



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI

On Sunday, September 30, 2018...

With excitement you called your next installed pastor to FUPCDC: **Rev. Adam Bowling**



Friends, you often asked me, “How long will you be here?” And my answer was always the same: “Until...” Until God leads the PNC to present to you a candidate and you vote on the person. Now you ask me, “How long will you be here” and my answer has now changed: “Until the end of November.”

I am so very, very excited for you as you prepare to embark upon the next phase of your journey as a revitalized congregation on the corner of Minnieville and Cardinal.

By God’s grace and mercy and empowered by the Spirit you are the church...a church that helps people to **connect** with God and others; a church that is eager to **grow** in your faith through Bible study, during times of sharing testimonies, in spending time in intentional prayer, in the ways you express your gratitude/thankfulness and ever increasing generosity; in the myriad of ways you engage in opportunities to **serve** the LORD here at FUPCDC and when you enter the mission field. In so many ways your actions and words speak volumes to the ways you are **loving God** and **loving others**. Some of you have even shared how you now better understand the sacrificial nature of experiencing **passion for Christ** and **compassion for others**.

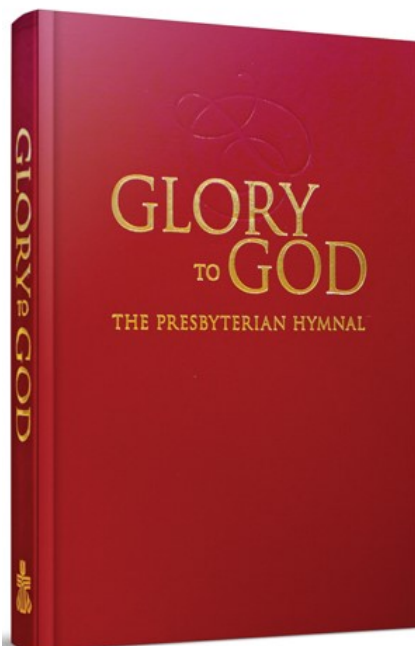
You are ready for new leadership. During this time of interim/transitional ministry, you have become a vital congregation and I am excited for the new opportunities that await you.

Within the next few weeks you will receive information about my departure and what that means for each of us. For now, let us enjoy our final weeks together loving and serving the Lord, as you look forward to the arrival of Pastor Adam and his family. To God be the glory!!!

Grace and peace for the journey,

Pastor Jeri

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



Introducing PCUSA's New Hymnal *Glory to God*

Hymnal to be dedicated October 28th

It was 1990 when the blue hymnal replaced the 1955 old red hymnal that many of you may remember; and many thought, "I will never like this new blue hymnal." But people came to love it and became excited about the introduction of several new hymns. And then in 2013 our denomination released another new hymnal: *Glory to God*.

In 2015 a generous donation provided 20 copies of *Glory to God* for the choir to use and the *Glory to God Projection* issue that is used during both services when hymns and songs are used from *Glory to God*. And now in 2018 a decision has been made to adopt and use the *Glory to God* hymnal. These hymnals have been purchased from a restricted fund given by an anonymous donor to enhance ministry here at the church. What an exciting way to enhance ministry: singing to the glory of God during worship from the new *Glory to God* hymnal. WOW!

Here's the good news, many of your favorite hymns/songs are included in the new hymnal. *Glory to God* includes 853 hymns of which approximately 400 of the 600 hymns from the blue hymnal are included. Also, there are several hymns from the old red hymnal that were eliminated in the blue hymnal that are now included in the denomination's most recent hymnal: *Glory to God*.

Some old favorites now included in *Glory to God* are *Rock of Ages*, *Cleft for Me*, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, *It Is Well with My Soul*, *Shall We Gather at the River*, *How Can I Keep from Singing?* and *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (of the Coming of the Lord)*.

Here's some additional information about the new hymnal.

- There are 30 pages of liturgy in the front of the book that follow Reformed worship practices.
- Many of the contemporary worship songs that have been and continue to be popular are now included in this hymnal. The church has a CCLI license so will continue to introduce quality, theologically sound new contemporary worship songs you hear on Christian radio stations.
- *Glory to God* includes sing-able Psalms and enough music for a complete Taizé service.
- While there are more pages in the new hymnal, thanks to technology and paper that weighs less, it weighs approximately the same as the blue one.

These new hymnals will be dedicated on Sunday, October 28th during both services. So, what happens to the blue hymnals? First, you are offered the opportunity to take a copy, as long as they last, for your personal use or to give to someone. Thirty copies will be maintained by the church so favorites not included in the new hymnal may be sung during worship without infringing upon copyright laws. Second, any remaining copies will be made available to places that may not have access to any hymnals. For example, hymnals may be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for churches affected by disasters that have occurred during fires, flood's hurricanes, or tornadoes.

What can we say? To God be the glory, as we sing from *Glory to God*! Amen and Amen! Praise the Lord!

Session Report - September

At the September Session meeting, the Session approved calling a congregational meeting for October 14th at 9:45 AM for the purpose of electing deacons and elders. Please plan to be present for this important process in the life of our church.

Session will meet on October 20th to prepare the 2019 budget and spending plan. Committees have reviewed their 2018 spending and will submit their requests for next year.

Our church will sponsor Cub Scout Pack 289, pending completion of a storage facility by the Cub Pack. We continue to sponsor Troop 964 and appreciate their support of church activities and improvements made through Eagle Scout projects.

All youth are invited to participate in the P.R.A.Y. (God and Country) program which will be offered at 9:45 AM. This program is for all school-age children. Contact Clator Butler for more information.

One of the trees in the playground has been inspected by an arborist and has been found to be diseased. Little Hands Preschool and Building and Grounds are working on a plan to remove the tree.

There are bees and other insects present on the tree, so please be careful when in the area of the playground. Little Hands staff are making sure children are safe.

Lastly, there have been no sightings of our fox four since the preschool opened. We assumed they have moved out of our neighborhood.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

FUPCDC is a place where joy is plentiful. Over the past several weeks, the members of the congregation have expressed many things that bring them joy. Pastor Jeri; all music ministries and their leaders; Holy Fitness; "Garden Angels"; Elders and Deacons; Family and Friends; the sanctuary banners and church itself are but a few of the people, things and activities that were submitted as "joys" by our community of faith.

While we all look forward to the many church ministries that bring us joy, we must also think about the time, talent and resources required to sustain them. As we approach the 2019 Stewardship Campaign and Commitment Sunday on November 4th, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your commitment to FUPCDC and its ministries. You will hear and see more about this year's "Joyful" campaign in the coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing more about the joys that members of congregation and visitors see and experience here at FUPCDC.

"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Romans 15:13

Blessing of the Church



To The Glory of God With Love and Thanksgiving

We at FUPCDC thank our God for each of you. Having witnessed the power of God's Spirit through your prayers, thoughts, well wishes, attendance and participation on Saturday, September 22nd, at our Fourth Annual Blessing of the Church. By the Spirit of God, we assembled in the Sanctuary sharing in abundance the Lord's blessings received upon our Church this past year.

Then, we walked from room to room showering Him with praises of Thanksgiving expressing gratitude for blessings received. In Jesus' name we prayed for God's continued blessings on the needs of the church: that His steadfast love may abound in great joy, wisdom and knowledge, as He indeed guides us through our endeavors for the next year. After assembling back in the Sanctuary for our closing prayer circle where everyone participated. We were honored by Pastor Jeri leading us in prayer while the Elders placed their hands on everyone. Pastor Jeri continued to pray while everyone placed their hands to the Elders. This was a most powerful experience for all of us.

We ended our Blessing in the Triple Room with a fellowship celebration provided by our faithful Deacons.

This could NOT have been a success without your willingness to share in whatever way you could. Again, we at FUPCDC thank you, and give thanks to God for each of you, especially God's children.

Submitted by The Prayer and Praise Warriors

Deacons Report - September 2018

The Deacons hosted Annual Church Picnic on September 9th following the One Service at 10 AM was a great success despite some rainy weather. There were over 100 who participated, and the side dishes and desserts were delicious! Thanks to all who chipped in with setup and cleanup. A special shout out to our cook team: Clator Butler, Tim Camus, Doug and Sandy Godfrey, and Sam Parris who grilled hamburgers and hot dogs under a canopy in the rain on the church's new grill; to Homer who showed up early to begin the setup of tables and chairs; and to Jeanette Gregory for setting up the coffee table the day prior. And a grateful thanks to all the Deacons who came early and stayed after to ensure such a wonderful event.

On October 9th and again on November 13th, meals will be delivered to the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia, as is the case every second Tuesday of every month. The shelter provides a safe place to stay for the night or even a few weeks for those facing homelessness, eviction, living in a car or on the street or living in other housing which has been deemed unsuitable for human habitation. Deacons can now reach out to families for support of this effort. **If you are so inclined to help with the meal, contact your Deacon and thanks for your support.**

The deacons anxiously anticipate the welcoming of five new members in October.

Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat to be held on October 28th in the church parking lot from 3-5 PM. This is an opportunity to connect and serve our neighbors, and to have a little fun with dress up. Everyone is welcome to decorate your vehicle trunk and pass out candy and a smile. In the past, we've had on average 200 participants. It's a blast! For more information, contact Denise Parris at denisejparris@aol.com.

We love to hear from you. If you need to be connected with your Deacon, please contact Gaylene Guest or Denise Parris by calling the church office. The next Deacon meeting will be on November 20th.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator

Adult Ministry

Coming Soon! Save the Dates!

This fall we are launching an exciting new series of sharing sessions called “Fair Share” led by speakers who impact our community (and beyond) in positive ways. Please join us as we invite our congregation and local community to enjoy a casual Saturday evening learning about, interacting with, and appreciating people who consistently step out of their comfort zone to help others. All sessions will be held **free** of charge at FUPCDC on selected Saturdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. A light dessert will be served.

October 20th:

Streetlight Community Outreach Ministry’s Executive Director, Rose Powers, and volunteer extraordinaire, Joyce Entremont, will share how their ministry team gets into the struggle with local unsheltered and homeless individuals to combat their toughest obstacles to the life-necessities most of us take for granted. Come learn about their ministry’s history, perspective, mission, and goals.

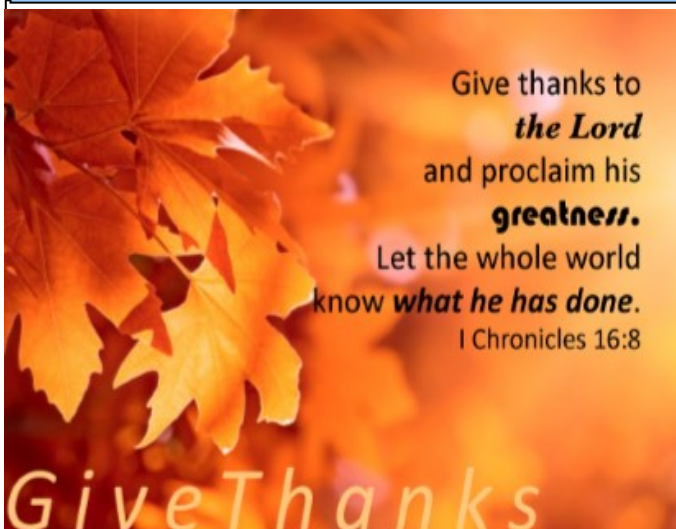
November 10th:

Local resident, author, professor, and Prince William County Human Rights Award winner, Dr. Michael Otaigbe, will share his experiences with and thoughts on the many barriers to inclusion, and how we can work together to overcome them.

January/February (TBD):

Local resident, cancer survivor, and author of “Myrcles: A Story of Miracles, Hope, and Inspiration”, Cathy Alves Davis, will share how God miraculously led her through a harrowing cancer fight to prepare her to help others find faith, hope, and healing.

Little Hands Preschool



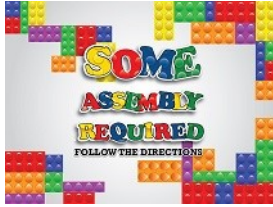
Dear First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City,

Children within the preschool are learning the classroom routine, making new friends, and developing new skills. The items collected from the Tree of Hope have proven to be instrumental in providing much needed materials for the preschoolers. Thank you!

As I walk around and visit each classroom throughout the week, I am reminded of the tremendous efforts made in the past and present to ensure the success of Little Hands Preschool. We have a phenomenal group of parents, teachers, community members, and church congregation here. We are so blessed! I am truly grateful.

God Bless,
Tiffany Ramsey
Little Hands Preschool Director

Children's Ministry



9:45 AM Kidz Church: we continue our four week study "Some Assembly Required, Follow the Directions". This curriculum teaches the children how to follow God's directions by using legos and puzzles.

11:00 AM Kidz Church: Children will study Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

As a reminder, and for new students, our 11:00 AM Kidz Church does not begin until after Time with Children. This means that typically, Kidz Church does not officially begin until 11:15 AM - 11:20 AM. So that our teachers are able to provide enough time for lessons, Kidz Church ends at 12:15 PM. This is a wonderful time for parents to have fellowship and get to know each other. We understand if you need to pick up children before Kidz Church ends. Please let Ms. Becky know when you need to do this and she will make sure the teacher is aware. You can let her know at check-in.

All children should be picked up no later than 12:15 PM.

9:45 AM & 11:00 AM Kidz Church is open for children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Nursery

Welcome to our Nursery! Nursery is available for children infant through four years old.

Nursery hours: 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM As with Kidz Church, please pick up children no later than 12:15 PM.



Due to a milk allergy, we ask that parents do not bring in milk and/or food made with milk. Fruit juice or water is fine. Thank you.

Children's Choir

Hey Parents! Mark your calendars! Ms. Becca and Mr. Chris invite children to join them Thursday nights beginning September 13th from 6:00 PM -6:50 PM in the Sanctuary for Children's Choir rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held Thursday nights, September 13, 2018 - May 16, 2019.

Children will sing the second and third Sundays beginning October 14, 2018.

Children's Choir will end Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Ms. Becca and Mr. Chris look forward to seeing you!



Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

Mission and Outreach



FLEA MARKET

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
14391 Minnieville Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193
(at the corner of Minnieville Rd. and Cardinal Dr.)

Saturday, October 13, 2018

7:00am – 12:00noon

Sellers & Buyers Needed

Clothing

Jewelry

Toys

Household items

Arts/Crafts

Furniture

And much more!!

Cost per space (17' x 18') is \$20

Bring your own table and pop-up

For info or to reserve a vendor spot call Pat at

703-283-2948 or e-mail

FUPCDFleaMarket@comcast.net

Mission and Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the various mission activities throughout this year. Whether you served at an event, provided financial support or gave to a ministry your passion for Christ and compassion for others shone brightly! We will continue to keep busy with the upcoming holiday events in November and December as well as with upcoming 2019 mission and outreach activities.

If you would like to be part of this exciting committee, please consider joining us on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 19 or contact Pam Cox at imapoohfreak@yahoo.com for details.

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” ~ John 12:26

Kairos Prison Ministry

I will be attending a Men’s Kairos weekend October 24th-28th. One aspect of the Kairos prison ministry is the provision of cookies. Cookies bring JOY to those who are incarcerated. The weekend is not all about cookies. The Men’s team bring the word of God into the prison through those who deliver. Please help this amazing ministry by baking cookies. Here is a link the online sign up.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f49adad23a7f49-kairos>

Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Bob Albrecht, 703-670-8369.

Submitted by Bob Albrecht, Kairos Team Member

Wednesday Night Alive - October

Oct. 3 - Potluck - “October Fest” (German Foods)

Oct. 10 - Country-Fried Steak with Vidalia Onion Gravy

Oct.17 - Meatloaf

Oct. 24 - TBD

Oct. 31 - Braised Short Ribs



Thank You from Alex Butler

"I am a Boy Scout from troop 964, and I recently did my Eagle project at this church, rehabilitating the storage shed in the courtyard, building new shelves, adding pegboard, and reorganizing. It was very successful, and I would like to thank everybody who donated tools, food, and money. Because of the congregation's support, both morally and financially, the project went off without a hitch."

Thanks,

Alex Butler



Thank You from Pastor Jeri

As you may or may not know, on Sunday, September 2nd I was at both services, feeling just fine...well, maybe a little tired. By 4 AM on Labor Day, I was in the ER at Mount Vernon Hospital. I had a white cell count of 27,000, was septic, and they had no idea why. A CAT-SCAN and sonogram of my gallbladder were both inconclusive and I was asked if I wanted them to remove it. It was my decision. It was as if God put the words in my mouth to remove it. I am so very thankful it was removed because in the words of the surgeon, "We removed a very, very, very angry gangrene gallbladder." I was hospitalized for 6 days. I am humbled by the experience and very thankful to be alive and to experience the miraculous healing that has and is occurring within my body. To God be the glory!

Words cannot fully express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your prayers, cards, flowers, texts, phone calls, and emails; and yes, even the foxes. I truly felt embraced by your prayers, love, care, and support throughout my recent medical ordeal. I am humbled by the experience and am so very thankful to be among the living. More than ever I understand the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding, as I never felt a moment of fear or anxiety. To God be the glory! I am also most appreciative of the way the Session and others of you made sure everything continued as planned in my absence. This is a positive sign that you understand that you are the church. God bless you and may you never underestimate the power of prayer. May blessings continue to abound! With love and appreciation, Pastor Jeri

John Kunu in Concert - November 4th at 3:30 PM



First United Presbyterian
Church of Dale City
Presents

Free
Piano and Organ
Concert

John Kunu
"His Way"

Sunday, Nov. 4
3:30pm

Everyone is welcome!
A love offering will be collected.

After serving as the substitute accompanist this summer while Justin was away, John felt called/inspired by God to offer a concert that would include Christian, and classical music as an opportunity to raise funds for mission and outreach ministries.

The Session approved his request. A love offering will be collected with all proceeds going to mission projects that will soon be specified.

Giving thanks to God for this great gift and opportunity. Invite your friends to come for an afternoon of special music.

PIE SALE...just in time for Thanksgiving



The pie sale is coming. We will be having a table, one day only, in the Narthex on **November 4th after both services.**

Pies available to order on November 4th:

\$15.00-Ready to Bake: Apple, Pumpkin, Blueberry, Cherry Crunch, Strawberry Rhubarb, Dutch Apple

\$17.00-Ready to Bake: Peachberry-No Sugar Added Peach, Carmel AppleNut

\$15.00-Pre-Baked: Boston Crème, Coconut Crème, Pecan

\$19.00-Pre-Baked: French Silk, Chocolate Peanut Butter

Proceeds from the Pie Sale will be used for Mission and Outreach projects at our church. Contact Ruth Washburg or Pam Cox with any questions.

Pies will be delivered on November 14th.