

Beyond the Columns

September 2019

Dear friends,

Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending our Presbytery of the Peaks meeting accompanied by two elders from First Presbyterian Church. It was a super meeting with a beautiful and interesting Celtic influenced worship service. The Presbytery of the Peaks is in a transitional season not unlike First Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery has conducted a Mission Study after the retirement of our former General Presbyter and soon we will elect a nominating committee to search for the next General Presbyter. Sound familiar?

At the meeting we voted on a new Mission Statement. It was short and sweet and adopted with consensus approval. I want to share the first half of its priorities with you.

To strengthen every congregation, campus ministry, new worshipping community, community of faith, and leaders of all ages through communication, connections, and education.

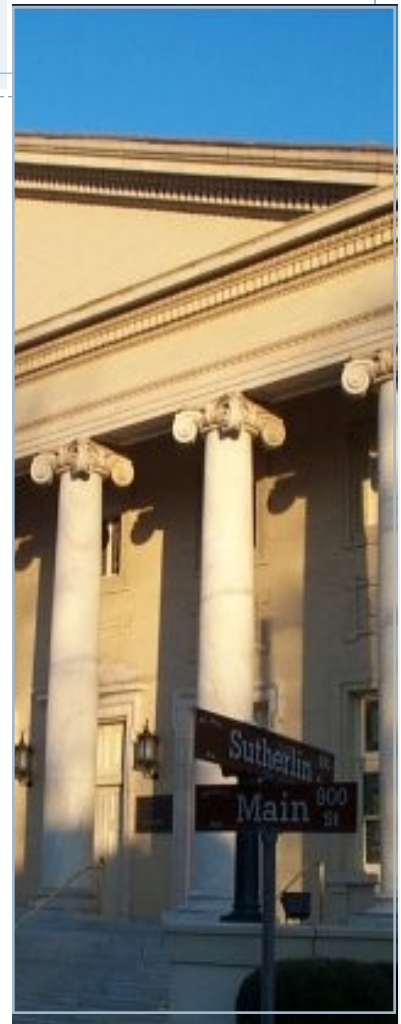
- a. Emphasize frequent and effective communication, employing appropriate technologies both old and new.**
- b. Emphasize partnerships among congregations by building relationships of love, care, mutual support, and sharing through a network of active Neighborhood groups.**
- c. Emphasize education and leadership development at presbytery meetings, in Neighborhood groups, and through digital technology.**
- d. Emphasize an awareness of the larger ministries of the PC(USA) around the nation and world.**

To interpret this statement just a bit, let me simply say that it emphasizes **relationships, connections and partnerships**. This is a significant change from the way that presbyteries functioned a generation or two ago. We used to emphasize programs when we had much larger resources. But as we have become smaller in scale we are emphasizing the relationships and connections between people in our shared ministry for the purposes of God's kingdom.

So many of our churches are smaller in scale than they were a generation ago. Sound familiar? I am wondering how the presbytery's change of emphasis from program to people resonates with our churches and this church in particular. Does this sound like good news or bad news to you? I'd love to know what you think. My email is plaidpastor@yahoo.com. Hope you have a blessed Labor Day weekend.

Peace,

Rev. Steve Willis



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events,
- Stewardship Corner, VBS pictures, and much more.



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

Children Events: *CROP Walk October 6th, this year we will walk as a Church Team in memory of Marie Louise Crane. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jackson Weller at the Church Office.

*Bible club starts back in October.

*Movie Night coming up in October!!!

Youth NEWS: Group will meet September 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th– 1st Wed. Night Supper our guest will be Ellie Honea

Youth Lunch Ministry September 28th

Carowinds trip planned for Sunday September 15th, back up day Sept. 22nd

****Looking Ahead:** Confirmation/Communicant's Class will begin October 13th. This is a 9 session class aimed at giving our young people a firmer understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We will meet at the church Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

Stewardship Corner						
July 2019 Financials						
		MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions		\$ 28,138	\$ 195,442	\$ 204,086	\$ 198,042	\$ (2,600)
Other Income		\$ 181	\$ 6,226	\$ 1,543	\$ 3,217	\$ 3,009
Transfers		\$ 8,299	\$ 39,412	\$ 65,172	\$ 54,567	\$ (15,155)
Total Revenues		\$ 36,618	\$ 241,080	\$ 270,802	\$ 255,826	\$ (14,746)
Expenses		\$ 32,486	\$ 244,303	\$ 254,210	\$ 255,826	\$ 11,523
Net Total		\$ 4,132	\$ (3,223)	\$ 16,592	\$ (0)	\$ (3,223)
Stewardship News						
Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! Hard to believe the summer is almost gone! Where did it go? Continuing with our theme for 2019, we will be highlighting the Vision committee on Sept 8th. Stay tuned to this article for more Stewardship news.						

PW Evening Circle will
meet at Pat Argyrakis' house
115 Fenton Place
Sept. 9th at 7 p.m.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9-45 Sun.Sch. 10-40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 7 pm Property	4 5 pm PNC 6pm Youth	5 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 Office Closed	7 11:15 Lunch Program
8 9-45 Sun.Sch. 10-40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	9/10:00 am Co Council 11:00 am VIP Comm 12:30 pm Day Circle 5:45 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Evening Cir	10 7:00 pm Session	11 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	12 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	13 Office Closed	14 11:15 Lunch Program
15 9:00 Mission Comm 9-45 Sun.Sch. 10-40 Fellowship 11 Worship	16 10:00 am Staff Mtg 6:00 pm Membership	17	18 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	19 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	20 Office Closed	21 8:00 am Men's Break- fast & Bible Study 11:15 Lunch Program
22 Congregational Mtg 9-45 Sun.Sch. 10-40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	23 10:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30 pm CE Comm	24	25 5 pm PNC 6:00 pm WNS 6 pm Youth	26 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	27 Office Closed	28 11:15 Lunch Program
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To Know Christ And
Make Him Known

Prayer and Praise

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman's brother), Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller's grandmother), 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, Matthew Dolianitis, Bill & Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn's brother), Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Gail Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Bob Lowther, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Ella Ryan, Debra Thompson (C. Bolt's daughter), Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Samantha Williams, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Mary Lou Snead, Russell Vandiver,

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

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Condolences to the friends and family of George Perry who passed away July 31, 2019.

SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

WHAT: Serving a hot lunch to the community

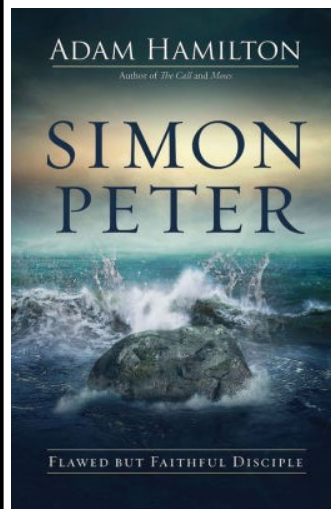
WHEN: Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

WHO: Different groups are in charge each week. **EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!** Cooking, clean up, greeting, Bible Study, chatting with guests.

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



Mark your calendar for our annual Church picnic at the Wiseman Farm (752 Pine Lake Road). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a dessert to share. The membership committee will provide the food. The big date will be Sunday October 13th at 4 p.m.



The men's bible study & breakfast will resume September 21st at 8:00 a.m. All men of the church are invited to our breakfast, we will start our study of Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. This is 6 session study requires a book, which is \$10. Please contact Jackson if you are interested, so he can order books before the study begins.





Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

September 8—The flowers today are given in loving memory of Pat Bolt on her birthday, by Lisa Bolt and Chuck Bolt.

September 15—The flowers are placed to the glory of God, and in honor of Goldie Keesee and in memory of Minnie Lee Hayes by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.

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

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.

Sept 2 Fae Smith
661 Timberlake Drive
Danville, VA 24540

Sept. 9 Ruth Lawton #239
Brightleaf Place
432 Hermitage Dr.
Danville, VA 24541

Sept. 16 Goldie Keesee Room 101
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, 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

Front porch needs bird protection

Completed Items

Pastors A/C unit replaced

A/C unit in 108 repaired

2 Chiller motors repaired

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

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



ELLIE HONEA VISITING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Ellie Honea, one of the missionaries supported by First Presbyterian Church, is heading home! Many of you know Ellie and her family, who were members of our church. Since 2012, Ellie has been doing missionary work in Japan with Mission to the World. She shares the word of Christ through her musical talents working with pastors, Japanese Christians, and fellow artists with Community Arts Tokyo.

She is now starting her HMA – Home Ministry Assignment. She will be in the United States from September – March. HMA is a time to prepare for her next four-year term. She will use the time to catch up on reading, practice piano, and raise funds needed to return to Japan next spring.

Her first stop is Virginia and Danville. On **Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m.** the missions committee will host the new year's first **Wednesday Night Supper**. Ellie Honea will be our guest, discussing the many things she did in Tokyo and playing piano for us. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about her important missionary work, hear some wonderful music, and reconnect with one of our First Presbyterian family members. The Missions Committee hopes you can join us.

On either Sunday, September 22 or September 29, Ellie has also offered to play piano at our service. She is making arrangements with Heather. Once again, we will be blessed to hear Ellie play.

What a great gift we are receiving through Ellie's visit! Please make plans to attend.



Coordinating Council will meet at
10 a.m. Sept 9th.

**Day Circle will meet at 12:30
p.m. on Sept 9th.**

**The evening circle will meet at
the home of Pat Argyrakis on
Sept 9th at 7 p.m.**

**All ladies of the church are
welcome to join one of the
groups as they begin their new
fall bible study.**

Once again, First Presbyterian has been asked to help fill backpacks at God's Storehouse. This year we will need 6 volunteers and approx. 1 hour of your time. We will be filling 200 bags! Our first date is Wednesday October 30th at 4 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact Nancy Wilson.

All our dates:

Wednesday Oct. 30th

Thursday Nov. 14th

Thursday January 16th

Thursday Feb. 13th

Wednesday March 11

Thursday April 23rd



Worship

Worship Committee will
meet Sept. 8th at 9:00 a.m. in
the Chapel.

BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK
200 YEARS OF COOKING BY THE DAN

Pinto—Pizza Casserole by Jane Turner

1 lb. ground beef
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 sm. onion chopped
Dash of black pepper
Brown together.
1 (8oz.) can tomato sauce
1 pkg. 16 (oz.) pepperoni (sliced)
16 oz. can pinto beans
1 cup mozzarella cheese

Add these ingredients to the hamburger mixture. Place mixture in 2 qt. casserole dish, sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and bake 30 at 325 until cheese is melted.

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

School days, school days, dear old fashioned rule days... some of y'all know the rest! My Nannie, Harriet Haynsworth sang that to my mom, Harriet Beale, when she was little then the tradition moved onto me! How much do we love old traditions and boy is our school are we full of them! September 3rd the doors of school open for another exhilarating year! We anticipate a FULL HOUSE this year! As usual we'd appreciate any apple plucked off our wishing tree as well as donations to our Pat Bolt Scholarship fund. Please pray for a GREAT school year for our children and teachers!

Erin Parris



DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate would like to revive the bible study on Saturday mornings. If anyone is interested to committing a few weeks a year to engage for 30 -45 minutes with our lunch ministry guests (10:30-11:15 a.m.), please contact Kent Shelton or Susan Mathena. We would like to have a roster of leaders, develop a schedule for the year. All you need is a love to spread the WORD.



3 Paige Wiseman

4 Sally Clark

6 Dixie Hayes

7 Caitlyn Crews
Susie Crews

8 Millie Hatcher

10 Jeff Davis
Anne Harvey

14 Anderson Miller
Sue Miller

16 Gail Jones
Pat Knick
Sam Meadema

21 Tom Gillespie

22 Ava Barrett

23 Rebecca Atkinson

24 Linda Dodson

26 Carol Strange

27 Bob Ramey

28 Lauren Mathena

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



12th ANNUAL DANVILLE AREA CROP WALK

Sunday, October 6, 2019

3:00 p.m. Ballou Park

The Danville Area CROP Walk is scheduled this year on Sunday, October 6. Since Marie Louise Crane served as the CROP Walk Recruitment Chair since its inception in Danville, the local CROP Walk Committee unanimously voted to hold this year's walk in her honor. In addition, the Danville Area CROP Walk Committee is establishing the Marie Louise Crane *Golden Shoe Award* that will be given each year to the church or organization demonstrating the greatest enthusiasm. The award will rotate each year. We definitely want First Presbyterian Church to win the award the first year!

The CROP Hunger walks have addressed issues of hunger and poverty locally and internationally for 50 years. Money raised fights hunger in areas around the United States as well as more than 80 countries such as Serbia, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Argentina, Georgia, Myanmar, Kenya, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste. Funding helps families expand vegetable gardens, raise chickens, promote good hygiene, build renewable energy technologies, and build water purification systems. Of the money raised in Danville, 70% goes to the Church World Service to help the countries listed above meet human needs and become more self-reliant while 30% stays in Danville to support God's Storehouse. Truly our efforts are meeting the mission of our church.

We are asking you to participate in this worthy event! We have already set up a First Presbyterian Church Team! We are hoping our youth will walk at the event – and as many adults as possible. You can create your own team (sign up online) or walk as part of the First Presbyterian Church Team. There are two walk options. For the serious walker, there will be a **5K Walk from Ballou Park to Church of the Epiphany and back**. For the more moderate walker, you can participate in the **1-Mile Walk from Ballou Park to West Main Baptist Church**. We are hoping each walker can raise at least \$55. We will walk rain or shine. Let's have a huge team walking for the CROP Hunger Program AND for Marie Louise. Wouldn't it be great if we won the Marie Louise Crane *Golden Shoe Award* at the close of the race and be able to hang it at First Presbyterian Church the first year!

If you cannot walk, we are asking you to donate to a team. That way, you will help our youth raise funds. You can give cash or checks (made out to CROP Hunger Walk) to walkers or to Jackie Rochford or Barbara Wilkins. You can also donate online to the team of your choice by going to danvillecropwalk.org, CLICK ON: *Team*, FIND & CLICK ON: *First Presbyterian or your team*, and fill out donation information. AND – come to the park, help out, and root for our First Presbyterian team(s)!

September 19: While you can donate after September 19, teams will be seeking donations by **9/19/19**. Teams and individuals who turn in forms and money by this date will be assured CROP Walk T-shirts. Those signing up later will be given remaining T-shirts on a first-come-first serve basis.

Jackson, Barbara, and Jackie will have more information for you as the deadline approaches. The Danville Area CROP Walk is one of the mission projects of the church. Please help us support this worthy event!



There will be a congregational meeting Sunday September 22nd to vote on our new slate of officers. Please plan on attending our worship services September 22nd.



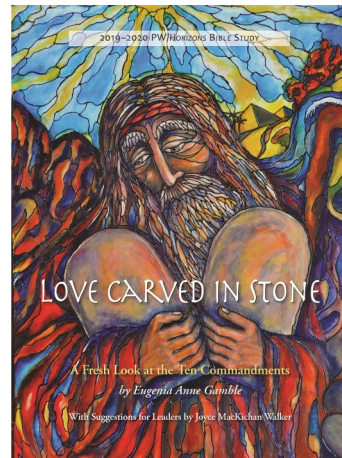
Stewardship in Action

First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a congregation of dedicated members who give their time, talents and treasures so selflessly. Bernadine and Jay Hayes were highlighted in our July “Stewardship In Action” article. This month we’ll highlight Mary Ann Shelton. Mary Ann has been a faithful member of our church, serving and sharing in so many ways. She is a member of the Outlook Sunday School class, and Presbyterian Women’s Circle. She has also served on the Diaconate, Christian Education Committee, and Nominating Committee. Mary Ann enjoys visiting with our shut-ins and is a valued member of the VIP Committee. She has readily volunteered to help with the Saturday Lunch Program whenever needed. All those who attend our Wednesday Night Suppers are very accustomed to seeing Mary Ann at work in the kitchen helping to prepare and serve our meals.

Thank you Mary Ann for your dedication to The Lord’s work.

Attn: Presbyterian Women — Our PW organization will begin a new season of prayer, Bible study, service and fellowship in September. The Day Circle will meet on Monday, Sept. 9th at 12:30 p.m. in room 108 with Charlotte Lowther leading the study “Love Carved in Stone” by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

ALL women are welcome.



Our Wednesday Night Suppers will resume Wednesday September 25th at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Honea. Everyone will want to come out to hear her play the piano and hear all about her missionary adventures. Our meal will be lasagna, salad, rolls and a tasty dessert. Prices are \$6 per person/ages 11 and up Children 10 and under eat free. Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18. Team 4 is in charge.

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 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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