

## Beyond the Columns

Dear friends,

As you have well heard by now, the Lay Renewal Weekend is on the calendar for Friday– Sunday, March 13th – 15th . The Vision Committee and many others have been working hard to prepare for this weekend to be an important and meaningful experience in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Please see the schedule included in this newsletter. We hope that everyone will put the calendar up on their refrigerators or anywhere to keep it nearby.

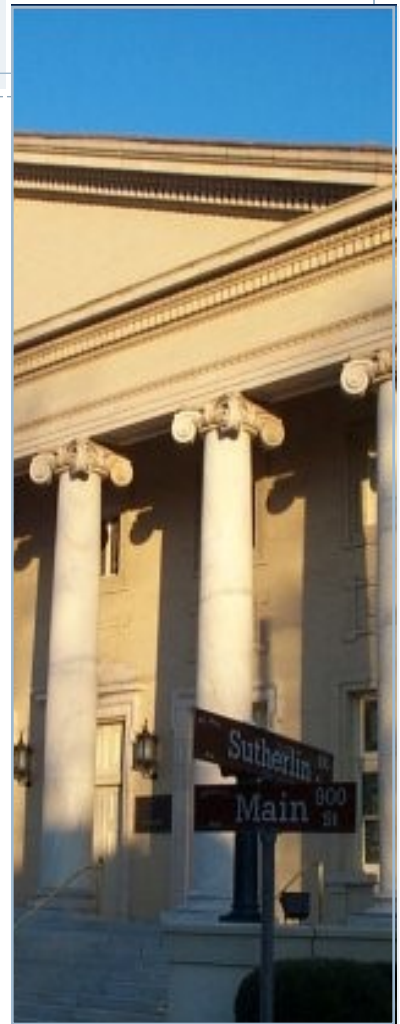
I remember when I started as your interim pastor this past summer and heard some of the elders and deacons talking about the possibility of a Lay Renewal Weekend. It struck me then, that it said something very important about your church. Your leaders were not satisfied to simply wait around until you called your next installed pastor. Rather they saw very clearly that ministry is something shared by all the people of the church. It is not just a pastor’s thing. It is a Christian thing. Any way that First Church can nurture this view of ministry as a shared partnership of clergy and congregation will bear much fruit and make for a stronger church.

Let me make one observation that I hope may add to the experience of the Lay Renewal Weekend. The last time that First Church had a Lay Renewal Weekend was in the late 1980’s and for many people it was a vitally important experience of faith. It was a great event. Yet I think that it is important to remember that First Church was very different in many ways in the 1980’s; it was much larger in numbers of people. March 13-15, 2020 will be a different experience from that one. Yet God’s Spirit will still be at work doing new things. The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is often described as wind or breath, something that is unseen to the eye but perceived by faith.

There is a great opportunity for the church on this weekend. The faith opportunities will be relational. It will be a time to connect and deepen relationships with fellow church members and with God. Let us all keep this upcoming event in our prayers.

Peace,

Rev. Steve Willis



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- and much more.



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

### CHILDREN EVENTS:

Bible Club: March 4th & 25th

Palm Parade April 4th

Easter Egg Hunt & Party April 12th

Mark Your Calendars for VBS June 1st-4th

### Youth NEWS:

Youth Group March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Lay Renewal Weekend March 13th—15th MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

Lunch Ministry March 28th



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR VBS

JUNE 1ST—4TH

CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

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# March 2020

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship Comm. 9:45 S. School 10:40 Fellowship 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship 12:15 Deacons	2 9:30 Prayer Group 10:30 Co. Council 12:30 Day Circle 4:30 pm CE Comm. 7:00 pm Evening Circle @ H. Beale	3 5:15 pm Handbells 7:00 p.m. Property	4 5 pm PNC 6 pm WNS & Youth	5 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 Office Closed	7 11:15 Lunch Program
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## Prayer and Praise

### PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Bill &

Betty Fitzgerald, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn's brother), Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Sister Jones (P. Brandon), Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Tony Parker (W. Barrow's father), Mary Lou Snead, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Mrs. Helen Harris, Dick Stoakley

**OUR VIPs**—Chuck Bolt, Alice Bradshaw, Lib Cuttle, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Fae Smith

### CAREGIVERS

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

### THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

### OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Our condolences to the Brown family in the loss of Bill, 2/17/2020.

Our condolences to the Cuttle family in the loss of Charles, 2/26/2020.

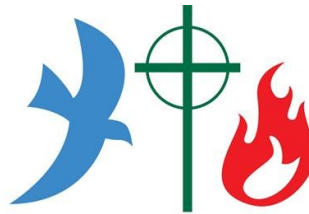
### SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

**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.

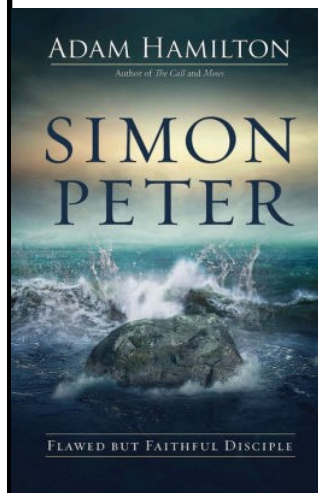
**WHO:** Different groups are in charge each week. **EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!** Cooking, clean up, greeting, Bible Study, chatting with guests.

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



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Committee will meet Sunday March 1st at 9 a.m. in the parlor.



The men's bible study & breakfast will meet Saturday March 21st at 8:00 a.m. We will continue our study of Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. Please use the bulletin insert to let us know your breakfast order.





## Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

March 29- The flowers are given in loving memory of Ted Argyrakis by Pat and their children.

The Evening Circle will be in charge for the month of March.

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.

March 1— Charlotte Lowther  
345 Mowbray Arch  
Danville, VA 24541

March 8— Chuck Bolt  
133 Westmoreland Ct.  
Danville, VA 24541

March 15— Betty Fitzgerald  
240 Lady Astor Place #6  
Danville, VA 24541

March 22— Bill Fitzgerald  
240 Lady Astor Place #6  
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, Bernadine 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 Amp replacement

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

Front porch needs bird protection

Power wash front steps

Investigate replacing electrical panel in basement with modern equipment

Women's bathroom to be refreshed

### *Completed Items*

Plaster repaired in the chancel area

Carpet cleaned in parlor, library and hallway in educational building

Plaster repaired in sanctuary & repainted window casing



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Christian Education  
Committee**  
Brenna Takata, Chair

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



**Coordinating Council  
will meet at 10:30 a.m.  
March 2nd.**

**Day Circle will meet at  
12:30 p.m. on March  
2nd.**

**The evening circle will  
meet at the home of  
Harriet Beale on March  
2nd at 7 p.m.**

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

## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

Dr. Paul Sydnor serves as the European leader for the IAFR. He is a Presbyterian pastor and a cofounder of the Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP) in Europe. Paul holds an Mdiv and MA in counseling from Gordon-Conwell and a PhD from the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. He and his wife, Reinhild, live in Lille, France.

Paul highlights his work in the past year to strengthen IARF's influence and reach into Europe as follows: (1) partnership with One Heart in Greece, a team focusing on organizing medical assistance (2) research and development for placing workers in Italy (3) teaching a course "Mission and Migration" in Germany (4) participation in the executive team of the Lausanne Global Diaspora Network and support for the annual conference; Paul has written a chapter for the Lausanne book Refugee Diaspora, one of Christianity Today's recommended books. (5) visit to the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya to see and hear about refugee life outside of Europe (6) leadership development in the Refugee Highway Partnership.

The local relational ministry centre in Lille, France continues to be strengthened through donations and the arrival of ministry partners. As non French people ministering among refugees, Paul and partners are strangers there, too. This fall they initiated a monthly prayer group for the centre. \*\*\*Our prayers are requested for committed local volunteer who can work alongside Paul to help develop their efforts in a French way.

On a personal note the Sydnors' son Noah, was married in December. Daughter, Tessa, is teaching at the Black Forest Academy in Southern Germany. Reihild has been on medication for over a year to regulate trigeminal neuralgia. Shocks of pain come and go in cycles. She says she is learning to live with her limitations. Paul lost his mother last February.

### Marie Louise Fund

A fund has been started in memory of Marie Louise. This fund is in Marie Louise's memory and to continue her love and care for disadvantaged children for our church and community.

Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate it on the check for the Marie Louise fund.

Members on this committee are: Leigh Blount, Donald Crane, Bernadine Hayes, David & Donna Parris and Brenna Takata.

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***FPC Lay Renewal Weekend***

***Going into OUR world with the Good News.***

***March 13-15, 2020***

One of the visions for First Presbyterian Church is “We see a Church that is responding to Jesus mandate of the Great Commission to make Disciples.” After Jesus arose from the grave, he gave his Disciples these final instructions before he ascended into Heaven. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” This is the theme for our Lay Renewal —  
*Going into OUR world with the Good News.*

We invite you to attend as many of these services as you can.  
Here is a schedule for the weekend.

**Thursday**

4:00 p.m. Begin 24 hour prayer vigil.

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6:00 p.m. Congregational dinner in the fellowship hall (no charge)  
7:00 p.m. Music, Worship, and sharing of testimonies led by the visiting lay renewal team in the sanctuary.  
8:00 p.m. Small group discussions sessions

**Saturday**

10:00a.m.– Noon Pursuing spiritual growth and developing outreach ministries in the chapel.  
5:00 p.m. Worship and sharing by the visiting team members in the sanctuary.  
6:00 —6:45 p.m. Congregational Dinner in the fellowship hall. (no charge)  
7:00 —7:50 p.m. Small Groups  
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2 Fletcher Meadema

5 Mack Williams

9 Gerry Belton

12 James Gill, Sr.

13 Keith Walden

Sarah Abreu Schoof

Elliot Jones

15 Jeanne Nostrandt

Andrew Gardner

Phillip Gardner

16 Whitney Girtten

21 Lorraine Willeford

22 Kathy Machado

23 Harriet Beale

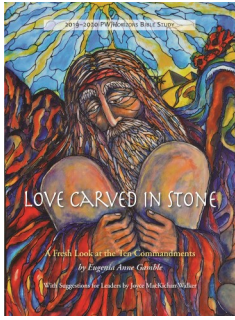
Drake Weller

Liam Weller

24 Walter Gunn

25 C. B. Strange

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



**Attn: Presbyterian Women** — — Our PW organization continues a season of prayer, Bible study, service and fellowship. The **Day Circle** will meet on Monday, February 3rd 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 Feb. 3rd at 7 p.m. at the home of Pat Argyrakis, 115 Fenton Place, to continue their study of James.

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*Our Wednesday Night Supper will be Wednesday March 4th at 6 p.m. Our program will be a Lenten Lesson and Team 3 will be in charge. The meal will be Chicken Tetrazzini, Roasted Veggies, Bread, Salad and Texas Chocolate cake. The next WNSupper will be March 25th. Our program will be a Lenten Lesson. 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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We will need help packing bags at God’s Storehouse in February. Our next date is March 11th. Please meet at God’s Storehouse at 4 p.m. It will take approx. 30 –45 min. If you are interested in helping or have questions please call Nancy Wilson.







At this time, when anti-Semitic attacks nationally are at an all-time high, the congregation of Temple Beth Sholom feels particularly blessed to have friends and neighbors who appreciate religious diversity and respect our beliefs. As a “thank you” to the community we would like to invite all interested persons to our Inter-faith Open House Sabbath service on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm at Temple Beth Sholom (129 Sutherlin Avenue).

Rabbi Tracy Klirs will lead us in Sabbath prayer, including reading from the Torah. In lieu of a sermon Rabbi Klirs will field questions from our guests regarding Jewish beliefs, customs and practices (so please come with questions). After the service we will have refreshments in the social hall, where we can continue the conversation and get to know each other better.

There is no charge for admission but due to limited seating we ask that you RSVP to [pkhlov@comcast.net](mailto:pkhlov@comcast.net) or 799-3505. We look forward to seeing many of you on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jo Ann Howard, President

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If you are reapplying to college- it's time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today!

Deadline is April 30th.



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### Short Verses Bible Study

Jackson Weller will lead a 7 week short term Bible Study on short verses in the Bible. The study will begin in late March (date to be determined). If you are interested please contact Jackson at [jackson@fpcdanville.com](mailto:jackson@fpcdanville.com) or 792-7822 ext 3.



Stewardship Corner						
Jan 2019 Financials						
		MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions		\$36,487	\$36,487	\$37,522	\$28,292	\$8,195
Other Income		\$722	\$722	\$744	\$147	\$574
Transfers		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,914	(\$7,914)
Total Revenues		\$37,209	\$37,209	\$38,266	\$36,353	\$855
Expenses		\$35,238	\$35,238	\$25,086	\$36,012	\$774
Net Total		\$1,971	\$1,971	\$13,180	\$342	\$81
Stewardship News						
Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! Our committee has begun work on our 2020 Stewardship season. At this point we haven't developed a theme for 2020 but our members are looking to the Lay Renewal for inspiration. Hope everyone has a great March!						



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

This year the theme for First Presbyterian Church is **Many Gifts; One Spirit**. Our church is blessed with a congregation of faithful stewards. In March we highlight Kim Meadows. Kim is presently serving on The Diaconate. We all love getting birthday cards, anniversary cards, and get well cards. Kim is the angel that places those in the juice room for us to sign and sees that they are mailed out. She also put in many hours in our library to have it so nicely organized. Now we have some of those publications placed throughout the church for us to enjoy. You might also see her lighting the candles in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Just recently, Kim has also volunteered to make sure “our little James” has a way to get to church. Thank you Kim for sharing your many gifts with us as you continue in your dedication to The Lord’s work here at First Presbyterian Church and in our community.

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**2020**  
**VISION**

Please use the bulletin inserts or call the office if you will be attending the Lay Renewal dinners. The dinners will be Friday & Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. each night there will be no charge for the meals—however we do need a head count. Please let us know if you will be attending.

## **Going into OUR world with the Good News.**

You can help beautify our sanctuary this Easter by contributing a lily in honor or memory of loved ones. If you wish to purchase a plant, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$15.00 each** and they are delivered to church with wrapping and a bow. Please make sure your information is complete and legible, to ensure that it will be correct in the Bulletin.

**Deadline for orders is April 5th.**

I desire to have \_\_\_\_\_ lily(ies) dedicated as follows: (Check) \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name as you wish it to appear in the Bulletin)





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

First Presbyterian is hosting the Community Services during Holy Week,  
April 6th—April 10th. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 each day.

April 6th Rev. Gary Tucker College Park Baptist

April 7th Dr. Ralph Hawkins Averett University

April 8th Rev. Drew Herring West Main Baptist

April 9th Rev. Steve Willis First Presbyterian Church

April 10th Rev. David Baker Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

“MILK & HONEY COOKING SCHOOL LEARNING THE HISTORY OF GOD’S  
PEOPLE THROUGH COOKING & EATING”

BY DAPHNA FLEGAL & LEEDELL STICKLER

### Esau’s Pottage

1 onion, chopped  
1 tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 tsp ground cumin  
1/2 tsp ground coriander  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
3 c. chicken stock  
1 c red lentils  
1/2 lb. spinach (optional)  
salt

Saute onion in olive oil with cumin and coriander. Add the garlic at the last moment and brown. Add lentils and stock. Stir well and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes until lentils are tender. Cook 10 minutes longer if necessary. Add spinach 15 minutes before serving. Salt to taste. Feeds 6.

**Helpful hint:** Red lentils are difficult to find unless you have a Middle Eastern specialty grocer in your neighborhood. They aren’t very red anyway, so substituting the regular lentils will hardly be noticed.

# Lay Renewal Schedule

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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 302** /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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