



October-November
First Presbyterian Church—Danville

Beyond the Columns



Wednesday Night Dinners

October 5

Wednesday Night Dinner
One America Movement

October 19

Wednesday Night Dinner
Budget Presentation and
Conversation with
Ashley Stanley-Robey

November 2

Wednesday Night Dinner
House of Hope

November 16


Wednesday Night Dinner
One America Movement

Becoming an Invitational Congregation

I was struck recently by a prayer offered during our weekly staff meeting, comments from a young visitor on Sunday and a piece of mail encouraging us to find ways to increase attendance. The key word in the prayer was that we would be an invitational church. The letter encouraged us to find ways that we can share our reasons for being a member of First Pres and the role our faith plays in our daily lives. The young man commented how much he enjoyed the organ music and the beauty of our sanctuary. He was also glad to recognize Ashley and Jackson. He thoughtfully considered whether he recognized members of the congregation – connections built as a young child and which we need to continue to nurture.

Many times, we think of ourselves as being a welcoming community of faith, but studies of all varieties show that 80% of people who become active in a church do so because they have received a personal invitation from a person they trust.

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Memorial Flowers October

2- The flowers today are given in memory of our mothers: Minnie Lee Hayes and Goldie Keesee by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.

9- Today the flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our church family by Rebecca and Chris Moore.

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Being INVITATIONAL and WELCOMING is essential. So, to what, should we invite folks to attend?

We have wonderful facilities. Worship seems like the obvious answer. It is certainly the traditional idea. It is important that people know how we worship, with what musical styles and whether the person in the pulpit can preach his or her way out of a wet paper bag. It is important that we share the gospel that gives us hope – past, present and future. We spend more time worshiping together than anything else- -perhaps more time than in all other church activities combined. But we do other things, and we do them well. They can become portals through which guests can enter our church.

Perhaps the best example of this is the Parent's Day Out program offered through the day school. This program offers a loving atmosphere with ample adult supervision. And what a gift it is to the parents. Others have invited friends to certain special adult Sunday school classes. Invitations to worship services followed by Second Sunday lunches, Vacation Bible School, community service projects, Women's Circles, and particularly programs like the Wednesday Night Supper program where we share excellent meals and can connect around a given topic of conversation. This year we are striving to offer a music

program such as children's handbells on Wednesday evenings prior to Wednesday Night Suppers. It could be the perfect way to connect busy parents with members of our congregation if we invite them to stay for dinner.

Will you think and pray over whom--and how--you might personally invite someone to participate in our church? And equally, important – let us know what activities you would like to offer to the community. Do you know a good speaker, a topic of interest, musical group, etc. Our letter writer said it succinctly – “WE NEED TO CREATE A POSITIVE BUZZ” that makes us INVITATIONAL, and this is rightfully the work of the congregation.



With great hope for the future of
God's kingdom,

PASTOR BETH

October and November Birthdays

October Birthdays


4 Bob Lowther
5 Wilson Walden
7 Bob Newnam
8 Collier Wiseman
9 David Clark
Michael Jones
11 Brenna Takata
14 Bill Fitzgerald
15 Frank Van Valkenburg, IV
Fae Smith
Nicholas Argyrakis
17 Betty Fitzgerald
Maria Abreu
22 Denise Van Valkenburg
23 Iya Kassa
26 Carolyn Baker
Nick Argyrakis
28 Fred Baker

November Birthdays

2 Hampton Wilkins
8 Alex Walthall
12 Jim Pritchett
Kent Shelton
13 Becky Meadema
Joyce Perez
14 Joan Reynolds
17 Julia Gregson
Helen Meadors
20 Ruth Meadors
24 Dale Haley
Lisa Argyrakis
27 Beth Brown


Please notify the church office if your birthday is missing or incorrect.

CHANGES FOR ELLIE HONEA – FPC'S HOME MISSIONARY



While all of the First Presbyterian Missionaries are valued by us, Ellie Honea has always held a special place in our hearts as she grew up in our church. As most of you know, things are changing for Ellie.

Jethro and Ellie are getting married on Saturday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Japan. It will be steamed live on <https://youtu.be/pWmq7NE97lq>. We are so happy for both of them and send them prayers for a wonderful life.



Her new address
Ellie Honea
5-29-14 Matsubara
Apt #301
Setagaya-ku, Tokyo 156-0043
Japan

FREDDIE LAMB MISSION FUND DISBURSEMENTS

The Mission Committee in conjunction with the Session and Trustees have disbursed funds to the Presbytery Disaster Relief Funds for Ukraine and South Sudan.



ENOUGH: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Schedule of Events

October 19

Budget Presentation and highlights from our music ministry.

November 6

Worship Service with Tom Norwood

November 13

Commitment Sunday

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next several weeks, we will be having a churchwide study and worship emphasis called

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM
On behalf of the Session



Day School News // Co-Directors Named



MEET YOUR NEW CO-DIRECTORS
ERIN PARRIS & LAINE MOORE

A note from Laine...

"Hi! My name is Laine Friend Moore. I'm a Chatham native who returned home to southern Virginia in 2019 from Birmingham, Alabama where I spent the majority of my years in the preschool field teaching all ages of children. I attended both Hargrave and Chatham Hall, as well as Averett University, where I studied early childhood education. I have 5 children, ages 19-23 and while they have grown into adults I continue to love being their mom the most. I love tennis, the great outdoors, and Alabama football. I might be familiar to some of you as I assisted Ms. Rhoda in her classroom and later ran the COVID Care program alongside Erin. I'm both grateful and excited to get to know you and your children. This staff is a special group of women and I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to work with them all. Rest assured; your children are in the best of hands. I look forward to a great school year and to seeing you all soon!"



Erin Parris: (540) 293-9445 or erinbparris@yahoo.com
Laine Moore: (205) 807-6514 or elm123elf@gmail.com

It is with great excitement that I introduce you to Laine Moore, our new Co-Director at First Presbyterian Day School. Laine will be at the school on Mondays and Thursdays to greet you on the front steps, be present for our teachers and students as well as being available for you at pick up. I'm looking forward to training Laine in her new role throughout the year and hope you all will welcome her with open arms. I plan to step down and hand the Director roll over to Laine in May of 2023 but until then I'll be available to answer any questions or address any concerns.

I am also excited to announce that we will be introducing a portion of the ABEKA curriculum into our four year old classroom this year. We understand the needs are changing as more is expected from children, and we want your child to be prepared when he/she enters kindergarten; Mrs. Brandi will focus on letter sounds and blends, number recognition and skills, as well as handwriting skills. In our three year old class we will be implementing our purchased letter curriculum; Mr. Smith's Letter Recognition Program which has been quite successful in years past. Letters are introduced in three categories based on difficulty, all while building on sight and sound.

Being the Director for 13 years has been one of my greatest joys in life. I've gained countless friendships and had the privilege of nurturing your children; my heart is FULL of gratitude. My role as mom is most important, this job gave me priceless time with my girls even into their school careers but my love for this preschool is also very deep. I wanted to see that you all were left in the BEST of hands and that the future of the school is nothing but successful. THANK YOU for every memory families, you are why we do what we do and why we LOVE to LOVE your children.



Women's Circles

Evening Circle will meet at the home of Karan Johnson, 320 Hawthorne Drive, for our October 3rd get together.

Day Circle will meet at 12:30 on Oct. 10 in the Westminster Classroom.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume Saturday October 22nd and November 19th at 8:00am. We will be diving into The Story, looking at God's Word from beginning to end, making sure that we are building our faith on a firm foundation. We will meet in the Westminster Room. *(Please bring a breakfast for this first meeting and we will work out logistics of ordering breakfast for later meetings.)*



Community Thanksgiving Service

The Danville Ministerium along with DACAS will host a **Thanksgiving Service** on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Short Verses Bible Study

Short Verses Study Group will begin Thursday October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17 at 10:30am and 6:30pm. We will examine and dissect short verses in the Bible. These verses are short and easy to memorize, but the significance is incredibly deep and complex. We will meet in the Westminster Room at two different times each day, the lessons are the same so please join at the time most convenient. This study will be taught by Pastor Beth and Jackson Weller every Thursday from September 29th – November 17th. Please contact Jackson Weller if you are interested in attending.

Youth Activities

Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the upstairs Youth Room. Join us for study and discussion.

Youth Group will meet October 5, 12, 19, & 26 and November 2, 9, 16, & 30. We meet in Overbey Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:30pm (dinner provided). Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Study.

Youth Saturday Lunch Ministry will be October 22nd. Please join us in the kitchen at 10:15am as we prepare and serve a meal for our Lunch Ministry guests. This is an important ministry of the Church and we have seen an increase in the number of guests, so your help is needed.

Bible Club: Bible Club will meet October 5 & 19 and November 2 & 16 following the meal on Wednesday Night Dinner. Elementary age children will explore our faith with games, crafts, and lessons. Join us for these fun evenings.

Crop Walk: Our young people will join in the Crop Walk this year, walking to bring attention to the growing hunger problem across our region, country, and world. October 2nd at 3:00pm we will join with the community in this walk.

Crop Hunger Walk— 2022

It's CROP Hunger Walk season! The 2022 CROP Walk is scheduled at Ballou Park on October 2 at 3:00 p.m. Now is the time to sign up to walk on the First Presbyterian Church Team and to give your donations for this critical mission. You can walk a 5K (3.2 miles) or 1 mile.

CROP Hunger Walk supports the ministry of Church World Service (CWS). For more than 60 years, CWS has helped poor communities throughout the world to learn how to produce their own food and water to reduce hunger and improve nutrition. CROP Walks are offered throughout our nation to support CWS's efforts. Approximately 30% of the money raised in Danville stays with God Storehouse to help Danville area residents in need.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2022

CROP Hunger Walks

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

We need your help. You can be involved in two ways:

Join the FPC Team and Walk on October 2

Give your name to the FPC office, to Jackson Weller, or to Jackie Rochford

Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the table near the Sutherland Avenue entrance

Donate

On-line – go to <https://crophungerwalk.org/danvilleva> Then, click on *Danville Crop Hunger Walk* and look under teams for *FPC – First Presbyterian Church - Danville*

Place a check *made out to First Presbyterian Church* in the church offering or in the envelope on the table near the Sutherland Avenue entrance (or send to the church office). Indicate the check is for the CROP Walk. NOTE: Checks will not be cashed until after the CROP Walk.

Place cash in the church offering or envelop on the table – make sure you indicated it is for CROP Walk and from you so you can get credit for your donation.

First Presbyterian Church is a major sponsor of the Danville Area Crop Hunger Walk. Please help us continue our support of this vital mission to fight world hunger. If you want to form your own team or have questions, contact Jackie Rochford at 434-770-2960.

Memorial Flowers—November 2022

6- Today the flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Barrett by Ava Barrett.

13- The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Lib and Charles Cuttle, Catherine Cuttle, and Bob Cuttle by Frances, Parks, and John Newby.

27- The flowers today are given in loving memory of our mothers, Ella Ryan and Neva Shelton, by Diane and Kent Shelton.

Music Ministry


Hello, First Presbyterian Church Family! I am excited to share all the wonderful new events taking place in our music department. I would like to formally welcome Patricia Taylor as our official organist! Patricia has served our congregation for nearly a year, and we are so grateful for her skills at the organ console. Patricia brings with her several decades of experience as a church organist and decades of dedicated membership in the American Guild of Organists.

Kindermusik classes have begun in the Dayschool each Thursday morning. I am teaching a 15 minute class for two-year-old students and about 30 minutes each for three and four-year-old students. The students have learned how to play sand blocks and triangle so far, and we are working on creative movement with scarves. It is a joy to share music with our youngest community members.

The Handbell Choir has had three wonderful rehearsals this fall, sharing the choir room. The handbell room floor has been fully buffed and refinished and soon the rear wall will be patched and repainted. We are preparing to ring two pieces during Sunday worship in October and November, as well as several pieces during the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons. If anyone is interested in learning how to ring, you are welcome to attend on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. You do not need to read music or play other instruments to get started – I will work with you to find the right combination of color coding, numbers, and letters to get into ringing right away.

In an effort to make it easier for working members to attend, our Chancel Choir is meeting on Thursday afternoons from 5 to 6 p.m. I would like to personally invite any church or community members who love singing to join us. If you would like to participate only during Advent and Christmas, we would love to have you from October through December 25.


I relish each person's interest in music and commitment to worshipping God with heart, mind, soul, and voice. Again, no formal musical training is required to join the mission of the Chancel Choir. We practice and learn together each week to become better worshippers. The essence of worship is ascribing God the glory and worthiness that He is due as the Creator of the Universe. As God made humankind in His own image, He gave us voices and souls. As human beings we are uniquely blessed in all creation with the ability to praise the Lord! Please join us for a season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



I will leave you with some wonderful opportunities to hear live music free of charge.

Saturday, October 22 – Danville Symphony Orchestra's fall concert, "Beethoven, Berlioz, and Bernstein," 7:30 p.m. at the GW High School auditorium, doors open 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 3 – Averett University's Symphonic Band fall pops concert, 7 p.m. in the Frith Center.



God's best blessings to you,
Ashley Stanley-Robey
Director of Music Ministries



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 Man-
sion and Museum and a few blocks west of
downtown.

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