



# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

## Chronicles

### August 2018



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#### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



Faith development is a life-long process. It doesn't just happen overnight. We have to work at it.

Think about it. If you want to play a musical instrument reasonably well, chances are you need the instrument, a teacher, and practice. . . lots of practice.

Want to learn how to play pickleball? Play what? "Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players" (<https://www.usapa.org/what-is-pickleball/>). Chances are you will need to find someone to show you how to play and ways to improve your game.

Want to play a better round of golf? Master a new skill? Learn to become a gourmet chef? If so, chances are you will intentionally find ways to become more proficient.

Want to learn more about who God is and who God is calling you to be? Want to become more faithful as a disciple of Jesus Christ? To better understand what it means that Jesus died for your sins, to set you free? Want to experience the power of his forgiveness and to develop a deepening relationship with him? If so, then be intentional about your faith development and make a commitment to grow and mature in your faith. One way to do so is to participate in at least one of several Bible studies that will be offered this Fall: refer to pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter for opportunities for you and your child(ren). Also, a new member class will begin August 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

Friends, by being intentional about your faith development, God's amazing love and grace will pour out upon you in life-changing experiences. God is calling you to grow and mature in your faith, to be a part of a vibrant, fruitful, growing congregation as you are growing in Christ. The seed has been planted. Nurture it. Care for it. Watch it grow.

To God be the glory.

Blessings for the journey,

Pastor Jeri  
Pastor for Interim Ministry



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

## Session Report - July 2018

At the July 17th Session meeting, the Session approved additional fund raising and donation requests. The Stewardship committee has decided that there will not be requests for funds or donations in the Narthex during the October stewardship campaign or during Lent. Most fundraisers will comprise of two weeks for requesting funds or donations.

Little Hands Preschool rooms have new carpeting funded by the Preschool. Go by the Nursery or Preschool classrooms to see the new carpet. It is designed to be durable and easy to care for.

The Child Protection Policy was updated.

Session has authorized Tim Camus and Jeff Cobb to begin planning for a Mission trip to Mexico scheduled for late January 2019. Please contact them if you are interested in learning more.

Adult Christian Education Committee announces that the Fall 2018 Speakers series will feature Cathy Davis, cancer survivor and author, and Dr. D. Michael Otagbe, educator and author. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for dates and times for these speakers, and invite your friends to come.

Lastly, be aware that the floors will be stripped and waxed the first week of August, so access to some areas may be temporarily limited. Then, we need to be careful to take good care of our shiny floors by preventing spills and promptly wiping up those that do happen.

*Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session*

## Stewardship

### Thanks & Blessings

FUPCDC is BLESSED to have a congregation with so many talents and the month of July brought out the young Stars of FUPCDC. Whether the children were performing in *The Lion King* or working their crafts in VBS, they continue to be shining Stars of our church family. Thanks and Blessings to our children and to all the adults who help them shine.

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." ~ 3 John 1:4*

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and keeping safe. While you are enjoying your rest and relaxation, please consider continuing your commitment to FUPCDC.

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." ~ Matthew 6:21*

## Deacons Report - July 2018

On May 31st, the Deacons 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 would be held the last Thursday in May.

On June 23rd or July 7th, the following Deacons attended Deacon Training given by Pastor Jeri: Agnes Fokwa, Lisa Fortner, Liz Glycer, Mayra Drayer, Celine Sonkwa, and Carol Schwalm. 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 June 12th and July 10th, we delivered a meal to the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia, which is 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.

Thank you again for all the many volunteers who stepped up to support meals for the residents of the **Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center Emergency Shelter** from 1-6 July, and 9-10 July. Following session approval, a sign-up was posted in the Narthex following both services. **Session** approval was also received to allow the local mission budget to fund pizza for the July 4th meal. 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. It takes a village. Apologies if I missed someone that made such a difference in this endeavor.

Bev and Jan Billy	Bruce and Betsy Gilbert	Richard and Lora Nedimyer
Tim and Judy Camus	Peter and Elizabeth Glycer	Sam and Denise Parris
Chris and Jennifer	Bill and Sam Gooding	Bob and Sara Porter
Norm and Gail Cobb	Elizabeth Goolgosian	Ross and Carol Schwalm
Jeff and Kathy Cobb	Larry and Amy Greenslit	Pat Sheffield
Pam Cox	Jon and Gaylene Guest	Tawnya Soltis
Claudia Cunningham	Mike and Karen Gundel	Tyler and Yasmine Steele
Dennis and Diane Dingle	Peggy Heins	Charlotte Stultz
Bill Ediage and Therese Same	Mike and Nancy Hummer	Bob and Rena Thompson
Tom and Karen Elliott	Nate and Sue Johnson	Ruth and Becca Washburg
Pam Emert	Pat Manalio	Rodney and Joann Willis
Pastor Jeri Fields	Kathy McNeely	
Brian and Diane Fulton	Rick Mitchell	

Note that on July 10th, FUPCDC was active at two different shelters. Blessings abound.

The Deacon meeting was held on July 17th where we discussed the Annual Church Picnic to be held in the church parking lot on September 9th. Information updates will follow via email, church bulletins, and signups in the Narthex. Please mark your calendars for this fun filled event. Contact your Deacon if you have questions.

*Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator*

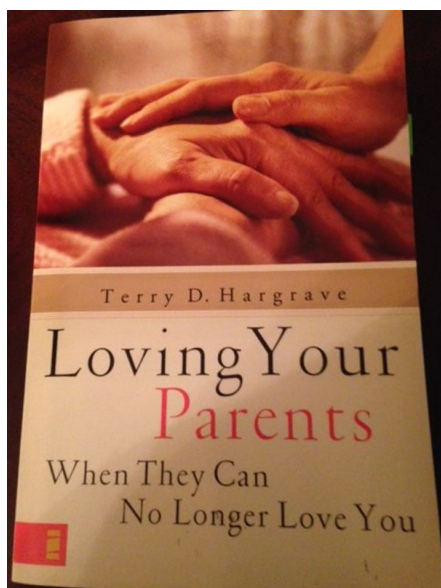
# Adult Ministry

## FALL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Adult Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce its Fall program for First United Presbyterian Church. More detailed information will be forthcoming in September. **Several of these programs or events are new.** We wish to provide advance notice to allow you to mark your calendars. The Sunday programs will begin on September 16th, while Monday bible studies begin September 10th. All are open to the congregation AND interested individuals who might not attend regular services.

<u>Program/Event</u>	<u>Teacher/Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Day &amp; Time</u>
Bible Study: Gospel of Luke	Larry Greenslit & Bob Porter	Triple Room	Sunday, 9:45 AM
Christian Caregiving	Pat Manalio	Room 22	Sunday, 9:45 AM
Horizons Bible Study	Betty Mathews	Room 22	Monthly, Second Monday, 9:30 AM
Bible Buddies	Sara Porter	Room 22	Monday, 7 PM
Pastor's Bible Study	Pastor Jeri	Room 22	Wednesday, 7 PM
<b>Fall Speaker Series</b>			Saturday, 7 PM
Cancer Survival	Cathy Alves Davis	Triple Room	October 27
Obstacles to Inclusion	Dr. Michael Otaigbe	Triple room	November 10
<b>Men's Retreat</b>	Sam Parris/Peter Glycer	Sanctuary	September 29, 8 AM - Noon

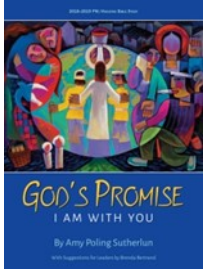
## The CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING JOURNEY



Sunday, September 16th, join Pat Manalio as she begins a 9 week course on Christian Caregiving. Through speakers, various texts and written material, the entire gamete of caring for older adults (parents, siblings, spouses, friends) is explored. Unique to this course is the study of the interaction between care giver and care receiver. Focus is also given to the care giver's psyche. At each session, attendees will have the opportunity to share their stories, and gain perspective through questions. All sessions may stand alone, or the entire course may be attended.

## Women's Bible Studies

There are two opportunities for women to participate in Bible studies this fall.



### "God's Promise: I Am With You Always" by Amy Poling Sutherland

The Horizons Bible Study is a monthly group that meets on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM to 11 AM in Room 22, September through May (and June if needed, due to weather cancellations). The 2018-2019 study is "God's Promise: I am with you Always" using various scriptures to look at God's promises and the many ways that God is with us. We use a variety of Bible translations as we look into the scriptures together to find God's messages for us. Books are \$11.00.



### "Who is Jesus?" by Judy Yates Siker

The Bible Buddies study group meets at the church on Monday nights from 7 PM to 9 PM in Room 22, beginning September 10th. This study is entitled "Who is Jesus?" and will run for about 9 weeks. (We may decide not to meet on a holiday if several people would be away.) This study begins with the four gospels, then looks at Paul's writings and the book of Hebrews plus some writings not chosen for the Bible to see who these people thought Jesus was. We will also look at Jewish and Muslim literature and contemporary writings to conclude our study. Books for this study are \$9.00.

All are welcome at both studies, even if you can't make every session. We work collaboratively as we enjoy searching God's word. Contact Sara Porter to sign up for either or both groups, even if you have been a member, so that we can get an accurate count to order books. Contact Sara Porter at 703-670-8737 or at [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) for more information.

**Please signup by August 20th for an accurate count so that she may order books.**

## Children's Ministry

Summer will soon come to an end. Your Children's Ministry team is working on the Fall curriculum.

Classes resume at 11:00 AM Sunday, August 26th with a review of the Ten Commandments. There will be studies on Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

As a gentle reminder, until classes resume at 11:00 AM, 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 the age group for the Nursery.

Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder







## **Little Hands Preschool**

A ministry of outreach of the  
First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

**The 2018 – 2019 school year will soon be underway!**

We offer engaging, compassionate, interactive experiences for preschool children. We also allow the word of God to come alive via a monthly chapel talk, bible stories and bible songs.

We currently have availability in the following programs.

- Early three – year – old classroom with sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday
- Three – year – old classroom with sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday
- Pre – Kindergarten Five – year – old with sessions meeting on Monday – Friday

To be eligible for the early three's class, your child must be three between October 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018.

For program information, registration requirements, to schedule a classroom tour, please visit our website: <https://fupcdc.org/little-hands-preschool> or contact Tiffany Ramsey at: 703.878.2366.



Please help the 2018 – 2019 school year begin on an excellent start. Please consider donating classroom supplies to benefit the children of Little Hands. Donations can be made to the preschool from August 12 through August 19. These donations can be put in baskets located in the Narthex at Little Hands Preschool.

The following are a list of teacher suggested donation items for the upcoming school year.

- Hand Soap
- Facial Tissue
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Bottles
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Aleene's Tacky Glue (8 oz.)
- Gallon Size Freezer Bags
- White Cardstock (size: 8x11)
- Colored Cardstock (color: yellow)
- Paper Towels (Select-a-size)
- Gift Cards (MasterCard or Visa) in any amount
- The Shepherd on the Search – Advent Activity Set (4 individual sets)  
(found on Amazon, Dayspring.com, Christianbook.com)

Little Hands Preschool appreciates any donation made. Thank you in advance.

## Vacation Bible School

As VBS Director, I would like to take this time to thank all the wonderful volunteers who volunteered their time to ensure that VBS would be a success. It was very much a success, and the children learned that they are indeed God's Heroes through Peace, Wisdom, Courage, Hope and Power.

At this time I would also like to announce that after nine wonderful and amazing years as VBS Director, and, after much prayer, reflection and meditation, I have made the decision to step down as director. It was not an easy decision to make, however, I know it is the right one. I am at peace with it.

It has been my absolute joy to serve as director these many years. It has also been my joy to watch my VBS kids grow into amazing young men and women, and be excited about volunteering in VBS.

All Glory to God for the opportunities He has given me.

*Submitted by Becky George, Vacation Bible School Director*





# Vacation Bible School



## Mission and Outreach

### LIBERIA AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Mission and Outreach team would like to thank everyone for their donations to the program. Donations continue to come in. 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. 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, jalepeno 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.



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

Please join us for the annual National Night Out event in honor of national crime prevention. This family-friendly community event is hosted by FUPCDC and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at FUPCDC. We will have music, games, food, fellowship and members of the Prince William County Police will join us and discuss how to keep safe in your home, job or everyday events. Please plan to join us and bring your friends!

If you would like to help with this event, please use the following link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adad23a7f49-national>

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Manalio at 703-283-2948 or Ruth Washburg at 703-407-3976.

### YUCATAN MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

The Session approved a Yucatan Mission Trip for FUPCDC in January of 2019. We are planning a 26 January – 2 February (Saturday to Saturday) itinerary. The focus of the trip is to renew old relationships, build new relationships, help a growing mission church community to build their church building, teach a Vacation Bible School, check up on our three water plants, and potentially help out at a school for disabled children. We will also take time to explore some sites for fun. No special skills are necessary, we are looking for folks who want the opportunity to see the Face of God in the people we serve and to experience a life and faith changing trip. We estimate the cost per person (self-funded) to be approximately \$1000. This will cover airfare, hotel, transportation and almost all of the meals. If you are the least bit interested or if you have any questions, we will hold an initial meeting in August (please keep an eye on the bulletin for the date and time). Please contact Tim Camus or Jeff Cobb if you have any questions.



# Lion King Kids

Thanks to all who made the Lighthouse Drama Camp production of *Lion King* a success. Over 230 people came to experience the Show. The children learned their lines and music in record time. Under the direction of Rebecca Anderson and Cathlene Albrecht ...the play was produced in under two weeks. The days were filled with music art and drama with opening prayer and a dedicated devotion each day. Fifty five campers from the ages of 5 to 12 came daily to be immersed in the creative process. Later the children shared one of the songs *He Lives in You* ... during the services on Sunday. Thanks to the church members who gave of their time to make this a safe and fun filled two weeks... To God Be the Glory!





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