



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

May 2019



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ADAM

Live as Easter People

Easter has arrived! We made the long way through Lent; some of us journeyed through the liturgical marathon that is Holy Week, with its multiple services leading up to Easter/Resurrection of the Lord Sunday.

Now we dwell in the weeks prior to Pentecost. Yes, we keep looking forward to the next event in the Christian year. Jesus has risen from the dead; in the coming weeks, as we hear in the Gospel stories, he will appear to many people. Those who believe in him will understand that he has conquered death. Jesus will tell them that he's leaving again but will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So those who love and follow him live in tension still; of course, they want him to stay, forever. What will happen when the Holy Spirit comes? They do not yet know the day it will happen. All they can do is stay together and pray and hope that Jesus' leaving will not be soon.

Even after the great Resurrection has occurred, we continue to live in paradox and tension. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, will one day be resurrected. In the meantime, though . . . in the meantime, life continues and people suffer, and the answers we want don't come, and Jesus the Man-God is nowhere to be seen.

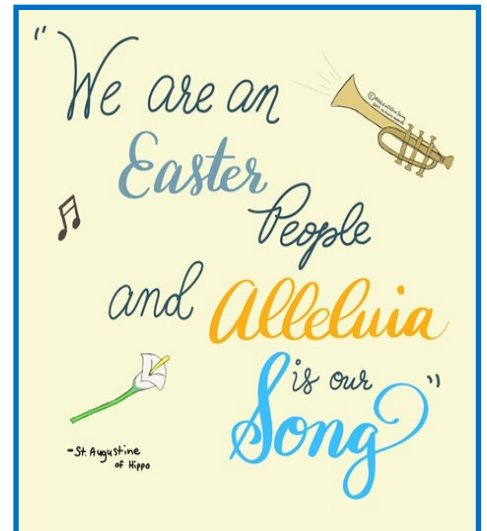
In the meantime, much of the world around us acts as if there is no Resurrection at all. Those of us who follow Jesus have to stick together. We need to pray and worship together, remind one another of this strange reality we call the Christian life. It makes sense only if we take Jesus at his word—if we believe that his life merges with ours and that we are forever changed.

And in the absence of Jesus who walked this earth centuries ago, what do we do?

We allow him to live through our bodies and voices, our thoughts and dreams, our arms and faces. We are the Body of Christ. This is not merely a nice metaphor; it speaks a reality by which we live as Easter people. Jesus now is with us, within us. He is also outside us, in others—we meet him especially in those who need our love, those we can feed, clothe, visit, heal, forgive, and love.

Easter is not magical. It is transcendent. Jesus is not somewhere else. Christ is everywhere—through him all creation holds together. He lives and breathes through his body, the Church.

So what does it mean to live as Easter people? It means we live as *a people*, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love.



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

Session Report - April

At the April Session meeting, the elders approved two church-wide trips sponsored by the Congregational Connections Committee. The first is a bus trip on June 28th to Winchester to see the play "Ragtime" at the Shenandoah Summer Music Theater. On August 21st is a trip to see the play "Jesus" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Look for more details about both trips as it gets closer to the dates for travel. If you have ideas for local or other day trips, talk with Elder Betsy Gilbert or any member of the Congregational Connections Committee.

Funds were approved for professional services for a property title search related to the church becoming incorporated under Virginia law.

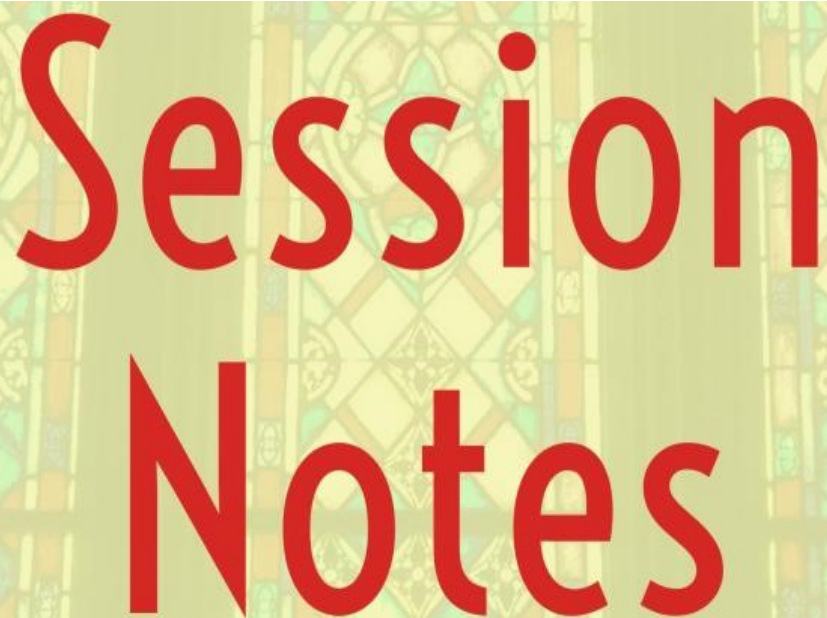
Charters for the Finance & Administration and Worship Committees were approved. The church's Key Policy was also approved.

Session also voted to move their meetings to the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM to avoid conflict with meetings of National Capital Presbytery and as part of realigning committee meeting times.

A contract with Protect My Ministry through our Guide One Insurance carrier to provide online processing and management for background checks was approved. This is part of the process of approving volunteers who work with our children and youth, and supports our Child Protection Policy.

The job description for the Little Hands Preschool Director's position and her contract for the 2019 - 2020 school year were also approved.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

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Session Notes

Stewardship

We, at FUPCDC, are all very fortunate to be part of an extremely generous, talented and sharing congregation. Over the next several weeks you will hear more about the Time and Talents Campaign and the many opportunities to share your time and talents with others within and outside of the church walls. You will receive a Time and Talents letter and a new survey in the mail toward the end of May. You will be asked to present your completed survey on Time and Talents Sunday, June 2nd, when we will also celebrate Communion together. Each of our talents, treasures and everything we have are gifts from God. Giving of our gifts helps strengthen the connection each of us has with each other, FUPCDC and the greater communities around us. We encourage you to prayerfully consider taking advantage of one or many of the opportunities for service at FUPCDC and look forward to seeing you on Time and Talents Sunday.

Your Stewardship Committee

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” ~ Romans 12: 6 - 8 NIV



Buildings and Grounds

Building and Grounds would like to thank everyone who showed up to help out for our annual spring cleanup! With all of your hard work, the grounds look amazing! Special thanks to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for volunteering their services. We hauled many truckloads of brush and debris to the landfill. Hedge trimming, gardening, weed pulling, mulching, trash pickup, inside window cleaning, and lots of other general cleanup were accomplished. Thanks to our church family for helping to keep our place of worship beautiful!

To God be the Glory,
Building and Grounds



Deacon Report - May

A Potluck Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May 19th prior to the Music Sunday Combined Worship Service. Please bring whatever side you feel would complement a stack of flapjacks. Pancakes and drinks will be provided by the Deacons.

We bid a fond farewell to Bob Thompson who is leaving the Board of Deacons for his next duty station in Germany with Rena at the end of May.

Join us on June 9th for our Congregational Birthday Celebration and Talent Show in the church sanctuary at 6 PM. Come out and enjoy dessert for dinner if it's your cup of tea, and our talented flock of performers. Look for signups in the Narthex Welcome Center on May 26th and June 2nd. We'll be looking for talent and bakers. Each birth month is represented by a cake that is "themed" for that month. You don't want to miss this fun evening. Mark your calendars.

The ministry of a Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ (Mark 9:35). It is the duty of Deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any others who may be in distress. The role of Deacons at FUPCDC is designed to be a ministry of compassion and care manifested by Deacons developing caring relationships with assigned members encouraging those members to be active participants in the life of the congregation. Deacons, once ordained or installed serve a three-year rotation with the church. Feel free to reach out to any of the Deacons on the 2019 Board of Deacons with questions or encouragement.

2019 BOARD OF DEACONS A Ministry of Compassion and Service

Class of 2019
Gail Cobb
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Mayra Drayer
Betty Matthews
Denise Parris

Class of 2020
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Lisa Fortner
Kathy McNeely
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Peggy Heins
Therese Same
Bob Thompson
Patricia Whitman

Denise Parris, Co-Moderator..... 703-730-3920
Carol Schwalm, Co-Moderator 703-680-7673

We love to hear from you. **If you need to be connected with your Deacon, please contact Denise Parris or Carol Schwalm by calling the number listed above or the Church Office.*



DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

Relay for Life



TAKE UP THE FIGHT. You can help in three ways:

- **Join our church team.** This year's Relay for Life event sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) is ACS's largest fundraiser of the year. Partnering with ACS and other county crusaders, we here at FUPCDC have had a team in this event for over a decade. This year is no different as *FUPCDC will have a team* at the **Prince William County Relay for Life** event held at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on **May 11th** from 10 AM -10 PM.
- To become a member of the team, access the website at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY19NER?pg=entry&fr_id=91197 or look up Prince William County Relay for Life 2019. Once you are on the website, choose to "Join this Relay." If you have an account from previous years, login, or create a new account. Once logged in, click "join a team" and enter FUPCDC. It's that quick. Contact Denise Parris or Ashley Emert if you have any questions about joining the team. Keep an eye out in the Sunday bulletins for more information and ways you can support this effort.
- Purchase a luminary in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Look for the table in the Narthex Welcome Center on April 28th or May 5th after both services.
- Be present at the Luminary Service on May 23rd at 8 PM in the church Sanctuary.



Adult Ministry



It is not too late to join us during the Sunday Education Hour from 9:45 to 10:45 AM for one of our adult classes. Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter will continue to lead the study of the *Gospel of Luke* in the Triple Room. Or you may be interested in joining Nancy Hummer and Cathy Smith for *Worshipping Words* in Room 9. This exciting small group reads and contemplates the days sermon scripture in order to enhance the worship experience.

This summer, we begin a six-week investigation into the *Origins of the Bible*. This class will begin on June 23rd and runs through July and will be led by Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter. Nancy Hummer and Cathy Smith will continue to lead *Worshipping Words* throughout the summer.

Fair Share Community Speaker Series will be at 7:00 PM on May 4th in the Triple Room. We are pleased to have Lindell Tinsley, the Vice Chairman on the Virginia State Board for Kairos Prison Ministries as our guest speaker. We will also be blessed to hear testimonies from Kairos team members and believers who have benefited from the program. All are welcome to this event.

Join us for a Fellowship Dinner prepared by Nancy Feldner at 6:00 PM.

A free will offering will be collected with proceeds given to Kairos.



Children's Ministry

We say farewell to Rena Thompson. Ms. Rena and her husband, Bob, will be moving to Germany at the end of May.

Kidz Church Class Schedule for remainder of school year:

Sunday, May 5th, Sunday, May 12th and Sunday, May 26 classes will be held.

Sunday, May 19th is Music Sunday. There will be **ONE** service at 10:00 AM. Kidz Church classes will not held. Nursery will be available for children, infant through four years old.

Kidz Church will end on Sunday, June 9th. As always, the Nursery will be available during the summer.

Vacation Bible Camp (formerly Vacation Bible School) will be Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st. **Please see page 8 for details.**



SAVE THE DATE!

Save the dates for our Summer Vacation Bible Camp: Shipwrecked!

Dates: June 17th - June 21st, 2019!

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA, invites you to be a part of **Shipwrecked Vacation Bible Camp (VBC): "Rescued by Jesus"**.

At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and do hands on mission projects. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

NEW THIS YEAR!

-Full day camp for rising 1st graders through rising 6th graders. Doors will open at 8:30 AM, and the program will go from 9:00 AM till 3:30 PM. Participants will be asked to bring a lunch and snack from home each day of camp. Kids will also be able to choose a themed camp for the afternoon. Examples include baking, music and drama, arts & crafts, woodworking, and more!

-Half day camp for 3 ½ year olds (potty-trained) through rising Kindergarteners. Doors will open at 8:30 AM, and the preschool program will go from 9:00 AM till 12:30 PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

-Please contact Bible Camp Director Ruth Washburg (703-407-3976, ruthwashburg@yahoo.com), or Pastor Adam (adam.bowling@fupcdc.org) to volunteer. We will have opportunities for the entire church to participate in supporting this new ministry in some way.

Options will include: full day volunteer, half day volunteer, shepherd (non-teaching role), story time (1 hour per day), center leader, center assistant, preschool volunteer, afternoon camp leader, and more!



Student Ministry

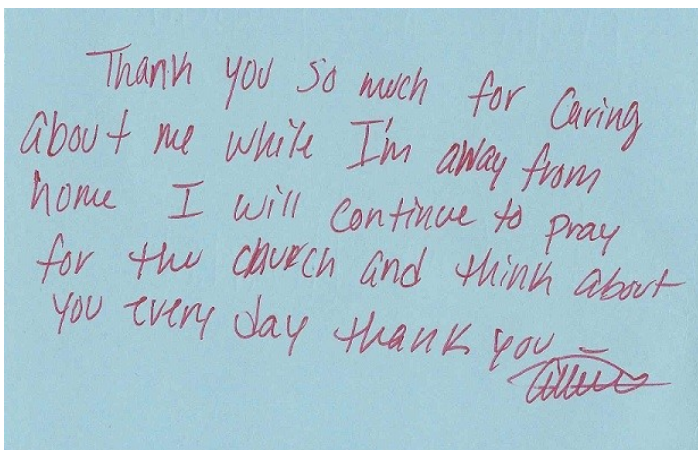
Thank you messages from college students upon receiving their care packages.

Jackie Provost: I JUST got the package that the church sent to me!!! My dad says you guys and the youth group put it together! It was a bit of a rough day today and this 100% lifted my spirits I'm gonna be smiling about it for days!! Thank you so, so, so much I truly appreciate it!

Also I am very interested in teaming for Chrysalis! If I do not get into any of my internships (which I do not think I will) I will be fully available this summer & I am more than happy to be a part of it!!

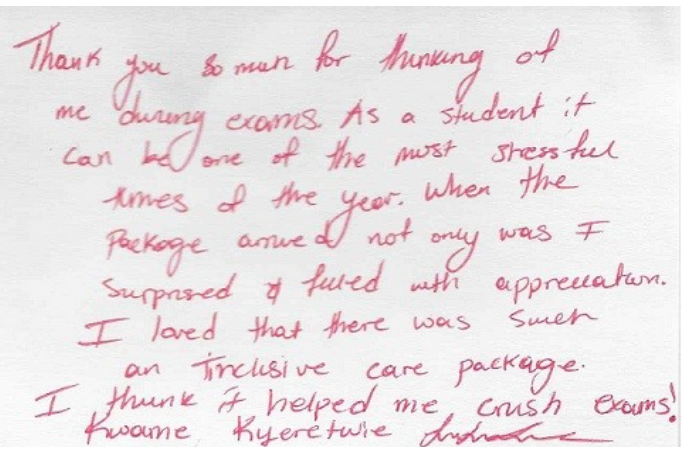
Love from, Jackie

Alberta Kyeretwie



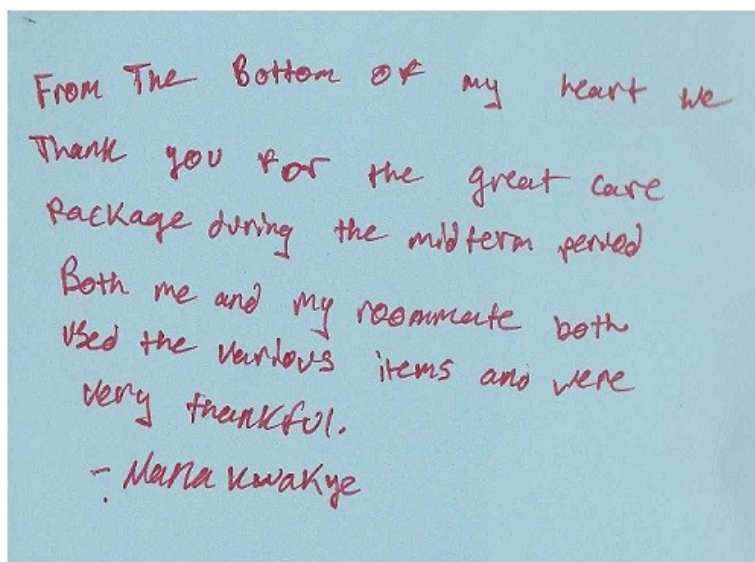
Thank you so much for caring about me while I'm away from home I will continue to pray for the church and think about you every day thank you - Alberta

Kwame Kyeretwie



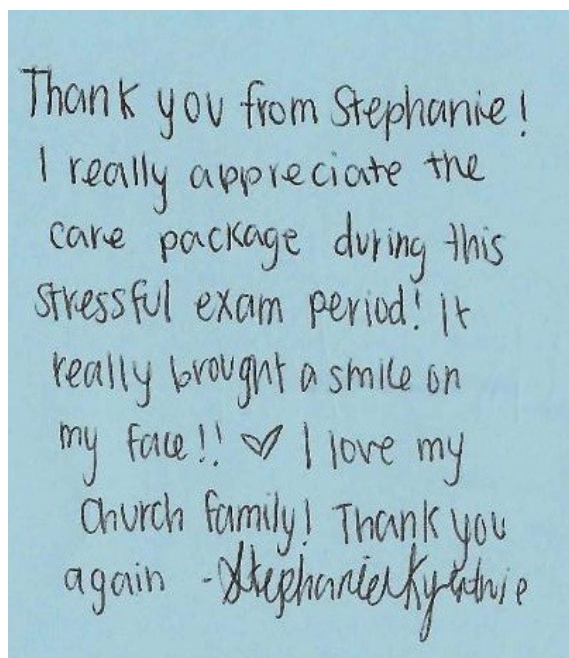
Thank you so much for thinking of me during exams. As a student it can be one of the most stressful times of the year. When the package arrived not only was I surprised & filled with appreciation. I loved that there was such an inclusive care package. I think it helped me crush exams! Kwame Kyeretwie

Nana Kyeretwie



From The Bottom of my heart we Thank you for the great care package during the midterm period Both me and my roommate both used the various items and were very thankful.
- Nana Kwakye

Stephanie Kyeretwie



Thank you from Stephanie! I really appreciate the care package during this stressful exam period! It really brought a smile on my face!! ♡ I love my church family! Thank you again - Stephanie Kyeretwie

Student Ministry

Thank you messages from college students upon receiving their care packages:

Alexis Goolgasian

Pastor Adam + Congregation,

I just wanted to say thank you so much for the lovely care package you all sent me. It was so thoughtful! FUPCDC will always hold a special place in my heart! If anyone ever wants a tour of UMW I'd be happy to help!

Love always!
-Alexis Goolgasian

Elizabeth Swetz

Thank you so much FUPCDC for your generous gifts, love, & thoughts. This care package couldn't of come at a better time & I can thank God for that. I appreciate the thoughts & prayers because everyone knows college isn't easy. Thank you FUPCDC for reminding me of my home away from home & helping me remember all the countless memories FUPCDC has given me. God bless everyone in the congregation. Thank you again for thinking of me because it truly means a lot. I love all of you! ♡

THANKS FROM A BROKE COLLEGE KID! YOU ARE ALL VERY APPRECIATED! ♡

love,
Elizabeth Swetz

sweetFrog
premium frozen yogurt



**Please join us for a fundraiser
at**

**13796 Smoketown Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Anytime Between: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Just mention Little Hands Preschool at the register.

Sweet Frog will donate 25% of your purchase.



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 is underway!

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.

If there is sufficient interest we will offer an extended program hours.

- **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 or to schedule a classroom visit please visit our website: <https://fupcdc.org/information>.
Or contact Tiffany Ramsey at: 703.878.2366.

Wednesday Night Alive - May

1st - Potluck "Picnic"

8th - Roast Chicken with Pan Gravy

15th - Fried Chicken

22nd - Quesadillas

29th - BBQ Ribs



Wednesday Night Alive begins at 6:00 PM.

Thank You from the Elliott Family

The Elliott Family thank the Bereavement Committee and all the volunteers who gave their time and talents for the Reception at FUPCDC following Mark Elliott's Memorial Service at Quantico on March 21st.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 4

May God bless us, one and all. Becky, Tom Jr., Karen, Timothy and Autumn Elliott

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Mission and Outreach

On April 27th, we joined forces with Covenant Presbyterian Church and packaged over 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger! Rise Against Hunger is a hands-on international hunger relief program that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Their goal is to mobilize the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030!

Volunteers of all ages gathered in our sanctuary to stamp out hunger by participating in the assembly line packing of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief. We will let you know as soon as our meals are shipped.



What a joyful morning full of fun, music, and amazing fellowship. Giving thanks to God for the volunteers and the opportunity to connect, grow and serve. To God be the glory!

Photo credit: Becca Washburg

Mission and Outreach



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March 15, 2019

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
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Dear Pastor,

On behalf of the ACTS Board of Directors, and those individuals your donation aids, I thank you for your gift of \$200.00 on 2/7/2019.

On Thursday, February 28th, ACTS hosted our 50th Anniversary Gala at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. It was a magnificent event featuring live music, a cocktail hour and silent auction, gourmet plated dinner, and a full program dedicated to honoring our past, empowering our present, and building our future! Please visit our Facebook page (@actspwc) to see the three videos we shared with the two hundred and thirty members of the community, including, staff, volunteers, donors, elected officials, businesses, congregations, and community leaders who celebrated with us. We even had one member from the founding Board of Trustees! Through the generosity of everyone involved, we raised over \$230,000 – the single largest fundraiser in ACTS history.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the unveiling of our new "Prince William Food Rescue" program, which we will pilot this spring prior to a county-wide launch in the summer. Think of it as "the Uber for food." Using an app-based tool for people's smartphones, we will harness the power of volunteers to "rescue" food about to go to waste in real time and deliver it to nonprofits who can immediately distribute it to those in need. This will allow us to fully take advantage of the many restaurants and caterers that would love to donate their extra prepared food, but have no way to get it to those who need it.

We will have much more information about this exciting countywide initiative when our new website is launched in the coming months. In the meantime, please visit www.412foodrescue.org. They developed the app and have been implementing the program in Pittsburgh for the past five years.

Thank you again for supporting our programs and being part of serving our neighbors in crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven G. Liga".

Steven G. Liga
Chief Executive Officer

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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SERVICES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SERVICES



UW #8001
CFC #21878
CVC #8118

SIGN UP NOW

MAY 18, 2019

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Women of FUPCDC

You are invited to attend our second annual

WOMEN'S RETREAT

“God’s Promise of Care: A Love That Withstands Anything.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin

Senior Co-Pastor at Burke Presbyterian Church



This newsletter covers events from May 1st through May 31st. The deadline for article submission that will cover June 1st through June 30th will be May 27th.

*Exceptions: Vacation Bible Camp (June 17th)