

## Beyond the Columns

Dear Friends,

October 2019

On the last Sunday of October, the 29<sup>th</sup>, many Christians around the world will observe Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday of October. This year we mark the 502nd anniversary of an event that ignited the Protestant Reformation. On All Saints' Eve, October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a learned monk, nailed a statement titled "Ninety-Five Theses upon Indulgences," to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther objected to the lavish, wealthy leaders of Rome manipulating the poor religious German people out of their money.

The Protestant movement would spread across Europe. John Calvin was studying and teaching in Paris, France when he decided to leave an academic career and pursue the ministry in Geneva, Switzerland. John Knox would study with Calvin in Geneva and take the Reforming spirit back to his homeland of Scotland. Thus the fiery beginning of Presbyterianism started to take root among Scots there and in northern Ireland and eventually would make its way to the American colonies.

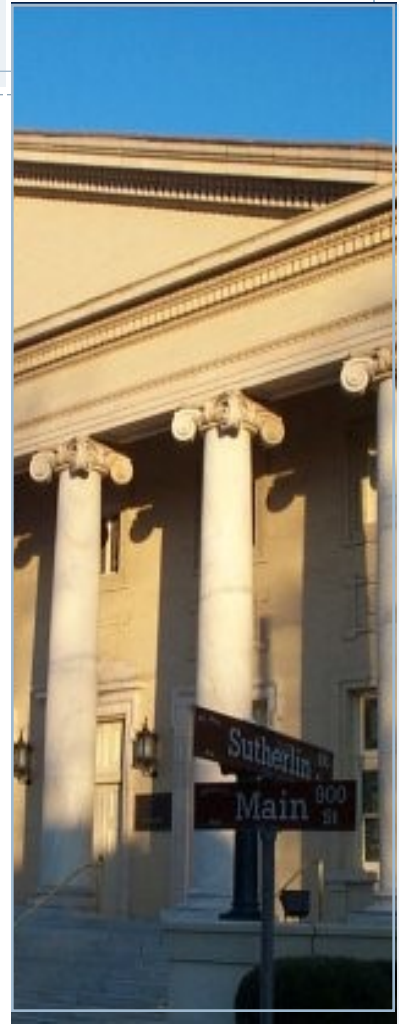
We will celebrate this day and the rich heritage of Scotch Irish Presbyterianism with a Kirkin' O' The Tartans service for Sunday worship. If you have a family tartan, wear it this day. Or if you feel the Spirit move, wear your kilt!

It's a rich and wonderful history. Of all the many treasures in this chest, the one that may resonate well with folks at First Presbyterian Church is the idea of the "priesthood of the believers." I witness your officers and members take this to heart.

The Reformation desanctified the role of the religious leadership of the priesthood. In its place the reformers elevated the role of the laity in the leadership of the church and in the importance of living the faith in the world. Today Presbyterians continue to ordain elders and deacons as well as pastors. We are all called to be Christians and we all share in the responsibilities of ministry.

The Lord Jesus Christ guides all of us in the nurturance and sustenance of the church. And it takes all of us to help the church be what God is calling it to be.

Peace,  
*Rev. Steve Willis*



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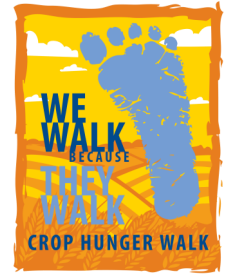
### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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



Contact Jackson for details: [Jackson@fpcdanville.com](mailto:Jackson@fpcdanville.com) or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

\*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.



**CHILDREN EVENTS:** Crop Walk Oct. 6th



Pizza Movie Night Oct. 12th 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Bible Club Oct. 9, 23

**Youth NEWS:** Youth Group meets Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30th

Crop Walk is Oct. 6th

Communicant's class starts Oct. 13th

Church Picnic Oct. 13th

Lunch Ministry Oct. 26th

Laser Tag Nov. 3rd

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.



Evening Circle will meet at the  
home of Bernadine Hayes  
245 Linden Dr.  
Danville, VA  
October 7th at 7 p.m.

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:15 pm Handbells 7 pm Property	2 5 pm PNC 6pm Youth	3 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 Office Closed	5 11:15 Lunch Program
6 9:45 Sun. Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	7 10:00 am Co Council 12:30 pm Day Circle 5:45 pm Diaconess 7:00 pm Evening Cir	8 5:15 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Session	9 5 pm PNC 6pm WNS & Youth	10 4:30 pm ML Comm. 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 Office Closed	12 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, Gayle Miller (R. Atkinson), Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Tony Parker (W. Barrow's father), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Meg Powell (B. Takata), 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 Keesee, Ruth Lawton, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Fae Smith

## CAREGIVERS

## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

## THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

## OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Condolences to the friends and family of Penultima "Nultie" Wiseman who passed away September 7, 2019.

Our condolences to Barbara Wilkins, on the loss of her brother, Thomas Haislip on September 12th.

Our condolences to the families of Kim Clifton and Diane Shelton on the loss of their mother, Ella Ryan on September 25th.

## SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

**WHAT:** Serving a hot lunch to the community

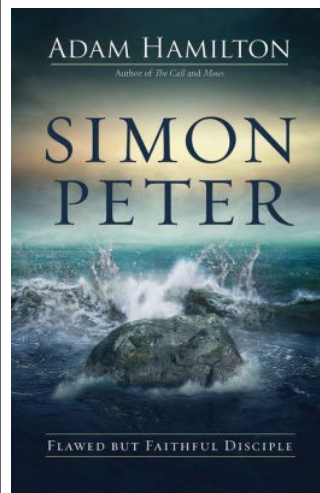
**WHEN:** Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

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

Oct. 5: Women's Circle  
Oct. 12: Westover Baptist  
Oct. 19: Unity Presbyterian  
Oct. 26: 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 be October 19th at 8:00 a.m. All men of the church are invited to our breakfast, we will continue our study of Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. It's not too late to join the study.







### Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

Oct. 27th -The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Esley, Mac, and Abby 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](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.

Oct. 7th Charlotte Lowther  
345 Mowbray Arch  
Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 14th Chuck Bolt  
133 Westmoreland Court  
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,

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***

Various toilets fixed

## JONNA REEDER VISITING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education  
will meet Oct. 28th at  
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Come meet Jonna Reeder Wednesday October 9th at our Wednesday Night Family Supper. She will talk to us about us about her work.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**Coordinating Council  
will meet at 10 a.m.  
Oct. 7th.**

**Day Circle will meet at  
12:30 p.m. on Oct 7th.**

**The evening circle will  
meet at the home of  
Bernadine Hayes on  
Oct. 7th at 7 p.m.**

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

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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**



BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK  
200 YEARS OF COOKING BY THE DAN

Watergate Cake by Gloria S. Mills 9 x 12 pan bake at 350

1 white cake mix  
1 cup ginger ale  
1/2 c chopped nuts

3 eggs  
1 cup oil  
1 box pistachio pudding mix

Mix all together. Then pour in pan and bake at 350 for 30—40 mins.

Icing:

1 large pkg. of Dream Whip  
1 cup cool milk

Beat until foamy and add 1 box pistachio pudding mix together. Spread on cool cake.

*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 27,  
2019 for the "Kirkin' Of the Tartans." This year we will have a  
covered dish meal, please bring your favorite entrée or side dish.  
Dessert will be provided. Worship committee will handle the set-  
up and cleanup.*



## DIACONATE NEWS

As you pull out last years fall/winter clothing, bring the GENTLY USED clothing to the Fellowship Hall. Please no undergarments or stained or in need of repair clothing. Giveaway will be in November for our Saturday Lunch Ministry participants.

**Clothing Drive**  
  
**What's in your closet?**



October

2 Kay Gillespie

4 Bob Lowther

5 Jean White  
Wilson Walden

7 Bob Newnam

8 Collier Wiseman

9 David Clark  
Michael Jones

11 Brenna Takata

14 Bill Fitzgerald

15 Frank Van Valkenburg, IV  
Fae Smith  
Nicholas Argyrakis

17 Betty Fitzgerald  
Maria Abreu

22 Denise Van Valkenburg

23 Iya Kassa

26 Carolyn Baker  
Nick Argyrakis

28 Fred Baker

30 Gail Gunn

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



Crop Walk will be Sunday Oct. 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Ballou Park. If you are interested in walking see Jackie R. or Barbara W. or Jackson, if you would like to donate to the CROP Walk team see them or you can go to [danvillecropwalk.org](http://danvillecropwalk.org) and donate.

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*Our Wednesday Night Suppers will be Wednesday October 9th at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Jonna Reeder. Team 1 will be in charge.*

*The next WNS will be October 23rd the youth will give a report on their mission trip.*

*Team 2 will be in charge.*

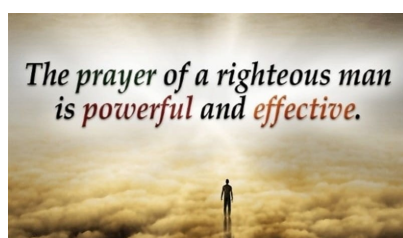
*The meals to be announced at a later date. Prices are \$6 per person/ages 11 and up Children 10 and under eat free. Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18.*

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### **Stewardship in Action**

First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a congregation of dedicated members who give their time, talents and treasures so selflessly. Mary Ann Shelton was highlighted in the September "Stewardship In Action" article. This month we'll highlight Betzy Wilson. Betzy has been a faithful member of our church, serving and sharing in so many ways. She has served on the Diaconate, is on the Membership committee and is currently serving on the Session. Betzy is on the team of counters which is of great value to the office staff. She has readily volunteered to help with the Saturday Lunch Program whenever needed. What a blessing it is to see Betzy filling several pews with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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



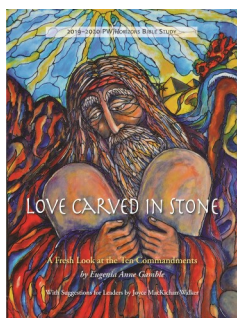


## YOUTH PICTURE

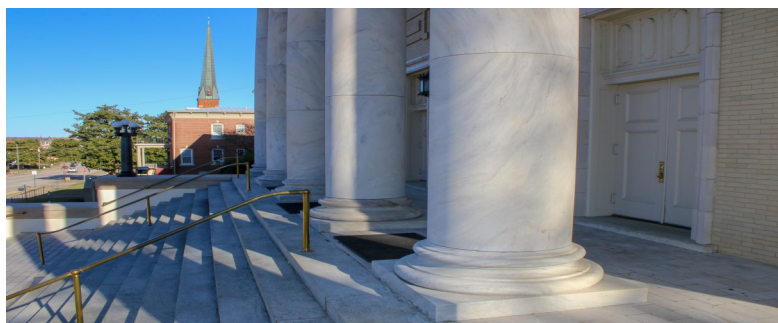


A great group of youth went to Carowinds Sunday September 15th and had lots of fun!

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**Attn: Presbyterian Women** — — Our PW organization will begin a new season of prayer, Bible study, service and fellowship. The **Day Circle** will meet on Monday, October 7th at 12:30 p.m. in room 108 with Charlotte Lowther leading the study “Love Carved in Stone” by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The **Evening Circle** will meet Monday Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. at the home of Bernadine Hayes, 245 Linden Dr. to continue their study of James. ALL women are welcome.



## 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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