



# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

## Chronicles

### May 2018

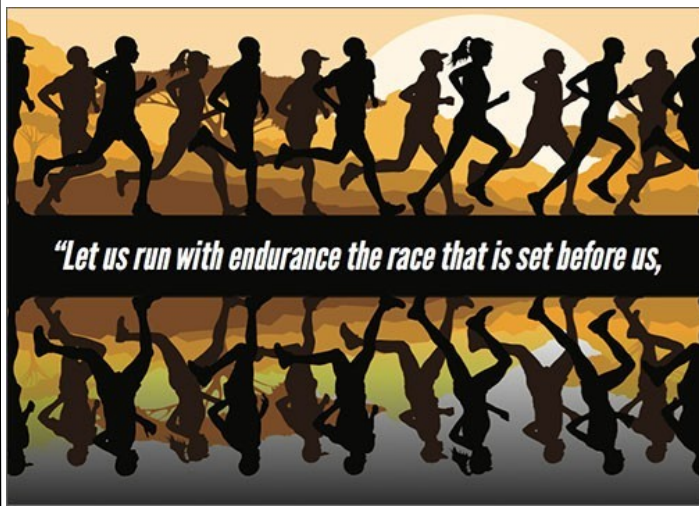


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#### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



*Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*  
~Hebrews 12:1b-2

Manteo Mitchell felt the pop in his leg and knew it wasn't good. "It felt like somebody literally just snapped my leg in half," he said. The American sprinter had half a lap left to run in the first leg of the 4x400-meter relay preliminaries. When he felt his leg pop, he had a choice: to keep running or stop and lose the race.

To him, it was never much of a choice. He finished the lap and limped to the side to watch the Americans finish the race and qualify easily for the final. A few hours later, doctors confirmed what he suspected: He had run the last half-lap with a broken left fibula. (ABC News)

Oscar Pistorius, known as "Blade Man", is a South African sprinter who was born without fibulas. At the age of 11 months he had both legs amputated just below the knee. Pistorius, who attempted to enter the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, was denied an opportunity to run because the international governing body for track ruled his prosthetic legs allegedly gave him a biomechanical advantage in the races. Pistorius appealed the ruling to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which ruled in early 2008 that he was eligible to compete in the Olympics. Disappointed because he missed qualifying for Beijing by 0.7 seconds, Pistorius continued to improve his times and qualified for London, racing in the 400 meters.

Mitchell and Pistorius are but two of many examples of what can happen when one runs with perseverance the race that is set before them.

You and I have a *life-saving* race set before us: to look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. I wonder how many of us are running with perseverance the race that is set before us.

To run such a race requires commitment, dedication, and sacrifice. Now is the time to put on your track shoes and enter the race of a lifetime. Speed is not as much of a factor as commitment is. May you begin to think about your commitment to Jesus Christ. The race is set before you. What will your track record be?

Grace and peace for the journey ahead of you as you move forward towards the PNC identifying a person to present to you as your next installed pastor.

In His service,  
Pastor Jeri

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

# Parish Associates

## Parish Associate Relationships

Several of you have asked what it means to be a parish associate. The following includes the wording from National Capital Presbytery's policy.

A parish associate is a specialized minister who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church or churches in keeping with ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Such persons, already qualified as members of presbytery, may serve as parish associates.

The annual relationship shall be established, upon nomination by the installed or temporary pastor (*i.e. Pastor Jeri as your Pastor for Interim Ministry*), between the parish associate, the session, and the presbytery. The parish associate shall be responsible to the installed or temporary pastor, as head of staff, and may serve on an "as needed, and available" basis without remuneration. Parish associates can receive honoraria for specific tasks.

As a congregation, you are blessed that Larry Greenslit is a Parish Associate at FUPCDC. He has a very special gift of teaching and has been actively involved in teaching Adult Sunday School. People really enjoy his classes and he is a definite asset to the Adult Education program. He does not receive honoraria for the specific task of teaching.

A parish associate may not be called to be the next installed pastor or associate pastor of a church served as parish associate, unless at least one year has elapsed since the end of the parish associate relationship.

The annual agreement between the session, the parish associate, and the presbytery shall terminate when the call to the installed or temporary pastor is dissolved. The presbytery may dissolve the relationship with the parish associate upon the recommendation of the session and its moderator and a vote from the Coordinating Commission of the Committee on Ministry.

What this means is that when your next installed pastor is called, Larry's relationship as a Parish Associate will be dissolved. The installed pastor may or may not decide to continue Larry's relationship as a Parish Associate. Whatever that decision may be, the Adult Education Committee may continue to invite Larry to teach classes.

If you have any further questions, please contact Pastor Jeri.

The  
Spiritual  
Gift of  
Teaching



## Session Report - April

On April 17th, the Session approved the Little Hands Preschool budget for 2018-2019, and approved seed money for the Drama Camp as part of outreach to the community.

Several committee charters were presented for approval of changes; these charters give the purpose, vision, mission and organization of each committee and are reviewed annually.

The Session approved funding for the Lumberton mission trip scheduled for the end of April.

A concert by the Geoff Gallante quartet on June 3rd was approved, as well a free-will offering to be taken at the concert.

Everyone was reminded of the Child Protection Policy training that began April 28th, led by Becky George. Anyone who works with children and youth must complete this training, as a part of insuring that our young ones are appropriately cared for and safe.

*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!

**May 2nd Potluck Theme "Picnic"**

**May 9th Mexicali Pork Chops**

**May 16th Lasagna**

**May 23rd Chili-Mac Skillet**

**May 30th Ribs**



## Stewardship

As our thoughts turn to summer, the Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to send a special thanks to every member of the FUPCDC Congregation. This thank you is for both adults and children, members and regular attendees, who have contributed time, treasure and God given talents to the ministries and activities of the church as we seek to do God's work in this community, this country and across the world. An increased number of stewardship pledges, time spent supporting our youth, feeding the homeless in our community, making cookies for Kairos prison ministries, preparing meals for Rise Against Hunger, and Earth Day activities are only a small sampling of the generosity and selfless contributions of our special congregation. Stewardship is a year round activity and every contribution of time, talent and treasure, both small and large, not only make a difference to our church, our community and our world, but also let each of us continue to Connect, Grow and Serve.

We have a talented and giving congregation and again, we thank you for your generous giving of time, talents and treasure in support of FUPCDC.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."  
~1 Peter 4:10

## Deacons Report

As a congregation, we anxiously awaited the visit of the Urban Promise group the first week of April. This group came to us from Wilmington, DE, arriving on Easter Sunday in time for the Children's Easter Activities. 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 was the group leader for this visit. This visit coincided with their Spring Break. Thanks again to the many members of the congregation who donated food or time, and hosted our visitors overnight: Bob and Cathy Albrecht, Karen Attreed, Bev Billy, Debbie Boisvert, Judy Camus, Sandy Chamberlin, Jeff and Kathy Cobb, Pam Cox, Claudia Cunningham, Diane Dingle, Mayra Drayer, Karen Elliott, Pam Emert, Mark Feldner, Diane Fulton, Betsy Gilbert, Elizabeth Glycer, Jon, Tori, and Gaylene Guest, Amy Greenslit, Jeanette Gregory, Peggy Heins, Nancy Hummer, Sue Johnson, Akosua Kwakya, Betty Matthews, Kathy McNeely, Carol Miller, Lora Nedimyer, Sam and Denise Parris, Sara Porter, Pat Sheffield, Gretchen Snyder, and Ruth and Becca Washburg. You helped make their visit very special.

The Deacons hosted Children's Easter Activities between Easter services on April 1st at 9:45 AM. Parents also attended. The Deacons filled eggs as giveaways to the many games we had available. We also had arts and crafts, and a stuffed animal walk. A total of 26 children had loads of fun and smiles. The event was concluded with a story about the cross.

Get ready for the **Congregational Birthday Party and Talent Show on May 6th at 6 PM**. Want to prepare a "themed" birthday cake? How about providing some fruit? Or perhaps you have a talent you'd like to share? Whatever the case may be, come one and come all. The birthday party will be followed by a talent show. Look for signups in the Narthex and information in the Sunday bulletin. Help make this an event you won't want to miss.

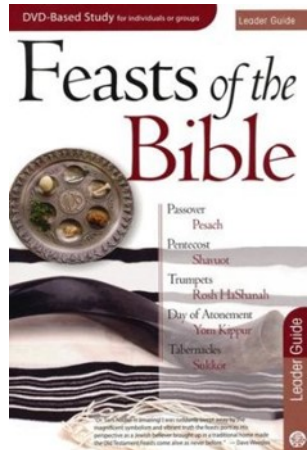
The April visit to the Empowering Women in Transition Shelter took an unexpected twist. We continue to try to reach out to Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) wherever there is a need and in May will focus our efforts on the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia. The shelter provides a 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. They have up to 18 beds available for single man or families with children. In May, the Deacons will be providing the shelter with a dinner meal.

Please join us for a potluck breakfast to be held prior to the One Service on May 20th. Juice and coffee will be provided. You provide all the other delights; casseroles, croissants, hash browns, waffles, fruit, soufflés, your heart's desire. No signup necessary just mark your calendars and arrive at 8:45 AM.

*Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator*

## Adult Ministry

### Feasts of the Bible



Enrich your worship of God by learning about the origin and symbolism of the Old Testament feasts and holidays given by God to his people. Dr. Sam Nadler is your guide. Brought up in a traditional Jewish home, Sam came to believe in Jesus as Messiah. You will learn how the feasts are still relevant for our lives today.

Please join Pastor Jeri, on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in Room 22.**

## Children's Ministry

### Child Protection Policy Training (CPP)

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

**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

30 Hour Famine

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 9:45 AM Kidz Church, EMOTIONS! We all have them! We will delve into our emotions and learn how through God's help we can control our emotions. We will begin with ANGER. Key Passage: James 1:19-27, Listening and Doing. Our memory verse for the series.: Deuteronomy 6:5. Kidz Church at 9:45 AM is open to children Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We meet in Room 4. Ms. Becky hopes you can join her!

At 11:00 AM Kidz Church, Forty days go by fast! In this Easter tide, we have been exploring Jesus' purpose for returning to earth, and preparing his disciples to continue his work! On Pentecost, the Church's birthday, he feels his work has been completed! Joy fills the air, and everyday holds a surprise! We will be diving into the Old Testament to discover old truths about God that Jesus was always reminding us of.

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 PM**

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*

# 10 Ways for Kids to Pray on the National Day of Prayer-May 3, 2018

### 1. Praise God

God you're so good to me. You made everything and you're so awesome. I love you.

### 2. Thank God

Thank you God for making me. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for the family and friends you gave me.

### 3. Pray for Others

God, please help \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Pray for the Country

God, please help the leaders of our country to make wise decisions that honor you.

### 5. Pray for the Church

Lord, please bless pastor \_\_\_\_\_ and let his/her work at church be successful.

### 6. Pray for School

Thank you that I get to go to school. Please help my teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to have a good year.

### 7. Pray for Family

God please help me to show love to my \_\_\_\_\_.

### 8. Pray for Health

Lord please heal \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. Help him/her to feel better and to not be afraid.

### 9. Pray for Safety

God please keep me, and my family and friends safe and healthy and help me to resist temptation.

### 10. Pray for Growth

Lord you are so awesome. Please help me to be more like you every day. Thank you for hearing me when I talk with you.

## Little Hands Preschool

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



**Registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year is underway!**

**Register now as enrollment is based on availability.**

**If you are interested or know of someone who is interested,  
registration is still open.**

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**

**Three – year – old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday**

**Pre – Kindergarten Four – year – old sessions meeting on Monday – Friday**

**Pre – Kindergarten Five – year – old 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 and registration requirements, please visit our website: <https://fupcdc.org/little-hands-preschool> or contact Tiffany Ramsey at: 703.878.2366 .

## Mission and Outreach

Would you like 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.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can Connect, Serve, and help Liberia families Grow.

## Relay for Life

Relay for Life is **Saturday, May 19th** from **10 AM -10 PM** 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](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](mailto:Emertashley@yahoo.com) or [703-577-2756](tel:703-577-2756) .

There will also be luminaria sales in the Narthex after both services on May 6th. They are one for \$10 or three for \$25.



## Women's Retreat



### *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 22nd -May 13th

Child Care will **not** be provided.



# Lighthouse Drama Camp

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City Presents....



## Lighthouse Drama Camp

July 2-13th (July 4th off) 1PM - 4PM  
MUSIC ART & DRAMA all afternoon!  
Great teachers, creativity and fun!  
Daily Devotions, bring your own snack!  
Practice and performed in 2 Weeks!  
Performance on JULY 13th 7PM  
\$130

Download the form @ [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org)  
Make checks to FUPCDC Light House Drama  
Drop it by the church office  
Questions?  
Call Cathy Albrecht (703) 785 - 4404



## BIBLE VERSE FOR The Lion King Kids Program

# Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale of Rochester, NY

## Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale Concert - Open to the Public

On May 13th (Mother's Day) at 1:00 PM FUPCDC will host an exciting performance by the Roberts Wesleyan College Chorale of Rochester, NY. The chorale will sing the postlude at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services, and a 60-minute performance at 1:00 PM.

When the 11:00 AM worship service concludes, the congregation is invited to enjoy light refreshments and meet the singers. They are looking forward to sharing fellowship with us.

This group comprises the college's top vocal performers and their performance will a variety of sacred, classical, and modern songs. A free will offering will be collected to help the chorale cover their spring tour expenses. 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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# Rise Against Hunger



## WE DID IT! YOU DID IT!

20,000 meals prepared during the RISE AGAINST HUNGER on Saturday, April 21st.

A very special thank you to all who participated: FUPCDC, Covenant Presbyterian Church, FUPCDC Boy Scout Troop 964, Bel Air Woman's Club, and others. 106 people signed in.

**THANK YOU. To God be the Glory!**



# Rise Against Hunger continued



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