



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

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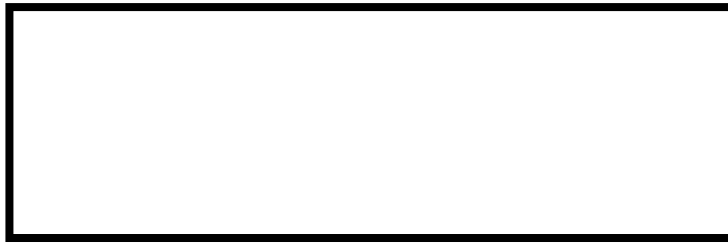
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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." ~ John 14:27

You are given a blank sheet of paper. Draw a picture that depicts peace.



A story is told about a King who decided to offer a prize to an artist who could best depict peace. Many entered the contest and the King narrowed the selection down to two pieces of artwork.

One picture was a calm lake mirroring the surrounding mountains. The sky was blue and the clouds were white and billowy. Those who looked at the King's choices described how a sense of peace came over them as they admired this artist's piece of work.

The other piece of artwork also included mountains, but the perspective was quite different. Instead of tall majestic mountains, these mountains were rugged, lacking the lush greenness of the other picture. Instead of a blue sky with white clouds, the sky was dark and angry looking with bolts of lightning flashing in the background. A waterfall plummeted down the side of the mountain from heavy rains.

Initially, the King saw only the effects of the storm; but as he looked more closely, he made a discovery. Behind the waterfall was a small bush growing between the cracks of the rock. In the bush was a mother bird sitting on her nest ever so calm in the midst of the storm.

Which picture would you have chosen and why? What brings you peace? Where do you look for peace? How do you express peace? Experience peace?

Which picture did the King choose? The second one. Why? As he looked at the first picture, he experienced a sense of tranquility; but as he looked at the second picture he began to realize that peace is more than tranquility.

He realized that peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. *(story by Catherine Marshall)*

In this day and age when life is chaotic, when situations all around us are filled with turmoil and anger and violence, when things are not going the way you hoped, may you experience the peace that Christ offers – a true peace, an inner peace of calmness that is found even in the midst of the difficult and trying times in life.

Grace and peace to each of you!
Pastor Jeri

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

Annual Church Picnic

The annual FUPCDC Church picnic will be held August 27th following a 10 AM worship service. We, at FUPCDC, are blessed with a congregation rich in diversity from all over the world! If you have a salad/side dish or dessert traditional to your culture, we would love for you to make it and share it at the picnic! Otherwise, we are asking those attending with a last name beginning with A-M to bring a salad/side dish, and those with a last name beginning with N-Z bring a dessert. Hot dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided.

Beginning August 6th, there will be a sign up in the Narthex to let us know if you are going to join us so that we can plan for food. We will also have sign-ups for help with set up and clean up. If you have a pop-up canopy that you would like to bring, we would appreciate that too. Tables and chairs will be set up, but feel free to bring blankets and chairs, if you like. The Deacons will be providing games and activities for all ages!

THANK YOU!



To my church family: How many ways can I say thank you? - for singing "Happy Birthday!" on July 9th, the hugs, the wishes, and the cards. I was asked how I did it (meaning getting to be 90 years old). I said, "A lot of hard work!" But your care, concerns, love, and so many hugs have been a big factor. For that I do give a big thank you! – Jean Peterman

A special thank you to the congregation of FUPCDC for your thoughts, prayers, donations, and words of encouragement for my nephew Andy Stewart. Although it was really touch and go for some time, he has finally turned the corner and is on his way to recovery. His appetite has returned and he has managed to put on between 20 and 25 pounds of the weight he lost during his illness. On behalf of the Stewart/Christie families, we are truly blest to have friends like you who raise their prayers to the Almighty for a stranger. God bless you all.

Jim Christie



I thank God always for you.
In all my prayers for you,
I always pray
with joy.
Philippians 1:3-4

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Adult Ministry

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:22-23

Called to Unity

As we prepare to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the revolutionary split with Catholicism, we may find ourselves wanting to celebrate anything that's lasted 500 years. Yet, we wonder "is it right to celebrate the ceaseless pattern of Protestant denominational fractures?" While we celebrate Luther's courageous fight against church corruption, our ultimate hope is for unity in the Body of Christ. Come join us as we grapple with this dilemma beginning with our movie night on August 16th (see details below and in the bulletin).

Growing in Love, Faith, and Joy Through Bible Study and Fellowship

Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM:

- **The Book of Acts:** Join Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit in the Triple Room as he continues to explore the Book of Acts and the beginning of the Christian Church.
- **Summer Sunday Seminars continue in Room 22:** Each week we will watch and then discuss a different video in the "Alpha with Nicky Gumbel" DVD series. Attend one or all of them and feel free to bring your middle- and high-school aged youth. Topics include: "Is There More to Life than This?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM: Come join us at Marti Hall's home for "A study of I & II Thessalonians, Children of the Day" by Beth Moore. All are welcome, just contact Marti at martihall@comcast.net.

Wednesday Night Movies! Come at 6 PM with a bit of food: finger food, or veggies and dip, or cookies to share (we'll provide eating utensils, drinks) so we can eat together (Room 22). Or just come at 7 PM to watch the documentary/movie (Youth Room).

August 16th: "Luther: The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer" documentary, 90 minutes (see trailer at <https://www.lutherdocumentary.com>).

Growing in Discipleship through Small Groups

- Prayer and Praise Team: Meets for prayer and praise at 3:00 PM every Thursday. Led by Sue Johnson in the Church Library.
- Devotional Fitness: We are taking a break for the summer and will resume in late September.
- Spreading the Warmth: Meets monthly on the third Monday at 7:00 PM in the church.

Submitted by: Nancy Hummer, Adult Education Elder

Youth Ministry

Another fabulous Youth Mission Trip is over yet our memories and love for God and others continue. The youth picked a mission site for 2018 and it awaits Session approval. Stay tuned to find out where we will go next!

The Pathways to Housing DC Trip is coming up soon. Watch your email for details of our tour of a program that successfully houses homeless individuals who struggle with behavioral health challenges and drug and alcohol dependencies.

Sunday School will kick off on September 10th marking the beginning of another great year of Youth Sunday School classes. Mrs. Debbie Boisvert, Mr. Ross Schwalm and Mrs. Amy Greenslit will teach the Sunday School class on a rotating basis from week to week.

The **God and Country Program** will be held in the fall. Watch the church bulletin and your email for the start date.

Please mark two important winter events on your calendar:

- **30 Hour Famine**, February 9 & 10, 2018 (two weeks earlier than usual)
- **Planet Wisdom and Lock In**, March 2 & 3, 2018



May the light of Christ guide the paths of our recent graduates as they transition to a new phase of life. Please pray for them and for our high school seniors as they apply for colleges and scholarships and take placement tests in the months ahead.



Youth Mission Trip



Thanks for sending us out! We worked, we played, we cleaned, we prayed, we chopped, we mopped, we painted, we laughed, we cried, we sang, we joked.

Children's Ministry

We hope everyone is enjoying their Summer vacation! We completed a wonderful, fun and amazing Vacation Bible School. The children and volunteers learned how dangerous it could be to follow Jesus in the early church.

Your children's ministry team will meet on August 20th to discuss and prepare for when Kidz Church resumes on **Sunday, September 3rd at 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM**. There are some changes that you will need to know:

Children's Choir: will no longer meet the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month. **New rehearsal date will be every Thursday at 6:00 PM.** There will be more information provided when there are more details. Children's choir is open to children age 4-10 (Pre-K - 5th grade).

Nursery: will be available for children infant to early three's (not quite potty-trained). During the church calendar year, when one service is scheduled, children up to five will join Ms. Joann and Ms. Becky in the Nursery. Children six and up will join parents for the worship service. Worship bags are available in the Narthex.

9:45 AM class: will be available for children Kindergarten (age 5) - Fifth grade. Children infant through 4 years old will join Ms. Joann in the Nursery. Volunteers may be needed during the 9:45 AM education hour and 11:00 AM worship hour. Please see Ms. Joann, Nursery Supervisor, if you are willing to help, or if she is in need of help.

Kidz Church School Year 2017-18: All children must be registered for the school year. Whether your child(ren) have been with us for awhile or children are joining us for the first time, a form must be filled out each year. There could be updated information that we should be made aware. Forms will be available on Sunday, September 3rd.

Horizon Bible Study

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

The 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study will explore how Christians lived in Community in New Testament times and how we as Christians live in Community today. We will meet on the second Monday of the month, beginning in September and going through May or June (depending on the weather). The study will begin on Monday, September 11th at 9:30 AM on Room 22.

A study book will be available the last of August (\$11.00) and we will again view a video by the author of the study to help us understand this interesting book of the Bible. You do not have to be a Bible expert to be a part of this study; we work together to find the message in the scriptures. We study collaboratively, sharing different versions and translations of the Bible and our own insights with guidance from the study book. We also pray for our congregation and our personal concerns and praises.

Come and join us in exploring God's word. For more information, contact Sara Porter at [703-670-8737](tel:703-670-8737) or saraporter@comcast.net.

Spread the Warmth

HEAR YE, HEAR YE – KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS WANTED!

SPREAD THE WARMTH is looking for more folks to help knit or crochet warm hats and scarves for our homeless friends and caps for those recovering from cancer. Our group will meet, following the summer break, on Monday, September 18th at 7 PM in the Church Library. Contact Elizabeth Glycer for more information at lizglyer@gmail.com.





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July 5, 2017

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
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Attn: Jean Peterman

Dear Ms. Peterman and the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City,

On behalf of ACTS Domestic Violence Services, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of 14 large, plush bath towels and 14 washcloths for the residents of the ACTS Safe House. We also thank you for the additional gifts of personal toiletries that you donated.

ACTS Domestic Violence Services' mission is to eliminate domestic violence by empowering victims to build lives free of violence. We offer a 24-hour crisis hotline, a domestic violence Safe House, one-on-one as well as group counseling, a behavioral intervention program, an award-winning court advocacy program, community education and awareness, and a Hispanic outreach program.

Through our programs, we have seen many lives changed for the better. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue in our mission.

Thanks again for your generous support and feel free to contact me should questions arise.

Sincerely,

Dotty Larson, Director
ACTS Domestic Violence Services
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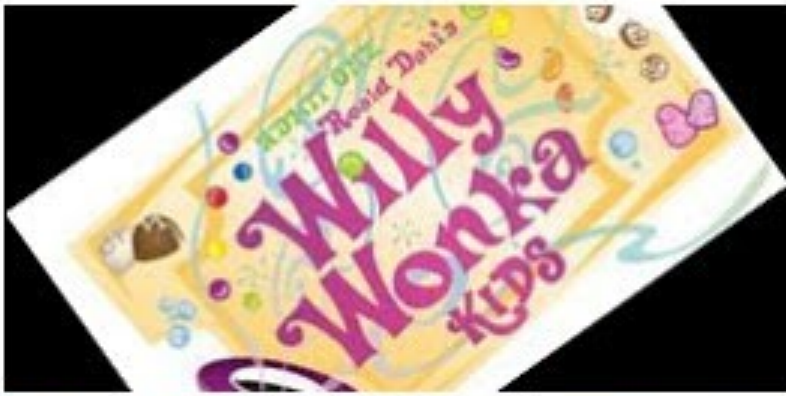
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Willy Wonka Kids!



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Vacation Bible School



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the volunteers!



National Night Out



National Night Out



THANK YOU
for joining us!

