

Beyond the Columns

June 2019

Early in my time here at First Presbyterian – it might have been my first sermon – I made the statement that all ministers are interim ministers. We all serve in the various locations God sends us for whatever time God needs us. Whether we serve a congregation for one year or 30 years, we serve in the time between the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world the first time and the coming of our Lord for the final time.

We are called to take care of God’s people helping them to know the love of God and inspire them to share that love with the community they live in. We are to witness to the life-giving, awe-inspiring, comforting presence and power of Jesus Christ in the world. We are to lift up the Word of God as the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to us. And, we are to help whatever congregation establish a new vision of how to serve God each day. We do this in God’s time.

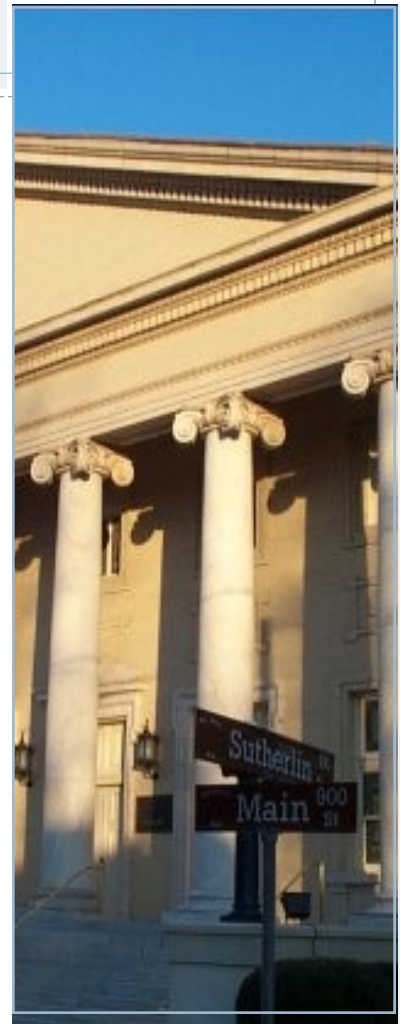
Paul was the ultimate interim minister. He travelled the world to spread the Gospel wherever God sent him. He would go to Philippi to teach and preach and then he left. He would establish a church in Thessalonica and then leave. He would travel to churches in Galatia, Ephesus, Corinth and Rome teaching and preaching as he went. He knew that each place had its own challenges. His job was to do his part in bringing people to know and love the Lord. He would then leave the nurture and care of the congregations to others. Barnabus, Timothy, Apollos and others would take the seeds planted by Paul and help them grow and spread the gospel to places Paul would never see.

Paul still loved the people he left behind and wished them well, but God had other places for him to go. It is my time to leave you in order to minister to another congregation. My hope is that our time together has been fruitful and that this church will continue to show God’s love and share God’s love under the able leadership of whoever comes to be your next pastor. Paul never left a place without sending them a challenge and charge. To paraphrase Paul’s charge to the Thessalonians, “Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Danville. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs and to work together.” Then a little later in chapter 5, again paraphrasing, “I appeal to you brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you beloved to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus. . . May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.” I really can’t say it any better than that.

I thank you for all the love and support you have given me during my time with you. We love you all. Go and do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God my friends until we meet again.

In Christ,

John



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events,
- Stewardship Corner, VBS news, Diaconate News, and much more.



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

Children Events: VBS June 17th—20th 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Ages 4—5th grade (dinner included) Please fill out the form in the back of the newsletter and turn in to office.

June 9th Penteconst Processional meet in the Narthex at 10:50 a.m. to process into church

June 9th fishing 3—6 p.m. at Mathena home 700 Steam Way, Danville

Youth Events: Youth Group June 5 & 12 6:00– 7:30 p.m.

Lunch Ministry 22nd

Youth Sunday June 30th

West Virginia Mission Trip !!!

This year we have an amazing opportunity to serve our Lord in West Virginia.

We will be working with Son Servants in Panther, WV. Panther is a tiny community in McDowell Co. WV. McDowell Co. has the fifth highest poverty level in the USA, and the need there is great! The work will be primarily home repair, minor construction, and painting. Our ministry partner is Panther Christian Outreach and we will be staying at a former school owned by them. Trip dates are July 22-27. Please be in prayer for this trip!!!



* Designed by TownMapsUSA.com

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:15 Lunch Program
2 9 Worship Comm. 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	3 9:15 am Prayer Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg 10:00 am PW Coordi- nating Council No Diacons	4 5:15 pm HandBells 7 pm Property	5 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	6 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 Office Closed	8 11:15 Lunch Program
9 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	10 9:15 am Prayer Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg 11:00 am VIP Comm.	11 5:15 pm Hand- Bells 7 p.m. Session	12 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	13 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	14 Office Closed	15 11:15 Lunch Program
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To Know Christ And
Make Him Known

PRAYERS AND PRAISES



PASTORAL CONCERNS— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman's brother), Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey Bill Brown, Lisa Brown, Tim Bur-

nette, Claire Campbell, John Cao, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Dianne East (K. Meadows), Fred Gunn (W. Gunn's brother), Lois Hayes, Martha Jo Hodges, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Gail Jones, Laura Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Beth Landfair (John's mother), Bill Landfair (John's step father), Bob Lowther, Freel Shipe (J. McDonald's father-in-law), Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Ella Ryan, Debra Thompson (C. Bolt's daughter), Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Joan Sprinkle (G. Jones), C. B. Strange, Alan Sweeney, Samantha Williams, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Joe Alexander, Dianne East, James Gill, Sr. & Jr., Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Erica Mann, Mary Lou Snead, Leslie S. Vance (G. Jones), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

OUR VIPs—Chuck Bolt, Alice Bradshaw, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Goldie Keesee, Ruth Lawton, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Fae Smith, Nultie Wiseman

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

OUR PNC COMMITTEE

The friends and family of A. B. Motley who passed away 5/5/19.

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.

June 1: Women's Circle
June 8: Westover Baptist
June 15: Unity Presbyterian
June 22: Youth
June 29: Outlook Class



Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and all those dads and men that give us love and support each day!

Remember them on June 16th with a special card, hug and prayer. We appreciate all that you do!!

Please come alongside the Presbyterian Women in church and help us fill Blessing Buckets for God's Pit Crew. Although we have collected health and school kits for years we are now these collecting items for God's Pit Crew as well. The items needed are posted in various places around the church and for more information you can also call the Church Office.



I can't thank you all enough for the wonderful reception before Marie Louise's service. The cooks of the church contributions were greatly appreciated, with all of the food they prepared!

Sincerely, *Donald*



Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

June 23—The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Kirk by the family.

June 30— The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the youth of our church, and the Minister of Youth and Children, Jackson Weller, by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Barrett.

Seekers Class will be in charge for the month of June.

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.

June 3 Ruth Lawton # 239
432 Hermitage Drive
Bright Leaf Place
Danville, VA 24541

June 10 Goldie Keese #101
Roman Eagle Nursing Home
2526 N. Main St.
Danville, VA 24540

June 17 Evelyn Haislip # 94
Roman Eagle
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, Mary Ann Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Bunny Hayes, Nancy Wilson, 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

Investigate Amp replacement

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

Completed Items

Retaining wall on Chestnut St.

Replaced light bulbs in Pastor's office

Replaced some light lenses in Sanctuary

Repaired the Sutherlin Entrance Steps

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education
will not meet this month.



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



Martha Bell receives Life Member Award from Ava Barrett for her many years of service to church and Presbyterian Women. Charlotte Lowther receives 40 year recognition for teaching Day Circle from Linda Copeland.

Coordinating Council will
meet Monday June 3rd at
10 a.m.

**There will not be Day
or Evening Circle
meeting in June.**



VBS June 17th-20th 5:30pm-8:00pm

Classes start at 6:00 pm

Use the registration form for children & adult classes

We are going TO MARS AND BEYOND!!!!!!!!!!

Join us as we explore what God can do in us and through us when we make Jesus our Lord and follow Him.

"Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" ~Ephesians 3:20

BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK
200 YEARS OF COOKING BY THE DAN

Hamburger Hoagies by Linda Bebb Almashy

1 lb. ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green pepper, chopped
1 tsp. season salt
1 lg. bag shredded cheddar cheese
6 med. Hoagie rolls

1 large tomato, chopped
1/4 head lettuce, shredded
In large skillet, fry ground beef, onion, pepper and add season salt until well done. Right before serving, stir in all of cheddar cheese and mix till melted. Spoon on Hoagie rolls and top with lettuce and tomatoes. Serve with chips and pickles.

Note: I got this recipe after eating these at Bogies.



"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

Membership Committee invites you to join us on Sunday June 23rd for a tailgate picnic and Braves Baseball Game.

Game is at 4 p.m. Come to Dan Daniels Park to tailgate from 2:30 p.m.—4 p.m! We'll be at shelter 13.

See you there !! Wear your FPC t-shirt!

30 tickets available for the ball game at \$8 a ticket.



Stewardship in Action

In our May "Stewardship In Action", we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Harriet Beale. This month we'll highlight the contributions of Susan Mathena. Susan has been a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church for many years. She has willingly used her talents in serving this church and our community. Susan is a member of the evening Presbyterian women's circle, serves as chairperson of the diaconate and chairs the Bereavement Committee.

Susan is currently working with the Pastor Nominating Committee as they search for the minister that God has chosen for First Presbyterian Church. The children of the church have fond memories of Susan being hostess for their fishing trips to her pond. She has shown them how to not only clean the fish, but cooks them so that all have a taste.

Thank you Susan for your dedication to the Lord's work.



4 Malcolm Mallery
Carol Stoakley

8 Emma Jones
Nicole Bracey

9 Lib Cuttle

10 Anne Pritchett
Carol Stoakley

11 Jean Pritchett

12 Eddie Blount

13 Marissa Meadors

16 Charles Cuttle

17 Erin Parris

23 Diane Shelton

24 Mikayla Kassa

25 Royal Motley
Carpenter Walden

28 Sallie Abreu
Susan Mathena

30 Sue Miller
Betzy Wilson

Anniversaries:
14 June 1952 Betty & Bill

8 June 1963 Carol & Charles

19 June 1971 Ava & Tom

19 June 1976 David & Donna

23 June 1979 Lib & Charles

24 June 1972 David & Sally

If we've missed your special day
let us know !!

**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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Son Servants Trip

We are extremely excited to be doing something very different this summer. First Presbyterian has partnered with Son Servants in a new way. While First Presbyterian has had a long standing relationship with Son Servants (over 30 years), and we have sent hundreds of young people as short-term missionaries with Son Servants over the years, (many have even served on staff with Son Servants), this year we will be hosting a short-term mission trip. We will house and feed a group of Middle School students as they come to Danville to serve our Lord Jesus.

This is an exciting adventure, but it's an adventure that requires us to help. We will need volunteers the week of July 15-20 to help with cooking breakfast and dinner. If you are available to assist preparing or serving a meal please contact Jackson Weller at 792-7822 ext.3 or jackson@fpcdanville.com.



Stewardship Corner

April 2019 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$ 29,623	\$ 118,130	\$ 139,898	\$ 113,167	\$ 4,963
Other Income	\$ 1,763	\$ 3,544	\$ 1,210	\$ 1,838	\$ 1,705
Transfers	\$ -	\$ 19,706	\$ 83,007	\$ 26,324	\$ (6,618)
Total Revenues	\$ 31,386	\$ 141,379	\$ 224,115	\$ 141,329	\$ 50
Expenses	\$ 30,222	\$ 125,617	\$ 149,967	\$ 141,329	\$ 15,712
Net Total	\$ 1,163	\$ 15,762	\$ 74,148	\$ (0)	\$ 15,762

Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! Our first special offering for the season will be the Mother's Day/Father's Day offering on June 9th. The gifts from this offering will be shared with the Sunnyside Retirement Home. Continuing with our theme for 2019, the Membership Committee will be highlighted in a "Minute for Membership" on the 9th. I'm pretty sure they'll be talking about the Danville Braves outing on June 23rd! Stay tuned to this article for more Stewardship news.

FROM THE VISION COMMITTEE



VISION 6: We see a church where every member participates, not only in worship, but also in the life of the church. Each member would personally know the people who sit around them in worship and truly feel that he/she is a part of the First Presbyterian family. This is accomplished by inviting every member to be a part of a small group in some form; a Sunday School class, a women's circle, a Bible study group, the hand bell choir, etc.

One of the four commitment questions asked when each of us joined First Presbyterian Church was "Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be." An active member participates in the churches work using their spiritual gifts. There are so many opportunities to be involved. Don't wait to be asked. **VOLUNTEER TO TRY SOMETHING NEW.** You will be surprised at how much you enjoy it.

The Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering that supports the Sunnyside Communities will be received June 9th during the worship service. The Sunnyside Communities Fellowship Fund provides financial & personal support for residents who can no longer pay their own way. In many cases, the residents have no other means of support and no other family. Sunnyside Communities was founded as a Presbyterian Ministry in 1912. They serve more than 800 older adults in three retirement communities, in Virginia— Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and King's Grant in Martinsville. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that our seniors have the quality care they deserve regardless of their ability to pay. Your gifts help this vital ministry.



DAYSCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe our school year is over but we've made some exciting memories and are looking forward to our 2019-2020 year starting in September! June 17-July 24 on Monday and Wednesday is our summer school program. We'll be traveling to different countries all over the world! We thank you all for the many prayers and donations received for our scholarship fund in memory of our dear Marie-Louise. The children still speak so fondly of her. Our congregation is pretty incredible and thank you for your continued love and support! Enjoy some pics from our school year!





Who: YOU!!! (Children 4 yrs old- 5th grade)

What: VBS To Mars and Beyond!!!

When: June 17-20 5:30pm-8:00pm (Dinner included)

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Why: Explore where God's Power Can Take You!!!

Registration Form

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent _____

Age and T-Shirt Size _____

Phone Number _____

Allergies _____



Please return registration form to the Church Office By June 10th.



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