Beyond the Columns



November 2019

"God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 19

Dear Friends,

A number of years ago Amy and I decided to search for a painting of the western local landscape where we were living at the time. We visited a friend's gallery and immediately saw the "one." The painting captured all our favorite colors of the majestic Selkirk Mountains and the serene power of the Pend Oreille River. When we looked at the price tag, however, we gulped. We had never spent that much money for something to hang on a wall. Surprisingly, it turned out that it was one of the most enjoyable checks that I have written. The purchase connected us to a friend that was dear to us and helped support his artwork and it connected us to a place that was dear to us as well.

November always marks the season of stewardship in the life of the church. This year the theme for First Presbyterian Church is *Many Gifts; One Spirit*, which strikes me as a great way to think about Christian stewardship. The story of the widow's mite in the New Testament shows us an example of the variety of our gifts. Jesus watched the widow and took note of her while the rest of the crowd was watching the pomp and circumstance happening in the temple. She gave everything that she had to God. And while I would never counsel widows to give everything they have to the church, there is a compelling lesson that God cares about how we use all of our resources and gifts.

Christian stewardship involves not only the pledge that we make to the church, but the totality of how we manage life's blessings in the light of the kingdom. We are faithful stewards when we generously support the mission of the church. And we can also be faithful stewards when we provide for family, give to neighbors in need, support charitable purposes in our community and yes even when buying a painting.

My hopes and prayers are that as you make your pledge you will find joy in supporting the people and place of First Presbyterian Church and I believe that in giving Christians find themselves more closely connected to the fellowship which is the body of Christ.

Peace,

Rev. Steve Willis



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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



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CHILDREN EVENTS: Bible Club November 6th & 20th

Pizza and Movie Night November 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Youth NEWS: Youth will meet November 6th, 13th, 20th. No Youth November 27th.

Laser Tag November 3rd following Worship

Lunch Ministry November 23rd— This will be our Thanksgiving Meal for our Lunch Ministry Guests, we will need as many people as possible for this big meal.

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Contributions	\$	17,644	\$	238,126	\$	237,796	\$	254,625	\$	(16,499)
Other Income	\$	301	\$	7,163	\$	1,995	\$	4,136	\$	3,027
Transfers	\$	11,407	\$	75,417	\$	144,748	\$	67,729	\$	7,688
Total Revenues	\$	29,352	\$	320,706	\$	384,538	\$	326,491	\$	(5,784)
Expenses	\$	29,249	\$	301,312	\$	334,436	\$	326,491	\$	25,179
Net Total	\$	103	\$	19,395	\$	50,102	\$	(0)	\$	19,395
Stewardship News										

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! November is a busy and important month for the Stewardship Committee. Our stewardship letter and commitment cards will be mailed on Nov. 4th. On Nov. 6th at our Wednesday Night Dinner the financials and 2020 budget will be presented. On Nov. 10th, Commitment Sunday, you will have the opportunity to place your commitment card in the commitment baskets placed at the front of the sanctuary. We encourage you to prayerfully consider not only your financial commitment, but of equal importance, your time and talents commitment.

Beginning Sunday December 1st at 7 p.m. and meeting in the Dunglinson-Roberts Hall, we will offer a 4 week study on the words of Advent. This is open to anyone interested. We will meet December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Dunglinson-Roberts Hall. Jackson Weller will lead the study and discussion, if you are interested, please contact him via email:jackson@fpcdanville.com



PW evening circle Nov. 4th Harriet Beale 129 Westmoreland Ct.

November 2019

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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-inlaw), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Bill & Betty Fitzgerald, Kay Gillespie, 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

Our condolences to Charlotte Lowther in the loss of her brother M. Wells Huff.

Condolences are offered to Matthew Dolianitis on the passing of his grandmother, his Yia-Yia, Mary Dolianitis and to Kathy Dolianitis, her mother-in-law for over 30 years and will be greatly missed.

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.

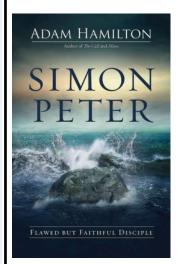
Nov. 2: Women's CircleNov. 9: Westover BaptistNov. 16: Unity Presbyterian

Nov. 23: Youth

Nov. 30: Outlook Class



Our Community Service this year will be at West Main Baptist Church. The service will be Monday November 18th. Please make an effort to attend this special service. Time to be announced at a later date.



The men's bible study & breakfast will be November 16th 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.



Sunday Flowers on the Reredos



3-The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents by Tom and Ava Barrett.

10 – 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 Parkes, Frances and John Newby.

17– The flowers today are given in loving memory of our mother, Ella Frances Ryan by Kent and Diane Shelton and Robert and Kim Clifton.

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 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.

Nov. 4 Flo Hall Room 12 Brookdale Place 149 Executive Drive Danville, VA 24541

Nov. 11 Lois Hayes Room 45 Roman Eagle 2526 N. Main St. Danville, VA 24540

Nov. 18 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, Mary Ann Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Bunny Hayes, Nancy Wilson, Susie Crews, or Kent Shelton.



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
Handrails added



PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will meet Nov. 25th at 4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Coordinating Council will meet at 10 a.m. Nov. 4th.

Day Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 4th.

The evening circle will meet at the home of Harriet Beale on Nov. 4th at 7 p.m.

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

Matthew and Teresa Lee are two of our sponsored missionaries who have been serving in Cameroon, West Africa. They visited Danville last fall for a Wednesday night supper to present their inspirational message of service in God's work.

Currently, they are in Texas while Matthew completes a Master's degree in linguistics as requested by Wycliffe



10/22/19 Only \$743/month to

Bible Translators. Matthew has a love for Bible translation and teaching computers; Teresa loves teaching small children. Everything they do in their work leads people to Christ. They are planning to return to their mission field in January. However, as of October 1, the global realities of inflation and insurance have caused Wycliffe to recalculate each family's budget. Their target amount has risen by several hundred dollars a month. Please be in prayer for the Lees and consider a donation that they may be able to return to Cameroon.

We need our entire ministry budget pledged in order to buy our plane tickets and get our Cameroon visas before the holidays so that we can return in January. The Greenhouse starts on January 8th and Teresa is needed to teach kindergarten!

At the beginning of October, we shared a need of \$1,060 per month need in financial partnership (based on the new higher budget). Today, it gives us great joy to announce that the amount needed to complete our monthly ministry budget is now only \$743.00 per month! God has shown up in a big way, using many of you to help us make great strides towards meeting our Wycliffe ministry budget. Thank you! Our co-workers and friends in Cameroon are praying earnestly for us to make this November 1st deadline.

What you can do: (1) Pray that the additional \$743.00 will be promised for the monthly budget by November 1st. The Lord can do abundantly more than we can think or ask! Pray that God will call the people He desires to be partners with us in reaching this goal.

(2) Very important! To become a financial partner or increase your partnership in our Wycliffe ministry, <u>please let us know immediately</u> by phone at (434-471-2317) or by email at (<u>Teresa Lee@wycliffe.org</u>) so we can inform our supervisor that the financial gap is being closed. Thank you so much for considering partnership.

Please join us in prayer for our remaining need, and we will keep you

informed as God acts on our behalf. Until all have experienced God's word

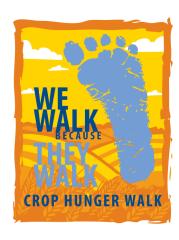
Matthew & Teresa

BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK 200 YEARS OF COOKING BY THE DAN

Old Virginia Pound Cake by Carol Handy

- 1 lb. butter
- 1 lb. sugar
- 1 lb. eggs, separated (takes about 10)
- 1 tsp. favoring (lemon or vanilla)
- 1 pound flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Cream butter, add sugar, beat well. Beat egg yolks, and add to sugar and butter. Stir in sifted flour and salt. Beat egg whites to a stiff froth, folding in gently. Bake in greased lined pan. Bake at 300 for 1 1/2 hours.





Thanks from our crop walk team! Without your donations we wouldn't have been able to reach and surpass our goal of bringing home the Golden Shoe Award! See more pictures on page 10.

DIACONATE NEWS

As you pull fall/winter clothing from last year, bring the

GENTLY USED clothing to the Fellowship Hall for our annual Deacon Fall Clothing drive for our lunch ministry participants. Please no items in need of repairs.

Giveaway will be in November for our Clothing Drive Saturday Lunch Ministry participants.





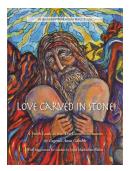
- **Hampton Wilkins**
 - 8 Alex Walthall Nathan Brown
 - 11 Elliot Stowe
 - 12 Jim Pritchett Kent Shelton
 - 13 Becky Meadema Joyce Perez
 - 14 Joan Reynolds
 - 17 Julia Gregson Helen Meadors
 - 20 Ruth Meadors
 - 24 Dale Haley
 - 25 Lisa Argyrakis
 - 26 Wayne Womble
 - 27 Beth Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

20 Diane & Kent Shelton

28 Carolyn & Fred Baker

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



Attn: Presbyterian Women —— Our PW organization continue a season of prayer, Bible study, service and fellowship. The **Day Circle** will meet on Monday, November 4th 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 Nov. 4th at 7 p.m. at the home of Harriet Beale, 129 Westmoreland Ct. to continue their study of James.



Our Wednesday Night Suppers will be Wednesday November 6th at 6 p.m. Our program will be presented by the finance committee. Team 3 will be in charge. The next WNS will be November 20th. Maryanne Liscio (Rebecca Atkinson's cousin) will present the program. Team 4 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.

Stewardship in Action



First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a congregation of dedicated members who give their time, talents and treasures so selflessly. Betzy Wilson was highlighted in the October "Stewardship In Action" article. David and Sally Clark will be highlighted this month. David and Sally have been faithful members of First Presbyterian for many years, raising their children in the church. Our church has been blessed by their dedication. David has served on the Diaconate, and is currently serving on the Session. He has also been on numerous committees such as Property, Finance, Administrative, and Christian Education.

Sally graciously shares her beautiful voice with us as a member of the choir. They also assist with our Wednesday Night dinners and our Saturday Lunch program. Thank you David and Sally for your dedication to the Lord's work.

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are thankful for our dear Day School children and families during this time of year. In October, we've been busy with the pumpkin patch and a visit from the Firefighters! November brings collecting for God's Pit Crew, Daddy's night and our feast day where we all gather together to have a Thanksgiving lunch. Enjoy some of our fun memories from October!









CROP WALK PICTURES







The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two annual offerings. Received in the fall of the year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for special blessings in their lives. The Thank Offering funds are awarded through grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40% of funds provide for health ministries. A list of the 2019 recipients may be viewed at the PCUSA Thank Offering website. Please consider contributing to this opportunity to share Christ's compassion and love.



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 Thursday Nov. 14th at 4 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact Nancy Wilson.

All our dates: Thursday Nov. 14th

Thursday January 16th
Thursday Feb. 13th
Wednesday March 11
Thursday April 23rd





First Presbyterian Church

937 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

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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