



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

July 2018



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;*

~Psalm 24:1

Whether you are going on vacation or experiencing a staycation, a time in which you remain in the area or take a short trip to a nearby location, may you take time to look around you and experience God's good creation, including each and every person with whom you meet.

What do you see? What excites you? What disappoints you as you realize sometimes God's good creation is abused, not cared for as well as it should be?

How and where will you share the love of God in Christ Jesus with your neighbor? To whom will you offer a cool cup of water? In biblical terms, this means to offer hospitality and invite someone to be a part of your inner circle. Who might you invite to church? What might you learn about a person who has different viewpoints than your own?

What changes will you make in your life as you make new discoveries about God's good creation? Take time to offer a prayer to God and to share your experience(s) with someone else.

Also, as your PNC is now completing face-to-face interviews with potential candidates who are being considered as your next installed pastor, please keep them in your prayers. They have been working diligently and faithfully as they discern God's will for this congregation's next installed pastor. As they begin to identify their top candidates, there still are several more steps in the process. Some will go more smoothly than others. Please remember, this is a call process, not a hiring process.

You have moved and are moving extremely well through the phase of interim ministry, successfully accomplishing the intentional goals of interim ministry, along with other goals established by your Session to strengthen the church. Much that needed to be accomplished has been and continues to be accomplished. I truly believe and know in my heart that you are ready to begin a new phase in the life of FUPCDC: welcoming, loving, and serving alongside the person who will eventually be called to be your next installed pastor. When will this occur? In God's time. This is why I say I am here "Until".

As a congregation, you are an amazing group of people who love the Lord Jesus Christ. You are becoming more and more a praying congregation, giving witness to the power of prayer. You have helped me to grow into a much deeper understanding as to just how powerful prayer is. Thank you! You are generous with your time, talents, and resources and with gratitude and joy are experiencing more and more the sacrificial nature of what it means to have passion for Christ and compassion for others.

Enjoy your summer. May you find time for rest, relaxation, and renewal as you prepare to enter into a new church program year that begins the end of August.

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Jeri

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

Session Report - June

At the June 19th meeting the Session approved mid-year adjustments to committee budgets, based on review by the Finance and Administration Committee and approved the amended budget for the remainder of 2018.

The updated Worship Committee charter was approved.

Effective in January 2019, the vacant position on Session will be the Safety and Security Elder. After several safety and security incidents in the past, feedback from elders attending Prince William County's Worship Watch course, and a Session retreat addressing these issues, a commission of elders has recommended this position which will cover concerns related to Building and Grounds, IT, Worship, and other areas. This will also be a new committee.

The Session also authorized a number of fund-raising activities for the 2018 - 2019 program year. These activities have been reviewed by the Stewardship Committee for conforming to our fund-raising policies and for scheduling. National Night Out, Youth Pie Sale, Un-Trim-a-Tree and the "Souper" Bowl Event are examples of events approved.

Session also approved a six-month extension of Pastor Jeri's contract through December of 2018.

If you have questions about anything reported, please contact the elder in charge of that area.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

SUMMER is here at last!!! With summer comes family vacations, friends heading to the beaches or mountains, Fun, JOY, Laughter, LOVE and making beautiful memories. As you head into the season, remember to keep your family, property and surroundings safe. Go online to local web-pages that provide information about keeping your home or place of establishment secure while you are away. Look at health web sites for information on insect bites, sun burn and other summer health related issues. Most important, keep God's presence close by and be Thankful for all He has provided you and your loved ones. Have a joyful summer and please keep our church and church families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." ~ James 1:17

Deacons Report - June 2018

On May 31st, we attended Luminaria Ceremony held at the church. Thanks to all who braved the bad weather to make this night memorable and heartfelt. When reported to Session, a motion was made to hold a private church luminaria ceremony regardless of the outcome at the main Prince William County event. Future ceremonies will be held the last Thursday in May.

On June 12th, we delivered a meal to the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia. We deliver a meal 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.

On June 23rd, the following Deacons attended Deacon Training given by Pastor Jeri: Agnes Fokwa, Lisa Fortner, Liz Glycer, and Mayra Drayer. 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. The last Deacon Training Class will be held on July 7th.

Thank you in advance for all the many volunteers who stepped up to support meals for the residents of the **Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center Emergency Shelter** from July 1st - 6th, and July 10th - 11th. Following church approval, a signup was posted in the Narthex following both services. Our church received an urgent request to provide meals. Located in Prince William County, the shelter is a 30-bed shelter for families and single adults. It offers comprehensive services including case management, job readiness, mental health counseling and medical referrals. The shelter is open year-round. The center is run by Northern VA Family Service. The church local mission budget will fund pizza for the July 4th meal.

Our next meeting will be on July 17th where we will be discussing the Annual Church Picnic to be held on September 9th.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator

Relay for Life

Your 2018 FUPCDC Relay for Life Team: Ashley (captain) and Pam Emert, Jeff and Kathy Cobb, Ross Schwalm, and Sam and Denise Parris, would like to thank all those at the church who supported fundraising efforts. Our goal this year was \$1,000 and we raised \$1,298 as a team of which \$500 stemmed from luminaria sales at the church. Luminaria's are a symbolic display of love to honor and remember those lives altered by cancer. Because the county event was plagued by rain, the decision was unanimous to hold a Luminary Ceremony at the church (sure to be repeated in 2019) on May 31st. The team thanks you for your support of this year's event and looks forward to next year.

Please see Page 4 for a letter received by the American Cancer Society, thanking us for our gift.

Denise and Ashley

American Cancer Society
PO Box 22358
Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1358



Thank you for your recent gift to Relay For Life® to help fight cancer.
Your lifesaving gift gives hope for the future.

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May 30, 2018

Dear First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City,

Thank you for helping make the Relay For Life event a success. Together, we honored all cancer survivors and remembered loved ones lost. Because of your support, we're able to take action against this terrible disease.

You are helping boost our efforts to provide patient programs and services, emotional support, and trusted information for those facing a cancer diagnosis – and their families. And you're helping lead the fight to end cancer for our loved ones by supporting vital research.

We're so grateful for your support.

Your gift is helping us save lives. In fact, thanks in part to medical advances supported by American Cancer Society donors like you, cancer death rates are the lowest they've been in decades.

Together, we've come so far. Your gift makes all the difference.

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, with your help, we're making breakthroughs against cancer. And now we hope to double our research investment to discover better treatments, find cures, and save more lives.

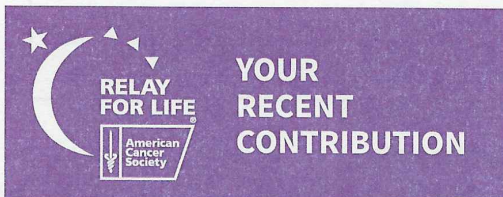
Thank you again for helping save lives and lead the fight to end cancer.

We deeply appreciate all you do.

With sincere thanks,

Brant Woodward
Executive Vice President
Southeast Region

Please keep this letter as a receipt for your tax records.



Gift Date	Gift Amount
05/16/18	\$500.00

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Adult Ministry

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: STUDY OF THE NICENE CREED

"I believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth ...something, something, something...God from God, light from light, true God from true God...something, something, something, I believe in one, holy, and Catholic..." *Wait a minute, I thought I was in a Presbyterian Church, not a Catholic Church!!!*

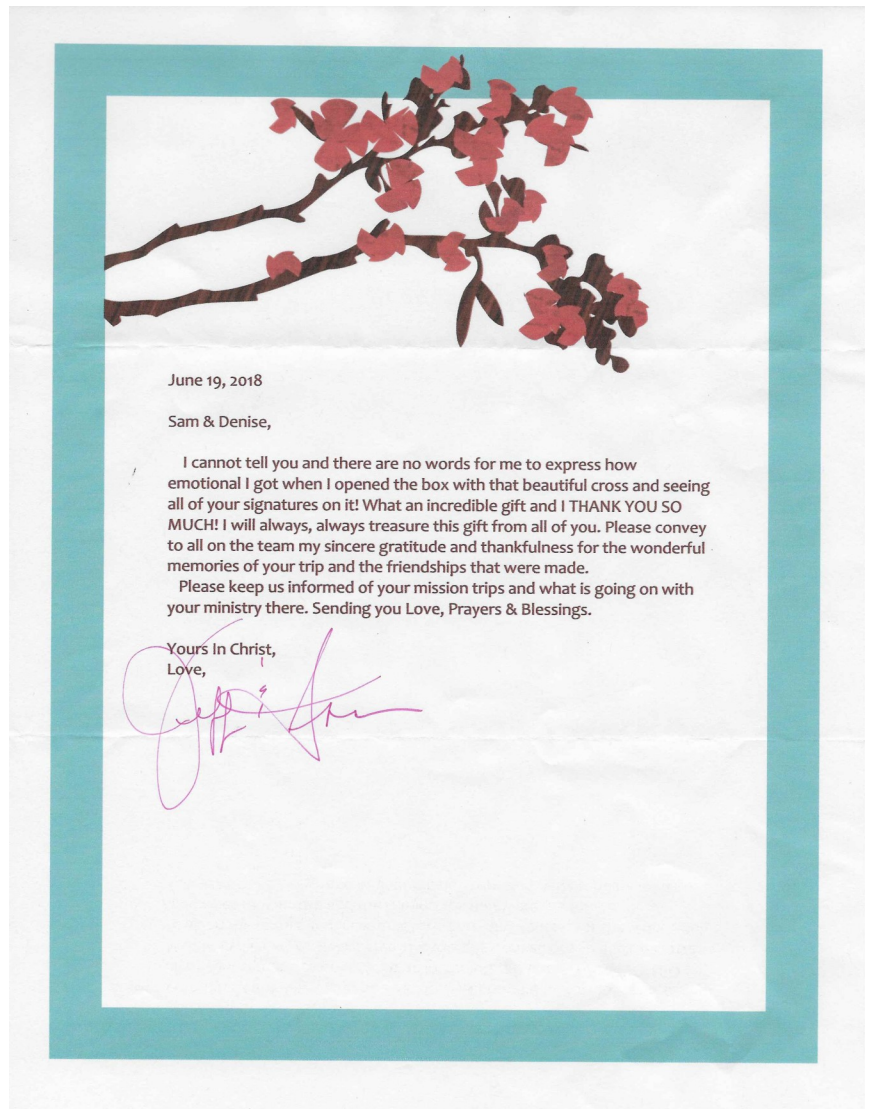
For so many, reciting a creed during worship can be like that -- a mindless exercise that either bores us or confuses us - or both. This summer, Bob Porter and Larry Greenslit will lead a class on the Nicene Creed.

Our goal is not just to understand the Nicene Creed but to appreciate, (revere?) it to the point where it can be recited with quiet enthusiasm (shouting it out during a church service may scare those around you!). We invite you to join us in the Triple room at 9:45 AM on the Sundays July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12. As always, come as you are and come when you can.

Lumberton Mission Team

Your Lumberton Mission Team of 2018 would like to thank you for your prayers and support. We are One Body, One Church and our work in North Carolina united us all even though separated by many miles.

We recently reached out to our partners in North Carolina and received the following thank you note that we wanted to share with you.



Children's Ministry

Keeping in line with Adult Summer Sunday School, Children's Ministry will offer Sunday School at 9:45 AM for children ages 5—10 (or Kindergarten through Fifth grade). We ask that children who attend the 9:45 AM Education Hour be picked up no later than 10:50 AM. Children not picked up by that time will be brought down to their parents in the Sanctuary. 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.

Nursery will be available at all services ,and during the 9:45 AM Education Hour, for children infant to four years old. Please follow the change in age group for the Nursery.

Kidz Church Summer break will be Sunday, June 24th - August 19th. Classes will resume at 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 26th.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 16th—20th. We are in **need** of volunteers for our Pre-K/K class and for our upper classes (1st-5th grade). Thank you so much for serving the Lord. "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. You know that your work in the Lord is never wasted." ~ 1 Corinthians 15:58b

Adult volunteers must be 18 years and older. Teen volunteers who wish to serve as teacher assistants must be 16 years old.

If you are able to help, please contact Becky George at: children@fupcdc.org or 571-264-9103.

Registration closes this Sunday, July 8th. No registration forms will be accepted after July 8th.

Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

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 (cabbage, tomato, jalapeno peppers, collard greens, bell peppers, okra, corn, beans, celery, watermelon, and cucumber). You can Connect, Serve and help Liberia families Grow by placing your donations under the Tree of Hope in the Narthex from July 15th – 22nd.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

We were recently informed that the 20,088 meals that we prepared during the Rise Against Hunger event on April 21st were shipped to Haiti. The shipment was sent out on June 21st and we will be notified when the shipment is received. Thank you again to all of those that joined us to help with this very special event...it was an amazing morning together!

**National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7th
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

SAVE THE DATE....on the evening of August 7th, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be hosting National Night Out in honor of national crime prevention. There will be snacks, music, games, and Prince William County Police members to discuss how to keep safe in your home, job, or everyday events. Please plan to join us and bring your friends! More information to follow in the weekly bulletins.

SPREAD THE BREAD

How can the Mission & Outreach Committee THANK so many of you for your generous giving to the Spread The Bread Community (STBC)? Whether it is cases of water/Gatorade, volunteering your time either by cooking or baking, providing chips, treats, fruit, and/or financial support to the STBC each of you continue to share your Passion for Christ and Compassion for Others. Over the past several months, the STBC and their needs have grown and your joyful giving continues to enable us to Connect, Grow and Serve our friends in need.

If you are interested in being part of the STB Ministry, please contact Jon Guest or Pam Cox.

Mission and Outreach



SPREAD THE WARMTH

Our knitting/crocheting group is not meeting during the summer months. However, they are hard at work creating warm hats and scarves for our friends who are homeless, as well as hats for cancer patients. If you are new to the church and are interested in being a part of our group, please contact Elizabeth Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com. We have a lot of yarn that has been kindly donated, so should you choose to join our group, yarn can be provided.

Youth Mission Trip

Our Mission trip was amazing. We left our church on June 17th and headed to Raleigh N.C. We worked with an organization called RYM. We worked Monday – Thursday at various charity organizations. One place was called Shepherd’s Table Kitchen. We chopped veggies, made soup and various types of meat. Starting at 11, the doors opened to a gigantic line of people waiting out in the 105° weather. Everyone was greatly appreciative and loved the different veggies we made. Everyone only got 13 minutes to sit and eat and then they had to keep moving to give everyone else a chance to sit down. After everything was done we counted and we had served upwards of 250+ people. It was a eye opening experience and it was great seeing everyone enjoy the meal.

We have so much more to tell you... please join us at our Youth Service to hear about our other amazing experiences.

Thanks for following our journey and for all of your support.
Rebecca Washburg



Looking Back at June



Justin, Chris and Becca attended their 2nd Music and Worship Conference at Montreat Conference Center



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City Presents
Trumpet Prodigy Geoff Gallante Jazz Quartet
Free Concert
Sunday, June 3
3:30pm
Everyone is welcome!
A love offering will be collected.



Mission Team to Lumberton, NC
Tim Camus, Bob Chamberlin, Nancy Feldner, Peggy Heins, Carole Hughes, John Hughes, John Lohr, Denise Parris, Sam Parris, and Gary Smith
shared their awe inspiring story about loving God and loving others while building relationships



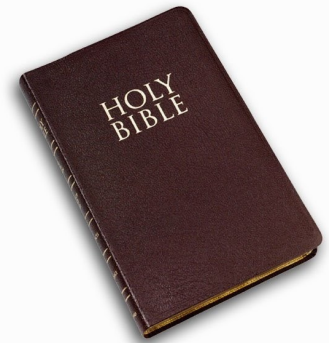
Looking Back at June continued . . .

**Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC: Huge Success
Youth to share their story July 29th at both services!
Come hear their stories. Come support them as they share!**



Congratulations

Rising 5th graders Regina and Mary each received a Bible



High School Graduates
Joel Fokwa
Nana Kyeretwie, Jr.
Tara Thompson



College Graduates
Colleen Casey
Erin Cobb
Tori Guest
Sam Parris



College and Other Graduates
Tommy Rabago
Carley Swetz
Kelsey Gibson

Just for Fun from Pastor Jeri

Looking for something to do on a hot afternoon? Try this word find puzzle.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the book in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spacers in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found.

Answer below—upside down

Note: Osee appears in the King James Version translation of Romans 9:25 as a variant spelling of Hosea.

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Preschool Registrations Now Being Accepted



LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL



Little Hands Preschool recognizes that each child possesses unique interests, talents and abilities. We provide a high quality educational program that offers a curriculum centered around the whole child. Children of all ages are encouraged to deepen their relationship with GOD via monthly chapel time, biblical songs and stories where the word of GOD comes alive.

Monthly Special Events - Interactive Learning Opportunities
Circle Time - Story Time - Arts and Crafts - Cooperative Learning
Gross Motor Skills - Low Teacher / Student Ratios - Fine Motor Skills

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