

MARCH 2019



First Press

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PRITCHETT SYMPOSIUM

JOIN US for the **Pritchett Symposium**

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Guest Preacher/Speaker — Jill Duffield,
Editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*

***Commonplace Holiness:
God at Work Wherever You Are***



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*

Jill Duffield Biography

Jill Duffield serves as the editor and publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent publication on the PC (USA). She earned a BA in history from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, graduating *magna cum laude* and as a member of *Phi Beta Kappa*. She graduated with her Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary and was ordained as a teaching elder in 1998. Jill earned her Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She was the 2015 recipient of the Associated Church Press James Solheim Award for Editorial Courage. Jill is a contributor to the forthcoming *Connections* preaching commentary series published by Westminster John Knox Press. She is currently serving on the Austin Presbyterian Seminary Board. Jill is married to Grant and they have three children, Joseph, Jessie and Marissa.

Lent at FPC, 2019

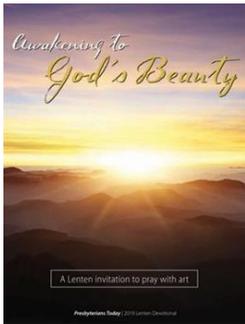
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES March 6, 2019



7:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.—
in Williams Chapel

Lenten Wednesday Worship

During the season of Lent, a worship service will be held in Williams Chapel each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. These 30-minute services will be led by clergy within our congregation and staff, and will include hymns, prayers, scripture, and a homily. We hope you will make these a part of your Lenten discipline this year.



Presbyterians Today 2019 Lenten Devotional

2019 *Presbyterians Today* Lenten Devotional will be available for you to pick up from the Welcome Center or Church Office starting **Sunday, March 3**.

Awakening to God's Beauty – A Lenten invitation to pray with art.

This year's stunning devotional uses the Psalms and invites us on a spiritual and visual pilgrimage through the holy season of Lent . . . through the final days of our Lord's ministry . . . his passion . . . his death on the cross . . . and finally his glorious resurrection at Easter. Through magnificent photography and a spiritual discipline called *visio divina* – praying with art – we open our eyes with new awareness and gratitude for the beauty of creation. The devotional offers a dazzling smorgasbord of soul-stirring original photographs, each with a short, guided meditation to lift our hearts and fortify us for the rest of our Lenten journey. The text, meditations and original photography are all the loving work of the Rev. Krin Van Tatenhove, long-time Presbyterian pastor, hospice chaplain, substance abuse counselor, traveler, photographer, and amazing storyteller.

Lenten Workshop for Children

Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 a.m. in Rooms 223/224.

During the year we offer special classes to guide children in understanding the church seasons. Lent is one of those seasons. All children are invited to come experience the **"Signs and Symbols of the Season."** We will engage our senses by making unleavened bread, setting a Seder Table and exploring the Seder Plate (snack time!). Children will learn more about the symbols on the Paschal Candle and the colors for Lent. Children will make Easter cards for our homebound members, and, of course, receive their caterpillar to nurture into a butterfly for the Easter morning butterfly release. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians who are curious about these Signs and Symbols of the Season are always welcome to stay for family faith formation. Contact Charlotte Allbright for more information or to reserve your caterpillar 336-228-1703 x223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

Children's Lenten Workshop

Sunday, March 17
9:45 a.m.
Rooms 223/224



Upcoming Events & News

FPC SERVICE MINISTRY DAY —

Join Us for a Day of Service & Fellowship!

Saturday, March 9
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Andrews Elementary
- Crossroads Resource Organization
- Meals on Wheels
- Furniture Ministry

Sign up at the
church or on our
website!

FPC's Local Missions Committee is sponsoring an FPC Service Ministry Day on **Saturday, March 9** at FPC. Activities begin at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. Service opportunities begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until early afternoon. Our Service Opportunities will be:

- **Andrews Elementary**
- **Meals on Wheels**
- **Crossroads**
- **Furniture Ministry Delivery Team Volunteers**

Sign-up sheets are at the church or you can follow this link to sign up online: <https://www.fpcburlington.org/fpc-service-ministry-day/> For more information, contact James Johnson at microprof0@gmail.com.

Explore FPC Breakfast

Want to Know More About FPC? An *Explore FPC Breakfast* is happening on **Sunday, March 10** at 9:45 a.m. in Room 203. This is a time for our guests and visitors to enjoy time with our program, pastoral staff, and members to learn a little bit more about FPC. If you would like to join us, contact Kathleen Seagroves at 336-228-1703 or kseagroves@fpcburlington.org.



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and Serving Community of Faith

Memorial Bloodmobile

Tuesday, March 19 in Calvin Hall

The American Red Cross is planning to hold the Harold and Barbara Lloyd Memorial Bloodmobile on **Tuesday, March 19 in Calvin Hall from 2:30-7:00 p.m.** Many members may remember the Lloyds and their dedication to the Red Cross. He organized a number of blood drives at FPC and Barbara Lloyd was a faithful Red Cross volunteer for many years.

Donor registration is now available. To schedule an appointment go to redcross.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. Please schedule your appointment as soon as possible so you will get the time you want. The site, redcrossblood.org also gives information about guidelines about who may donate blood and what to expect as a blood donor.

A new tool, **RapidPass** enables donors to complete pre-reading and questions online on the day of the blood drive reducing their onsite registration time by 15 minutes. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to get your pass on March 19. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment.

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life! Consider donating blood and give the gift of life!

Upcoming Events & News



It's Cool in the Furnace

The Carol and Covenant Choirs will present *It's Cool in the Furnace* on **Sunday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.** in Calvin Hall. This is the story of Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and their faith in God to help them in times of trouble, especially while in a fiery furnace! Told with humor and a spiritual message which helps us remember God's love.



Join Bingo Emcee Hal Vincent for food, fun, and fellowship with an evening of **Tacos and Bingo, Sunday, March 31.**

Bingo participants are asked to bring a gift below \$5.00 in value to build the prize pool for distribution to the Bingo winners.

FPC Burlington YOUTH Golf Tournament

**Saturday, April 6, Indian Valley Golf Course
Supporting Summer Mission Trips**

Each summer, a group of High School Youth from FPC answer the call to serve. We have been to Alaska, D.C., Atlanta, Denver, Mexico, New Orleans, Nashville, the Dominican Republic, Philadelphia, and Portland. Rotating on a schedule of Local/ Regional, National, and International locations, this mission experience provides youth with the opportunity to increase their awareness of others' needs and a chance to be God's hands and feet, meeting the needs of others.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help by:

- Being a Team Sponsor
- Playing as an Individual
- Buying a Hole Sponsorship
- Participating as a Virtual Caddie
- Donating Local Gift Card(s) for Prizes

Contact one of these volunteers to register: Mike Williams (mgwilly33@gmail.com, (336) 269-2569), Avery Wagoner (awagoner@caryoil.com, (919) 380-5848), Becky Wagoner (rcwagoner27@gmail.com, (336) 214-2800), Heather Hauk (heatherpga@yahoo.com, (704) 219-2244), Taylor Barner, tbarner@fpcburlington.org, (412) 613-0835; or go to our website at <https://www.fpcburlington.org/save-the-date-for-the-fpc-youth-golf-tournament-supporting-summer-mission-trips/> to find and print the registration form.

Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible!



Winter/Spring 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 winter/spring. 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.

SUNDAYS

Every Sunday Morning, 9:45 a.m. (ongoing)

The Point Room 227

We are professionals & students, parents & friends, and we are committed to asking hard questions of faith and walking together in love. For everything we do and everything we are, we ask "What's the POINT?" and we know better than to expect answers. What we do know is that the point – the purpose – of our study and worship and fellowship and faith journeying is that God has called us into Christian community and that we are doing our best to live out that call. We are opening our hearts and opening our minds to be a part of whatever God has called for with this zany and wonderful group of people. Join us as we search, pray, and discover as "The Point." Join our Facebook group!

Enrichment Class Room 228

For over 25 years, this class has studied a variety of topics from atonement to world religions. The discussion-based class, led by Henry Carrouth and Bill Massey, runs year round, even in the summer months. Everyone is encouraged to share opinions as we affirm each other on this faith journey. The Epiphany party held each January is one of the social events for the class. We actively support missions, like rebuilding New Orleans after Katrina or building a wheelchair ramp for a local cancer patient or adopting a Christmas cheer family. This is a place to grow your faith and build new relationships.

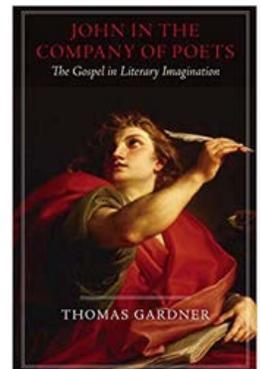
Sunday Classes in the John Knox Fellowship, 9:45 a.m. in the John Knox Room

The Gospel of John and Poetry

Led by Tom Gardner

Sundays, March 3 & 10

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself through a series of simple yet enigmatic words – as the bread of life and as living water, for example – and illustrates those words with a series of miraculous signs. John shows those who hear these words and see these signs struggling to understand and take them in, and it gradually becomes clear that the reader is being invited into the same struggle to taste and see and comprehend. We will look closely at a number of such passages and then several of the great poems in the English language which offer detailed, intimate accounts of how one might go about wrestling with and responding to these powerful words.



Biography: Tom Gardner is the son of Bill and Marion Gardner of our congregation. He and his wife Laura live in Blacksburg, Virginia where he is a Professor of English at Virginia Tech. He teaches courses on twentieth and twenty-first century poetry and writes about poetry as a way of thinking about the world and how we make sense of it. His most recent books are *John in the Company of Poets: The Gospel in Literary Imagination* and *A Door Ajar: Contemporary Writers and Emily Dickinson*. He is an elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg and regularly teaches adult Sunday School there.

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SUNDAYS (continued)

Journey to Canaan: Book of Numbers

Led by Dianna Wright, Associate Presbyter of Salem Presbytery

Sunday, April 7

The Journey to Canaan Bible Study was created to help congregations reflect on their ministry so they can plan for effective engagement in God's mission in the world. The study is based on the Book of Numbers, the fourth book of the Pentateuch that tells the story of Israel's journey from Mt. Sinai towards the Promised Land.

In this study the church has the opportunity to name itself, review at its journey with God and plan for its new life in the present age.

In this class, you will be introduced to the six week study and experience and bit of what it has to offer.



Biography: Dr. Dianna Wright, the Associate Presbyter for Equip and African American Ministries for Salem Presbytery in Clemmons, NC. An Education Consultant and Founder of Kuumba Center for Christian Education and Spiritual Growth. Past President of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, and currently serves on the General Assembly's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Dr. Wright is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond Va. and Columba Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. She served the church as curriculum writer for *These Days Devotions and Bible Study* and *Reflections on the Ecumenical Stance* for the PCUSA called "God's Unity... Our Journey." She is committed to the ministry of education and using creative ways to teach the gospel story. She believes that we must find a way to strengthen

one another as we together build up the one Body of Christ and serve our Living Lord. She continues to glorify God through the use of the liturgical arts including dance, storytelling, music and drama. She enjoys walking, sewing, crafts, reading tutoring children and traveling.

Bread for the World

Led by Rev. Frank Dew

Sunday, April 14



Based on Micah chapter 6 and Frank's work with Bread for the World, learn more about the connection between justice and compassion leading toward advocacy.

Biography: Frank Dew is the founding pastor of New Creation Community Presbyterian Church and Chapel at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Now serving as peace and justice advocate for Salem Presbytery.



breadfortheworld
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The Torah, Part II

Led by Mickey Efird

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26

The Torah, also known as the Pentateuch or the Books of Moses, remains the basic religious foundation for the Jewish faith — and to a certain degree for Christians also. This second half of the study will focus on significant passages which are often misunderstood. We can really have some fun with this one!!!!

Adult Studies Winter/Spring

MID-WEEK

Join Dr. Ron Shive in a Weekly Bible Study this Winter/Spring —
 “Peculiar Treasures of the New Testament”

March–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).

Summer Worship Series – Your Help is Needed

“If Jesus came for dinner to your home, what question would you ask him?”
 Please submit your answers to Ron Shive by March 31 – rshive@fpcburlington.org
 Ronald L. Shive

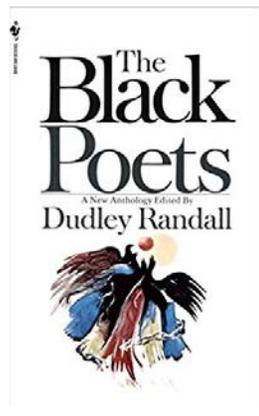
508 Partnership Poetry Gatherings — Feed Your Body and Your Soul!

Bring your lunch and join the 508 Partnership for discussions of Faith and African American Poetry.

Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- **March 5: First Baptist** • **March 12: First Presbyterian**
- **March 19: First Baptist** • **March 26: First Presbyterian**

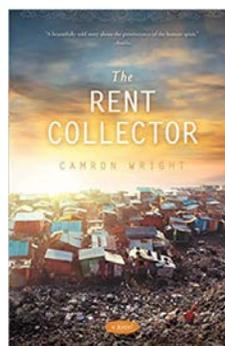
We will discuss selected works by Claude McKay, Robert Hayden, Carolyn Rodgers, and Nikki Giovanni. Resource: **The Black Poets** (Bantam Books) edited by Dudley Randall. Discussion Leaders: Homer Ashby – (United Methodist minister, clinical psychologist and pastoral counselor), Harry Brown, First Presbyterian (Instructor at Duke University), Vickie Morrow, First Baptist Church (Instructor at North Carolina Central University).



Lunch Bunch Book Club

March Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet
 on **Tuesday, March 12** at 12:00 p.m. in
 Room 122. We will be discussing the book,
The Rent Collector by Camron Wright.

Come even if you haven’t read the book.
 Bring your lunch with you. Led by Virginia
 Cummings, Peggy Harrelson and
 Charlotte Allbright.



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 **Observing Lent with your Family.** We find in faith stories in Luke, John, and Matthew. There will be a new interactive sheet on the hall wall. Read it and follow the instructions to doodle & draw!

Submerge — the class designed for **Tweens** in room 401, is starting the spring diving into **Family Goodbyes** – A Parable About Family, Mary Anoints Jesus for Burial, Jesus Enters Jerusalem, Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet, and The Last Supper.

Lenten Workshop is Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 a.m. — see page 2 of this newsletter for details.



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.

You can register on our website now at <https://www.fpcburlington.org/vacation-bible-school/>

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)

Outreach



Furniture Ministry News

Thirteen truckloads of furniture delivered to 13 families! 30 beds delivered and put together. A box truck load of mattresses picked up from Twin Lakes.

All that accomplished by just 20 dedicated, die-hard Furniture Ministry volunteers on Saturday, February 9.

It was a Herculean effort that went on well beyond the normal time required, but mindful of the temperatures dropping into the teens and the 23 children involved, our loyal group stayed until the job was done. As a result, that night 30 people who had been sleeping on the floor had their own warm bed with clean, pillows, sheets and blankets. The children even had new pajamas, thanks to our partner agency Peg’s PJs, and bedtime story books, thanks to Jim and Leah Johnson!

Many, many thanks to these extraordinary Furniture Ministry heroes: Elizabeth Bailey, Pete Blaetz, Robert Boon, Denese Byrd, Kent Byrd, Dick Cannon, Reid Dusenberry, Jo Feroe, Dick Fisher, Eddie Gant, Dan Hardie, Leslie Hardie, Jim Johnson, Libby Lasley, Nan Perkins, Bill Rogers, Raye Sapp, Bruce Shields, Virginia Wilburn, and Steve Wooten. If you see them, thank them!

Our FPC Furniture Ministry is doing an amazing job year in and year out bringing help and hope to hundreds of Alamance County citizens in need.

| | Families served | Children | Beds delivered |
|------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| 2018 | 174 | 316 | 312 |
| 2017 | 182 | 307 | 284 |
| 2016 | 186 | 304 | 317 |

Imagine our sanctuary with every seat taken and more in the balcony—that’s how many people receive beds

from our church each and every year! And they receive the other basic household furnishings needed to make a house a home too: sofas and chairs, a place to store clothes, a table and chairs for meals, and lamps, dishes, pots and pans, even towels etc.

All of this is accomplished by a completely volunteer ministry. How are you making it possible and how can you help?

- **Volunteer:** Show up for our delivery days on the second Saturday morning of each month and the pick up days on the fourth Saturday. New volunteers needed and welcome—for one time or more! With more volunteers, we could serve more people.

Volunteer to help during the Ministry’s office hours— Mondays and Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Help answer the phone, process new referrals, tag items for delivery, sort and shelf donations.

- **Donate household goods**—mattresses, box springs, bed frames, all basic household furnishings (no decorative items or large appliances), linens, towels, pots and pans, dishes, silverware.

- **Donate money**—FPC church members have been very generous to the ministry and we depend on those donations. To serve the numbers of people we are serving, we have to raise at least \$6000-7000 each year in addition to what we receive in the church budget. Most of our expenses are to purchase beds and bedding, our number one priority, to supplement what is donated.

- **Wash, sort and bag linens** which we receive during Elon’s annual Don’t Trash It campaign in May and June. In this one-month time frame we receive nearly all the bedding we will give away for twin beds for the remainder of the year. It is a massive effort to pick it up daily and get it all washed, sorted and ready to give away. Watch for bags that can be taken home and washed, and call Raye Sapp if you can help with the sorting and bagging.

We wish all of you could see the excitement on the faces of the children when our delivery teams arrive. It is all the reward needed. Thank you so much for your support of this amazing ministry!

For more information call 336-212-2937 or contact Reid Dusenberry, Nan Perkins, Elizabeth Bailey or Raye Sapp.

MARCH 2019

Outreach



**Furniture Ministry
Work Day,
Saturday,
February 9**



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.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women FPC Circle Meetings – March 2019

| Circle # | Date | Time | Location | Hostesses |
|----------|------|----------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | 3/10 | 6:00 pm | John Knox Room | Carolyn Langley and Wanda Jordan |
| 2 | 3/11 | 10:00 am | 3856 Wesley Ct. | Jean Schwegmann and Maggie Churchill |
| 3 | 3/11 | 10:00 am | John Knox Room | Jeannette Newlin and Pemmy Patton |
| 4 | 3/12 | 7:00 pm | John Knox Room | Elsie West, Adrian Albea, & Linda Perdue |

Presbyterian Women's 2019 Valentine Tea



Church Business

Earth Care Team Proposal

On Sunday, January 27 the Earth Care Team received approval from the Session on the following proposal to heighten our awareness and improve our practices of caring for our community and environment:

- 1) Discontinue use of Styrofoam and replace with PrimeWare Eco Friendly products.
- 2) Fair trade coffee – Equal Exchange is a fair-trade operation that distributes coffee produced by farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The mission is to increase incomes and stabilize economic situations for farmers.
- 3) Commingle recycling to include glass, plastic and aluminum. Recommendation would include Child Development Center, Playschool, church kitchen, offices and workroom areas. We have purchased additional recycling bins to make this practice more convenient.
- 4) More efficient use of mechanical system controls – the church staff will establish occupancy schedules for all rooms throughout the church. For rooms not scheduled for occupancy, a default temperature will be set for 60 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer. Our building management controls will save energy and lower our utility costs.

Reminder: Changes in *First Press* Delivery Method

Just a reminder that we will now be sending the **First Press by email only** (you can also access it on our website, in the weekly eblast and on our Facebook page) unless you call the church office and request that a paper copy be mailed to you. There will be a few black and white copies available for pick up at the church, as well. Thanks for helping us use less paper and significantly decrease our printing and mailing expenses.



Tithe.ly

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.

Church Business

On February 13, 2019, in response to Session's elimination of 2019 budget funding for the position of Associate Pastor of Young Adults, Mission, and Congregational Care, the FPC Personnel Committee met with key members of FPC staff. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss redistribution of major job responsibilities from the vacant and unfunded AP position.

The tone of the meeting was vibrant and honest; accepting and faithful. All understood the need to modify current responsibilities across staff to meet the needs of our congregation and foster church health.

The meeting resulted in the reassignment of duties, as summarized in the table below, and a commitment of support amongst all.

The FPC Personnel committee can report that our staff are confident in this reorganization of duties and are ready to continue to work with our congregation and spread the fruit of the spirit.

We ask congregation members, through your voluntary service on committees and dedicated participation in FPC programs, to be mindful of these changes, supporting our staff faithfully and energetically as we move through the coming year.

FPC Personnel Committee

Wayne Abernathy; Patti Bates; Eddie Gant, Chair; Beth Hooten; Beth Patty; Ron Shive, Ex-Officio

Key Reassigned Support Areas by FPC Staff Member

| Added Areas | Name |
|---|--------------------|
| | |
| Local Missions Fellowship | Charlotte Albright |
| | |
| Young Adults Pastoral Care | Taylor Barner |
| | |
| Friendship Group | Patrick Murphy |
| | |
| Deacons New Members Partners in Mission | Ron Shive |

Church Business

Session Digest for February, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on February 17, 2019 for the monthly Stated Meeting.

1. Barbara Roberts reported on the activities of the Presbyterian Women. The tea for the women of the church was held this afternoon and was a great success.

2. The Treasurer reported on the January Financials. Revenues were close to budget and expenses were below budget so the month end was positive. He also reported that a number of 2018 pledges were received during January and February.

3. The Personnel Committee gave an update on their meeting with the staff to discuss roles going forward without the Associate Pastor position formerly being held by Lindsay Conrad that was funded for 2019.

4. The Local Mission Committee shared plans for the upcoming Ministry Work Day scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 beginning with breakfast at 8:00 am.

5. The New Member Committee reported they have set the dates for New Member meetings for the year, and that they are developing a guide for First Friends to use when assisting new members.

6. A Hunger Grant application was endorsed by the Session for Allied Churches.

7. The Fellowship Committee shared that they have picked four congregational gatherings for 2019. The first will be "Taco 5 Below Bingo" night on March 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

8. A Visioning Committee reported on plans for a Session Retreat to begin work on a new strategic plan for the church. It will be held in early April.

9. The Session approved a golf tournament fundraiser to support Youth Mission trips.

10. The Partners in Mission Committee shared plans for a Mission trip to Peru. It will be August 8-17, 2019.

11. Elders Chan Chandler and Barbara Roberts reported on the recent Salem Presbytery meeting which included the approval of a new Presbytery organization. They also shared that Evan Harrison was welcomed into the Presbytery as the new pastor at Pittsboro Presbyterian.

Church Finances — January Financial Statement

| | <u>Jan 2019</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>2019 Budget</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | |
| Pledges | \$67,084.24 | \$80,040.58 | \$67,084.24 | \$80,040.58 | \$960,487.00 |
| Pre-Paid Pledges (Pro-rated) | 2,977.89 | 0.00 | 2,977.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Prior Year Pledge | 23,225.39 | 3,333.33 | 23,225.39 | 3,333.33 | 40,000.00 |
| Prior Year Surplus | 661.33 | 661.33 | 661.33 | 661.33 | 7,936.00 |
| Misc. Income | <u>6,053.98</u> | <u>18,378.42</u> | <u>6,053.98</u> | <u>18,378.42</u> | <u>220,541.00</u> |
| Total | \$100,002.83 | \$102,413.66 | \$100,002.83 | \$102,413.66 | \$1,228,964.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | \$88,887.63 | \$102,413.69 | \$88,887.63 | \$102,413.69 | \$1,228,964.00 |
| Net Total | \$11,115.20 | (\$0.03) | \$11,115.20 | (\$0.03) | |

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

Church Business

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.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

Available Dates

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

| <u>MAR</u> | <u>APR</u> | <u>MAY</u> | <u>JUN</u> | <u>JUL</u> | <u>AUG</u> | <u>SEP</u> | <u>OCT</u> | <u>NOV</u> | <u>DEC</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 8 |
| 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| 24 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 22 | 27 | 24 | 22 |
| 31 | | | 30 | | | 29 | | | 29 |

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.



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Memories Under the Steeple

We started an audio "tape ministry" in 1986. Volunteers recorded the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday, made copes, and distributed them to our shut-in members who requested them. This ministry expanded following the local FM radio station's decision to discontinue broadcasting all church services on Sunday mornings. In 1991, our 11:00 morning service was back on the air with the broadcast on the AM channel of station WPCM.

Our church expanded its community outreach to address the hunger problem in our area. We committed to a "First Presbyterian Day" at the Homeless Shelter each Thursday night, later changed to the first, fourth, and fifth Thursday nights. This involved preparation of a simple, nutritious meal. Training was provided for members who could spend the night there. The congregation also committed to providing a meal at the Good Shepherd Kitchen on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Other local churches also serve these organizations in the same fashion.

