



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

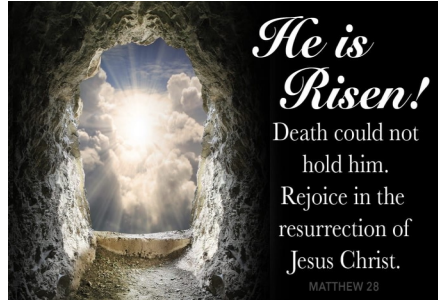
Chronicles

April 2021



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Ike Evans, Jubilation Handbell Director
Joann Paige, Nursery Supervisor
Tiffany Ramsey, Little Hands Preschool Director
Homer Detrich, Sexton
Kim Parker, Office Manager

From Pastor Adam



For many years, I kept a note card on my office wall that proclaimed the message: "We are an Easter people." I received the note from a parishioner, a mother of 3 boys, who was living with advanced stage ovarian cancer at the time the card was written. In the week after Easter, Amy Sharp had scripted this pink magic-marker message on a variety of her personal note cards and sent them to family and friends.

I remember opening this Easter greeting and reading it several times. It did not say "Happy Easter," nor did it say, "Rejoice, the Lord is risen." It said, "We are an Easter people." As I read the card, I knew it bore a message of profound faith. As her death approached, Amy wanted all whom she loved to know that the power of faith transforms even death, for we are an Easter people.

The note card kept its post for many years. It became a reminder to pray for Amy's family, and a daily reminder that encouraged a faithful life. In the face of illness and death, to be sure, this proclamation of faith is a consolation. Yet in all times, this proclamation holds the potential to be an everyday guide: We are an Easter people.

What, then, does it look like to be an Easter people? How are we to live? If we start at the very beginning and search the Acts accounts of the Easter season Scriptures, we learn how that very first community of Jesus' followers began to shape their priorities and create a way of life.

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From the record of those early days, a modus operandi begins to emerge. Within the early community, "there was no needy person among them" (Acts 4:34). Those who had more property and wealth liquidated their assets and gave the money to the apostles to distribute to those in need. This may be startling information to our 21st-century selves, but it is nonetheless true.

As the community developed attitudes, rules and a self-image; the Spirit was at work among them. At first, the Jesus followers shunned the newly converted Paul. They feared that he had not changed and would turn on them. But they came to believe, with the help of their own Barnabas, that radical change is the sure sign of the work of the Spirit of Jesus (Acts 9:27).

Those early folks also had presumptions about whom God favored and loved the best. In time, they understood that God truly shows no partiality among humankind (Acts 10:34). All are equal in the sight of God. Finally, there was a clear message on that Ascension day that Easter people do not dawdle looking up at the sky but must live as active witnesses to faith wherever they are (Acts 1:11).

In response to these guidelines, we might say that times are very different now. We might add that the smaller size of the nascent community made sharing one's wealth a manageable practice, but not in our age. We might want to maintain our own exclusive practices, loving those who look and think as we do, judging those who do not. We might want to ignore the faith's invitation to radical change that invites reexamination of our own priorities, our words and actions, and even our use of time. We might want to say those things and more, but the truth of Scripture is ever ours, speaking anew to us each day, calling us to truly be an Easter people.

To be honest, there are Easter people in all of our church communities whose faithfulness inspires our own. They are the ones who trust the Spirit's presence, even in the midst of adversity. They are the ones who refuse to keep up with the envied "Joneses" and raise their children to do the same. They are the ones who accept their own illnesses as opportunities to reveal God's love to others. They are the ones who quietly feed the hungry and share their own resources with faithful abandon and shape the next generation so they will do the same. They are the ones whose hearts ache with grief as they approach the Lord's table, hands outstretched and the, "Thanks be to God" on their lips.

And they are the ones who gather their families in the face of approaching death and remind them that they are an Easter people. We are the Easter people who believe that the cross transformed all suffering and pain, and the Resurrection secured the promise of eternal life. It is this paschal mystery, this Easter faith, that we are called to live each day.

Yours on the journey,
Pastor Adam

Read more about Amy's legacy: https://morganton.com/news/local/uncovering-the-silent-symptoms-of-ovarian-cancer/article_c705066c-5f3e-11e5-b4e0-ef4645e28758.html

Session Notes

At the March 16 meeting, the Session approved outdoor lawn and parking lot worship services for April 23, May 9, May 23 (Pentecost) and June 6 (Installation and Ordination of church officers). As before, these are weather dependent. The building will remain closed to indoor meetings and activities until at least June 12, 2021 and a Church Opening task force led by Jon Guest will be planning the reopening.

Congratulations to Nancy Hummer and the Earth Care team! Our congregation has qualified as a certified Earth Care congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our replacement of fluorescent and incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs was a major project completed in the name of being good stewards of our resources--electrical consumption has been lowered. We are all challenged to participate by being earth friendly in our activities in the church building, on the grounds, and at home.

Session heard an interim report from Pam Cox and Pat Manalio, leaders of the Transitions Team, and approved seven ministry team leaders. More information about the new ministry team leaders will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Kathy Cobb was approved as the new Gifts and Giving Coordinator, and will be working with the treasurer, taking responsibility for this area. This position was established to relieve the treasurer of some of the workload.

Up to two spirit night type fundraisers per month were approved, with Little Hands Preschool being approved for monthly spirit nights, beginning in March, up to 15 total events. These events allow everyone to support the preschool through choosing to eat at the participating restaurants.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Easter Flowers

This year, we will once again be flowering the large wooden cross for Easter, but due to the pandemic, it will be done a bit differently. **We need lots of flowers to make this happen.**

Here is how you can help. On Saturday April 3, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, please bring some home-grown or store bought flowers and place them in one of the large buckets of water that will be placed by the church door.

Please remember to wear your mask and socially distance when dropping off your flowers.

Members of the worship team will decorate the cross early on Easter morning.

The cross will be placed by Minnieville Road so that we can share Easter joy with our neighbors.

The Worship team thanks you for your help!



DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

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We love to hear from you. If you need to be connected with your Deacon, please contact Carol Schwalm or Ellen Nuernberger by calling the numbers listed above or the church office (703-670-7834).

New Flower Sign Up

Thank you for responding so positively to the new way of signing up to donate flowers using the Sign up Genius. **There are only two dates open for this year, August 29 and December 12.**

If you have already signed up, please send the **\$40.00** payment via a check to the church office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section.

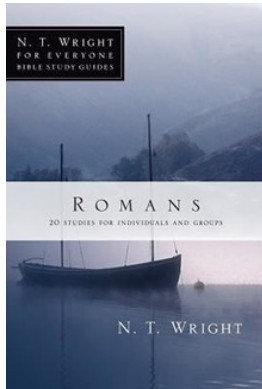
In addition, after the service the flowers are typically given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me.

If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at gailzcobb@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you!!



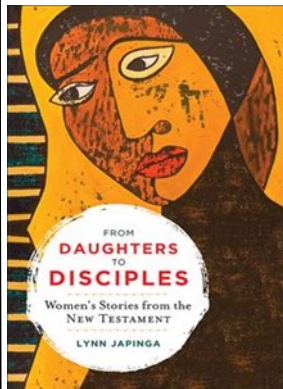
Adult Christian Education

Spring Adult Education Classes



Romans Study

Join us **April 11 through June 6** for a 9-week study on the book of Romans. With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, N.T. Wright (and FUPCDC leader Curtis Hoagland) will walk you through Romans with this guide designed especially with everyday folks in mind. Perfect for group use, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This course is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide our group more deeply into God's Word. We will look at the early church of Rome and some of their struggles, and how they compare to our world today. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. We hope you can join us each Sunday from **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM on Zoom**. **Class Link:** <http://www.fupcdc.org/class>
For more information, please contact Curt Hoagland at choagieva@yahoo.com.



Women's Monday Bible Study also known as Bible Buddies

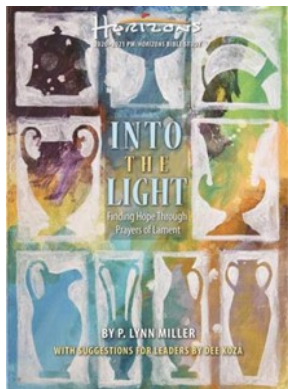
Anna, Mary, Lydia, Dorcus, Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth: Can we connect with any of these brave, complex, ancient sisters in the faith? Can their stories of dedication remind us of our Christian Call? "Jesus encouraged and supported women. When they are shamed or limited or restricted, he affirmed them and expanded their sphere of action."
(From the Introduction)

You are invited to join the Ladies Bible Study to learn more about their stories: **From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories from the New Testament** by Lynn Japinga.

Begins: **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM** by Zoom

For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834.

"Bible Buddies" is a group of FUPCDC ladies and their friends who meet from **7:00-8:30 PM every Monday** to discuss the book and share joys and concerns as they pray together and learn more about God.



Horizons Monthly Bible Study

"Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study. The group meets on the **second Monday of the month, September through June, at 9:30 AM**, via Zoom, for discussion and viewing of the video. The emphasis is on the hope we can find in the scriptures even as we lament our circumstances.

If you would like to join this study, please contact Sara Porter at office@fupcdc.org.

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Adult Christian Education

Pastor's Wednesday Evening Bible Study



Pastor Adam's Bible Study on **Wednesday at 7:00 PM**, via Zoom, is continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome. This Bible study will resume on **Wednesday, April 14**.

If you would like to join this study, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.

Fair Share Community Speaker Series

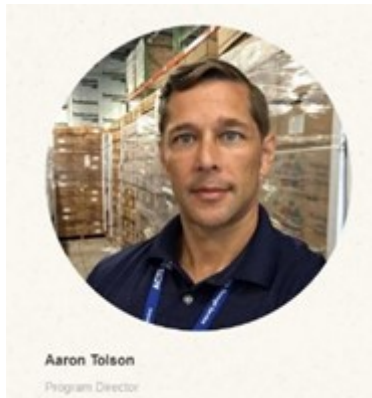
Join us on **Saturday, April 17 at 7:00 PM: Prince William Food Rescue (PWFR)**.



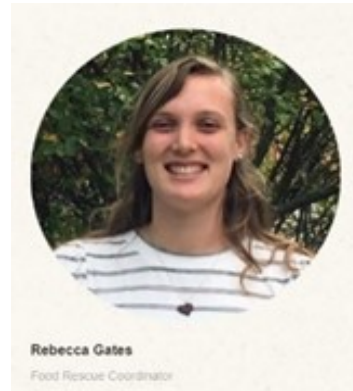
We are honored to welcome **Aaron Tolson**, Program Director, and **Rebecca Gates**, Food Rescue Coordinator, of **Prince William Food Rescue (PWFR)**.

Join us on Zoom as our guests introduce us to the innovative programs they are working on to reduce carbon emissions and food insecurity in Prince William county. PWFR is the first program of its kind in the region.

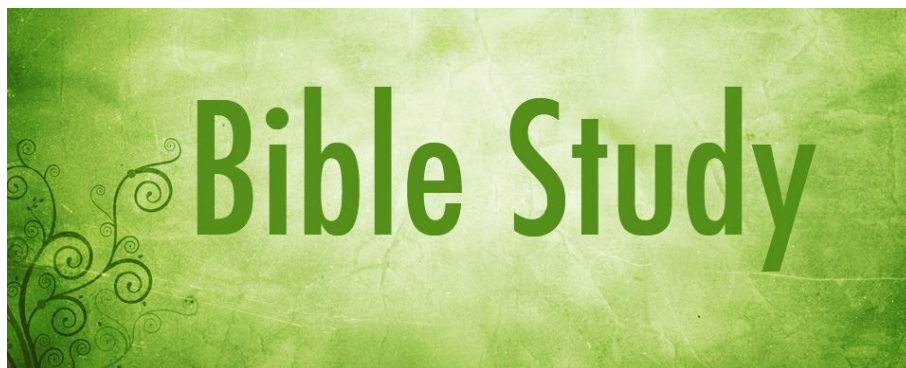
By harnessing the power of volunteers and new technology, it is redirecting food that would otherwise be wasted to organizations that can quickly distribute it to those in need. Join us for this exciting evening!



Aaron Tolson
Program Director



Rebecca Gates
Food Rescue Coordinator



Mission and Outreach

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

The season of Lent reminds us who we are, who we serve, and how we are called to live lives of faith. One Great Hour of Sharing presents us a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to Christian discipleship. When you and your family participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, you are changing lives in Christ's name through the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

One Great Hour of Sharing lets us come together as a Matthew 25 Church to open our door as well as our hearts to share the love of Christ through our ministries of justice, compassion, and joy. It is the church saying, "We'll be there when you need us."

If you would like to join other Presbyterians in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world, you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line. If you would like to give online, please go to <https://fupcdc.org/give-online> and click on Give Now, then Designated Giving (in the note field please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing"). Thank you!

ACTS Donation

Thanks to your generosity, FUPCDC delivered another 322 pounds of food to the ACTS food pantry. Thank you for your continued commitment to alleviate hunger in Prince William County.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



The Mission and Outreach Committee is currently researching and evaluating opportunities for international mission. We are in the process of developing a long range plan so stay tuned!

Mission and Outreach



Presbyterian Mission
**Mission Engagement
& Support**

March 15, 2021

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Thank You!

Dear Fellow Partners in God's Mission,

Grace and peace to you and yours through Jesus Christ, who makes us one.

We are entering the reflective season of Lent. In Matthew's gospel, we read, "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God' (4:1-4, NRSV).

As you engage with Presbyterian Mission, you participate in bringing this message of Jesus alive to empower God's people not only to feed their bodies, but also their souls. On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On February 16, 2021, we received \$2,039.00 for CJ999999 Christmas Joy Offering.

This Lenten Season is a good time to ensure you have your One Great Hour of Sharing materials. This Offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. To order resources directly or to check on your congregation's standing order, please call Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800) 524-2612 or email them at pds@pcusa.org.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering Christ's mission around the world. You are a valued partner.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sy Hughes".

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Mission and Outreach



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February 22, 2021

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Dear First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City,

On behalf of the ACTS Board of Directors, and those individuals your donation aides, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$905.00 on 1/22/2021. I also want to send you wishes for a very happy new year!


February is the shortest month, but it's long on impact. Whether you're waiting on the prognostication of a groundhog, sending chocolates to your love, or recognizing the achievements of Black Americans, there is plenty to celebrate. Here at ACTS, we want to celebrate your generosity. You didn't just make a gift to us, you chose to invest in the citizens of Prince William County. Thanks to your help, we're able to bring warmth to homes, food to tables, and help to those who need it most.

Our work is only possible because of the support you give us. As we await the coming spring, we know that winter isn't quite done with us. Thanks to you, we're able to help families stave off the worst effects of the season and realize that Hope doesn't have to be a foreign concept.

We are grateful for your generosity, trust and most importantly, your commitment to the ACTS mission to alleviate hunger, homelessness, and personal violence to help people achieve self-sufficiency in the Prince William County area.

We understand you can contribute to numerous organizations, and we sincerely thank you for selecting ACTS. In addition to your financial contribution, please consider donating your gently used furniture and other items to the Thrift Store. Your donation makes a difference in the numerous lives we benefit daily.

Sincerely,


Steven G. Liga
CEO/Executive Director

Thank you for your partnership!

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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Church Gardens and Spring Clean Up



Church Gardens

FRIENDS ARE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE! The gardens surrounding our church at FUPCDC are looking for some new friends to love them! A few of the areas only require periodic weeding and other areas are visible so others can enjoy the beauty of God's creation! Could you use some great fresh air and exercise?

Please contact me at: gretchenasnyder@aol.com!



Spring Cleaning

Spring is here and everything outside is blooming! It's a beautiful time of the year. The outside worship services are starting soon and we need your help getting the outside of the church ready.

The Spring cleanup is on **April 17**, starting at **9 AM** and we need your help. There are trees to be trimmed and flower beds to clean. The courtyard area needs work and the play area too. If you are able to come up for a couple hours, we can get a lot of work done as a group. If you have tools, great, bring them! If not, that's fine too we'll have things to use. **Rain date is April 24.**

Please remember to wear your mask(s), keep social distance and don't attend if you have been exposed - or have symptoms of COVID-19.

Boy Scout Troop 964

Members of Boy Scout Troop 964 held their Sunday Morning Service at the end of their overnight campout at the Bockes' farm.



Transition Team

Report from the Transition Team

We want to update you on some exciting news.

In December of 2019, Session created a Commission on Reorganization to study when we elect church officers and how we organize ourselves. The Commission worked diligently throughout much of 2020 and made two recommendations to Session.

The first recommendation was to elect church officers in February, to train and examine them in the spring, and to ordain and install them before the start of the summer break for schools. This moves the training of officers away from the busy Advent/Christmas season. Session approved the recommendation and it was implemented this year.

The second recommendation was to adopt a leadership and management structure where the day-to-day management of our ministries and programs is separated from the discernment of God's calling for FUPCDC and long-term planning to answer that call. This structure has been used successfully by many other Presbyterian churches for several years. Session approved this recommendation, held a forum for the congregation via Zoom on January 10, 2021, and established a Transition Team to implement the new structure beginning June 1, 2021.

So, you might be asking "what does the new structure look like?"

Session will have nine (9) Ordained Elders serving three-year terms, plus one optional Youth Elder serving a one-year term. Session will be God-centered; it will focus on God's calling to FUPCDC, establish short-term and long-term goals (strategic vision and focus) to achieve that calling, and monitor the spiritual health and vision of the congregation as a whole. In addition, each Elder will serve as a liaison to one of the ministry teams to provide support and a connection to Session.

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The day-to-day management and implementation of our ministries and programs will be carried out by nine (9) ministry teams, each headed by a team leader. The ministry teams and a brief description of their areas of responsibility are:

Worship: Provide high quality, engaging, and creative worship experiences for all ages

Mission: Serve others in the spirit of Christ in the local, regional, national, and international communities

Growing in Faith: Encourage and nurture all ages to grow in their faith and apply it in their daily lives

Fellowship: Create, sustain, and cultivate opportunities for the congregation to grow together in fellowship

Congregational Care: Care for members and friends of the church

Evangelism & Outreach: Spread the good news about Jesus Christ and the work of the church with those outside our walls

Administration: Oversee and coordinate the business management of the church including personnel, information technology, records management, risk management, safety & security, office operations

Property: Manage the building, grounds, furnishings, and equipment of the church

Stewardship: Encourage faithful stewardship while managing the church finances

On Tuesday, March 16th Session approved the following Ministry Team Leads for a 2-year term beginning June 6, 2021:

Worship: Martin Andrews

Mission: Pam Cox

Fellowship: Betsy Gilbert

Congregational Care: Ellen Nuernberger

Administration: Jim Stacy

Property: Mike Gundel

Stewardship: Dennis Dingle

Photos and a short bio for each are on the following pages.

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Martin Andrews

Martin is Senior Director, Army Programs at Exeter Information Technology Services. He served as a Deacon and Elder at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church in Miami, FL. There he served as Moderator of the Diaconate and chairman of the Music, Outreach (Missions), and Fellowship Committees. He also participated in and led missions to Cuba, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Peru. He joined FUPCDC in 2007. We are truly blessed that he has been very active in our music ministry, sharing his talents as part of the choir and frequently being a soloist during worship. Martin served two terms on the FUPCDC Nominating Committee. He has also participated in mission projects such as the 2008 mission trip to Yucatan and the Rise Against Hunger events.



Pam Cox

Pam was born in Charleston, WV and grew up in Woodbridge. She is the oldest of three siblings. Pam joined FUPCDC in 2015 and quickly became involved in Mission. She has participated in our Spread the Bread ministry, organized National Night Out and Rise Against Hunger events as well as serving on the Mission and Outreach Committee. In addition she has served as greeter and liturgist. Most recently Pam has served as the Elder for Mission and Outreach.



Dennis Dingle

Dennis is a native of Ohio who served 30 years in uniform with the Army and has continued as an Army Civilian employee since 2007. Dennis and his Family have attended FUPCDC, with the exception of overseas or out of state Army assignments, since first arriving in Virginia in 1992. Dennis is married to Diane and they have three children and three grandchildren. Dennis has served as an usher, liturgist and a member of the Stewardship Committee and the Endowment and Financial Review teams. Dennis and Diane are Official Friends of the Church and look forward to continuing to serve the FUPCDC congregation and community of faith.



Betsy Gilbert

As an Air Force family moving to this area in 1988, we expected that this was a 3-year assignment. What a blessing that it wasn't! We have been part of the FUPCDC family for about 31 years. I had the pleasure of teaching at Stafford High School for 18 years. I am originally from Western New York State, met and married my college sweetheart, Bruce, in 1968 and thoroughly enjoyed the AF life, living and traveling around the U.S. and Europe. We are parents of Jennifer and Kevin, have six grandchildren and delight in spending time with both families. Over the years, I have served on various committees. I was ordained and served as Deacon for six years including three years as Deacon Moderator. I have just completed three years as Elder for Congregational Connections.

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Mike Gundel

Mike joined FUPCDC in 2010 after being told about our church by a friend. He is married to his wife Karen and they have a young adult son, Dylan. He has served on both the Building & Grounds and Safety & Security Committees. When we were able to worship in person Mike could be found in the Narthex Welcome Center looking out for everyone's safety. Mike has done a lot of work on the church building including ensuring that all windows operate properly and converting all of the light fixtures to LED. In addition he participates in bible studies. Most recently he has served as the Elder for Building & Grounds.



Ellen Nuernberger

In 1995, my family and I moved to Woodbridge, VA area and I began a search for a local church. At FUPCDC I received a very warm personal welcome. Both of my children became members when I joined in 1997. Emily's husband Robby has since joined and their daughters Ellie and Sadie were baptized in June 2018 and September 2020. I have been a Deacon since 2019. During this time, I've held the position of secretary and subsequently became a Co-Moderator. I find my position as a Deacon fulfilling and rewarding. Recently, I have also been involved in Spread the Bread, providing meals to the homeless. I have found this to be very humbling and rewarding as well.



Jim Stacy

Jim has been married to Pam for 43 years. They are the parents of Matthew Stacy and Ashleigh Stacy-Reese; and are the grandparents of Orson Reese (age 4 1/2) and Micaiah Reese (20 months). Ashleigh is married to Josh Reese. Jim was an Army Brat, born in Amami Oshima, Japan, who calls Clarksville, Tennessee his hometown. He is retired from both the Army and Federal Government with 39 years in the Intelligence Community. He is a volunteer docent at the National Museum of the United States Army, Ft. Belvoir, VA and is looking forward to its reopening.

Little Hands Preschool



Registration is Now Open

Little Hands Preschool is a mission and outreach program of First United Presbyterian Church. It provides a loving, faith-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old.

Please contact the Preschool Director for more information about our preschool classes.

Tiffany Ramsey

703-878-2366

<https://fupcdc.org/lhps>

Hours of Operation: 9:15am - 12:15pm



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Orders can be placed online for Take Out, Delivery or Pick Up. Be sure to use the promo code **GR183213L** when placing your order. 20% of the price of your order will be donated back to LHPS.

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Congregational Connections

CARE-A-VAN 4 JOY

Another trip out to visit with friends on March 20, 2021. It's such a joy to be able to visit with our FUPCDC family. We will continue to make monthly visits:-)



Barbara Baker and Rita Clager.
Also visited with husband, Chic.



Betsy Gilbert and Sandy Chamberlin praying
with Sandy and Doug Godfrey.



Amy Smith and Ann Randles
Also visited with Amy's son, Mark



Bev and Jan Billy
with Jeanette Gregory



FUPCDC Earth Care Group

FUPCDC Receives Earth Care Congregation Certification from PC(USA)

Thank you, FUPCDC, for making Earth Care changes that made a difference!

Know, Grow, and Go with us to honor God's creation and reduce climate impact at FUPCDC and wherever you are:

Know by learning about Earth Care until you're an expert!

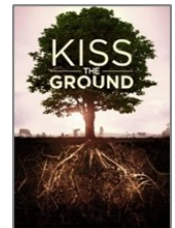
Grow by committing to new Earth Care habits.

Go by putting your commitment into **ACTION!**

KNOW

Faith Climate Action Week April 16-25

4/1-15: Pre-Register to watch "Kiss the Ground", a new film filled with hope about how regenerating the world's soils can rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, create abundant food supplies, and recapture carbon emissions to rehabilitate the Earth. Each household is invited to [click here](#) for free pre-registration! To see a sneak peek [click here](#).



4/16-25: Watch "Kiss the Ground" by [clicking here](#) after you pre-register.

4/17: Fair Share Community Speaker Series hosts Prince William



Food Rescue (PWFR). Watch on Zoom as guests Rebecca Gates and Aaron Tolson introduce us to their innovative programs that are reducing carbon emissions and food insecurity in Prince William county!

4/18: Attend Earth Care Sunday (online) to learn about the Earth Care Congregation Certification process, the committees that prioritized Earth Care to make our certification possible, and our plans for 2021.

4/21: "Kiss the Ground" Webinar. [Interfaith Power & Light](#) invited our congregation to attend a **free** "Kiss the Ground" webinar featuring film team members and experts in congregational food gardens. Details will be posted here, in the bulletin, and on the [FUPCDC Earth Care page](#).

4/22: Earth Day. [Click here](#) to learn more about Earth Day and Earthday.org.

GROW

Commit to using RE-USABLE BAGS every time you SHOP.



GO!

4/25: Start Using Your New Re-Usable Bag! To thank you for making your first **Grow commitment** the Fellowship Ministry will give you your own re-usable shopping bag at our first 2021 in-person worship service on April 25! Show your Earth Care by using it instead of plastic or paper when you shop.

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Donate Unwanted Footwear to Soles4Souls! Yes, we're still collecting footwear! Thanks to you, during quarantine we diverted 75 pairs from the landfill to needy feet around the globe through Soles4Souls. We now accept **FOOTWEAR ONLY**. Please follow the instructions below and [click here](#) for more details:



WHAT: Donate your **shoe, boot, and sandal FOOTWEAR PAIRS** in any condition.
HOW: Secure each footwear pair with a rubber band OR tie the laces together. Find rubber bands attached to the "Soles4Souls" donation bin for this purpose.
WHERE: Place your secured footwear pairs in the cardboard collection bin marked "Soles4Souls" in the FUPCDC Welcome Center coat closet.
WHEN: Whenever the church building is open.

Join our Facebook group! [Click here](#) to join our FUPCDC Earthcare Group! Our next meeting is Sunday, April 11, 2021 AT 11:15 AM.

Bible Drama Camp - The Phantom Tollbooth

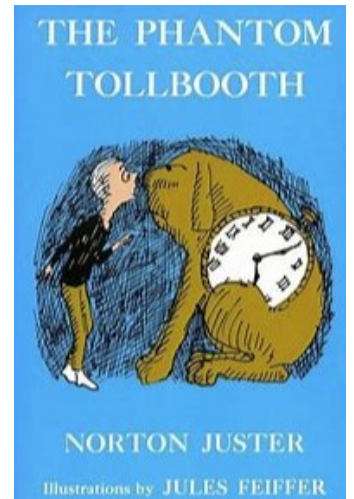
Hello Church Friends!

We are proceeding with a plan for Drama Camp. We would like to invite all church members to participate.

Our plan is a hybrid model for ages 5 to 16.

July 11: Recording sessions.. small group
July 12-16: Gathering online in the Zoom room
July 13-23: In-person week of camp. All recordings completed
The show will be physically rehearsed on the lawn.

July 24: 10:00AM; Performance on the Lawn



We will limit participation to keep the numbers small. All safety and security measures will be in place.

Phantom Toll Booth is a great story. Don't know it? There is a YouTube cartoon if you want to view it. This would give you an idea. There are many parts in this play. Singing and dancing and having great fun will all be a part.

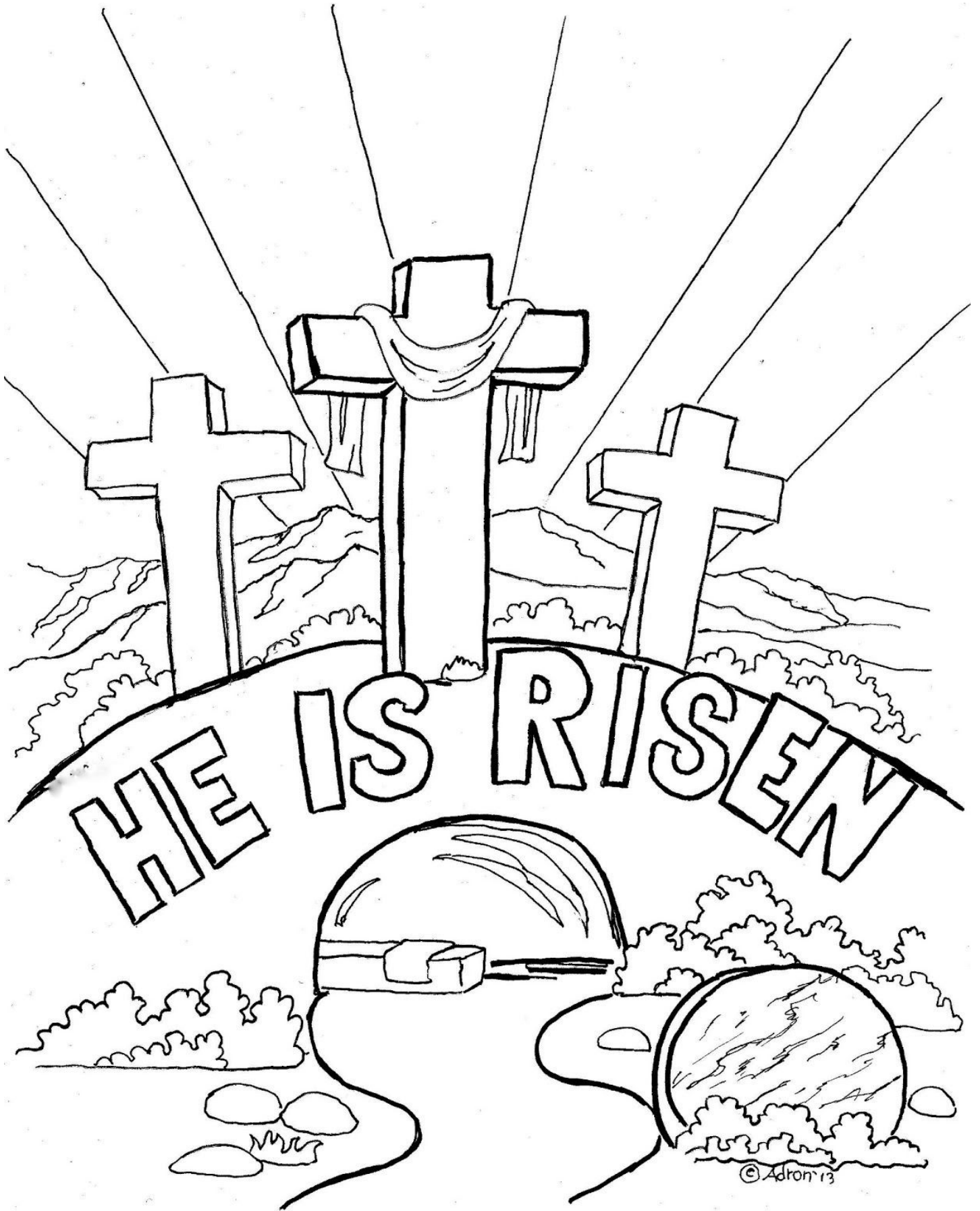
The theme is: Time. Our main Bible verse is Ecclesiastes 3.

We are proceeding with this plan, but realize that it could change if need be.

Crafts will also be included. They were a great success last year.

The registration will be in April. A link will be sent to sign up.

There is no charge for this camp.



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