



# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

## Chronicles

### June 2020



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Justin Streletz, Pianist/Organist  
Rebecca and Chris Anderson, Contemporary Worship Directors  
Ike Evans, Jubilation Handbell Director  
Joann Paige, Nursery Supervisor  
Tiffany Ramsey, Little Hands Preschool Director  
Homer Detrich, Sexton  
Kim Parker, Office Manager

#### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ADAM



Our church is already open.  
We are open to the Spirit's leading.  
We are open to new opportunities for mission.  
We are open to the stirring challenge of the call to discipleship.  
We are open to anyone who wants to join us on the journey of faith.  
We are open to learning new ways to tell our old story.  
We are open to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue.  
We are open to criticism when we fall short.  
We are already open.

We just happen to be worshipping in our homes, for now, as a way of promoting safety and mitigating risk, as an expression of the love we have for our neighbors, and as an acknowledgment that any reckless behavior on our part could have a devastating effect on others. And we are grateful for the technology that makes this possible, aware that we are richly blessed.  
But we are already open.



FUPCDC Church Family,

Though, in the beginning, many of us had mental images of all returning at once to FUPCDC in celebration, we are now recognizing that returning to "in person" church will have to happen in phases. Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Health have begun to release their "Forward Virginia Plan," a plan to slowly reopen Virginia.

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Know that our Safety and Security Team and Session are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and listening to experts in the fields of epidemiology, science, and public health. We are developing our own plan for reopening our building. This plan will also be in stages, but will not necessarily line up with the "Forward Virginia Plan."



Looking at the data, the church property is in the zip code (22193) with the second highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the entire state. We also have many members who fall into an "at risk" category for the Coronavirus. Therefore, we will not move from stage to stage at the same rate as the rest of Virginia. We are planning a slow, safe, and cautious approach to reopening our building—one that looks out for those in our community, who are the most vulnerable. As it says in 1 John 3:18, "...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

During this unprecedented time of a global pandemic, the Church is more important than ever. We have a unique opportunity to serve as channels of grace, mercy, and love, as we do what Christ has commissioned us to do. Know that we will continue to offer online worship, even after we can meet again "in person." We have also continued to look out for our friends and neighbors experiencing homelessness through our "Spread the Bread" feeding program—with some modifications for the safety of our volunteers and clients.

New ministries, including a mask making ministry, and our "Spread the Love" ministry of writing notes/cards and making phone calls to folks who feel isolated have begun in the past two months. Small groups and Bible studies have moved online. Our Women's Retreat and our Drama & Bible Camps are going virtual. Know that I am so proud of FUPCDC for continuing to **BE THE CHURCH** during this difficult time. So, remember friends... FUPCDC is still open, even if our building is closed for the time being. That reminds me of a song my mom taught me as a child:

**Refrain:**

*I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is a people.*

**Refrain**

*We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too,  
from all times and places.*

**Refrain**

On the journey with you,  
Pastor Adam



# Session Notes

## May Session Report

Three deacons were examined by the Session at the May Zoom meeting; Deborah Folly, Tracy Stevens and Charlotte Stultz were approved to be ordained and installed on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM in a called Zoom Congregational meeting. Elder Chris Martin will also be installed at that time.

The Session received for a first reading an addition to the church's Manual of Operations to allow for electronic congregational meetings and voting. Session had previously approved electronic meetings for Session, committees and other church groups such as Bible studies.

Money deposited into the Local Mission Restricted Fund is to be held until the intention of the particular gift is determined was approved.

Beginning June 7, 2020, communion will be observed virtually on the first Sunday of each month during the live-streamed worship services until in-person worship resumes. Pastor Adam will remind people ahead of time to bring their own elements to the worship service.

Tawnya Soltis and Robert Chamberlin were approved as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, for the Little Hands Preschool for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by the LHP Advisory Board. The LHP proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year as proposed by the Advisory Board was also approved.

Mission and Outreach committee's request to fund 140 Covid-19 tests to the Greater Prince William Health Center to be used for uninsured people was approved.

The installation of LED lighting in the parking lot was approved.

*Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session*

## Mission and Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Committee is happy to report that even though our church building is closed, we continue to step up and **be** the hands and feet of the church. The committee met via Zoom several times during May and, thanks to your continued support, were able to make a real difference in the communities we serve. Following are a few examples of how FUPCDC is supporting and serving on a local and international level during the pandemic.



A grant was made to GPW Health Center to fund COVID-19 testing for 140 individuals who do not have health insurance. The total amount of this grant is \$14,000. An additional \$500 was donated to help with supplies such as PPEs, sanitizer, etc.

A \$1,000 donation was made to ACTS and we requested those in the congregation who are able, to make additional donations in place of the food that we normally collect and deliver to ACTS.

A \$600 donation was sent to Living Waters for the World to help fill a need for critical supplies that will keep water flowing across the Yucatan Peninsula as the system operators deal with the impact of the coronavirus on the communities they serve.

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Masks made by members of our congregation have been donated to nursing homes and assisted living facilities for use by their residents and non-medical staff. They have also been shared with the local homeless community. Thank you to all who shared their time and talents in this effort.



Working with Lake Ridge's Jersey Mikes, donated 250 box lunches for Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center (Woodbridge) front-line workers to express our deep gratitude for their service to the community. The lunches were shared between all three shifts and included a "Thank You" note from FUPCDC.

In addition, a donation of \$2,500 was made to Project Lifesaver, a program run by the Prince William Sheriff's Office, which provides personalized radio transmitters for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to cognitive conditions. This enables first responders to provide a timely response and save lives.

## Finance and Administration Committee

Our solid financial foundation coupled with your continued generosity allows us to continue serving the needs of the community. We have been challenged to find new ways to do things, and the FUPCDC church family has excelled at that. During this crisis FUPCDC has continued, and even expanded, its ministry. The Mission & Outreach Committee has been working to find new avenues for FUPCDC to serve those impacted by the pandemic.

We remain financially healthy. As of the end of April, we have met or exceeded our year to date financial goals. Our revenues at the end of April were ahead of what was anticipated. Some of our usual expenses like copier and supplies were down contributing to a surplus for April. Our best estimate is that we will see it level out in the next few months.

We appreciate your continued support of FUPCDC and our ministries, and are most grateful for your generosity.

### Report on Offering

	<u>April 2020 Actual</u>	<u>April 2020 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>
<b>Offering Pledged</b>	39,592	35,056	140,405	130,156
<b>Offering Unpledged</b>	<u>5,881</u>	<u>3,818</u>	<u>18,859</u>	<u>13,746</u>
<b>Total Offering</b>	45,473	38,874	159,264	143,902

# Mission and Outreach



## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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Glendell Hill  
Sheriff

May 21, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City  
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Re: Project Lifesaver Donation Check #5037 for \$2500.00

The Prince William County Sheriff's Office would like to express our sincere appreciation for the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City's contribution to the Project Lifesaver Program. Your contribution will be used to purchase new equipment so that we may add additional clients to the program. Your generosity will surely be a great help for individuals suffering from Autism, Alzheimer's disease, Dementia and other related disorders. Thank you for assisting us in allowing this program to grow within our community.

Sincerely,

Glendell Hill,  
Sheriff

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# Mission and Outreach



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May 14, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City  
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ACTS Board of Directors, and those individuals your donation aids, I thank you for your gift of \$1500.00 on 4/22/2020.

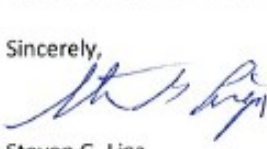
It is no surprise that as this pandemic continues, levels of service have gone up in every ACTS department. Food distribution is obvious, since we are all over social media. In six weeks, our distribution has QUINTUPLED! But would you have ever guessed we would be purchasing more food than we are receiving in donations?

What people do not see are the increases in trauma services, but they are all too real. Sexual Assault numbers have increased, as have Helpline and Senior Link calls. Domestic Violence numbers have doubled. To be sure, we are having to do things differently as we go fully virtual - who would have thought we would be handing out smart phones to clients (\$40 each through an arrangement with Cricket!), so they could participate in Zoom group sessions?

The community continues to pour out its generosity on ACTS. There is no doubt we will end FY20 with a surplus. That's the great news, because many nonprofits have seen decreases in support. However, as we prepare the budget for FY21, we are projecting a significant deficit. I have only ever presented a deficit budget to a Board once before - and that was because we were making an expensive investment in new services. This year, I will be presenting one because I do not know where the money will be coming from to balance it. With the IWALK a huge question mark, we could have over a \$100,000 hole right there. This is not the time for us to cut services, so we are going to be doing some serious "walking by faith."

Thank you for continuing to support ACTS through this time. Fortunately, donors like you have been here to ensure ACTS can meet the needs of our neighbors now, when they need us most.

Sincerely,

  
Steven G. Liga  
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

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SERVICES



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CVC #8118

## Ladies' Bible Study

### Bible Buddies

Please join the Monday evening Ladies' Bible Study (aka, Bible Buddies) via Zoom on Mondays at 7:00 PM. Bible Buddies just finished a study on the book of Romans and is getting ready to begin a new session with a book called *Parables from the Back Side, Volume 1*, Bible Stories with a Twist, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The book can be ordered on Amazon Prime which is promising 2-day delivery at this time. The first lesson is taken from the view of the victim in the Good Samaritan story.

BUT! On Monday, June 1, please come prepared with a couple of Bible trivia questions to share with the group. If you don't have trivia questions, you can share some of your favorite verses and why they are your favorite. The *Parables from the Back Side* will begin on Monday, June 8. This should give you time to get the book and read the lesson.

Questions or need help ordering your book? Contact Marti Hall at 703-626-2269 or [martihall@comcast.net](mailto:martihall@comcast.net). In addition, if you are not already a part of the group, please let Marti know so she can send you the Zoom address or phone number.

## Virtual Staycation Bible and Drama Camp

Summer would not be the same without our Lighthouse Drama Camp. While we will not be able to join together in person, we are looking forward to a new and exciting adventure!

### ***Our FIRST ever FUPCDC Virtual Staycation Bible & Drama Camp***

***Theme: "Sharing Gifts and Talents"***

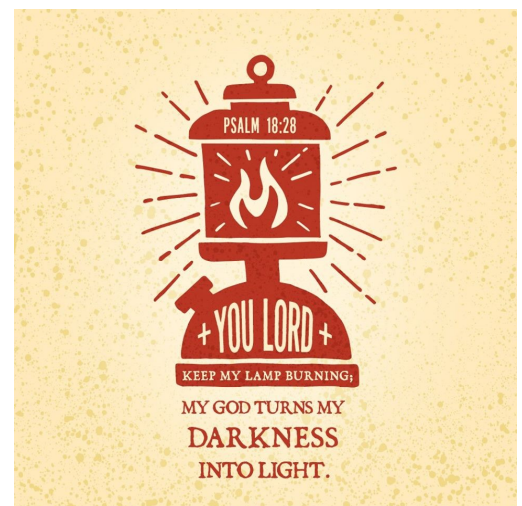
***When: July 6 - 17 with a Talent Showcase on July 18***

#### **Verse:**

#### **Romans 12:4-6**

**4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

More information, including registration, volunteer opportunities, and scheduling, to come! Please stay tuned and get ready for a virtual blast.



## Virtual Women's Retreat

HOW AM I HONORING GOD?

**Saturday, June 6, 2020**

**10:00 AM – Live Stream with Teaching & Music**  
**Small Groups (via Zoom) following the Live Stream**  
(The event will end by 12:00 Noon)

Go to [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org) to register for this **FREE** event!



**Guest Speaker:**

**Lilly Bradley** - Lilly lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Bruce. She taught middle school French and English until having her two children, daughter Amanda and son Zachary. The Lord expanded her Biblical learning in Bible Study Fellowship classes in Roanoke, VA, Greensboro, NC, and then in Virginia Beach, where she was the Teaching Leader for 26 years of a class that eventually numbered 600 women. She enjoys teaching the Bible, reading, gardening and her eight grandchildren.

All women are welcome to attend!





## Virtual Women's Retreat Worksheet

### HOW CAN I HONOR YOU IN THIS, GOD?

**If you are able, please read Daniel 1, Daniel 2:1-23, and Daniel 6 before the retreat. Come ready to discuss these questions:**

#### **Questions for Daniel 1, 2:1-23 and 6:**

1. How does a person honor God? How have you/will you personally honor God in a culture that is fast becoming post-Christian?
2. How do you personally interact with people who are not Christian?
3. How have you been prepared and how will you now prepare yourself for the difficulties and disappointments of life?
4. What does it mean to trust God? Does it mean that you are peaceful, content, happy in every circumstance? See Philippians 4:6-13.
5. Which Bible verses encourage you when your circumstances are difficult?