

# *First Presbyterian Church* *Beyond the Columns*

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

## Church Events

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> — Wednesday Night Supper
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> — Angels Among us
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> — Angel Tree gifts due back
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> — PW meets Day Circle 12:30 at church Evening Circle 7:00 pm at Harriet Beale's
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday Night Supper
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> — Angel Tree Drive by Party 11 a.m.
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday Night Supper
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> — Pastor Beth's Open House
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> — Joy Offering Collected
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> — Wednesday Night Supper & Blue Christmas Service
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Eve Service 7:30 p.m.

Church office will be closed Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve. Read inside for further information on these events.

I see many angels among us and hear God calling you to serve as a liturgist, children's chat person or sound system operator. If you can help us out in any of those ways, please contact Brenna Takata at [brenna5008@gmail.com](mailto:brenna5008@gmail.com) or call 434-548-6019. Our congregation has many gifts that need to be shared with everyone. Your time and talents are appreciated.



# PRAYER & PRAISE

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Fred Baker, Chuck Bolt, Amy Bracey, Bill Copeland (Linda's father), Janet Cutright (Barry Cutright's mother), Matthew Dolianitis, Betty Fitzgerald, Lois Hayes, JoAnn Howard, Ina Ingram, Katherine Lewis (Ava B.'s daughter), Bob Lowther, Charlotte Lowther, Alexander Miller, Anderson Miller, Lois Lea Paalman, Eloise Weller-Reyes (Jackson's niece), Alice N. Saunders, Diane Shelton, Judy Small, (J. Rochford's sister), Fae Smith, Mary Lou Snead, Heather Whitfield

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

## CAREGIVERS

## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

## THE PEOPLE OF TOGO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

*Condolences to the Cuttle family in the loss of Lib on October 4, 2021.*

*Thank you from the family of Betty Fitzgerald for all the prayers, cards, calls and contributions made in memory of Bill. The family appreciates each act of kindness shown to them during their loss.*

*To the First Presbyterian Congregation, Thank you for blessing our Temple Beth Sholom congregation with a temporary home to worship. It has meant so much to have in-person services. Bless you all, JoAnn Howard, President*

# CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

We will be collecting our Christmas Joy offering December 19th during our morning worship service. The Joy offering "honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support form this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances." Envelopes will be in the bulletins for you to make your donations. Please make note in the memo line "Joy Offering."



**CHRISTMAS JOY**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

*A gift opens doors.*  
—PROVERBS 18:16

THE PERFECT GIFT.

Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to learn more or to give to Christmas Joy or visit [presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy](http://presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy).

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# Young Disciples

## **Youth:**

December 11th—Help distribute Angel Tree gifts at drive –thru Angel Tree Celebration.

December 12th Laser Tag!!

December 19th Youth Christmas Party!!

Youth Group—December 1,8,15. December 22nd is our Blue Christmas Service. No Youth Group in December 29th. We will resume on January 5th.

## **Children:**

December 4th Angels Among Us

December 19th Birthday Party for Jesus (during Sunday School time).



Join Pastor Beth at her home, 186 Hawthorne Drive for a Christmas Open House, Saturday

December 18th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

R.S.V.P. are required to

[pastor@fpcdanville.com](mailto:pastor@fpcdanville.com) or the church phone,

434-792-7822 ext 1.

# CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

KLOVE

5 Frank Wiseman

7 Charlotte Garrett

9 Kathleen Harris

10 Holt Whitt

11 Christopher McCorkle Hill

12 David Swann

15 Edward Blount

16 Lisa Bolt

18 Elaine Lea

Spencer Stoakley

21 Bob Whitt

23 Chuck Bolt

25 Cooper Crews

27 Sharon Whitt

Ellen Thomas

28 Robert Clifton

29 Carol Ellis

Martha Bell

Let us know if we've missed  
your special day!



Presbyterian Women will meet at 12:30 at the church for Day Circle on December 6th, in Westminster room.

They will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Harriet Beale's (129 Westmoreland Court) for the Evening Circle also on December 6th. All interested women are invited to attend either one of these meetings.

## 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.

Dec. 6 Lois Hayes

Roman Eagle Nursing Home  
2526 N. Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

Dec. 13 Grace Litzenburg

954 Main St.  
Danville, VA 24541

Dec. 20 Alice Bradshaw

Commonwealth Senior Living  
1111 Main St., Colonial Suite  
Danville, VA 24541

Dec. 27 Charlotte Lowther

345 Mowbray Arch  
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.



Wednesday Night Suppers will resume for the Advent season. Price will be \$6. Following the meal we will walk to the sanctuary where Ashley Stanley-Robey, our interim choral director has planned an evening music meditation and reflection. On Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor Beth will speak about the theology found in the hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent". This will start Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and end with our Blue Christmas Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please fill out the reservation form in the bulletin if you plan on attending or call the office.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.; the program will follow at 6:40.

# DECEMBER FLOWERS

The flowers for December are as follows:

December 5- Today, the flowers are given in memory of my loving Dad, Donald Rochford, by Jackie Rochford.

December 12- The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Kirk by the family.

December 19 - The flowers that enhance our worship service are given in loving memory of the deceased members of the Wiseman family by Paige and Frank Wiseman.

December 26- The flowers today are given in loving memory of our beloved Marie Louise Crane by the Handbell Choir, the Chancel Choir, and her church sisters.

The elders will be in charge for the month of December. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Rebecca Moore at 434.203.1666 or [rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net](mailto: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.



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## ANGEL TREE PRISON MISSIONS

Our Angel Tree is up in the Dunlinson Roberts room, purchase and wrap a gift (\$25.00 limit) for your angel. Please return the gift by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Drive by Angel Tree Christmas Party again this year on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The families will drive up to the church and a volunteer elf will deliver the children's gift and a "party in a bag." If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Drive by Party, would like to deliver gifts that are not picked up or are interested in helping at other times, please sign up on the volunteer sheet contact Harriet Beale.

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## MISSIONS UPDATE

The total amount donated in November for special missions fund was \$5339. This will be matched by Session. Thanks to everyone who so generously donated to the Missions we support. ~ Mission Committee

### From the Saturday Lunch Ministry

We served 144 of our Thanksgiving meals at the door, 17 were delivered to our V I P's. 16 meals were delivered to others in need.



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - DANVILLE**

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](mailto:vickie@fpcdanville.com)

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## **ANGELS AMONG US—**

**an exciting intergenerational way to prepare for  
Christmas**

***Saturday, December 4***

**9 to 11:30 a.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**937 Main St., Danville**

Hear the Christmas Story through the eyes of the prophets, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Take home craft

Bingo with prizes

Children participate in a drama titled

“The ABCs of Christmas”

Take Home Devotional

Live into God’s story as you talk and learn together with the people at your table

*Event is open to all, but an adult must accompany children and participate in the activities. Activities are suitable for all ages – from the youngest to the oldest participants.*

**To save your spot, please call 434-792-7822 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will attend.**