



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

April 2018

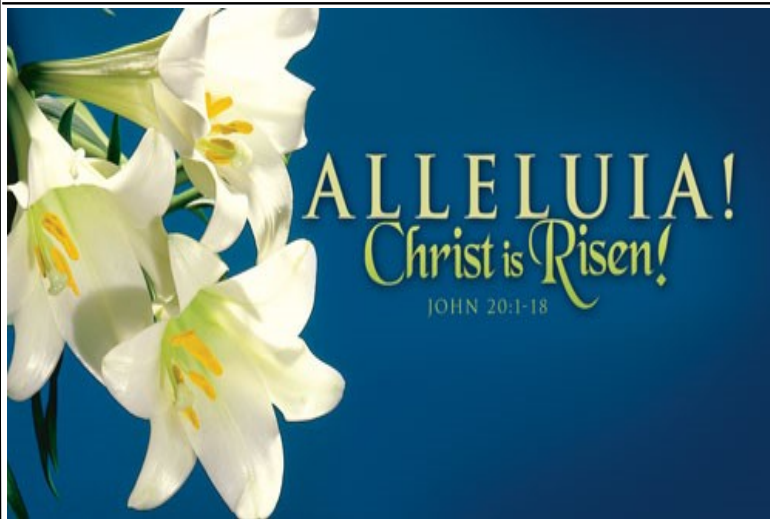


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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



In her writings, author Anne Lamott, is known for saying, "We are Easter people, living in a Good Friday world."

Good Friday...the day we remember the death of Jesus upon the cross. Good Friday...a reminder that Jesus, who proclaimed the reign of God, preached good news to the poor and release to the captives; who taught by word and deed and blessed the children; who also healed the sick while binding up the brokenhearted; who ate with outcasts, forgave sinners, and called all to repent and believe the gospel, is the very ONE who was unjustifiably condemned, suffered the depths of human pain and gave his life for the sins of the world. (adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Yes, some 2000 years later we continue to live in a Good Friday world where suffering and pain and injustices occur. We live in a world where people are oppressed, lonely, isolated. We live in a world where anger and violence destroy individuals and families, communities and countries. We live with ongoing threats of terrorism and warfare and watch reports filled with lies and cover-ups and more.

YET, because we are Easter people, we know and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. What joy! Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! We are Easter people filled with hope, as we carry the LIGHT of Christ into the world, knowing what the future holds for those who believe.

There are many opportunities this month to celebrate being Easter people: Attend the ~Nois Concert on April 4 and celebrate the musical talents of one of our own who is part of a saxophone quartet. Consider joining the church by experiencing a new member class to begin on April 8. Help with the Spring clean-up on April 14 and care for the facilities that we are entrusted to take care of as part of God's gift to us. On April 21 help prepare 20,000 meals as we participate in Rise Against Hunger. Pray for and or be a part of the mission team that will go to Lumberton, NC the last week in April. Come celebrate a baptism on April 29th.

To live as Easter people means to follow Jesus who commands us to love God and others. Look around you. Where might you share the message of the gospel? Where might your words and actions reflect the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior? I see many places and many ways and many people. Hope you do, too!

Grace and peace.
In HIS service,
Pastor Jeri

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

Flowering of the Cross



Everyone young and old is invited to bring flowers or greenery from your garden at home (or from the florist if your garden is not in bloom yet) and place them on the cross that will be located outside near the door as you come to worship on Easter Sunday .

Faithful cross, above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.
Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 6th century

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. Saint Paul speaks of the shame of the cross, while Saint John portrays the cross as the principal sign of the glory of Christ, but both recognize that the cross is the source of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith. Christian art certainly has many examples of the cross as an instrument of suffering and death, but some of the earliest depictions of the cross emphasize its life-giving qualities. The flowering cross is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the True Cross describes how the wood of the cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

Easter Customs- <http://fullhomeydivinity.org>

Easter Services:

April 1-**Easter Sunday** Services

8:30 AM - Traditional Service

9:45 AM - Easter Story, Craft and Activities for Pre-School through 5th Grade

11:00 AM - Contemporary Service

(Nursery is provided at all services.)



Session Report - March

The Session met on March 13th and heard from the Finance and Administration committee that the meeting with the church's insurance agent went well. Our insurance is up to date and covers what we need. An audit of the building has been conducted and small suggested corrections have been or are being made.

The saxophone quartet ~NOIS was approved to hold a concert on April 4th at 7:30 PM. Hunter Bockes is a member of this award-winning group. They will present a varied program and a love offering will be collected to help with their touring expenses.

There will be a sign-up for luminaries for the May Relay for Life in the Narthex from April 29th through May 6th. Ashley Emert is leader for the FUPCDC team.

Maundy Thursday services presented Living Stations of the Cross on March 29th at 7:30 PM

Please check out the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/>, to see how it has been upgraded and refreshed.

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!

April 4th - Potluck Theme "Heritage Night" (Bring a dish from your ethnic background.)

April 11th - Chicken Marsala

April 18th - Chicken Enchiladas

April 25th - Beef Stroganoff



Spring Church Clean-up

It's time for spruce up our church!

When: April 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM

Who: Anyone

What to bring?: Pick-up trucks, tree saws, chainsaws, hedge clippers, rakes, edgers, leaf blowers, shovels and gloves!



Stewardship

Spring Thoughts from your Stewardship Committee:

As we all know, April showers combine with sunshine and the earth's minerals help to produce and nourish beautiful May flowers. Like May flowers, people need nourishment to Connect, Grow, and Serve in their Faith. FUPCDC provides the needed physical, mental, and spiritual nourishment for our families, brothers, and sisters to become beautiful servants in Christ. So this spring, step out of your comfort area and join a Bible class, or Sunday School class or participate in an upcoming event such as the April 14th Building & Grounds Clean-up day or the Mission & Outreach Rise Against Hunger Day on April 21st. FUPCDC offers many wonderful opportunities for nourishment that can help each of us Connect, Grow and Serve, not just in the Spring but all year long! Let your Faith and Beauty Shine!

Colossians 3: 23-24 "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ."

Deacons Report

Our March visit to the Empowering Women in Transition Shelter was cancelled by the shelter.

We continue to get positive feedback on the new Deacons, and acknowledge too, that the entire Deacon group is stepping up in true servant fashion for the many, many requests we've received for support in this first quarter of 2018. If you have any questions or comments about Deacon support, feel free to contact Gaylene Guest (gaylene.k.guest@gmail.com) or Denise Parris (denisejparris@aol.com).

Special thanks to old and new Deacons and Elders, and the Chancel Choir and Notes of Salvation for providing food, drink and support for the Celebration of Life reception for the family of Ron Hall on March 3rd. Leftover items were made available to family members and to the Spread the Bread ministry.

Three new families were accepted as members on Sunday, March 11th. Each family was assigned a Deacon. Each of the three Deacons were able to meet their family and be a part of their church service introductions, and attend the new members pot luck meal and fellowship after the second service.

As a congregation, we anxiously await the visit of the Urban Promise group the first week of April. This group comes to us from Wilmington, DE. Our connection to this group stems from one of our own former church youth, Bethany Wolstenhome Gregor, who mentors and ministers to these inner city youths in Delaware. Her husband Josh will be the group leader for this visit. This visit coincides with their Spring Break. Thanks to members of the congregation who have donated food or time, and for the families hosting our visitors.

Deacons are preparing for Children's Easter Activities between Easter services on April 1st at 9:45 AM. Parents are welcomed.

The Deacons will host a Congregational Birthday Party and Talent Show on May 6th at 6 PM. Members prepare "themed" birthday cakes and gather to eat cake with those who share their birthday month. The birthday party will be followed by a talent show. Look for signups and stay tuned for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator

Adult Ministry

ADULT MISSION TRIP LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA UPDATE!

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

~Matthew 16:24

In that spirit, ten faith filled volunteers have signed up to participate in the mission trip to North Carolina from April 29th – May 5th to assist in Hurricane Matthew disaster projects. Although it has been two years since Hurricane Matthew hit the area, the need is great. This mission and outreach activity is being coordinated by Sam Parris through Presbytery Disaster Assistance. By on the lookout for Prayer Partner signups.

Commissioning ceremony will be at the first service on April 29th.

Submitted by Sam Parris

Children's Ministry

Parent's Night Out

We'd like to thank our parents for a successful night out! We had a lot of fun with the children and we hope you were able to enjoy a wonderful evening out! Our one take away from this year is, we can never predict the weather! Only God gives us the weather, not the weatherman. With that, we will look at perhaps changing the Parents' Night Out to Springtime.

Child Protection Policy Training (CPP)

Spring Child Protection Policy Training will be held on the following Saturdays:

April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, and 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

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 11:00 AM Kidz Church, we were so busy nurturing our kids' spiritual development, we almost didn't notice the change of seasons! During Eastertide, we will be talking about what it was Jesus did on Earth before His return to Heaven. We are also focusing on our responsibilities as Christians even at the youngest grade level. The greatest teaching tool we all have available is being Christian role models for our kids! When our kids are receiving Bibles at the beginning of their 5th grade year, they have quite a bit of savvy navigating God's Word! It is a safe bet that FUP-CDC kids are Biblically literate!

The entire staff of Children's Ministry has been looking towards the future.

Our Nursery is available during the 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM worship services for infants and children up to early three's. Early three's are children who are not potty-trained and not quite ready for the 11:00 AM preschool class.

Please note: There are no Kidz Church classes during the 8:30 AM worship hour. Children attend worship with parents. Worship bags are available in the Narthex.

Nursery is also available during the 9:45 AM education hour for infants and children up to age four.

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

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.

We are seeking heroic volunteers! 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

Little Hands Preschool



~a ministry of outreach of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year has begun!

Register now as enrollment is based on availability.

If you are interested or know of someone who is, you will want to register prior to May 1st. In order to make our rates comparable to other church based preschools in the area, after May 1st, tuition rates will increase for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

We offer engaging, compassionate, interactive experiences for preschool children. We currently have availability in the following programs.

- Early three-year-old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday
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- Three-year-old classroom session meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Pre-Kindergarten Four-year-old session meeting on Monday – Thursday
- Pre-Kindergarten Four-year-old session meeting on Monday – Friday
- Pre-Kindergarten Five-year-old session 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 and registration requirements, please visit our website: <https://fupcdc.org/little-hands-preschool> or contact Tiffany Ramsey at 703-878-2366.

Mission and Outreach

Spread the Bread Ministry

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to give a special thanks to all who have supported this ministry whether through the giving of their time, food donations, or financial support. Your cheerful giving enables us to provide a hot meal for our friends every Sunday afternoon!

We would also like to acknowledge those faithful saints who show up each week to load tables, food, supplies and then serve our friends: Jon Guest, the Schwalm family, Lee Watenbaugh, Carol Miller, Kelsey Gibson, Gretchen Snyder, Al Pennick, and Linda Myers (Community Covenant Church). Thank you for your passion for Christ and compassion for others!

This ministry could not be accomplished without the outpouring of love and gifts from each and every one of you here at First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City. We truly appreciate your efforts and our friends remind us every week how much they appreciate you and all you do for them. If you are interested in getting involved with God's ministry, please contact Jon Guest at jon.a.guest@gmail.com or Pam Cox at imapoohfreak@yahoo.com.

Mission and Outreach

RISE AGAINST HUNGER SAVE THE DATE!

On April 21st at 9:00 AM, we will host the fourth Rise Against Hunger (**STOP HUNGER NOW**) meal packaging event at our church. This year we have extended an invitation to Covenant Presbyterian Church family and the surrounding community. We have also doubled the meals we will package to 20,088! Soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix that includes essential vitamins and minerals will be packaged for shipment throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief. This promises to be an amazing way for you to **connect, grow, and serve**. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is Saturday May 19th from 10am-10pm at Stonewall Jackson High School

Please join the FUPCDC team by going to:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18SER?pg=entry&fr_id=88919

Once you have gotten there just click: Join this relay then, Join a team, and our team is under FUPCDC.

This year's theme is "Wish Upon A Cure" and our team theme is 101 Dalmations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Team Captain, Ashley Emert at Emertashley@yahoo.com or [703-577-2756](tel:703-577-2756).

There will also be luminaria sales in the Narthex after both services on April 29th and May 6th.

They are 1 luminaria for \$10 or 3 luminarias for \$25.



Dinner with Friends

Did you know there is a group here at FUPCDC that enjoys lots of social fun and good food once a month? Couples and singles get together and enjoy a dinner of the host's choice: be it a themed dinner, an hors d'oeuvres evening, a holiday celebration (where attendees bring dishes to share at a host's home), or the host of the month selects a restaurant for all to enjoy. In the fall, a sign-up sheet is circulated for couples (or singles) to claim a month to host. This list is sent to all who have shown interest in participating and the year begins. Not everyone attends every month. That is the pleasure of enjoying when your schedule permits.

So, interested? Call me (Karen Attreed 703 670-4520) or e-mail (kaattreed@comcast.net) and your contact information will be included on the invitation list.



New Members Class



FUPCDC – 101



A 5-week new member orientation class under the leadership of Marti Hall, New Member Coordinator, will begin on Sunday mornings starting Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 9:45 am in Room 19.

This gives you the opportunity to explore your faith, learn more about Presbyterian history and beliefs, and understand how FUPCDC serves its congregation and community through worship, mission outreach, and church programs and activities. You will meet members of the church and other newcomers to this congregation. Even if you are not sure about becoming a member at this time, you will find this class beneficial.

Child Care is available for all classes.

For more information, you may contact the church office at 703/670-7834 or Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 or email martihall@comcast.net.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

Your PNC has entered a very exciting phase of the search process to identify our new Pastor. To date, we have received/reviewed 92 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) and completed seven initial telephone interviews. Next, we will complete interviews of the remaining top-tier candidates and where appropriate, schedule second interviews. After completing a candidate's second interview, we will conduct reference and background checks as we continue to narrow the field of candidates. Next the PNC will seek Presbytery's approval to conduct face-to-face interviews. Finally, through prayer and discernment, we will identify our top choice, negotiate terms of call, and seek Presbytery approval to call our chosen nominee.

Please remember **"Prayer Is The Key"** and continue to keep the PNC, our Interim Pastor, and the candidates in your prayers as we work through this process.



WOMEN OF FUPCDC

You are invited to attend a

WOMEN'S RETREAT

'Learning to Hear God Speak'

May 19, 2018

8:30 AM – 12:00 noon

The retreat will be held at the church.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sign-ups will be in the Narthex

from April 22-May 13.

Child Care will **not** be provided.



Lighthouse Drama Camp



LIGHT HOUSE DRAMA CAMP
will prepare and perform ...

DISNEY'S LION KING KIDS
WHEN: JULY 2-JULY 13
TIME: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Performance: Friday evening, July 13th

Registration for church members will be held during March.

Registration to the public will be open beginning April 3.

Registration: \$130 per child. Make checks payable to FUPCDC.

See Cathlene Albrecht for forms or contact Cathlene at: 703-670-8369.





~Nois is a Chicago-based

saxophone quartet devoted to the performance of new music. Formed by graduate students at Northwestern University in 2016, ~Nois has quickly emerged as one of the premier young ensembles dedicated to contemporary performance.

~Nois was awarded the Silver Medal at the 2017 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the largest and one of the most prestigious chamber music competitions in the United States, and was previously awarded First Prize at the 2016 Chicago Woodwind Ensemble Competition.

Recently, they were awarded second prize at the North America Saxophone Alliance Quartet Competition. They are currently on a five-week US tour.

~Nois has been selected as one of six Semi-Finalists for the Open Division of the 2018 M-Prize International Chamber Arts Competition. Hosted by the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, the M-Prize Competition will take place May 3-6 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

All are welcome to this free community concert!

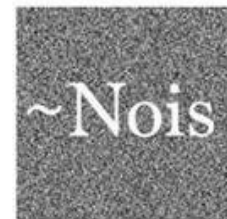
~Nois to Perform at FUPCDC in Dale City, VA

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 | 7:30 PM

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for more info e-mail growing@woodwindsfarm.com
Follow the group: @NoisSaxophone



Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale of Rochester, NY

Choral Concert - Open to the Public and Free of Charge:

On May 13th (Mother's Day) at 1:00 PM FUPCDC will host the a performance by the Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale of Rochester, NY. After the 11:00 AM worship service concludes at noon the congregation is invited to enjoy refreshments and meet chorale members. The chorale, the college's select a capella ensemble, will perform a 60-minute program including sacred, classical, and modern songs. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy this very special program!

Youtube: [Roberts Wesleyan Chorale](#)



1866  **ROBERTS**
WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Chorale

Lost in Wonder

Sunday, May 13 | 1:00 p.m.
Special Concert | Adam Potter, conductor

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