



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

June 2018



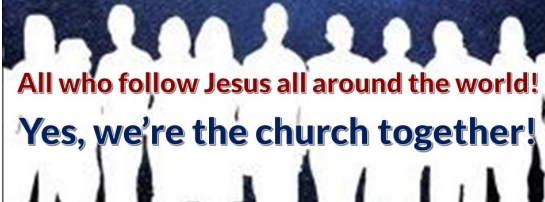
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Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit, Parish Associate

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Joann Paige, Nursery Supervisor
Kim Parker, Office Manager
Tiffany Ramsey, Little Hands Preschool Director
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Dana Van Slyke, Choir Director

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI

I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!



**The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.**

**I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!**

**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!**

Yes, we're the church together!

Yes, we're the church together. Yes, you are a part of a particular church near the intersection of Cardinal and Minnieville. Yes, God is calling YOU and YOU and YOU to be part of the body of Christ, to love and serve the LORD, to worship and praise and give thanks to the ONE who loves you more than you can ever imagine, who will never forsake you.

So, how will you respond to the call to be the church, to be the body of Christ? In particular, how will you respond to this call during the summer when vacations are being taken? Will you be one who will take a vacation from God and from attending worship during the summer? Or, will you be one who will continue to be a part of the body of Christ in times of corporate worship, even during the summertime, even when away from home?

Made in the image of Christ, we are to follow the ways of Jesus, to be like Jesus. Yes, this includes taking time to get away from the demands of society and work for a short while. But think about it, when Jesus gets away, he always spends time with the FATHER, spends time with God, spends time with his disciples in times of prayer and fellowship and worship. Doing so was where his strength was renewed. Likewise, worshipping God is where your strength will be renewed. Being in corporate worship is where your body, soul, and mind will be renewed, rejuvenated, restored.

Think about all the times you have gotten up on Sunday morning and thought about how tired you are and how you really just want to pull the sheet/blanket over your head and stay in bed – ah, just what Satan would like for you to do. **BUT**, you pushed away the sheet/blanket and went to church anyway, only to discover you became more energized. This is what happens because worship renews you. It strengthens you. It enhances your faith.

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

Message from Pastor Jeri continued . . .

Rick Warren says, "As a pastor, sometimes I think of myself like the coach in the boxing movie, Rocky. Rocky is out there in the fight, and he's pouring his heart out and just getting beat to a pulp. The bell rings, and he says, "Thank God."

He comes to the corner, and the coach says, "You're doing a good job." The coach throws some water on him, pats him on the back, and says, "Now get back out there."

Sometimes I feel like that's what I'm doing on Sunday for my church. I'm telling people, "You're doing a good job. Now get back out there. You can do this!" But that's not me renewing people's strength. It's the Word of God. It's music and praying and worshiping together with other believers."

At times, I, too, feel the same way. So friends, Get back out there. Be in worship every Sunday. Be renewed by the Word of God, through the music and praying and worshiping together with other believers. Be filled with the Spirit of the living God.

YOU. CAN. DO. THIS! And when you do, experience God's love for you. Be renewed in your faith, and restored with a sense of energy and new vitality to be a living and vital part of the body of Christ, to be the church.

See you in worship, as well as other times, too!

Blessings for the journey!

In His Service,
Pastor Jeri

Preschool Registration



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Little Hands Preschool
2018-19 Registration Now Open

Contact Director:

Tiffany Ramsey
703-878-2366
littlehands@fupcdc.org
fupcdc.org



Forms can be
emailed or dropped
off at the preschool
or church office.

Session Report - May

At the May 15th Session meeting, the Session approved establishing a restricted fund for Scouts for special projects. Also the annual financial review of the church's records has been completed. A final report will be given to Session in the fall.

Several committees submitted updated charters which were approved. Committees review their charters annually and bring any changes to Session for approval.

The Children's ministry will continue through the third week of June. Kidz church and other activities will resume in late August. Vacation Bible School will be held the third week of July.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Have you ever wondered how fundraisers, donations or free-will / love offering events are scheduled? In 2016 your Session tasked the Stewardship Committee to create a Fundraising and Donation Policy which the entire Session reviewed, revised, discussed, and implemented. All fundraising and donations go through a request form process which the Stewardship Committee reviews, accepts, and then presents at the next Session meeting. If the Stewardship Committee has any questions on the request, the Stewardship Elder will address the fundraising or donation request with the initiator. Once all questions are resolved, the Stewardship Committee will accept and the form will move forward to the next Session meeting for discussion and action. Once approved, the event is added to the church calendar.

Fundraising & Donation Forms are located in the office hallway in front of the Accounting Office next to the church leader's mailboxes.

Once filled out, all Fundraising and Donation Forms should be placed in the Stewardship Elder's mailbox (located in the office hallway). Please contact the Stewardship Committee (Jeff Cobb, Dennis Dingle, Bruce Gilbert, Rick Mitchell or Lora Nedimyer) with any questions regarding the Fundraiser and Donation Form.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased." ~ Hebrews 13: 16

Deacons Report - May

The Congregational Birthday Party and Talent Show on May 6th at 6 PM was a huge success with a cake at every table and balloons galore. Following a blessing and one very big Happy Birthday song, the celebration began. After the party, Clator Butler kicked off the talent show that started with the Jubilation Bell Choir. We were all aboard for a musical treat. Shout out to the rest of the performers: The Children's Choir, Isabella Maxwell, the Anderson family, and Chris and Becca performing solos, Alex Butler (performing an original song), Clator Butler, Bill Ediage, and the Dancing Queens (Ellen Butler, Becca Anderson, Cathy Albrecht, Gaylene Guest, and Marti Hall) rounding out the evening with great entertainment. Special thanks to the group of Deacons who made all this possible. Thank you all for such a memorable and enjoyable night.

On May 8th, we delivered a meal to the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia. They were very grateful and appreciative of our efforts. We will continue this relationship the 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. They have up to 18 beds available for single men or families with children.

On May 12th, the following Deacons attended Deacon Training given by Pastor Jeri: Gail Cobb, Claudia Cunningham, Betty Matthews, Kathy McNeely, and Denise Parris. The training is mandatory for all first-year deacons. Every deacon serves a term of 3 years with an option of serving an additional 3 years.

On May 15th, the Deacons held their meeting to discuss the new business of the 2019 church calendar. Calendars are due by May 31st. Our next meeting is July 17th.

On May 20th, the Deacons hosted a potluck breakfast prior to the One Service celebrating the Pentecost (which was also Music Sunday). Also on that date, the congregation and assigned Deacons welcomed our newest members listed below. The new member names are followed by their Deacon in parenthesis.

Karen and Tom Elliott (Carol Schwalm)

Nate Johnson (Elizabeth Glycer)

Craig Layton (Lisa Fortner)

Jerry Matali (Agnes Fokwa)

Patricia Whitman (Betty Matthews)

Mark and Melanie Wiest; children Laurel and Quinn (Celine Sonkwa)

The Deacons assisted with the memorial service for Lee Lawrence on May 23rd by greeting, attending to the guest book, passing out programs, providing water and moving throughout the attendees and attending to any needs.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator

Pastor Nominating Committee

If you have looked at the PNC progress chart in the Narthex, you will have noticed that the PNC has now begun face-to-face interviews with a narrowed field of candidates. These interviews will take place in a couple of different ways. It could be that some of the committee will travel to hear a candidate preach in his or her own church, followed by a time of questions. It is also possible that a candidate will come to Northern Virginia where the committee will hear him or her preach at a church in the area. During this time, the committee will also orient the candidate to our church, the local area, and have a time for further questions.

Even though this is a very exciting time in our search process, please understand that there are still many steps that will take time! As we have said before, this is not a hiring process, it is a call and we must take time to listen to the Holy Spirit at each and every step. Please continue to keep the PNC and our discernment process in your prayers.

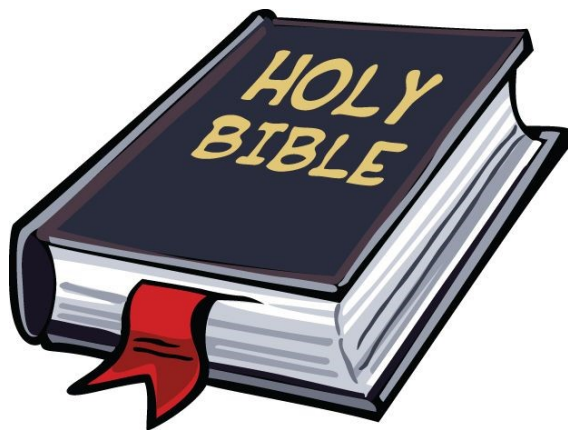
Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive has finished our 6th year of Food, Faith, and Fellowship. Jon and I would like to once again thank Nancy Feldner for another year of cooking amazing meals and Tori Guest for keeping us organized and contributing some amazing desserts. They work hard to share their gifts each week. We would also like to thank everyone who has attended WNA and the many hands that have worked together to make Wednesday night meals feel like a family dinner. We will be taking a break over the summer and will see you all again in September!

~ Gaylene Guest

Gatherings

Rising fifth graders will be presented
bibles on June 10th!



Calling all high school and college graduates, as well as those completing a post-high school certificate, we would like to recognize you on Sunday, June 10 during worship and in the bulletin/newsletter. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board or contact the church office.



Adult Ministry



Devotional Fitness: Sincere thanks to all who supported the Devotional Fitness group during the 2017-18 program year. We are grateful for you whether you attended regularly, tried it for the first time, or stayed home and prayed for us. We love you and hope you stay connected with us as we continue seeking to worship the Lord our God with our whole selves; love Him with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind; and love our neighbors as ourselves. Please see our [sign up page](#) and [Facebook page](#) for further details.



Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale: Many thanks to the church for agreeing to host the May 13th performance by the Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale, and to all who attended. Nancy Hummer, her sister, Connie Fee (voice professor and Vocal Studies Director at Roberts Wesleyan College), and the chorale extend special thanks to all who so generously donated food and time to support the wonderful luncheon and performance.

Children's Ministry

Child Protection Policy Training (CPP):

The final training session for Spring Child Protection Policy Training will be held on **Saturday, June 9th**. Training will be from 10:00 AM – 12 noon. This is **MANDATORY** training if you plan on volunteering with events that are geared towards children.

These events include, not limited to:

- Summer Drama Camp
- Vacation Bible School
- Kidz Church
- Nursery
- Picking-up/Taking children to and from church
- 30 hour Famine

Training includes a video provided free by Church Mutual Insurance Company, followed by a brief discussion highlighting the church's child protection policy and a question and answer session, if necessary. Participants will be required to complete a background check form. Please see Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder, for questions.

Children's Ministry

Please join us at 9:45 AM with Ms. Becky and at 11:00 AM with Ms. Cathy, Ms. Sue, Ms. Marlo, Ms. Nancy, and Mr. Mark.

At 9:45 AM Kidz Church, EMOTIONS! We all have them! We will delve into our emotions and learn how through God's help we can control our emotions. We will begin with ANGER. Key Passage: James 1:19-27, Listening and Doing. Our memory verse for the series: Deuteronomy 6:5. Kidz Church at 9:45 AM is open to children Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We meet in Room 4. Ms. Becky hopes you can join her!

At 11:00 AM Kidz Church, We are back in the Old Testament looking for Jesus! We have started with Genesis, and each Sunday we take on another book from the Old Testament. We haven't gotten too far, and will resume our search in September!

School will soon adjourn for the summer, and so will Kidz Church! Kidz Church Summer break will be Sunday, June 24th - August 19th. Classes will resume Sunday, August 26th. Nursery will be available at all services for children infant to four years old. Children five and older will worship with parents. Worship bags are available in the Narthex. Please return the worship bag with all but the worship bulletin to the worship tree.

Vacation Bible School - HERO Central July 16 - July 20, 2018 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We are taking the kids on an awesome adventure, along side some of their favorite Bible heroes, to discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. Registration opens Sunday, June 3rd.

Most importantly, we are seeking heroic volunteers to be part of the Hero Central team! Join us and be a hero to a child as they learn about the Ultimate Super Hero: GOD!

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Becky George, VBS Director.

VBS is open to children ages preschool (age 4) to 5th grade.



Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2018
July 16th - 20th
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Open to children ages 4 -11. Limited space is available for age 4 group

Child's Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Rising Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Allergies/Special Instructions: _____

Photos and Videos will be taken to capture the fun during the week. Please indicate whether or not photos are OK.

PHOTOS/VIDEOS? YES _____ NO _____

Return forms to:

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Attn: Children's Ministry
14391 Minnieville Road
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

or scan and email to: children@fupcdc.org.

Please contact Becky George for questions or information at children@fupcdc.org



Mission and Outreach

Holy Fitness



Members of the POISED education and exercise program have come together to form an exercise group, “Holy Fitness”, which Session has approved as a new small group. The goal of the POISED program and this new ministry is to help aging adults with moving and maintain an independent life style. The exercises are designed to improve strength, endurance, coordination, and balance. Minimum age for participation is 55 and the group is limited to 20 participants. While the group is using materials from the POISED class, we do not have a trained instructor. Exercises are led by members of the group. Therefore a waiver will need to be signed by each participant. We are scheduled to meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 AM until 12 noon, starting Monday, June 4th. If you are interested in the program, please contact Fred Menke at fhmenke@verizon.net.



CALLING ALL BICYCLISTS

Whether you're an avid cyclist, a weekend warrior, or if you know there's a bike somewhere in your garage and are looking for a reason to dig it out, I have an opportunity for you. Cycling is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and enjoy some great company. I'm interested in starting a FUPCDC Bicycle Riders Group. There are miles of trails and bike paths in our area that are fun, safe, and easy to ride. I'd like to organize rides that vary in duration and can accommodate families and riders of all fitness and experience levels. The idea is to focus on fellowship through cycling in a fun, non-threatening environment. Please let me know if you're interested and I'll put something together. Please contact me, Bob Thompson, via email

Mission and Outreach

LIBERIA AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Are you ready to help promote a sustainable, resilient food system in our world? If so, the Mission and Outreach team would like to invite you to partake in a program that encourages young adults in Liberia, West Africa to become self-sufficient farmers, learn how to become entrepreneurs, and become empowered by growing and maintaining their own farm to the table project. In July we will be collecting donations such as: gardening tools (trowels, rakes, hoes, shovels, spades, gardening forks, pruning shears), gardening apparel (boots, heavy duty rain suits, gardening gloves) and fruit and vegetable seeds. Keep your eyes on upcoming Bulletins for more information on how you can Connect, Serve and help Liberia families Grow.

Lighthouse Drama Camp

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City Presents....



Lighthouse Drama Camp
July 2-13th (July 4th off) 1PM - 4PM
MUSIC ART & DRAMA all afternoon!
Great teachers, creativity and fun!
Daily Devotions, bring your own snack!
Practice and performed in 2 Weeks!
Performance on JULY 13th 7PM
\$130

Download the form @ www.fupcdc.org
Make checks to FUPCDC Light House Drama
Drop it by the church office
Questions?
Call Cathy Albrecht (703) 785 - 4404



BIBLE VERSE FOR THE PROGRAM

Welcome to the Family!

Tom and Karen Elliott



Tom and Karen Elliott will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary on June 14, 2018. Tom retired from Bank of America after 39 years in 2014. In 2015, he started working part time at Harris Teeter and in his spare time, he works out at the gym and enjoys cooking for his wife and his mother. They reside in Alexandria during the week and in Dale City on the weekend. Tom and Karen have 2 sons, (Timothy and Mark), one sweet daughter-in-law, Autumn, and a grand-dog called Seeker. Karen was a transcriptionist in the Fairfax Hospital Pathology Dept. for 15 years until God placed her in the Office of Administration in her "Bucket List Job", meeting and greeting people at the front desk. In her free time, Karen loves to putter in her flower beds and eat popcorn while watching old movies.

Nate Edward Johnson, Jr. (with wife, Sue)



Nate was born on June 12, 1942 in Birmingham Alabama. His parents moved to Virginia in 1948 where he started school. He graduated from high school in 1960 and enrolled in A & T State University in Greensboro NC. Nate graduated in 1964 with a degree In Architectural Engineering. His entire working career was with the Department of Veterans Affairs, first as a field engineer in Miami and then on Long Island, NY. In 1968, He accepted a position in VA headquarters where he became a Project Supervisor. Nate retired from the VA headquarters in January 1994. In 1995, he opened an Engineering Consultant business and closed it in 2000. Since 2001, he has been teaching woodworking classes and working part time in a Woodcraft store in Springfield. Sue and Nate have been married for 55 years. They have four children, eight grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Craig Layton



Craig was born in Washington , D. C. He grew up in Maryland. He moved to Woodbridge, Virginia in 1989. Craig has been a "jack of all trades". He was raised in a Baptist church and came to FUPCDC in 1995. Craig retired in 2013. His sweetheart of 35 years, Carol Foster, died in 2015. He owns several motorcycles. He enjoys the beach, fishing, and motorcycling.

Together...
WE ARE A FAMILY

Welcome to the Family!

Jerry Matali



Jerry was born in the Republic of Congo. He came to the states in 1991. Jerry graduated from Hylton High School in 1995. He worked at Wendy's and Ruxton Nursing Home. He recently finished Conservation Environment at Stanford Career Institute. His goal is to finish Engineering. Jerry is in the process of getting his permanent residence and then he can go to NVCC and George Washington University. His mother is living, but unfortunately, his father passed away. He has a huge family, but Jerry says the Bible says that Christ taught us that our family is those who hear the Word and are born in Christ. Jerry thanks Pastor Jeri.

Patricia Whitman



Patricia is retired and a widow. She volunteers for the Prince William County Police Department where she is Mrs. Claus at Christmas. She works with therapy dogs. Patricia thanks Pastor Jeri for all her encouragement and support with joining the church and everyone who helped with her Baptism.

Melanie and Mark Wiest (with daughters, Laurel and Quinn)



Mark is a Learning Management Specialist at Georgetown Law. Melanie is a Nurse Practitioner at Chancellor Internal Medicine. They have two daughters, Laurel, eight years old and Quinn, four years old.

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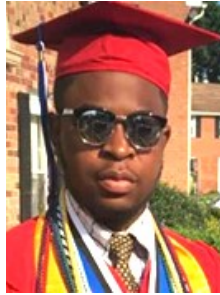
Congratulations, Graduates!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” ~ Colossians 3:23

High School

Joel Fokwa

Gar-Field High School
Future Plans: University of Richmond, Computer Science



Nana Kyeretwie, Jr.

Gar-Field High School
Future Plans: George Mason University, Computer Science



Tara Thompson

Gar-Field High School
summa cum laude,
IB Diploma Candidate
Future Plans: James Madison University, major in Kinesiology, Physical Therapist



College

Colleen Casey

University of Virginia with a double major in Math and Astronomy
Future Plans: Master's degree in teaching, High School Math



Erin Cobb

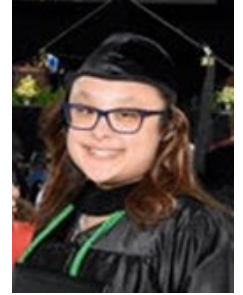
East Carolina University
Doctor of Philosophy
Future Plans: Medical Family Therapy / Research



College

Tori Guest

Northern Virginia Community College
Future Plans: Freelance Photography



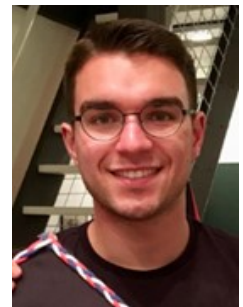
Sam Parris

Valley Forge University
Bachelor of Arts in Ministry Leadership, *summa cum laude*,
Valedictorian
Future Plans: Continue support of our church and other outreach ministries for the Glory of God



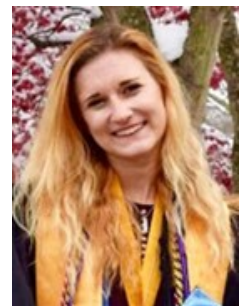
Tommy Rabago

University of Virginia with a double major in Government and History
Future Plans: Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico, VA



Carley Swetz

Radford University
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, *cum laude*,
Highlander Scholar
Future Plans: Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA)



Other

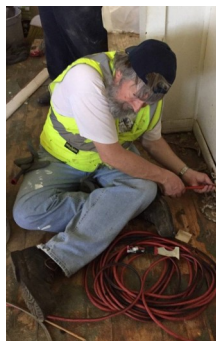
Kelsey Gibson

Expeditionary Warfare School
Future Plans: 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, CA



2018 Lumberton Mission Team

Tim Camus
 Bob Chamberlain
 Peggy Heins
 Carol Hughes
 John Hughes
 Nancy Feldner
 John Lohr
 Denise Parris
 Sam Parris
 Gary Smith



2018 Church Birthday Celebration/Talent Show Hosted by Deacons

BIRTHDAY PARTY
and
TALENT SHOW
SUNDAY · MAY 6 · 6:00 PM
WE NEED:
· CAKES · TALENT · **YOU!**

