A Service of Quiet and Reflection
The Worship and Music Committee is offering A Service of Quiet and Reflection on Sunday, February 10 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This is the first of four such services, which the committee will plan and lead during 2019.

This service will follow the Taizé tradition. A defining element of this style of worship is contemplative participation where we seek to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit. The service uses moments of silence, meditation and reflection, coupled with sung response, to help us become aware of God's presence within us and to hear God's whispered voice speaking to each of us. In this time of winter, come, gather and join with brothers and sisters in Christ seeking Sabbath light.

Members of FPC and the community are invited to attend this quiet and reflective worship experience.

Childcare is available.
Upcoming Events & News

Join the Men of the Church for Wildgame, Chili and Fish Fry

Saturday, February 2

We are expecting another great evening at Hugh Cumming’s barn on Saturday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m.

We will have wildgame of all types, a huge pot of chili, and Boyce Bishop will be frying fish and hush puppies. Call the church office at 336-228-1703 to sign up.

Cost is $10 per person and you can pay at the event.

Ladies of ALL Ages are Invited!

Bring your mother, daughters, aunts and friends!

If you’d like, bring a favorite tea cup!

Hats welcome, but certainly optional!

In Calvin Hall

Yoga Class for Women

All women are invited to take time to breathe deeply, stretch the amazing body God has given you, connect with the Divine, and build relationships with other women of the church. Never tried yoga before? Come give it a try! The instructor will provide a class to suit all levels of experience and gives helpful individual instruction when needed. Contact Charlotte Allbright to sign up 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

Cost is $30 for six weeks. Instructor: Sarah Horton Campbell.

“God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (1 Corinthians 3:17)
Upcoming Events & News

Pritchett Symposium, Sunday, March 17
Guest Preacher/Speaker — Jill Duffield, Editor of The Presbyterian Outlook

Commonplace Holiness: God at Work Wherever You Are
A burning bush or thunderous voice from heaven would be nice, wouldn’t it? An unmistakable sign of God’s directions and will would go a long way in increasing our faithfulness. At least that’s what we often tell ourselves. But what if God is speaking, through the ordinary things of life, around our dinner tables, in our classrooms, conference rooms, streets and sanctuaries? Perhaps the challenge is not God’s illusive presence, but our lack of expectation that God is here and at work within us, despite us, and through us.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship
Class One: Looking Out for the Holy, 9:45 a.m. in Witherspoon
We will look at Bible verses where people are told to keep watch and be awake. We will examine what it means to anticipate God’s presence and transformation. How will we recognize the holy in our midst? How will we respond when we see it?

Class Two: Faithfulness in Our Sphere, 5:00 p.m. in Witherspoon
What does it mean to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in our daily lives? How do we follow Jesus’ commands right where we are on any give day and in every circumstance? We will explore what it means to be faithful in our spheres of influence, no matter how big or small they are.

Scripture for worship: Psalm 22, Mark 15:33–47
Sermon title: A Centurion, Many Women, and a Rich Man

Presbyterian Women FPC Circle Meetings — February 2019

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American Red Cross Memorial Bloodmobile:
Save the Date!
March 19, 2019 in Calvin Hall
The American Red Cross is planning to hold the Harold and Barbara Lloyd Memorial Bloodmobile on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Calvin Hall from 2:30-7:00 p.m.. Harold Lloyd organized many bloodmobiles at First Presbyterian and Barbara was a faithful Red Cross volunteer for many years. When available online you may schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code FPC Burlington. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, Site Coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. The site, redcrossblood.org also gives information about guidelines about who may donate blood and what to expect as a blood donor. You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life! Please save the date!
Winter Adult Studies
Adult Studies is an opportunity for faith formation and transformation offered by FPCB. Our hope is to foster lifelong spiritual growth for our congregation and our community. The Adult Studies Committee invites you to make a commitment to Christian formation. Here are some of the many opportunities offered this fall. Pick one (or more) and join the journey. Contact Charlotte Allbright, Director of Christian Education and Formation, for more information (336)228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

The Practice of Prayer
Sundays at 9:45 a.m., February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 9:45 a.m., John Knox Room
Led by Bruce Shields and Nan Perkins
Join us to learn more about:

- “What the Bible Teaches Us About Prayer”
- “Forms of Prayer: Help, Thanks, Wow!”
- “How People in Other Religions Pray”
- “Praying Outside the Box: Forms of Contemplative Prayer”

Bruce and Nan are both retired from academic careers. Nan retired from Elon and Bruce from Duke and Yale. Both are actively involved in Furniture Ministry and Reading Buddies at Andrews Elementary. Nan works part-time with a company called Credo, which provides consulting services for small colleges. She, also, is active in meditation and wisdom groups. Bruce keeps his finger in Ophthalmology by working once a week with the Duke residents and a free eye clinic in Burlington. Bruce, also, volunteers with Hospice one day each week.

Selected Poetry of Wendell Berry
Sundays, February 3, 10, 17 at 9:45 a.m., Room 122
Led by Dr. Harry Brown
The Kentucky writer Wendell Berry is a 20th-century Renaissance man: farmer, novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, and teacher, Berry is a member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, recipient of the National Humanities Medal, member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the first living writer to be chosen for the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame. Some of his major topics are nature, farming, death, people, and faith. The class will use Berry’s New Collected Poems (Counterpoint, 2012), which can be purchased used in paperback on Amazon.

The Point Adult Sunday School Class
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 227
The Point will be Feasting on the Word with lectionary texts that pull us in and apply scripture to our daily living.

- **February 3** – Jeremiah 1:4–10 – Hearing Jeremiah’s call to pull down and then plant, explore God’s call to similar acts of ministries today.
- **February 24** – Luke 6:27–38 – Imagine ways in which Jesus’s radical words about loving enemies can empower them to live with such grace.

The Wired Word will also be available, but because it is designed around current issues, we do not know what the lessons will be at this time.
Winter Adult Studies

Enrichment Class

Sundays at 9:45 a.m., Room 228
From time to time during the last few years, the Enrichment Class has addressed faith issues such as atonement and theodicy. The goal was not to change minds, but to present a range of theories we might use to affirm or re-shape our feelings about these vital matters. Join the Enrichment Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 228 as we take a look at Scripture in new ways as one facet of the deconstructionist movement.

Join Dr. Ron Shive in a Weekly Bible Study this Winter —
“Peculiar Treasures of the New Testament”
January–May 2019 in the Witherspoon Room

Three Weekly Options:
- **Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study**: 6:45–7:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**: 10:00–11:30 a.m.
- **Thursday Women’s Bible Study**: 6:45–7:45 a.m.

This winter and spring we will examine 17 of God’s peculiar treasures from the New Testament. Most of them are odd, strange, or eccentric, and yet they still have the power to make us feel more alive for having known them. Hopefully this study will at times bring a tear to your eyes and at other times send a shiver up your spine, but you will walk away with an insight of living as Christ’s more faithful disciple. If you have any questions or would like a schedule of our winter study, please contact Ron (336-228-1703 or rshive@fpcburlington.org).

Lunch Bunch Book Club

February Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 12** at 12:00 p.m. in Room 122
We will be discussing the book, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway. Come even if you haven’t read the book. Bring your lunch with you. Led by Virginia Cummings, Peggy Harrelson and Charlotte Allbright.

Save the Date! — Vacation Bible School for All Ages

Vacation Bible School begins **Sunday, June 16** at 9:00 a.m. with our kick-off and continues **June 17-20** from 6:00–8:15 p.m. Mark it on your calendar so you do not miss “**To Mars and Beyond**” by Cokesbury.

There will be an adult class, too! Join Patrick Murphy for “**The Congregation’s Song**” on **Sunday, June 16 through Tuesday, June 18** from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

We always need adult and youth volunteers! If God is calling you to shepherd a group of amazing children, to make dinner for the VBS volunteers, to serve in the kitchen, or anything else, please contact Charlotte Allbright 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" (*Ephesians 3:20*)
Children’s Ministry

Faith Formation, Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.
All children are welcome to jump into faith formation at FPCB!

Infants and Toddlers are learning how much God loves them through “Growing in Grace and Gratitude.” Parents receive a take-home sheet to help with faith-in-the-home activities and prayers.

One-Room — for Pre-K through 4th grade in Rooms 223 & 224, is all about “Family Wisdom” we find in faith stories in Deuteronomy, Daniel, Timothy, Acts, and Proverbs. Everyone remember to draw a pic of your family on the paper on the hall wall!

Submerge — the class designed for Tweens in room 401, is wrapping up their winter by learning more about “Healing Families” — Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law, Jesus frees a boy, Jesus heals two women, and Jesus heals a Samaritan.

Mark your calendars! Lenten Workshop is Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 a.m. Engaging experience for children! Get your caterpillar(s)! More info to come... **Charlotte Allbright does need help separating the caterpillars on Thursday, March 14 starting at 4:00 p.m. and going until all 99 of those little critters have their own home — and that takes a while. If you can help Charlotte, please let her know 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.)

Youth Ministry

Summer
It may be winter, but summer is right around the corner! We are gearing up for our various trips to Montreat for the Senior High Conference and Massanetta Springs for the Middle School Conference, which Taylor will be helping to organize this year! **Massanetta will be June 20-23 and Montreat will be July 7-13.** Contact Taylor for more information! tbarner@fpcburlington.org

Confirmation
Confirmation Class has begun! Please pray for our confirmands and their elder partners as they dive into their faith and take this important step into the life of the church!
2019 Flower Donations
Thank you to all who donated flowers for our Sunday worship services during 2018! The Chancel Guild is planning for 2019 and your help is needed again. Floral donations are offered on a first come/first serve basis. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please complete and submit the form below to Kathleen Seagroves in the church office or to Cindy Cothran, Chancel Guild chairperson.

**Available Dates**

*Dates marked through are already reserved or denote holidays or other events when flowers are provided by the church.*

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Date you would like to donate flowers in 2019____________________________

**Choice of Florist:**

_____ Church’s standing order - **$135** covers the cost and delivery for two matching arrangements. Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church to the attention of Lacey Way.

_____ **Donor’s Choice of Florist:** Donor negotiates price and assures timely delivery of two matching arrangements to First Presbyterian Church on chosen Sunday.

**Information for Sunday bulletin:** *The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and:*

_____ in honor of____________________________________________________________

_____in loving memory of____________________________________________________

Given by with any extended message:
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________

Flower Distribution: Arrangements are divided into smaller vases and delivered to sick and shut-in members. Please notify the church office or Chancel Guild if you need to make other plans.

Donor’s Name___________________________________ Date____________________

**NOTE:** You may also contact Chancel Guild chair, Cindy Cothran (336-226-8226) or Kathleen Seagroves (336-228-1703) or kseagroves@fpcburlington.org.
August 8-18 Peru Mission Trip — Join Us!

We are planning the details now for a mission trip to Peru August 8-18. We will be working with Paz y Esperanza San Martin (Peace and Hope) in the construction of a school for deaf children in Nueva Cajamarca, a city near Moyobamba. This trip is being planned in partnership with Miriam Laura at PERUSA, who works closely with our P.C.(U.S.A.) mission co-workers. The trip will cost approximately $1800. Join us for a life-changing experience. Call Ron Shive at 336-228-1703 or Bill Moser at 336-226-1501 for more information.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Each year, the FPC Youth collect money for Souper Bowl of Caring to help hunger throughout Alamance County. Our Youth would like to invite you to give a donation following one of our worship services on Sunday, February 3. A youth will be at each of the exits with a soup pot for you to place your donations.

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Souper Bowl of Caring

IN-KIND GIVING CALENDAR 2019

Please check our eblast & Facebook page each week for updates

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(drop off outside Associate Pastor’s office or in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
BBQ sauce, salad dressing, mayo, mustard, ketchup | Feeding the Hungry  
canned meats, ravioli | Diaper Ministry  
(drop off outside Associate Pastor’s office or in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
soups and coffee | PW Book Drive for Andrews  
(drop off in Work Room)  
Feeding the Hungry  
canned meat and drink mixes |
| MAY                      | JUNE                            | JULY                         | AUGUST                        |
| VBS collection  
(drop off in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
peanut butter and canned fruit | VBS collection  
(drop off in Welcome Center)  
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peanut butter and canned fruit | Andrews School Supply  
(drop off outside Associate Pastor’s office or in Welcome Center)  
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BBQ sauce, salad dressing, mayo, mustard, ketchup | Andrews School Supply  
(drop off outside Associate Pastor’s office or in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
coffee and canned veggies |
| SEPTEMBER                | OCTOBER                         | NOVEMBER                     | DECEMBER                      |
| Diaper Ministry  
(drop off outside Associate Pastor’s office or in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
shelf-stable milk and cereal | October 1st 508 worship  
@Paramount; bring socks, underwear and gloves for Andrews Elementary School  
Feeding the Hungry  
peanut butter and soup | Meals on Wheels Tree  
(in Welcome Center)  
Feeding the Hungry  
coffee and canned fruit | Honor Cards/Ornaments  
(for purchase in Church Office)  
Feeding the Hungry  
shelf-stable milk and cereal |
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Furniture Ministry News

Did you sleep well last night? Our church's Furniture Ministry helps to ensure that people all over Alamance County, especially children, can answer "Yes!" to that question. After the January 12 workday, for example, 14 people who had been sleeping on the floor or a sofa or chair received a mattress/box springs/frame, complete mattress pad, fresh sheets, a pillow and a blanket or comforter. What a blessing in these winter temperatures! In total on that day, deliveries were made to 12 families and donations were picked up from 10. In addition, a host of new "bed-in-a-bag" sets and boxes of dishes and silverware were assembled. Twenty-five volunteers turned out to make all of this possible—a great start to a new year. We were especially glad to welcome Phillip Allen, father of Veronica and Lydia Allen, and Elizabeth Wooten.

There are actually two Furniture Ministry workdays each month now, as we have consolidated all pick ups into two Saturdays, the second Saturday delivery workday and the pick-up Saturday two weeks later. On January 5, 2019, nine men went to five homes to pick up donated items and also brought a couple of truckloads of goods from our Gibsonville storage location to the church warehouse. The heroes of that day were Barry Bradberry, Kent Byrd, Reid Dusenberry, Dick Cannon, Eddie Gant, Dan Hardie, Phil Langley, Bruce Shields and Joe Woods.

Volunteers and volunteer support are the lifeblood of our organization. In December, the Furniture Ministry received $2865 in donations and Honor Card sales. Many, many thanks to all of those who donated! These funds will be used to supplement the donations of goods we receive in order to ensure that families can have the basic home furnishings. Beds and bedding are our top priority, and we use our donated funds especially to buy bed frames, foundations for mattresses, mattress pads, blankets, comforters, and pillows. Preferred Realty is now donating funds each month for the purchase of pillows. Thank you, Virginia Wilburn and colleagues!

NEEDED NOW:

- Pots and pans
- Towels

Upcoming workdays:

- Delivery day: Saturday, February 9 — 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon
- Pick up day: Saturday, February 23 — 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon

Office hours:

- Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon

Furniture Ministry Phone Number: 336-212-2937
Email: furnmin@fpc.org
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Mission Connections Newsletter
from John McCall:
A Snowy Evening in China

Dear Friends,

It’s a snowy Sunday evening in China. I just returned from a two day trip to preach at a church in an area east of Nanjing. Next door to the huge sanctuary is a tall tower with a massive red cross on top. Inside is a museum to the famous English missionary to China, Hudson Taylor. His grave is also there. Three of his young children and his wife all died in China.

One hundred and forty years ago, Taylor visited Glasgow, Scotland, on one of his trips back to Great Britain to encourage more young people to give their lives to mission in China. He spoke at a YMCA across the street from where my great grandfather, Henry John McCall, lived and Henry was in that audience. Henry was so moved by Taylor’s challenge that he decided to go to China as a missionary. After the application process and a physical, they decided that his eye sight was not good enough to read Chinese characters. But this did not deter him, so he instead headed to Brazil as a missionary. I guess his eye sight was good enough to read Portuguese. But it was because of Hudson Taylor’s inspiring talk, that he spent his life in mission. Now I have the opportunity to preach and teach in China.

The first week of class has gone well. There are over 50 students in the class who come from all over this big province. Each morning I ask different students to lead singing and then we pray together. This week, we especially remembered those who were killed and injured in the Indonesian tsunami. We then begin our class. They wear their thick coats and drink tea to stay warm. Since I am moving as I lecture, I don’t feel the cold. They continue to impress me with their attentiveness and hunger to learn and grow.

Each day at noon, I hike up the small mountain behind the seminary with a different group of students. They ask questions as we hike. The students held a birthday...
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Mission Connections Newsletter (continued)

party for me one evening and they made handmade dumplings. It was fun to see them working together to get the dinner ready. The next day several of the faculty had a birthday luncheon for me.

Since tomorrow and January 1 are both national holidays, we won’t have class. Tomorrow some of the graduates from last year’s class will take me around Nanjing. On January 1, I will head about an hour north to meet with a group of young evangelists who graduated two years ago. The beauty of teaching at the same seminary over several years is the relationships that are developed. Both of the churches in which I have preached this time, have former students, so it is good to hear how they and their families are doing.

As we enter a new year, please keep the Chinese Church in your prayers. May they continue to be light and salt in this vast land. Happy New Year!

John

A Thank You from Chad Coble

Picture from our “Court of Honor” awards presentation meeting (12/18/18) Pack 17 (& Troop 17) of First Presbyterian Church. In just three short years Pack 17 has grown to 40 cub scouts. I want to personally thank the Church for the space and opportunity to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Chad Coble
336-214-6484
Budget Shortfall

The Financial Advisory Committee met last week with the task of making recommendations to the Session for the church’s 2019 budget. The end of the year numbers for 2018 were not good as revenues were $48,000 below budget. Even with expenditures being $10,000 less than budgeted, we ended the year with a loss.

In addition, the 2019 pledges are $50,000 below the pledges we received in 2018 so our prospects for 2019 are not what we had hoped for. The number of giving units that pledged continued to fall. This year was the lowest percentage ever — 52.3%. On a positive note, we are very grateful and thankful for those who did pledge as they increased their pledges by an average of $155.

As a result of these numbers, the Financial Advisory Committee and the Session made some difficult decisions. Among their decisions, we are not funding the ordained staff position formerly held by Lindsay Conrad. In addition, all other parts of the budget will be held at the 2018 level, except for increased utilities, despite requests for increases especially in areas of Missions and Benevolence.

The Bible encourages us to make our gifts to the church from the “first fruits” of our labor. Our hope is that more folks will be able to find a way to support the church financially using this Biblical text as a guide. We have such a wonderful church with great missions that support our members, the community, and the world. We pray that these numbers will improve so that our mission can be accomplished in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

If you have not yet pledged for 2019 or are in a position to increase your pledge, please do so today. Your participation will greatly enhance the ministries of our church. Please call or email our Financial Administrator Lacey Way (336-228-1703; lway@fpcburlington.org).

Financial Advisory Committee

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The church changed electronic giving platforms as of January 1, 2019. If you give electronically, please set up

your recurring payment through Tithe.ly, there is a link on the church’s website under the “Serve and Give” tab. Please contact Lacey Way with any questions. (lway@fpcburlington.org)

Note: this does not affect giving through ACH bank draft.
Changes in *First Press* Publishing Dates and Delivery Method

A growing portion of the church budget is spent on paper, printing and postage costs for our monthly newsletter. As responsible stewards of the funds you have donated to First Presbyterian Burlington, we believe we can save some of that money for other programs and services such as music, outreach, children’s programs, and so on, by utilizing the many available resources for disseminating information digitally and less expensively: our weekly eblast, website newsfeed, Sunday announcements and Facebook posts.

We would like to make three changes to *First Press*, with both our budget and our environment in mind:

1) First, we have deliberately printed this issue of *First Press* in black and white to cut costs. The savings are significant (see information below). The digital/online version will be in color, however. As always, you will receive it via email and can also access it by the link in the eblast and on our FPC website, [www.fpcburlington.org](http://www.fpcburlington.org) under the “Fellowship & Connect” drop-down menu, then “Newsletters.”

In addition, if you are a Facebook user, please “Like” our Facebook page and follow us. You will get up-to-date information about events and news. Be sure to “Like” posts and “Share” on your page so that your friends can see them. If you would like to use Facebook but don’t know how and don’t have your own page, email or call Jane Cunningham, FPC Communications Coordinator, at jcunningham@fpcburlington.org or 336-772-5063 and she would be happy to help you set up your own page and show you how it works. Jane would also be glad to show you how to navigate the website so that you can find all the news you need.

Here is the link to our FPC page: [https://www.facebook.com/fpcburlington/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcburlington/).

2) Second, we would like to begin limiting the number of copies we print, rather than paying the high cost of printing and postage. As of the March issue of *First Press*, all parishioners with an email address will receive the full-color emailed newsletter. If you still prefer to have a paper copy, we will print a limited number of black and white copies and have them available to you in the office and in the back of the church. Or you may call the church office and request to have a copy mailed to you.

3) Third, because of the high costs mentioned — paper, printing and postage (as well as to save some trees) we are considering making *First Press* a bimonthly rather than monthly publication. We would include more in-depth articles about church history, music, missions, outreach, pilgrimages, and liturgical information from parishioners, clergy, volunteers and staff, and use the weekly eblast, Sunday announcements, website newsfeed and Facebook posts to relay current information about upcoming events and news.

### Printing, Paper and Postage Costs

- Cost of a color copy - .06 cents (6-8 pages per newsletter)
- Cost of a b&w copy - .01 cent
- Newsletter quality paper - .05 cents a sheet (12-16 per newsletter)
- Postage cost per newsletter - .47 cents

Total approx. cost to print & mail ONE newsletter in color – $1.75  
Total approx. cost to print & mail ONE newsletter in b&w - $1.35  
The church prints and mails approximately 400 newsletters a month – that is $700 a month just in newsletter costs.
Session Digest for January, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on January 27, 2019 for the monthly Stated Meeting.

1. The 2019 CDC budget was presented and approved by the Session.

2. Barbara Roberts reported on the activities of the Presbyterian Women including information about an upcoming tea for the women of the church on February 17, 2019 from 2-4 pm in Calvin Hall.

3. The Annual Statistical Report was reviewed and approved by the group.

4. The Clerk of Session shared several expressions of thanks from groups we have helped during the past year including True Community Church, Residential Treatment Services of Alamance, and First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton.

5. A request was approved for the Rev. Peter Thompson to officiate a wedding for Caroline Kerns in the sanctuary on October 12, 2019.

6. The Session approved the request for a congregational meeting on February 10, 2019 following the 11:00 service for the purpose of making changes to the terms of call of Ron Shive and Taylor Barner.

7. The budget for 2019 was presented and after amendments, was approved. Most notable among the changes was no longer funding the position formerly held by Lindsay Conrad.

8. Hunger Grant applications were endorsed by the Session for Residential Treatment Services of Alamance and Meals on Wheels.

9. The Earth Care Team presented for proposals which were approved:
   - Better utilization of the HVAC to reduce utility costs
   - Improvement of recycling efforts within the church
   - The use of Fair Trade Coffee in the church
   - The elimination of the use of Styrofoam

10. A Local Missions workday was approved for March 9, 2019.

11. The Session approved a Vacation Bible School “Super Soup” fundraiser collection.

12. The new Vision Statement drafted by the Visioning Committee was approved, and it will be shared with the congregation in the near future.

Church Finances — December Financial Statement

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| **Expenditures**     |          |                |                  |                 |                 |
|                      | $123,072.13 | $105,570.54   | $1,256,544.42    | $1,266,850.00   | $1,266,850.00   |
| **Net Total**        | $27,578.04 | $0.33          | ($37,846.61)     | ($1,266,850.00) | ($1,266,850.00) |

If you should have any questions regarding the Financial Statement, please contact Chan Chandler, Church Treasurer, JICChandlerIII@aol.com or Lacey Way, Church Business Administrator, lway@fpcburlington.org in the church office.
Church Business

Welcome New Members!

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Welcome to Our Visitors from Peru!

Welcome to Elva Cosavalente and Eliseo Lopez to First Presbyterian Church from Annie Soper School in Moyobamba, Peru. They are joining our local community for a month, with Elva teaching at Smith Elementary School and Eliseo attending classes at The Burlington School. The Stanfills are hosting Eliseo while the Allens, Northcutts, and both Fisher families will host Elva. We are excited to have them as part of our continued mission partnership with Peru through this student and teacher exchange.
Pilgrimage to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine

On February 15, a group of 29 church members and friends will be departing for a two-week pilgrimage to the Middle East. The trip will be led by Dr. Ron Shive. They will be spending four days in Jordan (Amman, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Machaerus, Petra, Wadi Rum, Bethany Beyond the Jordan, and Jerash), four days in the Galilee (Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, Kursi, Sepphoris, Nazareth, Megiddo, and Mt. Tabor), three days in Bethlehem (Nablus, Sebastia, Hebron, Herodium, and the Church of the Nativity), and three days in Jerusalem (Masada, Qumran, Jericho, Mount of Olives, all the holy places of the Old City). Along the way, they will cook dinner together in the Petra Kitchen, spend the morning with Abuna Chacour, walk the ruins of Sepphoris with the British journalist Jonathan Cook, have dinner in the homes of Palestinian Christians, and have lunch with Rev. Mitri Raheb. Pray that their spirits might be inspired by the Spirit as they encounter both the historic stones and the living stones of this land which has deep roots for all three Abrahamic faiths—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Ronald L. Shive