

Beyond the Columns

Keep in touch/call other church members.

If anyone needs any kind of help getting food or medicine please call the office before 3 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. We're open to help in any way we can.

Check our facebook page for our postings and sermons.

Here is the link for You Tube services you can access on your phone or smart tv.

<https://youtu.be/Nof-7VXATDw>

Here is the link for the Presbytery of the Peaks posting for March 23rd. The articles are good and they have some activities for children and free e books for adults... check it out !!

You can subscribe to the postings with a few clicks...

[https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020 Peaks Postings/PP March24 2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020%20Peaks%20Postings/PP_March24_2020.pdf)

Rev. Steve will post services on You Tube and Facebook during Holy Week and Easter.

Check the website for new changes.
You can click on the homepage and go to You Tube to watch the Sunday worship services.



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I arrived in Japan last week just in time. Praise God! Thank you so much for your prayers. My health has been great, my allergies are well under control, and my wonderful team stocked my apartment with groceries (and toilet paper!) before picking me up at the airport, as the government requested international arrivals self-quarantine for 2 weeks.

I pray for you all as I see news from around the US and around the world. My prayer requests for this month are... probably incredibly similar to yours. It is a unique time as all across the world we face similar challenges. This month, when you are concerned for: yourself, family or friends who are sick, who work in healthcare (and other essential workers!), who are suddenly without work or facing financial uncertainty; when you are concerned about: how to practice physical distancing without social isolation, how to be the church and love one another through new and new-to-us technology, how to trust God and live actively when we don't know when restrictions and cancellations may change or tighten... only to name a few. Whatever is running through your mind, chances are it is a real concern for many others around the world. So this month more than ever, what you pray for yourself, family, and friends is exactly what you can pray for the nations, for unreached people groups, for Japan. As you bring everything to God in prayer, let's unite in praying BIG kingdom prayers! May His Kingdom come, His will be done, His holy name be praised.

May the wonder of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection be known and joyfully celebrated!

Here are some pictures from Ellie's recent newsletter....



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MTW, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374
Memo line #13330

Covid-19 Responses and Guidelines – Carl Utley, Transitional General Presbyter

I'm still trying to wrap my mind around all that is occurring in our present time because of Covid-19. In light of the Governor's executive order that goes into effect tonight, I urge the following:

- 1) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

In the midst of all the uncertainties, put your confidence in God. Faith does not exempt us from trouble, but in Christ God is certainly with us and already at work to heal our distress.

- 2) "Pray without ceasing." The full text from 1 Thessalonians 5 reads:

"Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, 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 for you."

Under stress, people are prone to get fussy and impatient. **The will of God in Christ is clear – we are called to be peacemakers, now more than ever – to encourage, to help, to nurture patience, to resist evil, and to do good.**

- 3) "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

For goodness' sake, stay home. Love your neighbor by keeping your distance. Suspend ordinary congregational worship and gatherings through April 22nd.

Even congregations that regularly worship with fewer than ten people, exercise the extreme caution and common sense that medical professionals are urging. God is glorified when we unite in a common purpose – to take care of each other and prevent further illness.

I know – that cuts into Holy Week and Easter. The resurrection, however, is a reality that can be celebrated in our homes and next year we can celebrate together again. Take the long view. The Lord still reigns and will in 2021.

- 4) **Make use of technology as it is available to you.** "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1) The internet may not be an unqualified good, but it certainly can connect us.

The presbytery is collecting online worship services, teaching, and devotionals, that pastors and congregations are creating and posting. We are also posting regularly on the presbytery's Facebook page.

If members of your congregation do not have internet access, send them a hard copy of what you are doing. Paper, postage, and mail service still work.

The Presbytery staff will be working from home for the next 30 days. We will continue to check mail and voice messages, answer emails, collect and disburse funds, and assist you in all the ways that we are able. Committee meetings will be held via Zoom or conference call. We will also take advantage of the time to attend to the writing projects that we as a staff never have time for in the ordinary course of business.

The May 2nd Presbytery meeting will undoubtedly be cancelled when Cabinet meets this Thursday. The cabinet will consider a proposed called meeting for Saturday, June 13th, for essential business. It would be a morning only meeting at the presbytery office. We will wait and see what is possible.

More updates are bound to be sent. I'll be back. Carl

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, 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

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.

April 4: Women's Circle
April 11: Westover Baptist
April 18: Unity Presbyterian
April 25: Youth

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Our condolences to the Gillespie family in the loss of Kay, 3/20/2020.

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.



Our doors are always open with online giving... just go to our website (fpcdanville.com) and click on the "donate" you can continue your pledge right from your couch ! Of course you can always use the snail mail...





Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

April 5– The palms that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riley Haynsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Beale by Harriet and Ray Beale.

The lily cross is given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our loved ones, in the Temple and Wilson families, during this season of Easter.

The Day Circle will be in charge for the month of April.

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.

April 5 Flo Hall
Brookdale Place Room 12
149 Executive Dr.
Danville, VA 24541

April 12 — Lois Hayes Room 45
Roman Eagle Nursing Home
2425 N. Main St.
Danville, VA 24540

April 19— Grace Litzenburg
954 Main St.
Danville, VA 24541

April 26— Alice Bradshaw
Colonial Suite
Commonwealth Assisted Living
1111 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, 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

Investigate replacing electrical panel in basement with modern equipment

Women's bathroom to be refreshed

Completed Items

Painting in the sanctuary

Power wash front steps & sidewalk

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

RECIPES FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP SUPPER 2009

“LUNCHEON CASSEROLE” BY BETTY FITZGERALD

1 1/2 c chopped ham

1 small bag frozen chopped broccoli (microwave slightly)

1 c shredded cheese

Mix these three items

Combine: 2 eggs

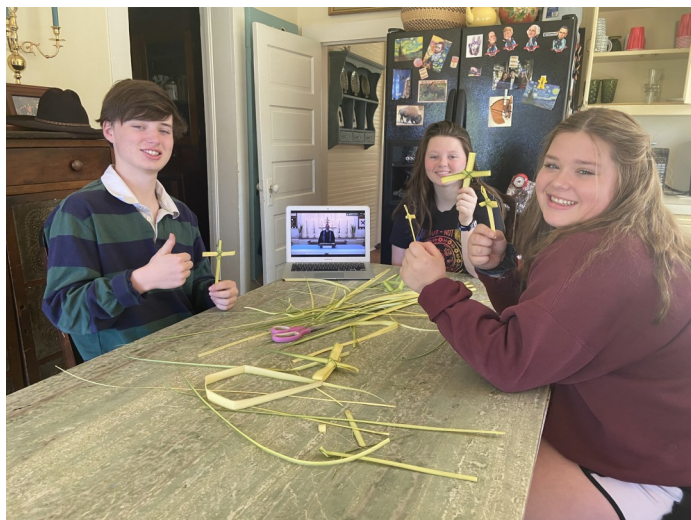
1 c of milk

1/2 c bisquick mix

Pour over ham mixture

Put in a 9” pie pan

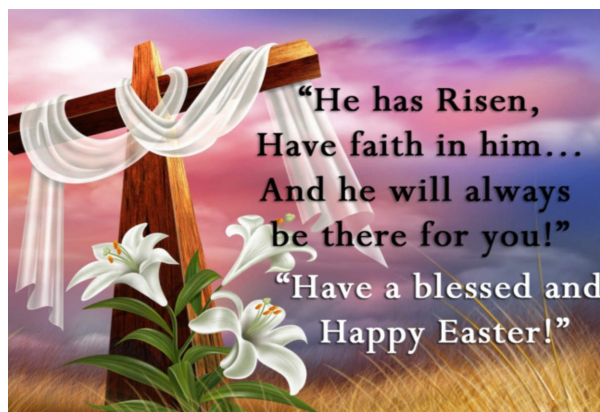
Bake 400 25-30 minutes. Serve in pie wedges. Good with fresh fruit salad.



Random Acts of Kindness....

Did you receive one of these Palm
Crosses on your door step recently ?

The Jones family spent their Palm
weekend making crosses and
distributing them to FPC family VIP
members. Thank you for your time—
they were very meaningful to those
that received them!



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 April we highlight Jackie Rochford. In the year that she has been a member of First Presbyterian, Jackie has jumped right in and been a tremendous steward giving generously of her time and talents. Jackie is presently serving on the Missions Committee. She has offered her services for our Saturday lunch program in assisting Roy Pinckney with the purchasing and planning of meals. She volunteers for the lunch backpack program, helps in the kitchen whenever called upon, counts offering

monies for the office, and is a faithful member of The Outlook Sunday School class. She is also a member of the Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Bell Choir, and the Presbyterian Women's Day Circle. Thank you so much Jackie 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.

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.

If you have already purchased an Easter lily, please let us know how to designate these funds—would you like them to go to the Pat Bolt Scholarship fund, the Marie Louise fund, or the Worship Committee is working on where to direct the funds. If you would to like call the office with your other instructions that would be wonderful. Anyone that would like to make a donation to any of these funds just make a notation on your check as to the fund you wish.



3: Linda Copeland

Dave Zook

4: Benjamin Kassa

Anne Mason

5: Philip Baughman

Will Brown

15: Zane Evans

19: Charlotte Lowther

20: Luis Abreu

Ina Ingram

James Cannon

22: Gwen Baucom

28 Heather Perryman

30: Melva Sweeney

Bracken Erwin

Karan Johnson

Anniversaries:

April 5: Ray and Harriet Beale

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.

You can reach us at
(434) 792-7822 or
vickie@fpcdanville.com

Stewardship Corner

Feb 2019 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$21,118	\$57,605	\$58,720	\$56,583	\$1,022
Other Income	\$446	\$1,168	\$1,663	\$961	\$206
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,829	(\$15,829)
Total Revenues	\$21,564	\$58,773	\$60,383	\$73,373	(\$14,601)
Expenses	\$35,423	\$70,660	\$47,507	\$73,373	\$2,713
Net Total	(\$13,859)	(\$11,888)	\$12,876	(\$0)	(\$11,888)

Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee. Please stay safe and continue to pray. The Lord will get us through these difficult times.

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