

Beyond the Columns

Dear Friends,

July 8, 2020

The peace of Christ be with you all as we continue to press on in faith, hope and love during an anxious time. I am so glad to have some good news to share with you today. Your Session, at its July meeting, has decided that it is time to open the church for worship. Our first in-house worship service will take place on July 12, 2020, at 11 AM in the sanctuary.

After our last meeting on May 31, 2020, there were many positive comments about how great it was to worship together once again. All this being said, we are still in a pandemic and therefore we want to worship in the safest way we possibly can.

Some will be comfortable gathering in person in the sanctuary, and some will be more comfortable gathering online. We will record the service on Sundays beginning July 12, 2020 and they will be posted later in the day. So although you are viewing it online, it will be a “delayed” broadcast, but will be posted online that Sunday. So we will continue to minister to those who want to continue worshipping online.

If you choose to come in person to the sanctuary, the Sutherlin entrance will be the only way in and out of the building. Please read carefully the precautions that our Back to Worship Workgroup has put together so that we can protect one another. This list is on the next page of this letter and tells us to do several things to stay safe during worship. Please adhere to these precautions to keep everyone safe.

No communion will be served during the month of July. We hope to have adequate supplies for communion in August. Our preaching schedule for the remainder of the month will be July 12-Joyce Perez, July 19- Jay Hayes, and July 26-Jackson Weller.

Thank you for all the help and continued service you have shown to be a community of disciples during a difficult time. We could not have said this better than our interim, Steve Willis has already said, “You have persevered in caring for one another. You have continued to feed and share love to neighbors in need. You have continued to worship in new ways.” Beginning in-house worship is a big and important step for us to pursue to get things back to our “new normal.”

As we anxiously await the coming of our next pastor, Pastor Beth, may God continue working through us and in him to feed our souls and nourish our bodies.

Yours in Christ,

The Session of First Presbyterian Church  
Danville, Virginia



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## **Necessities for Gathering in the FPC Sanctuary**

- First, if you are uncomfortable in any way attending, please feel no pressure to show up in the sanctuary. We will continue to post worship on-line. We are all in this together!
- If you are in a known high-risk category or if you have any symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, etc.) please do not attend the live service. Your safety and the safety of others is of the utmost importance.
- The church building will be cleaned and sanitized before and after services. Though this is the case, please touch as little as possible. Here are some changes to worship:
- Offering plates will not be passed. They will be at the front of the sanctuary for those who wish to place their tithe in the offering plate. This can be done either before worship begins or after the service.
- The hymnals, pew Bibles, and fellowship registers have been removed from the sanctuary for now.

Bulletins will be sent out online, and can be printed at home and brought to church or viewed on your phone during worship.

You will notice many changes to our order of worship. Congregational singing is discontinued until the danger has passed. We will also try to refrain from unison speaking (like the call to worship, apostle's creed, etc.).

If you need a hearing aid device while in worship, they will still be available. You may pick one up as usual, and a basket will be provided for its return so that it may be sanitized between uses.

Physical distancing will be maintained inside the building. You are free to sit with family members or others you have shared time at home. You will notice taped off areas in the pews that serve as a guide to proper spacing. Be observant and considerate of others and follow physical distancing guidelines. **ROWS HAVE BEEN TAPED OFF FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING PURPOSES.** Please **DO NOT** break the tape to sit "where you want to sit".

Children are welcome to attend and be in the service with their parents. There will be no childcare or Sunday School provided until further notice.

The official CDC recommendation is that masks be worn. Please bring a mask with you to church. If you do not have a mask, FPC will have a limited number of masks available. These must be worn when entering and exiting the building. We will also ensure that adequate hand sanitizer is available throughout the church building.

Back to Worship Workgroup

## **Sessional Resolution**

### **In the death of**

#### **Charles Robert Cuttle (1921-2020)**

*Whereas* , on February 26, 2020, our Lord in His infinite wisdom and grace, welcomed into His loving arms our beloved friend and former Elder and Deacon, Charles Robert Cuttle, to enter into the fullness of eternal life with Him, and

*Whereas* , Charles was a long-time, faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as church officer and always with a photographer's eye as he moved about the church with his omnipresent camera, taking photos of his fellow church members as they also served the Lord, until his health failed and he moved to Raleigh, NC with his wife Elizabeth for care by his daughter, Frances Cuttle Newby and her husband, John Parks Newby, and

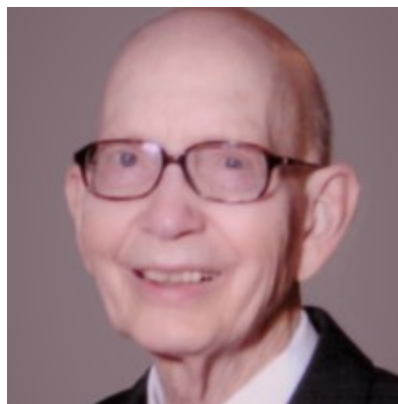
*Whereas* , we fellow church members and officers of First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, remembering him as devoted husband to his late wife Catherine Deaver Cuttle— mother of his children: the late Charles Robert Cuttle, Jr. and Frances Cuttle Newby, and loving grandfather to John P. Newby, Jr., and faithful husband to his current wife Elizabeth Braddy Cuttle,

*that we* remember him as faithful member of his church and loyal servant to his Lord, as warm friend to fellow church members as well as all who knew him, and

*Be It therefore Resolved* , that we acknowledge Charles' life as a special blessing from God, and that we show our gratitude for his life in this resolution to be recorded in the Session minutes, and that a copy be sent to his daughter Frances Newby, and another copy published in the churches' newsletter *Beyond the Columns* .

Written by Jeanne R. Nostrandt, Deacon

Respectfully submitted,



## 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),  
Lois Hayes, Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Larry Mann,  
Ruth Meadors, Tony Parker (W. Barrow's father), Mary Lou  
Snead, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker  
(K. Meadows)

### CAREGIVERS

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

### THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved con-  
dition) Mrs. Helen Harris

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

### SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

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

**WHEN:** Every Saturday;  
volunteers work from 10:00  
a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Lunch is  
served at 11:00 a.m.

During the summer. Since our  
regular volunteer churches have  
taken a break from assisting, we  
need volunteers—call the office  
if you can help on Saturdays.

*Best wishes to Charlotte  
(Litzenberg) and Jack Garrett  
Wishing you joy, love and  
happiness as you begin your  
new life together.*



Everyone is invited to a good  
old fashioned Ice Cream Social.  
Saturday August 1st 4:00 p.m.  
In the Courtyard  
Come meet Pastor Beth  
Tents Ice cream Brownies  
Cookies Fruit Fun





## Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

July 12—The flowers today are given in loving memory of Bill and Tripp Erwin by Brackin and family.

The Outlook Class will be in charge for the month of July.

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.

July 5 — Charlotte Lowther  
345 Mowbray Arch  
Danville, VA 24541

July 12 — Chuck Bolt  
133 Westmoreland Ct.  
Danville, VA 24541

July 19— Betty Fitzgerald  
2240 Lady Astor Place #6  
Danville, VA 24541

July 26— Bill Fitzgerald  
2240 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.

Front porch needs bird protection

Investigate replacing electrical panel in basement with modern equipment

Women's bathroom to be refreshed

Sun Sail for playground

#### *Completed Items*

Sanitizing the sanctuary and areas of the church

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# July 2020

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Session	Office Closed	11:15 Lunch Program
Preaching Schedule						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Jackson Weller	Office Closed				Office Closed	11:15 Lunch Program
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Joyce Perez					Office Closed	11:15 Lunch Program
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Dr. Jay Hayes					Office Closed	11:15 Lunch Program
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Jackson Weller				Noon Endowment Mtg.	Office Closed	



## Sessional Resolution for A.B. Motley Jr.

Whereas, Anderson Bernard ("A.B.") Motley, Jr., left the Church Militant to enter the Church Triumphant on May 5, 2019, and

Whereas, A. B.'s life was one of service to country and community as shown by his tour in the Navy in World War II and his post-war leadership roles in Danville in the Lions Club, Cancer Society, YMCA, Elks Club, and the American Legion, and

Whereas, he was a faithful and devoted husband and father to his wife of 53 years, Mary Helen Hurt Motley, and children Catherine Motley Payne, A. B. Motley III, and Robert H. Motley respectively, and

Whereas, A. B. was called to be a pharmacist of such loving care for his clients that he willingly filled prescriptions after closing hours, and even pioneered in drive-through pharmacy service to accommodate busy patrons, and

Whereas, almost 70 of his 93 years on Earth were spent as a loyal member of First Presbyterian Church in Danville, and

Whereas, he served this church as a generous member, compassionate deacon, devout elder, and faithful president of the Outlook Bible Class,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Session of First Presbyterian Church thanks God for A. B. Motley's service and friendship, his witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and his glorification of God in his profession, marriage, citizenship, personal life, and church involvement.

Written by Jack I. Hayes, Jr.



2 Alex Garcia  
Dickie Green

3 Sophie Van Valkenburg

6 Donald Crane

7 Gail Davis  
Elizabeth Walden

8 Mary Ann Shelton

10 Ben Lowther  
Davis Shelton

11 Pam Green  
Laura Jones  
Cindy Zook

12 Charles Ellis

13 Judy Hooker

17 Jim Motley  
Pastor Beth Broschart

20 Mike Reynolds  
Kathy Cropp

25 Shaffer Boles  
Cliff Walden  
Whitney Barrow

26 Colin Meadors

28 Mallie Walden

30 Scott Machado

31 Matthew Dolianitis

### Anniversaries :

July 7, 1984 Barry & Martha Cutright

July 29, 1973 Brenna & Calvin Takata

July 29, 1989 Leigh & Eddie Blount

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

## **SESSIONAL RESOLUTION**

In the death of

**DR. WILLIAM HOWARD BROWN, SR.**

**(July 28, 1946-February 17, 2020)**

**WHEREAS** , on February 17, 2020 our Lord in his infinite wisdom and grace, has welcomed into his loving arms, our beloved friend, Deacon, and Elder, William Howard Brown, Sr., to enter into the fullness of eternal life, and

**WHEREAS** , William (Bill) was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, a lifelong seeker of the Lord's highest will and a strong believer in God's word,

**WHEREAS** , Bill was employed by the Danville Public Schools as a school psychologist from 1976 until his retirement in 2015, was Past President of the Mental Health Association, Past President of the Fred T. Hatcher Center and Past President of the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board. Bill was also a member of the Danville Kiwanis Club.

**WE** , the members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, remembering him as a devoted husband and father, Elder and Deacon, and cherished friend, do hereby resolve:

**That We** remember him as a faithful member of this church, a shining example to all who knew him, and that we extend our loving sympathy to his beloved wife of 32 years, Elizabeth Ann Huggins Brown, and his son, William Howard Brown, Jr.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** , that in gratitude for Bill's life and acknowledging it as a special blessing from God, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Session, that we send a copy to the members of his family and publish a copy in the church newsletter, *Beyond the Columns*.

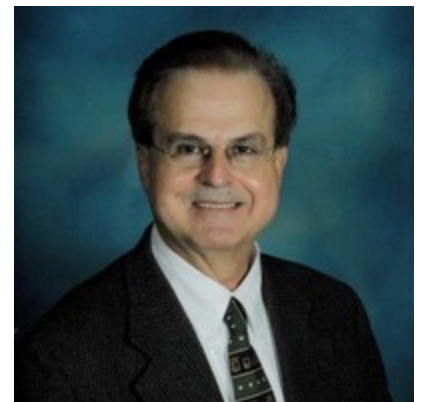
*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10*

Written by Brenna Takata. Elder

Respectively Submitted by

Brenna Takata

Clerk of Session







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## THE HUNT

The Hunt is coming in August! Be looking for more information in August!!!

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## DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Day School will plan to open back up after Labor Day.

We're still accepting registrations!!



## 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.

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