

Beyond the *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH* Columns

Pastor's Column

JULY 2021 | 194 YEARS OF "KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN"

The beloved Patton Lecture Series at FPC – Danville returns to address one of the most pressing issues of our time: toxic polarization.

WHAT: We as the people of the United States are facing an unprecedented level of division that is widespread: vaccinations, politics, theology, immigration, racism, and the place of historical events. Then add in socio-economic divides and fear that our middle class is being dismantled. It is undeniable that this division is toxic to a nation that professes to be indivisible under God.

Learn how we as Christians can and must engage in this conversation.

WHY: This polarization is a threat to Christianity. Not sure if that's true? Join in those conversations beginning with Friday night dinner and conversation with Andrew Hanauer, CEO of the One America Movement.

WHO? One America Movement is a national organization founded by faith and community leaders to fight division. The One America Movement partners with faith communities to confront division and work together across political, racial, and religious divides to engage in community activism that is testimony to God's grace.

It really is all about giving honor and glory to God – still not sure – join us for worship on Sunday, July 11 at 11 a.m. when Andrew preaches a sermon from Matthew 6:24: The Idolatry of Our Age

See the flyer included in this newsletter for more details

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Tired of Division and Cancel Culture?

THE PATTON

LECTURE SERIES

Want to see a stronger,
more united America?
Join us.

First Presbyterian Church invites you to join us for this year's Patton Lecture Series. This year we will hear from the One America Movement CEO Andrew Hanauer about division, faith, and how Americans can overcome division.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 6 PM

Building Resiliency to Division

Dinner will be served at 6 PM, with the featured speaker and interactions to follow.

SAT, JULY 10, 4 PM

Division: A threat to Christianity?

SUN, JULY 11, 11 AM

Sermon: Matthew 6:24 and the Idolatry of Our Age

Andrew Hanauer is the CEO of the One America Movement, an organization founded by faith and community leaders to fight division. The One America Movement partners with faith communities to confront division and work together across political, racial, and religious divides.

All events are open to the public and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Danville at 937 Main St. However, reservations are required for the Friday night dinner.

To reserve your seat, contact
PASTOR ELIZABETH BROSCART

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Young Disciples



Youth Sunday August 1st– Mark your calendars!!!

Young people will lead worship and we will recognize our graduates.

No Youth Group during the month of July, we will resume August 4th!!!



July

- 2 Alex Garcia
Dickie Green
- 3 Sophie Van Valkenburg
- 6 Donald Crane
- 7 Gail Davis
Elizabeth Walden
- 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 Martha & Barry Cutright

July 29, 1973 Brenna & Calvin Takata

July 29, 1989 Leigh & Eddie Blount

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Connect and Have Some Fun!

The Membership Committee is busy working to connect our congregation in some creative

activities that allow us to feast and frolic while abiding by Covid 19 restrictions. Details will be announced prior to the event, but we wanted to give you some idea of dates so you can keep your calendar free.

July 17 Pastor Beth will host their annual birthday bash from 5 to 8 p.m. Plan for hotdogs and all the fixings, birthday cake, and a covered dish bevy of picnic food.

July 26-29 Knights of North Castle

Vacation Bible School J5:30—8:00 pm. Children ages 4-5th grade are welcome to sign-up and register.

August 1 Take a kayak trip from Angler's Park to the Milton boat ramp, followed by a meal at Aunt Millie's Restaurant. For those not wanting to kayak, you can meet us at the restaurant. Details to be announced.

September The world-famous low country boil is on the table for a to be determined date in September.

Session has also given the tentative green light to resuming our Wednesday Night Suppers in the fall.



Son Servants

We are excited to be hosting Son Servants July 19–24!!! We will have 21 guests from New Jersey and Northern VA staying here at the church and working in our community. We need help with serving and preparing meals while they are here.

We will be preparing dinner Monday—Thursday and breakfast Tuesday—Friday. If you are able to help please email Jackson Weller, jackson@fpcdanville.com

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 Brookdale Place 149 Executive Dr. #26 Danville, VA 24541
July 26	Bill Fitzgerald Brookdale Place 149 Executive Dr. #26 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, Joan Reynolds, Bernadine Hayes, Susie Crews, or Kent Shelton.



Knights of the North Castle!

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Kid's 'Armor Up' with Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith and Salvation at Knights of North Castle VBS. They learn to *Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.* (Ephesians 6:10)

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Prayer & Praise

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Pat Argyrakis, Chuck Ayuso (Gail & Doug Jones son-in-law), Fred Baker, Chuck Bolt, Amy Bracey, Gretchen Campbell (Pat A.), Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Lib Cuttle, Janet Cutright (Barry Cutright's mother), Matthew Dolianitis, Bill & Betty Fitzgerald, Lois Hayes, Ina Ingram, Linda Kile, Peggy Lackey, Elaine Lea, Bob Lowther, Charlotte Lowther, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Alexander Miller, Anderson Miller, Garry Ramey (Dr. Ramey's son), Alice N. Saunders, Diane Shelton, Judy Small, (J. Rochford's sister), Mary Lou Snead, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

Condolences to the Takata family in the loss of Jean White, June 28, 2021.

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

OUR VIPs—Chuck Bolt, Alice Bradshaw, Lib Cuttle, Bill & Betty Fitzgerald, Lois Hayes, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Fae Smith, Jean White

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO



Sunday Flowers

July 11- The flowers are given in memory of W. J (Bill) Erwin, Jr., with love, Bracken Erwin.

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 Moore 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.

GUEST COLUMN



An Unmasked Day

When I walked into early choir warm-up on Sunday June 6th, at Church, I found that the choir had joined the rest of the vaccinated congregation in going mask-less. Joining in (being one of the many vaccinated), I removed my mask. I regretted my shaving was not caught up, and that I was essentially proving that the saying about a hat solving a "bad hair day" equals a mask being a solution to a "bad face day!"

Speaking of "day," I thought about comparisons between the Gospel song "The Unclouded Day" and a long-awaited "unmasked day."

Like that vintage wrestling star, "The Great Bolo," we had been unmasked (but not the same circumstances).

Since the Sanctuary is undergoing repairs, the congregation was in the smaller, but still roomy fellowship hall. It's a little more spatially intimate than the Sanctuary, so the faces revealed after a year's covering weren't very far away. Other people were doing as I, slowly looking around to see friends and fellow worshipers' complete faces again. I didn't linger too long on each face, not wishing to seem "untoward."

Although those facial features had been unseen for a year, none seemed to have aged (but I guess a year is a relatively short time for that sort of thing).

It was nice to see that the only gloves involved in the service were the white gloves worn by bell ringers to announce the beginning of the service.

With my mind freed from thoughts of contagion, I found myself better able to make mental associations with topics in the Pastor's sermon. When she mentioned Christ being put to death on that burning trash heap of Calvary, I immediately thought of a place in Caswell County from which red Carolina clay is periodically taken for repeated covering of the county landfill across the road. It's been some time since the last hauling, with rain and erosion gouging out hollow places on that soil cliff which almost resemble the hollow "sockets" of a skull's face. Whenever I ride past it, I look over and say to myself: "The clay Golgotha."

When a friend extended his hand, I unreservedly shook it (this "elbow bump" thing, if not done just right, can produce that "electric shock" funny bone sensation, Ow!

One poignant scene, involving a young couple and their baby will always remain with me. When the baby began making "baby noises," it was good to again see the bemused smiles of people gazing its way; no longer just "smiling eyes," but everything in the human face which makes up a smile.

Submitted by J. Mack Williams



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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.

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