



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Chronicles
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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ~Psalm 107:1

*Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with blessings!
A time for reflection about the many ways you are blessed!
A day in which you experience the power and presence of God in your life!
Blessings for the journey!
FUPCDC Staff*

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

Session Report

During the October Session meeting, the Session reviewed the current financial status of the congregation. Currently, the income received from pledges is \$19,000 less than budgeted. Members are encouraged to check their third quarter statements and to catch up if they are behind. Session appreciates all those who are current or ahead in their giving.

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, October 29th following the first service to elect elders and deacons for the class of 2020.

The review of the church's 2016 finances has been closed out and was considered favorable. The financial review of Little Hands Preschool has been completed and is awaiting a response from the LHP Advisory Board to Session.

The church is now accepting applications for the position of Director of the Little Hands Preschool. Currently, 12 applications have been received.

The 2018 Church financial budget was formulated at a session meeting on October 14th. Spending was prioritized and programs and activities will be determined by the amount pledged and predicted by the annual stewardship campaign.

November 4th at 9 AM is the annual fall clean-up day. Additional information will be in the church bulletins. All are welcome to participate. And, remember, the Men's Breakfast is at 8 AM that day--a good combination.

Restrooms in the educational wing have been refurbished.

Congregational Connections committee will be conducting a "Christmas Around the World" on December 10th during the Educational Hour. Watch for additional information.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive is an opportunity to connect and grow while enjoying a dinner each Wednesday night followed by pastor's bible study and chancel choir rehearsal. The first Wednesday of each month is a potluck, and on the following Wednesdays enjoy a delicious homemade meal. Salad, drinks and dessert are also provided each week. Each month, on the first Wednesday, we celebrate upcoming birthdays!

There is no charge for the dinner, just a donation to help cover the cost of the food. Please join us for FOOD, FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Nov. 1 - Potluck Theme "Comfort Foods"

Nov. 8 - Garlic Chicken

Nov. 15 - Tortilla Soup

Nov. 22 - No WNA Thanksgiving

Nov. 29 - Spaghetti



SPREAD THE WARMTH



A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who knitted hats and scarves for our homeless friends, and crocheted hats for those suffering from cancer. Also, thank you to those who donated yarn.

This year we had two ladies who do not attend our church, but who kindly donated a number of warm items. We will be donating 45 hats, 13 scarves, 6 mitts and 15 cancer caps in early November.

We will not meet in November and December because of holiday schedules, but will resume our meetings in January. During the winter months is a perfect time to begin working on projects for 2018!! Please contact Elizabeth Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com or 703-590-0856 if you have any questions.

Praying with Pastor Jeri



We all know how important prayer is. We pray for our families, friends who are ill, grieving, traveling, in harm's way, etc. But who prays for our Pastor? WE DO! At FUPCDC, our church family covers Pastor Jeri in prayer prior to each service. Are you willing to give one to three minutes of your time at 8:15 or 10:45 one Sunday every two or three months? If so, we will love to have you join us in this ministry. We have some prayers for you to use or you may use your own. Please call Gail Cobb at 703-878-7317, or email norman_cobb@comcast.net if you are interested in helping.

Mission and Outreach

Thanksgiving is a time for family, food and Blessings. As always our church families showed their *Acts of Love* by filling up the ACTS pantry with Thanksgiving food for those less fortunate. In addition to the food, the Mission & Outreach Committee via the church families, donated money to ACTS for Thanksgiving meat gift cards. You, the FUPCDC family have *always* stepped up with your love and generosity for those in need. God Bless each of you during our Thanksgiving season of Blessings.

HEY, want to make someone's day? The month of November the Mission & Outreach Committee is hosting a FREE event for all age groups (with parental approval). The Acts of Love event takes 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 card, moving trash cans, etc.). You can reach out to your neighborhood or community or church family or where ever you see a need. You'll be asked to jot down your Act of Love (anonymously) and put the update into the Heart jar in the Narthex. Your Act of Love will be placed (anonymously) on a Heart poster-board in the Narthex for all to see. Our goal is to fill the Heart with love during the month of November. Also, feel free to record Acts of Love that you received (i.e. 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.). More information will be provided in early November. Start thinking about how YOU can fill someone's day with love!

Adult Ministry

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."
1 Corinthians 12:12-13*



How are we going to strengthen the church, the Body of Christ, in the next 500 years? By continuing to be walking witnesses for Jesus Christ, daily demonstrating our faith in Him through our love for, concern for, and forgiveness of others. That was the conclusion drawn by those who participated in our Reformation Day 500th Anniversary commemoration on October 29th. Many thanks to everyone involved in our invigorating conversation. Your suggestions and conclusions will be shared with the Adult Christian Education and Congregational Connections committees as input for future program planning.

Save the Dates:

12/3: Advent festival for all ages during the Education Hour. This year adults will make and take home advent candleholder wreaths.

12/17: Christmas Caroling for all ages. 5 - 6:30 PM



Growing in Love, Faith, and Joy through Bible Study and Fellowship:

Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM:

- † **"Our Church, Our Reformation, Our Future":** Join Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter in the Triple Room as they continue to give us examples of how God worked through the choices and efforts of flawed humans to spark the Protestant Reformation, the formation of the Presbyterian denomination, and our own FUPCDC. How will your choices today impact the church of the future?

During the week:

- † **Daytime Monthly Women's Bible Study** meets monthly on the second Monday in Room 22 at 9:30 AM. Join with other women of the church as Sara Porter leads this study of the book of Hebrews.
- † **Evening Weekly Women's Bible Study** meets Mondays at 7:00 PM, at Betty Matthews' home (703-791-4829, bettysmatthews1@verizon.net). Join with them to study "Bad Girls of the Bible".

Growing in Discipleship through Small Groups:

- † **Prayer and Praise Team** meets for prayer and praise at 3 PM every Thursday. Led by Sue Johnson in the Church Library.
- † **Devotional Fitness** meets Saturdays at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary, free of charge. You are invited to love and worship the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30) during weekly devotional fitness classes (stretching and strengthening while focusing on scripture and prayer). Bring your mat and a water bottle. Led by Nancy Hummer, nanhummer@gmail.com.
- † **Spreading the Warmth** meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 PM in the Church Library to knit and crochet items to share with those in need. Led by Elizabeth Glycer.

Submitted by Nancy Hummer, Adult Ministry Elder

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

The middle school and high school youth are planning a Summer Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC in June 2018 and are raising funds to support this ministry. Please support these youth in following events.

Election Day Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 7th from 6 AM - 7 PM

FUPCDC is a polling place and many of our neighbors will be voting in our Triple Room. Donations of donuts, quick breads, coffee cakes, muffins, cookies, cakes, brownies etc. are needed. These donations can be single serve for people who want to eat on the run, or full cakes/breads etc. for people who may want to bring something to share with the office. Please bring donations to the church and leave them on the table in front of the office any time on Monday, November 6th.

Fall Pie Sale

On Sale in the Narthex after each service

† **Sunday, November 5th**

† **Sunday, November 12th**

Delivery Date: Wednesday, November 15th

Save time in your Thanksgiving Day preparations by purchasing delicious pies such as pumpkin, blueberry, cherry and strawberry rhubarb from the youth who will be in the Narthex on the Sundays listed above. These pies will arrive deeply frozen on Wednesday, November 15th and can be picked up between 5- 6 PM at the church.



Children's Ministry

During the 9:45 AM Kidz Church hour, we will take a look at a variety of Thanksgiving lessons. We will start with "Maize and Praise", A look at the first Thanksgiving.

During the 11:00 AM Kidz Church hour, we will be finishing up our exploration of the apostle Paul's letters and adventures. We will finish the month preparing for the Advent season with an Advent lesson.

From time to time, on the weekly parent pages, there is a note for reinforcement of the Sunday lesson at home during the week. Parents can participate fully in their children's Christian education when they know what the focus is in Sunday School.

Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

Child Protection Policy Training

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Child Protection Policy training in September and October. October 28th was the last training session for 2017. There will be training scheduled in Spring 2018. In order to participate with Summer Drama Camp, Vacation Bible School and Kidz Church, attending a session is **MANDATORY**. The training session consists of a 20 minute video, followed by an overview of FUPCDC's Child Protection Policy. Training sessions last 60 minutes or less. Questions? Please see Becky George.

Little Hands Preschool

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Families and Friends of FUPCDC:

We, at Little Hands Preschool, would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU" for all the generous school supplies that you have contributed towards our classrooms. Our teachers have been dutifully purchasing these extra supplies when classroom stock has been low, on their own dime, so this has really helped teachers to get ahead for the year. "The Giving Tree" fundraiser was a complete success due to your participation and generosity! Thank you for all the generous gift cards, paper and card stock, glue, volunteer hours, etc. These donated items will help foster creativity, decorate our classrooms and halls, and strengthen our "little hands" through play and crafts. We invite you all to take a look at our little masterpieces throughout the year and see how much your efforts mean to us. Thank you again for helping support our school and strengthening our shared Mission.

Many Blessings,

Little Hands Preschool Advisory Board

Trunk or Treat

The Board of Deacons would like to thank everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat. It was a great community outreach event and fun for children and adults alike!



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