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History January 13th—March 3rd. Her Open Reception will be Sunday January 13th from 2:30—4:30 p.m. **YOU ARE INVITED.**

As you know she is a versatile artist, who paints local subject matter and places she has visited around the world. Because she is a member of the First Presbyterian family, I hope you will join us. Invite a friend. She will be delighted. —Gail Davis



*We were able to host the Danville Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, December 8th with over 650 guests in attendance enjoying our beautiful sanctuary filled with beautiful music.*



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Welcome to our newest members Judy Hooker (whom we welcome back) and Dr. & Mrs. Randolph G. Bradshaw (Becky Meadema's parents). Our church family is grateful to have you.





First Presbyterian Church  
Session, Diaconate and Trustees

Session

	2019	2020	2021
	Betzy Wilson	Gary Wimer	Tom Barrett
	Joyce Perez	Martha Bell	Eddie Blount
	Bunny Hayes	Fred Baker	Mike Reynolds
	Ray Beale	David Parris	Brenna Takata
			David Clark (Alternate)

Diaconate

	2019	2020
	Becky Meadema	Nicole Bracey
	Marie-Louise Crane	Kathy Dolianitis
	Susan Mathena	Kim Meadows
	Jeanne Nostrandt	David Swann
		Will Brown (Alternate)

Clerk, C. B. Strange

**Trustees**

Tom Gillespie

Jim Motley

Chuck Bolt

**Nominating Committee 2019**

Lisa Argyrakis

Fred Baker

Karan Johnson

Donna Parris

Elder TBD

Deacon TBD