



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

August 2020



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Ike Evans, Jubilation Handbell Director
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Tiffany Ramsey, Little Hands Preschool Director
Homer Detrich, Sexton
Kim Parker, Office Manager

All who attend First United,

Please review the message endorsed by the Safety and Security committee and approved by our session.

**COVID-19
UPDATE**

Note that our decision was based on several factors including the survey, personal feedback received by several of you, looking at the COVID data put out from the Virginia Dept. of Health, CDC/John Hopkins and WHO websites and research data from opening facilities worldwide. Please note that the data shows that one of the worse things we can do right now is to sit in the same room with others for an extended period of time.

We have also closely watched states where churches have opened. These states have found through contact tracing that they are still spreading the virus even if they are following established guidelines. Recently in West Virginia and Georgia - we have seen hundreds of cases linked back to church meetings, gatherings and related activities.

Sometime before the end of August, please expect to see another survey - where we can garner more of your feedback. In addition, we would like to have a virtual town hall via the Zoom platform where you can hear our latest messages, and discuss and ask questions in real-time.

Please continue to keep our church and its leadership in your prayers as we navigate through the challenges ahead. We continue to pray for all of you, too. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. jon.guest@fupcdc.org or 703.586.7718.

In Christ,

Jon Guest
Elder for First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Chair, Safety and Security

July 22, 2020

From: Safety & Security Committee

To: Congregation

Subject: Church Closure – through Sept. 27, 2020

1. Your session has agreed by recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee: **First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City will not have *indoor* worship services, or have *indoor* church activities (including all groups that meet inside the church) through Sept. 27, 2020.**
 - a. Exceptions include: Office Staff: including treasurer and counters, Music / technical crew supporting online worship, Spread the Bread volunteers, and a few others identified to the Safety and Security committee in the course of their duties.
2. First United Presbyterian Church is committed to stream services for the future regardless whether we are indoors or virtual.
3. The Safety & Security Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will meet regularly to provide recommendations to session. Any exceptions to the information above, should be submitted to the Safety and Security Committee.
4. Please contact Jon Guest or Norman Cobb if you have any questions.

Jon A. Guest

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Elder for First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chair, Safety and Security

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THE BUILDING IS CLOSED
BUT THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Session Notes

July Session Report

At the July 21 meeting, the Session approved a drive-in Praise and Worship Service for Friday, August 21, at 7:30 PM. Like the last outdoor worship and praise event, attenders will park in the parking lot facing the education wing, leaving a vacant space between vehicles. There will be no access to the building nor seating on the lawn. People will be asked to maintain physical distancing. In case of bad weather, the service will be canceled. About 60 people attended last time, how many will come to this one?

On the advice of the Safety and Security committee, the Session voted to continue the delay of inside, in-person worship services, associated activities, and outside group use of the church building until September 27, 2020. The committee is continually monitoring information about the Coronavirus and its impact on the community, including the rates of new cases in our area, which is still one of the highest in Virginia. The safety and health of our congregation, which has a large number of members in the high-risk category, is a primary consideration.

The Session approved the reallocation of funds by the Informational Technology committee (approximately \$2,000.00) to purchase needed equipment in order to upgrade the quality of our live-streamed worship services. Chris Martin supplied the Session with information about the exact purchases planned and how they would enhance worship.

At the recommendation of the Commission on Restructuring of the Session, Session approved electing deacons and elders at the annual congregational meeting in February, and scheduling the training and examination of officers and the installation and ordination service at the end of the program year. The program year is generally the school year, so this would generally be the time between Easter and the end of school (May - June). Current deacon and elder terms will thus be extended by about five months. This will allow the summer period, when there are fewer activities, for the turnover of leadership of committees and other responsibilities such as deacon groups.

The Worship committee charter and Musical Instrument Use Policy were approved and Budget adjustments for the Mission and Outreach committee and the Stewardship committee were approved on recommendation from the Finance and Administration committee.

The Treasurer reported that our financial situation remains solid, and Session is thankful for the financial faithfulness of the congregation. We pray that your contributions will continue to support the on-going ministries of FUPCDC.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

A Ministry of Compassion and Service

Class of 2020

Agnes Fokwa
Debbie Folly
Lisa Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

Class of 2021

Amy Bean
Karen Elliott
Liz Goolgasian
Peggy Heins
Therese Same
Charlotte Stultz

Class of 2022

Bob Albrecht
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Claudia Cunningham
Pam Emert
Ellen Nuemberger
Tracy Stevens

Ellen Nuemberger, Co-Moderator

Carol Schwalm, Co-Moderator..... 703-680-7673

We love to hear from you. If you need to be connected with your Deacon, please contact Carol Schwalm by calling the number listed above or the church office (703-670-7834).

Stewardship Committee

The members of the Stewardship Committee hope all are doing well and following the guidelines of wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, washing hands, remaining at home, and avoiding crowds as much as possible.

The committee has identified and approved *"Impacting Lives"* as the theme for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign that will begin later this year. As in past years, this theme will be an integral part of the campaign. Contributions by members, friends and visitors continue to provide assistance and support to citizens of Prince William County and to residents of other countries. Through the work of many committees and programs, our church is clearly "Impacting Lives." **Thank you** for your generous sharing of time, talent, and resources today and in the future to make these programs a reality.

Our goal of 100% participation in pledging remains our challenge. With your help, we will endeavor to meet this goal and a few others while expanding existing programs during the coming year.

The Bible Verse for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign is from 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) - *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Finance and Administration Committee

Our financial position continues to be solid. Although our revenues were slightly below target during June, we remain ahead of expectations for the first half of the year. Some of our usual expenses like copier and supplies are down contributing to a surplus for the first six months.

Your collective generosity in support of FUPCDC and our ministries is a key element for us to continue to be the church and spread God's love to the community during these difficult times.

Report on Offering June 2020

	June 2020 Actual	June 2020 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	29,412	30,022	206,332	195,234
Offering Unpledged	2,318	3,055	24,136	20,619
Total Offering	31,730	33,077	230,468	215,853
Other Income			1,911	
Net from Restricted			50,709	
Total Income			283,088	
 Total Expense			 240,571	

Adult Education

Men of FUPCDC. Save the Date. There will be a virtual Men's Retreat on *September 26*. More information will follow, but for now, be sure to save the date!

Fair Share Community Speaker Series is back! Despite the necessity of social distancing as our current norm, we will meet again, well virtually! On Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 7 PM, our guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Eakin, Coordinator of NOAA Coral Reef Watch and Chief Science Advisor of the film *Chasing Coral*. To get the most out of the presentation, be sure to watch the film *Chasing Coral* in advance. You can watch *Chasing Coral* on Netflix or the Netflix YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGGBGcjdjXA>) and you can learn more about the film at <http://chasingcoral.com/>.

Mark will answer questions – virtually.

This is the sensational award-winning documentary about the wonder of coral reefs and also the danger they face due to the changing climate. *Chasing Coral* taps into the collective will and wisdom of an ad man, a self-proclaimed coral nerd, top-notch camera designers, and renowned marine biologists as they invent the first time-lapse camera to record bleaching events as they happen. Among its many awards, it won the Audience Award at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and received the 2018 Emmy for Outstanding Nature Documentary. An added benefit by participating with Mark Eakin, our congregation will receive points towards our Earth Care goals.

Fall Classes.

Isaiah the Prophet will be taught by Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter via zoom. This class paused with the changes caused by Covid-19. It will resume on September 13 at 8:45 to 9:45. It will begin with Class #9 - Review and catch-up (eg. recalling what happened in 740 BCE!). You will then be able to attend the live-stream church service at 10 AM.

Women's Monday Bible study also known as Bible Buddies. This Bible study will begin on Monday September 14 at 7 PM via zoom. Contact Betty Mathews for information.

Horizons Monthly Bible study. "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study. The study will begin on Monday, September 14. The group will still meet on the second Monday of the month, September through June, at 9:30 AM, but not in person. We will meet via Zoom to have our discussions and view the video. As other groups have been successfully Zooming, I think that we can enjoy this study which is so appropriate for our times. The emphasis is on the hope we can find in the scriptures even as we lament circumstances. And we won't have to wear masks to participate!

If you would like to join this study, please contact Sara Porter <saraporter@comcast.net> or 703-670-8737 to order a book. The books will be \$11.00 each which covers the book, shipping and part of the cost of the DVD we use. Please order by August 20, 2020. When the books arrive, they will be available in the church office for pickup. Please mark payments "ACE Bible study" when you submit them to the church.

Pastor's Wednesday Evening Bible study will start on September 9 at 7 PM via zoom. We will resume our study of the Gospel of Mathew. All are welcome.

Boy Scouts of America

July 6, 2020

Dear 1St Utd Presbyterian Chr Of Dale City:

As you may be aware, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Sexual Abuse Survivors who were abused during their time in Scouting. Sexual Abuse Survivors include anyone who was sexually abused during their time in Scouting on or before February 18, 2020. We are requesting your assistance in notifying anyone you are in contact with who may have been involved with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, or any entity or activity associated with Scouting.

You will find a short one-page notice enclosed, which provides additional information about the bankruptcy case and the deadline to file claims by November 16, 2020. You can also obtain further information and materials by visiting www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or calling 1-866-907-2721.

Sincerely,

Official BSA Claims Agent



Sexual Abuse Claims in Boy Scouts Bankruptcy

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim by 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on November 16, 2020.

The Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Sexual Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against BSA, BSA Local Councils and organizations that sponsored your troop or pack and provides information about the case, *In re Boy Scouts of America and Delaware BSA, LLC*, No. 20-10343 (Bankr. D. Del.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, visit www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or call 1-866-907-2721.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused during their time in Scouting, on or before February 18, 2020, must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, or any entity or activity associated with Scouting. Sexual Abuse Claims include, but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, exploitation, or touching, sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, even if the behavior was not sexual or against the law, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not. These acts could be between a: (1) child and an adult or (2) child and another child.

When and How Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

You should file a claim using the Sexual Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim by **November 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. **If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against BSA, BSA Local Councils or organizations that sponsored your troop or pack, including any right to compensation.** Only BSA is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against the BSA Local Councils or other organizations, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or call 1-866-907-2721 for help on how to file a claim by mail. Scouting participants who were at least 18 years of age at the time the sexual abuse began may also have claims related to sexual abuse and should consult the appropriate claim form at www.OfficialBSAclaims.com.

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:



File a Sexual Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim.



If your claim is approved, you may receive compensation from the bankruptcy.



Have questions? Call or visit the website for more information.

If a plan to reorganize BSA is approved, it could release claims you hold against certain third parties, including against BSA Local Councils and organizations that sponsored your troop or pack. Please visit the website to learn more.

Other Support

BSA will fund in-person counseling for current or former Scouts or their family. To request in-person counseling, please call 1-866-907-2721 or email restructuring@scouting.org.

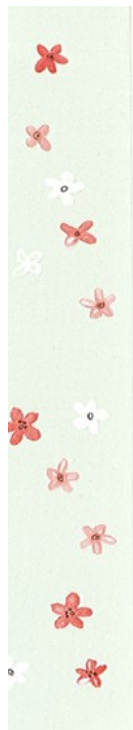
Your information will be kept private.

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THANK YOU!

Dear brother and Sister,
I miss you!
Can't wait
to give you
Hugs.
Our Lord's Blessings
We all need
for Justice, Health
& Peace! Mary



To my church family,
Thank you so much
for the prettiest flowers

And I'm the
GRATEFUL-EST.

They made my day

Patricia
Whitman

Mission and Outreach Committee



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June 24, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
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Dear Pastor,

On behalf of the ACTS Board of Directors, and those individuals your donation aids, I thank you for your gift of \$1000.00 on 5/14/2020.

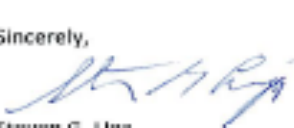
As I write this letter on June 19, I am reminded of how deeply race affects our experiences of poverty and violence. Every day, I look out my office window and see who is coming to ACTS for assistance. It is no surprise that in a minority majority community, most of those I see are people of color. In too many public health agencies, they would be met by someone who does not look like them or speak their language, who may even look down on them or blame them for their crises. I am proud to say, this is not their experience at ACTS.

No matter who you are, you are welcome at ACTS. We serve our neighbors, and everyone we see is our neighbor. This is not something we say, or even strive for; it is the reality for anyone walking through our doors. Certainly, we look like our clients. Every department is *at least* represented by black, white, and Latino staff – from our administrative team all the way to our volunteers. But we also share their experiences. Members of the ACTS Team have been homeless, couldn't pay our bills, needed food assistance, suffered violence at the hands of those we love, and dealt with despair. Many of our Team also received assistance when we walked through ACTS doors as clients weeks, months, or years ago.

While we do not deal directly with issues of race, it is certainly a factor in why many need our services. We stand with all of those who have suffered at the hands of injustice and those who are suffering still, including many of our own Team. Our neighbors are grieving, and we grieve with you. If you come to us, you will be welcomed without prejudice. PERIOD.

Thank you for continuing to support ACTS through this time. Fortunately, donors like you – neighbors who have suffered your own personal trials, have been here to ensure the doors of ACTS are always open and welcoming.

Sincerely,


Steven G. Liga
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you
for continued
support!*

The portion of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 relating to IRS regulations requires that charities certify whether donations were made in consideration of a transfer of goods or services from the recipient agency. ACTS certifies that this donation was not accompanied by such transfer.

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Mission and Outreach Committee



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June 1, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church
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Dear Members,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$600.00 to the Yucatan Network of Living Waters for the World (LWW). Your generosity will help children, women, and men have the clean water they need to stay healthy. When children are healthy they can go to school. When adults are healthy they can earn a living. When a family is healthy, lives are transformed. What a tremendous gift you have given!

Jude Remaris in Haut Camp, Haiti, exemplifies the life-changing impact of your gift. In 2015, Jude had to stop attending school in 10th grade because his parents could no longer afford to pay for his education. Jude, wanting to continue school, approached the people responsible for the LWW water purification system in Haut Camp. They accepted his proposal to promote the water in return for tuition money. Ever since, Jude has promoted the water all over the community, establishing more than 10 contracts to distribute water weekly. These contracts have generated enough money to pay his tuition from the 10th grade to his second year at CRAN University in downtown Les Cayes where he studies Accounting Sciences!

Jude's story is one example of how lives will change thanks to your gift of clean water. We are so very grateful that you have joined Living Waters for the World in sharing clean water and the love of Christ with people around the globe.

Sincerely,

Seth Guterman

Seth Guterman, President
Living Waters for the World Board of Directors

P.S. Living Waters for the World has received an annual total of \$600.00 from you as of 5/29/2020. No goods or services were provided to you by Living Waters for the World in connection with any contribution, or their value was insignificant or consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits. Please consult your tax professional regarding the tax deductibility of your donations.

LWW NETWORKS – CUBA – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – EL SALVADOR – GHANA – GUATEMALA – HAITI –
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May 2020

Dear Friends,

We appreciate your generous support of the Living Waters for the World Yucatan Relief Fund. This will allow the in-country co-ordinators to provide bottles, caps & seals to keep the water purification systems operating. The goal is to keep providing safe water to families as they struggle through the pandemic. Your kindness is a blessing to our LWW partners & friends.

Thank you,
Nancy Russell & Hope Anderson
Co-moderators Yucatan Network

Staycation Bible and Drama Camp

You heard it here folks, Staycation Bible and Drama Camp was a smashing success! Thanks to the help of our church family and friends, we were able to host a fun and fabulous time with all of our wonderful volunteers and campers!

From our daily devotions, to our live sessions, from our gifts and talents videos, to our special guest talks, each piece fit together perfectly to form the masterful puzzle that made our camp what it was!

We would like to thank each and every person that helped out in one way or another. We would also like to thank everyone who got the word out about our camp, whether that was signing up their campers or passing along our information!

Even during this time where we need to keep our distance, through this camp we were able to reach out to one another and the next generation from our own homes! Thank you one and all!

Submitted by Rachel Washburg