



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Chronicles
September 2018



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI

**Back
to
School**



**Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart!**

~ Colossians 3: 23

Have a Great School Year!

*Passion for Christ—Compassion for Others
Loving God—Loving Others*

Session Report - August 2018

At the August Session meeting, the Session received the church's 2017 Financial Review Report and the Finance & Administration Committee's response to comments by the reviewers. The review was positive; the policies and procedures in place were found to be in order. The committee commended the work that is being done by the Treasurer and the organization and preparation of the information needed by the committee for the review.

The Session received and approved updates to the Records Retention and Destruction Policy, and to the Fundraiser and Donation Policy. We received the Finance and Administration new Counting Procedures Guide.

Two additional fundraisers were approved.

A new policy on keys was approved, as well as purchase of a rechargeable wireless microphone for Pastor Jeri.

Additional funding for removal of the foxes that have been found on our premises was approved for the safety of the congregation, the preschool, and others who may be on church grounds. Please do not approach or interact with the foxes; they are wild animals and could carry fleas, ticks, or diseases.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." -David Steindl-Rast

Thank you very much for completing and returning the Joy Questionnaire and for your continuing support of FUPCDC. As most of you know, JOY is the theme of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. It has been said, from Gratitude and Generosity, one receives JOY. In 2016 and 2017, the testimonies of members of the Congregation regarding their gratitude to God were shared during church services. Last year, the generous giving of *your* time, talent and riches that helps our church ministries to flourish were highlighted. This year the Stewardship Committee will share *your* JOY that comes from grateful and generous giving. We invite you to join us and be part of the church's journey of JOY.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Romans 15:13

Congregational Connections

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” ~ Romans 15:7 (ESV)

This is the guiding verse for the Congregational Connections committee. Each Sunday, door greeters welcome those who come to join the FUPCDC family in worship. Scheduling two greeters at the door prior to each service and one greeter at the Welcome Table immediately following each service is the most visible way this committee serves our church. Are you looking for a way to serve? If so, this is the way to make contact with everyone who walks through our doors.

Please call Betsy Gilbert, 703-670-4949 or email betsy.gilbert24@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.



FOURTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE CHURCH **SAVE THE DATE... September 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Please join us for an evening of Prayer and Praise of Thanksgiving. We will celebrate God’s abundant gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City this past year.

He has truly blessed us to be a blessing to others!

Passion for Christ — Compassion for Others

Loving God — Loving Others

Connect — Grow — Serve

You only need to show up; He will connect the rest.

Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there as we give “GLORY TO GOD.”

SPREAD THE WARMTH

Calling all those who knit or crochet. After our summer break, our group will be meeting once again to continue creating warm hats and scarves for our friends who are homeless. We will meet on Monday, September 17th at 7 PM in the church library. If you are new to the church and are interested in joining our group, please contact Elizabeth Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com .



Deacons Report - August 2018

The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 9th following the one worship service at 10 AM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and plenty of ice water will be provided. Attendees whose last name starts with A-F are asked to bring a dessert, G-L brings salad, and M-Z can bring a side. Remember to bring your favorite family board game. Signups have been ongoing in the Narthex for the past three weeks to gather number of attendees, solicit help with setup and/or cleanup, and a call for canopy pop up tents. The picnic generally occurs at the end of August but a change in date hopes to provide us with cooler weather.



Sunday, September 9, 2018
following the one worship service at 10 AM

On August 14th and again on September 11th, meals will be delivered to the Beverly Warren Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia, every 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. Deacons can now reach out to families for support of this effort. If you are so inclined to help with the meal, contact your Deacon and thanks for your support.

The Deacons supported the Kreider family as they mourned the loss of Glea Kreider.

The next Deacon meeting will be on September 18th.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator

Wednesday Night Alive

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE IS BACK! Please join our WNA kick-off on **September 5th** from **6:00-6:45 PM** for a potluck. Please bring a main dish or side dish to share. Each Wednesday, dessert and drinks are provided. For non-potluck dinners, the main dish, salad with toppings, including grilled chicken for an alternative to the main dish will be provided. Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 PM.

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!

September 5—Potluck theme “End of Summer”

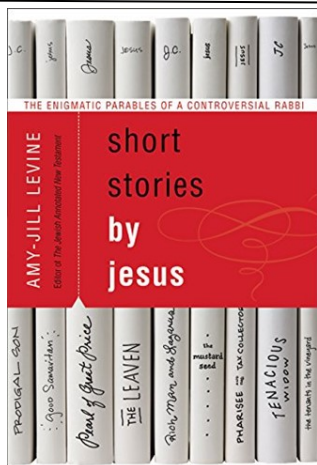
September 12—Herb-Stuffed Pork Roast

September 19—Johnnycakes with Ham

September 26—Italian Sausage Empanadas

October 3—Potluck theme “October Fest” (German Foods)

Pastor's Bible Study



Pastor's Bible Study following Wednesday Night Alive at 7:00 PM in Room 22, beginning September 12: *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*

From the back of the cover of the book: *Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity and have often allowed anti-Semitism and misogyny to color their perspectives.*

The author, Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures, and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

Participants are encouraged to purchase the Participants book and/or the book. Both are available from Amazon.

Adult Ministry

Fall Adult Classes:

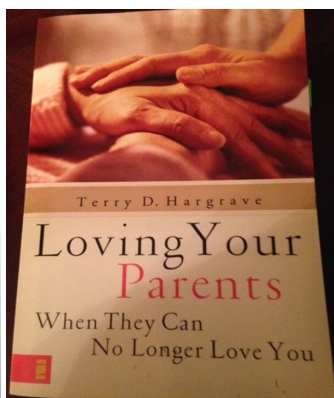
Two exciting classes are being offered beginning on Sunday, September 16th at 9:45 AM. The first is a Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. It will be taught by the team of Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter in the Triple Room and will run until June 2019 (see below). The second class is on Christian Caregiving. It will last for nine (9) weeks. This offering will be taught by Pat Manalio with periodic assistance from others (see below). Classes will be held in Room 22.

Gospel of Luke:

The man we know as “Luke” was apparently a fabulous multi-tasker – besides being a doctor of medicine, he was a prolific writer (his two books, Luke and Acts, take up over 27% of the New Testament), and an evangelist who accompanied Paul on missionary journeys but was not afraid to disagree with him (or, to put it more gently, “offer a different perspective”) – who knows what else he did?

This fall, the FUPCDC Adult Sunday Class (the one that meets in the Triple Room from 9:45-10:45 AM) will focus on the first half of Luke’s two volume set, the Gospel of Luke. Yes, we are doing this backwards (having recently completed the Book of Acts) but at least you will be well acquainted with the author! Please join us as we journey with Jesus and examine the unique perspective that Luke offers into our Savior’s birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

Our class will begin on September 16th and will meet each Sunday as we are able – a complete schedule will be distributed on the first meeting of the class. As always, all are welcome, and our motto is the same: **“Come when you can and come as you are.”**



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.

Men’s Retreat:

Are you willing to spend four hours trying something totally different that may change your commitment to God and your faith? It’s fall and the Men’s Retreat is here! Come join us on Saturday September 29th from 8 AM to 12 PM. Our theme is *“Grow Your Faith”*. Come be with other men of the congregation. Following a special continental breakfast we will praise the Lord through song, bible study, testimony, and group interaction. The Apostle Paul encouraged us to *“be strengthened in the faith”* (Colossians 2:6-7). We look forward to seeing you there!

Adult Ministry

Fair Share - *Coming Soon!*



This fall we are launching an exciting new series of sharing sessions called "Fair Share" led by speakers who impact our community (and beyond) in positive ways. Please join us as we invite our congregation and local community to enjoy a casual Saturday evening learning about, interacting with, and appreciating people who consistently step out of their comfort zone to help others. All sessions will be held free of charge at FUPCDC on selected Saturdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. A light dessert will be served.

- **October 20:** Streetlight Community Outreach Ministry's Executive Director, **Rose Powers**, and volunteer extraordinaire, **Joyce Entremont**, will share how their ministry team gets into the struggle with local unsheltered and homeless individuals to combat their toughest obstacles to the life-necessities most of us take for granted. Come learn about their ministry's history, perspective, mission, and goals.
- **November 10:** Local resident, author, professor, and Prince William County Human Rights Award winner, **Dr. Michael Otaigbe**, will share his experiences with and thoughts on the many barriers to inclusion, and how we can work together to overcome them.
- **January (TBD):** Local resident, cancer survivor, and author of "Myrcles: A Story of Miracles, Hope, and Inspiration", **Cathy Alves Davis**, will share how God miraculously led her through a harrowing cancer fight to prepare her to help others find faith, hope, and healing.

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 Sutherlun

The Horizons Bible Study is a monthly group that meets on the second Monday of the month ,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 for more information.

Children's Ministry

Hey Parents! Summer has come to an end! Cooler temperatures, leaves changing, Fall will be upon us. We are excited that Kidz Church at 11:00 AM begins Sunday, September 2nd!

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding with our delayed opening.

9:45 AM Kidz Church will open for children Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

11:00 AM Kidz Church will have studies on Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

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.



Kidz Church at 9:45 AM and 11:00 AM will NOT be held Sunday, September 9th.

There will be ONE service for Gospel Sunday and our church picnic. Nursery will be available for children infant through four years old.



Children's Choir

Hey Parents!! Mark your calendars! Ms. Becca and Mr. Chris invite children to join them Thursday nights beginning September 13th from 6:00 - 6:50 PM in the Sanctuary for Children's Choir rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held Thursday nights, September 13, 2018 - May 16, 2019. Children will sing the second and third Sundays beginning October 14, 2018. Children's Choir will end Sunday, May 19, 2019. Ms. Becca and Mr. Chris look forward to seeing you!



Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

Mission and Outreach

At the August meeting the Mission & Outreach Committee met with Steve Liga, CEO of ACTS to learn more about the organization, the current needs, and how we might be able to better support them.

ACTS has made progress in building systems to better serve the community. Two recent accomplishments are:

The opening of the new Hunger Prevention Center – in addition to much more space the operation has been streamlined. They worked closely with Wegman's to develop the food storage and distribution system. Members of the Mission and Outreach Committee will have the opportunity to tour the new facility.

New software that is client-centered rather than program-centered is now operational. It tracks all services provided to a client which gives the case managers a comprehensive picture of the person. This allows them to better treat the person instead of each program area treating symptoms relating specifically to that program without knowledge of other areas of the person's life.

We discussed ways in which we could better support ACTS. Steve noted that it would be helpful if we would be willing to switch things up a bit and replace "Operation Turkey" with a food drive in February. They receive so many donations for Thanksgiving and become overstocked on foods that are specific to the holiday and then experience a drop in the level of donations during the winter. We agreed to work on this and plan to skip an appeal for Thanksgiving food and implement a "Have a Heart" food drive in February. Healthier foods, such as no salt added vegetables and protein enriched pastas, are needed. In addition, there is a need for other items such as cooking oil, paper towels, dish detergent, laundry detergent, napkins, toilet paper, full size shampoo, and toothpaste as well as other toiletries. Stay tuned for more information on the "Have a Heart" food drive.

ACTS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on January 20th. They will join us for the worship service and present a plaque to FUPCDC as one of the founding churches.

The Mission & Outreach Committee Invites You to Participate in a FUPCDC

Community Flea Market

Saturday, October 13th, 2018

7:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Our goal is to fill at least 25 spaces. We welcome families, crafters & vendors. **Spaces are \$20.00**

To reserve a space please email FUPCDCFleaMarket@comcast.net for an application/registration form.

We need your confirmation of space(s) by 3 pm, Friday, October 12th but would appreciate earlier signups. You can mail or drop off your application/registration form with payment in the church office.

Each participant is responsible for providing their own tables for set up and for carrying off their own items upon completion of sale. Participants are welcome to bring their own canopy or sun umbrella as long as it fits in your space. You may begin setting up your space(s) by 6:00 am the day of the event.

We reserve the right to exclude persons with items that may not be appropriate.

Reserve your space today!

If you have questions you can contact Pat Manalio at 703-283-2948 or send an email to FUPCDCFleaMarket@comcast.net

Mission and Outreach

LIBERIA AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for your generous donations to the Liberia Agricultural program! We will notify you when the items are received in Liberia and will keep you posted on the progress of the program.



National Night Out

On the evening of August 7th, the Mission and Outreach Committee hosted National Night Out in honor of national crime prevention. We shared fellowship, snacks, music, and games. Prince William County Police members were in attendance to discuss how to keep safe in your home, job, or everyday events. THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and helped out with this event. We

are so blessed to be part of a community that is so willing to give of their time and talent. We also want to express our appreciation for the donations we received from businesses in the community.

- * Wegman's
- * Costco
- * Giant (Dale City)

- * Sam's Club
- * Bon Chon Chicken
- * Safeway (Merchant Plaza)

- * Chick-fil-A (PW Parkway)
- * Giant (Mapledale Plaza)
- * Safeway (Cheshire Station)



National Night Out





SPECIAL OFFERINGS

June 21, 2018

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*"Giving thanks to God at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Ephesians 5:20*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in Special Offerings, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world - through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and witness.

Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: On June 13, 2018, we received \$1,290.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your congregation's gift, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

Each of the Special Offerings is grounded in God's loving presence with us. They provide congregations the opportunity to reflect, theologically, on how God's compassion has made known to us, how God's Spirit ignites our inspiration, how Christ's peace draws us into partnership, and how the Incarnation provides a model for servant leadership in our churches and for our world. We share stories of ministries brought to life by God's grace and our giving. They are ways the church becomes *the church*. Over the Summer months, reach out to us at specialofferings@pcusa.org and let us help you find new and creative ways to enhance your congregation's ministry through the Offerings, as you prepare for an exciting new program year in the Fall. If you have any additional questions about the Offerings or Presbyterian mission, you can contact myself (bryce.wiebe@pcusa.org), or your Mission Engagement Advisor, Sy Hughes. Sy can be reached at (540) 458-1869, or Sy.Hughes@pcusa.org.

Again, **thank you** for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission. Please let me know how we can support your efforts.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,

Bryce Wiebe
Director, Special Offerings



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