



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ADAM

From Pastor Adam...

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

When I toured First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (FUPCDC) as a candidate this past summer, I took note of the signs that can be seen when leaving the parking lot. The signs say, "You are now entering the mission field." I love those signs, and it is one of the many reasons I felt called to be your next pastor. Since arriving this past December, I have come to realize that the church doesn't just have signs at the exit of the parking lot, but FUPCDC truly lives out this important statement with local, regional, and international mission. Truly, the church (that's you) is following Jesus' lead to go into the world to spread the **GOOD NEWS** of God's love through ministry in action.



On my first official Sunday, I went to "**Spread the Bread**" and saw many members serving a meal to the hungry and homeless of Prince William County. I saw individuals living in the woods by the bus depot come to the back of a member's car to pick out a scarf, hat, blanket, and gloves from the "**Spread the Warmth**" program to shield them from the winter cold. Then, I found out that these programs have been going on each Sunday after services, no matter the weather, for over ten years! What an amazing way to fulfill the scripture, "**...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..**" In addition, I have been inspired as you have brought bags and boxes of food for the ACTS food pantry during our friendly "Souper Bowl of Caring" competition. Yes, FUPCDC understands and puts a priority on local mission.

Regionally, we have two planned mission trips coming up this year. An adult mission trip back to **Lumberton, NC** to help with hurricane and flood relief is planned for May 5-9, 2019. This will be the third FUPCDC mission trip to Lumberton to help that community continue to recover after the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence. We also have a youth Mission trip to **Raleigh Youth Mission (RYM)** planned for August 4-9, 2019. Set in the capital city of North Carolina, RYM engages young people in issues of poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity. Many of their partner agencies are located in the downtown area among the halls of power of the NC state government. Both of these trips are wonderful ways to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

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Currently, we have an adult mission team in Mexico, serving the people of the Yucatán Peninsula. Our church has been sending mission teams to the Yucatán Peninsula since 2000. In conjunction with *Living Waters of the World*, members of our congregation were trained to assemble and install water purification systems. This work is usually a two-year project that included construction of a building in the first year. This is then followed by installation of water purification equipment and education about using clean water during the second year. Each year, Bible school is held for the children. To date, we have installed three water plants. We maintain a relationship with these villages by conducting yearly visits and communicating via social media. I encourage you to continue to pray for our **Yucatán Mission Team**.

This month, I challenge you to think and pray about how you can be a part of the local, regional, and international mission that FUPCDC supports. Maybe you want to sign up to attend an upcoming trip. Maybe you are willing to be a prayer partner for a mission team member. Maybe you can donate food, make sandwiches for "Spread the Bread," or knit a scarf. Each and every one of us is called to be a **Kingdom Worker** in some way...what is God calling you to do?

On the journey with you,
Pastor Adam

*Passion for Christ—Compassion for Others
Loving God—Loving Others
Connect—Grow—Serve*

Session Report - January

At the January Session meeting, Pat Manalio, Gary Smith and Tim Camus were approved to sign checks for the church.

Session also approved an update to the Child Protection Policy concerning check-in/check-out procedures for children attending activities with Children's Ministry. The annual Parents' Night Out activity is scheduled for February 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information, check with the Kidz Church adults.

In Mission information, an adult trip to Lumberton, NC for May 5th through 9th, and a youth trip to Raleigh, NC for August 4th through 9th have been approved and scheduled. Sign-ups for a Kairos cookie collection was approved for March 17th and 24th in the Narthex Welcome Center.

Volunteers are needed to work in the sound booth at both services. Training will be provided on January 30th and February 9th from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the sanctuary.

Congregational Connections is looking for people who are interested in being a greeter or staffing the welcome table for both services. You can help us be the welcoming church that we want visitors to experience. Contact Betsy Gilbert for more information.

Registration for Little Hands Preschool has begun. Spread the word about our wonderful preschool to friends and neighbors. More information on the church website - look for Little Hands.

Save the date! Guest speaker Victoria Graham from ACTS (Action in the Community Through Service) will share with us what ACTS does and how we can be involved on Saturday evening, February 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Find out where the food from the blue cabinet goes, who is being helped and the many ways people are being helped.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

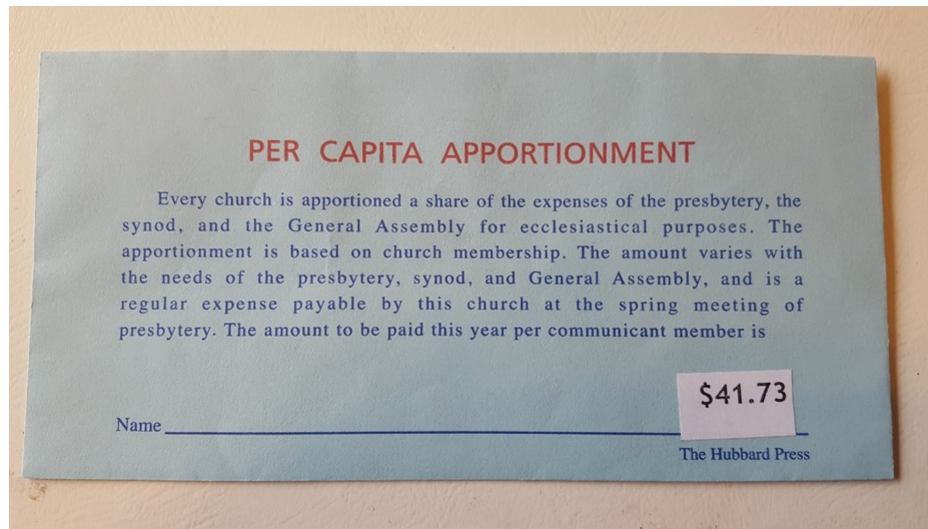
Stewardship

Happy New Year from the Stewardship Committee! We hope all are looking forward to a year that is blessed and beautiful.

Thanks to God and to individuals, families and friends of FUPCDC, the budget goal for 2019 was achieved. Our support of the local community and our connections to other states and countries have already started. Although our goal of 100% pledge participation was not reached by the end of 2018, pledges are still being received for 2019 and can be made through the year.

We want to remind all that the per Capita contribution for 2019 is \$41.73. Blue envelopes are now available for per Capita contributions and they can be found in the fellowship pads in the sanctuary and at the Narthex Welcome Center. Please note that the envelopes include information regarding the per Capita apportionment (Please See Below). Every church shares in the expenses of the National Capital Presbytery. The share is based on the number of communicants. Remission of the full per Capita apportionment ensures all "pledged funds" will support our church programs. Like pledges, the per Capita for 2019 can also be forwarded at any time during the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have already paid your per Capita portion, thank you very much!



Deacons Report - January

Our date to provide a meal to the Beverly Warren Shelter on December 11th was pushed to December 12th due to a conflict in schedule and a change in shelter coordinators. This presented one of many challenges experienced by the Deacons when providing supplies or meals throughout 2018. It was decided at the January Deacon meeting that a different approach would work better. Shelter meals have been tabled for now and will be revisited at the March meeting.

Hosted funeral and reception for James Coffield on January 5th at the church at the request of Gloria Coffield-Harris. Deacons Betty Matthews, Denise Parris, Claudia Cunningham, Kathy McNeely, and Agnes Fokwa with daughter Morelle assisted with both the funeral and reception. Bereavement Committee (led by) Becky Elliott, Barbara Baker, Karen Attreed and Jeanette Gregory helped with the reception. Special thanks to Bob and Cathy Albrecht who made so many things possible. And to Dorothy, a fiancé to someone attending men's breakfast, who jumped in and helped wherever she was needed. Together we hosted approximately 100 people. Reception food was provided by the family.

Church services were cancelled on January 13th due to inclement weather. Because of this cancellation, Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders was postponed.

Our first 2019 Deacon meeting was held on January 15th at 6:45 PM, and despite the postponed Ordination and Installation on the 13th we had 14 Deacons past, present and future in attendance. Carol Schwalm was voted in as the second chair Deacon Co-Moderator. Gail Cobb was voted in as the Nominating Committee Deacon Representative.

We provided Home Meal Delivery for a member who had recently returned home from rehab starting January 12th.

We transported baby items donated at the Christmas Eve Family Friendly service to the Beverly Warren Shelter on January 18th. A few items were also given to member Alberta Wright celebrating the recent birth of her little girl.

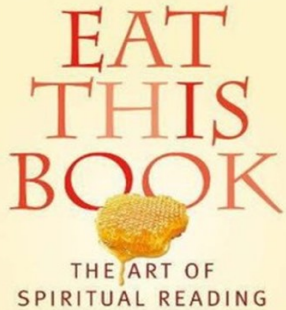
Deacons Robert Thompson, Elizabeth Goolgasian, Therese Same, Peggy Heins, and Patricia Whitman were Ordained and/or Installed on January 27th. There will be some changes to family groups with respect to Deacon support so be prepared possibly for a new Deacon to contact you in the near future.

Deacons are hosting a "Souper" Bowl Sunday on February 3rd in the Narthex Welcome Center offering soup to go after both services.

There will be a Potluck Breakfast on February 17th preceding the Combined Service at 10 AM. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish and join us for fellowship. Breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Deacon Co-Moderator

Adult Ministry



Start the New Year Right with an Appetizing Bible Study!

On this nine-week journey beginning Sunday, January 6th, God's Word will come to life as you learn to read and experience the Bible spiritually, like your life depends on it!

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Room 22 as we consider the views expressed in **Eat This Book: The Art of Spiritual Reading** by theologian and former

PCUSA Pastor, Eugene Peterson, who believes that the **way** we read the Bible is just as important as the **act** of reading it because Spirit-sourced writing requires a distinctively spiritual kind of reading. You will learn and experience "spiritual reading that enters our souls as food enters our stomachs and becomes holiness and love and wisdom". While we're at it we'll enjoy tasty food at each class and plan some offsite meals together. What a great way to start the New Year!

Adult Education Lenten Bible Study: FORGIVENESS

Ash Wednesday will be here before you know it!!! A **Lenten study** on **Forgiveness** begins on **Sunday, March 10th** during the Christian Education hour. Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness, are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best selling book **Soul Feast**, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in an encouraging and lively six week study. Please join us for a discussion rich journey that examines our ability to forgive, and our own need for forgiveness. Please see Cathy Smith for information.



Fair Share

Community Speaker Series

Victoria Graham

ACTS Chief Program Director



Saturday, February 9, 2019
7:00 PM

**"Yes, I Heard What You're Not Saying:
The Quiet Power of Active Listening"**

Free of charge, open to the public, light refreshments.

Children's Ministry

January was a long month full of many unexpected happenings!

During the 11:00 AM hour, we began January observing Epiphany. Continuing the thought of what an Epiphany really is, we will be following the ministry of Jesus during February. We will be focusing on how Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God, and the various epiphanies that occurred to people about the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached about!

During the January Session meeting, Session approved the following change to the Child Protection Policy:

Check-in/Check-out Procedures – Children participating in Sunday School, utilizing the nursery or the preschool will adhere to the church check-in/check-out policy procedures. In the event attendants/teachers are not present when checking in a child, parents/guardians will not leave their child unattended. While children are in the church's care, parents/guardian will not leave church grounds unless it is to participate in a church sanctioned event. Parents/guardians of children attending Little Hand Preschool are not required to remain on church premises while classes are in session.

Parent's Night is the exception to the policy. Children's Ministry provides this service to parents so they may enjoy an evening out. Vacation Bible School will also be the exception, unless, of course, parents wish to volunteer during VBS.

On a personal note, we say goodbye to our long time friend who served as Children's Ministry Elder, Becky George, we will miss you, but wish you a well deserved sabbatical that is full of God's grace and peace!

Welcome to Rena Thompson our new Children's Ministry elder!

A note from Ms. Becky:

For the past six years I served with much joy as your Children's Ministry Elder. My prayer is that I served you faithfully. While I am no longer serving as Elder, I will continue to serve in Children's Ministry in the way which God will have me. For now, I will continue to assist Ms. Joann in the Nursery at 8:30 AM, teach at 9:45 AM and assist Ms. Rena in anyway I can at 11:00 AM. When the new school year begins in September 2019, there will be teaching vacancies at 9:45 AM and 11:00 AM. She will also be looking for someone who feels called to serve as Vacation Bible School Director.

Ms. Rena is going to need the assistance of parents and the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you can reach out to her in the coming months to volunteer.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! Yes, Parent's Night out is back! This is our love note to our Kidz Church parents for entrusting your children in our care on Sundays.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Children must be picked-up no later than 8:15 PM. Registration forms will be available Sunday, February 3rd and February 10th. Parents must submit a completed registration form. No Walk-ins. No registrations will be accepted after February 10th. Registration forms will be handed out this Sunday, February 3rd.

Submitted by Elder Becky George

Wednesday Night Alive - February

6th - Potluck "Tailgating Foods"

13th - Sopa de Lima

20th - Sweet Corn Chowder

27th - Posole with Winter Vegetables



Mission and Outreach



Do you know the simplest way to show the love of Jesus to those around you? Random Acts of Love! This month the Mission & Outreach Committee is hosting a FREE event for all age groups (with parental approval of course). The Acts of Love event takes just a moment of your time but can turn someone's day from frowns into smiles. Acts of Love is simply helping or supporting a person who can use an extra lift, such as helping a person with taking in their groceries, opening a door for someone, sending a note of encouragement to someone, sharing an umbrella, etc. Just reach out to someone in your neighborhood or community, church family or where ever you see a need.

Here are the simple steps:

1. Do as many Acts of Love you like daily or weekly.
2. Record the Act(s) of Love on a slip of paper or use the heart notes (use as many as you need and your name is not required) located in the Narthex Welcome Center with the Acts of Love display.
3. Drop your slip(s) of paper or heart note(s) in the Heart basket. A member of the Mission & Outreach Committee will place each Act of Love on a Heart poster-board in the Narthex Welcome Center for all to see.
4. Also, feel free to record Acts of Love that you received. For example, a neighbor brings you fresh baked cookies, the car mechanic did not charge you for a repair, someone allowed you in front of them at the grocery check-out line, etc.
5. Our goal is 100% participation and for Acts of Love to become part of your life!

Small things done with great love can change the world!



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December 17, 2018

Pam Cox

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
14391 Minnieville Road
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Ms. Cox,

On behalf of ACTS Domestic Violence Services, I would like to thank you and First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City for the generous donation of towels, washcloths and cleaning supplies that we received for our Safe House on 11/30/2018. I can assure you that these gifts will be well-received by the people we serve and that they will be grateful for the care members of this community have shown towards them.

ACTS Domestic Violence Services' mission is to eliminate domestic violence by empowering victims to build lives free of violence. We offer a 24-hour crisis hotline, a domestic violence Safe House, one-on-one as well as group counseling, a behavioral intervention program, an award-winning court advocacy program, community education and awareness, and a Hispanic outreach program.

Through our programs, we have seen many lives changed for the better. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue in our mission.

Thanks again for your generous support and feel free to contact me should questions arise.

Sincerely,

Dotty Larson, Director
ACTS Domestic Violence Services
P.O. Box 74, Dumfries, VA 22026, dlarson@actspwc.us
Tel: (703) 221-4460/4855, ext. 228

The portion of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 relating to IRS regulations requires that charities certify whether donations were made in consideration of a transfer of goods or services from the recipient agency. ACTS certifies that this donation was not accompanied by such transfer.

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CVC #8118



Little Hands Preschool

A ministry of outreach of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
14391 Minnieville Road Woodbridge, VA 22193



Registration for the 2019 – 2020 school is here!

Our programs serve children ages 2.5 years old – 5 years old.

We offer engaging, compassionate, interactive experiences for preschool children. We have availability in the following programs. All program are offered from: 9:15 AM – 12:15 PM.

- > **Early three – year – old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday.**
To be eligible for the early three's class, your child must be three between October 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020.
- > **Three – year – old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday.**
- > **Three – year – old classroom session meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday**
- > **Pre – Kindergarten Four – year – old session meeting on Monday – Thursday**
- > **Pre – Kindergarten Four – year – old session meeting on Monday –Friday**
- > **Pre – Kindergarten Five – year – old session meeting on Monday –Friday**

Please register soon as enrollment is based on availability.

For more program information, registration requirements, registration packets, or to schedule a school visit please visit our website: fupcdc.org





Did you know...

"Eighty-two percent of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited." – Dr. Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door

"A study including more than 15,000 adults revealed that about two-thirds are willing to receive information about a local church from a family member and 56 percent from a

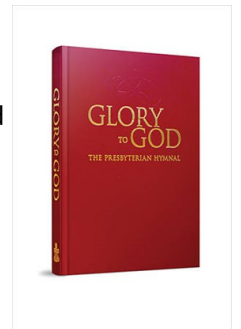
friend or neighbor. The message is clear that the unchurched are open to conversations about church." – Philip Nation, LifeWay Research

"Only two percent of church members invite an unchurched person to church. Ninety-eight percent of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year." – Dr Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door

About the new hymnal, *Glory to God*

Glory to God is the new Presbyterian hymnal, published in 2013. It contains 853 hymns, psalms, and songs. About 400 hymns are carried over from the 1990 blue hymnal—including most of the hymns we sing at First United Presbyterian Church. There are more than 450 new hymns that come from older Presbyterian hymnals, other songbooks, and individual composers and authors.

Glory to God includes a complete Psalter of singable Psalms and enough music for a complete Taizé service. There are liturgical texts to serve as a model for Reformed worship, and a brief note is included with each hymn, providing information about its music, theology, or history.



Glory to God reflects the diversity of the church, incorporating many different musical styles: traditional, spirituals, folk, gospel, jazz, contemporary, and global music are all well-represented.

For the 11:00 AM crowd, you should think of this new hymnal as a song book, rather than just an "old traditional hymnal."

Here are some of the Contemporary Christian songs included:

Our God Is an Awesome God #616
Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing (Shout to the North) #319
The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (The Feast Is Ready) #505
Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shinning (Shine, Jesus, Shine) #192
Open the Eyes of My Heart #452
Give Thanks #647

So, Glory to God is a wonderful addition to our 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. I look forward to sharing more about our new hymnal/songbook in future newsletter articles.

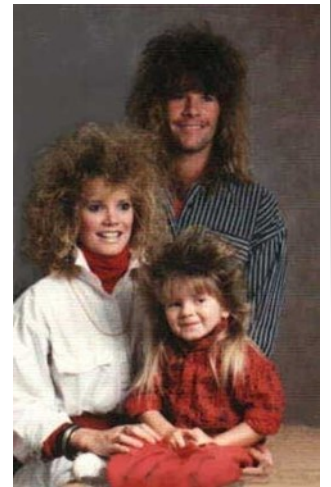
To God be the glory!

Pastor Adam

Church Directory Photo Days

Sunday, February 3rd
Sunday, February 10th
Sunday, February 24th

Mark your calendar so you have time to get your hair just right ->



Each Sunday will have two photo Sessions:

- 1) Between Worship Services 9:40-10:40 AM
- 2) After the 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15-1:15 PM

(Source: *Awkward Family Photos*)

You do not need a specific appointment...just show up in the back of the Sanctuary!

Photo Directory News

Put your Presbyterian seatbelts on because this year's church photo directory will change the way you think about church photo directories forever! Some highlights include:

- 1) No sales pitch—we are doing our own photo directory and don't plan to use an outside company. So, once you have your family's photo taken—we won't try to sell you anything. In fact, you will receive a copy of the photo we use in the directory free of charge! Print the photo on your own if you like.
- 2) Once finished, our church directory will be available in a traditional printed copy, on-line through our website (password protected), and with a special smart phone app (only available if you share your email in the directory). It will also have the ability to be updated as families change, and new members join our church! So, in theory, our church directory will never be "out of date" again!
- 3) If you can't come to one of the photo days, you will have the ability to e-mail a high resolution photo of your family to the church and still be included in the photo directory. Additional times can also be arranged if needed. Please call Gaylene Guest at 703-491-4006 with any questions.
- 4) Learn more at: <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>



Keep your eyes on the church newsletter—more info about the new church photo directory is coming soon!

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA

Photo Directory Info Form

Instructions: Please fill this form out carefully, completely, and accurately so that the pastor and church office have your current and correct information. You may select to have certain items not appear in the church directory by checking the boxes below.

Please bring this form already filled out to one of the photo days listed below, or see the reverse side of this form for instructions if you cannot attend one of the scheduled photo days.

Photo Days: February 3, February 10, and February 24, 2019

Questions: Contact Gaylene Guest at 703-491-4006 or gaylene.k.guest@gmail.com.

PLEASE PLACE AN "X" in the box if you wish the birthday to NOT be published in the photo directory.

Note: Birth year will not be published (only month and day)



Family Last Name

Adult/Parent #1 First Name

Date of Birth

Adult/Parent #2 First Name

Date of Birth

Child Name(s) [Please list oldest to youngest; include last name only if different from above.]

Child #1

Grade

Date of Birth

Child #2

Grade

Date of Birth

Child #3

Grade

Date of Birth

Child #4

Grade

Date of Birth

Child #5

Grade

Date of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip

(Over →)

PLACE AN "X" in the box if you DO NOT want the item to be published in the church directory.



<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Phone	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
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Name of Adult



Photo Release

I hereby grant First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA (the organization) permission to use my family's likeness in photographs, the photo directory, video recordings or electronic images in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the organization and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the organization to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute these images for purposes of publicizing the organization's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness or that of my family appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or the image of my family members. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the organization from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name, or if I am under age 18, a parent or guardian has signed below. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

(Signature) (Date) (Signature) (Date)

(Printed Name) (Printed Name)

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of the children named on the reverse side and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing release on behalf of them.

(Parent/Guardian's Signature) (Date)

(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

If you can't attend one of the scheduled photo days: Please fill out this form and return it to the church office (First United Presbyterian Church, 14391 Minnieville Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193) by March 3, 2019. Then submit a high resolution photograph to Gaylene Guest gaylene.k.guest@gmail.com. Or, contact Pastor Adam about using a printed photograph.

A note about photographs: Photos should be close ups, focusing from the waist up, decent, in proper attire. The committee reserves editorial rights for any photograph submitted. (Copyright laws prohibit submitting professional photos without written consent.)