



# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

## Chronicles

### September 2021



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*If any of you  
lack wisdom, let him  
ask of God, that giveth  
to all men liberally, and  
upbraideth not; and it  
shall be given him.*

James 1:5

People of the Church, Ministers  
Rev. Adam C. Bowling, Pastor  
Dana Van Slyke, Chancel Choir Director  
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

#### From Pastor Adam

#### NEW SERMON SERIES: "A Faith That Works"

The book of James stands unique in the New Testament for its no-nonsense, practical, proverbial wisdom. There is very little cryptic language or mysterious imagery in the way that it calls us to live out our discipleship. For James, faith is neither radically privatized nor solely personal. It is to be expressed outwardly, to improve one's relationships with others and to help those in need. Join us, as we learn that faith is not something that should be kept to oneself and as we challenge a culture that sees very little value in religion at all.

We hope that you and yours can join us for worship!

On the journey with you,  
Pastor Adam



# Session Notes

## August Session Report

At the August 26 meeting, the Session approved Elder Pat Manalio as the Interim Team Leader for the Administration Ministry Team. Fred Menke was approved as the Assistant Clerk of Session to fill in taking minutes when the Clerk is not available and to assist in reviewing the Session record books in preparation for the annual presbytery evaluation.

Tiffany Ramsey, Director of Little Hands Preschool (LHP), reported that 40 students are enrolled and that the staff has been preparing for opening on August 30. They have cleaned and sanitized, prepared their rooms for students and held "Meet And Greet" visits with students and their parents. LHP is still looking for a teacher assistant two days a week as well as parent and church member volunteers (various opportunities in the morning during school hours).

Session approved new procedure for assembling budget requests reflecting our change in organization. Budget requests will come from the Ministry Teams and reflect their priorities in allocating funds within their ministries. A Budget Task Force made up of the Treasurer, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team Leader, the Pastor and two Elders will review and prioritize the overall budget. When the final budget is ready, aligned with results of the annual stewardship campaign, it will be presented to the Session for approval.

The Session spent time discussing Radical Welcoming, one of the Eight Habits of Evangelism, the Session's focus for this year. They talked about who are the members of our congregation, who are we missing, and how we might welcome and include them in worship and activities.

*Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session*

## Congregational Care (Deacons)

The ministry of congregational care as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

### 2021 BOARD OF DEACONS A Ministry of Compassion and Service

#### Class of 2022

Debbie Cornelius  
Liz Goolgasian  
Anne Green  
Charlotte Stultz

#### Class of 2023

Bob Albrecht  
Sandy Chamberlin  
Claudia Cunningham  
Pam Emert  
Ellen Nuernberger  
Tracy Stevens

#### Class of 2024

Agnes Fokwa  
Debbie Folly  
Helen Franchois  
Nne Kalu  
Kathy McNeely

Debbie Folly, Co-Moderator..... 703-606-5532

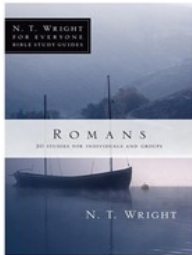
Ellen Nuernberger, Co-Moderator ..... 703-878-0009

*We love to hear from you. If you need to be connected with your Congregational Care representative, please contact Debbie Folly or Ellen Nuernberger by calling the numbers listed above or the church office (703-670-7834).*

## Growing in Faith (Christian Education)

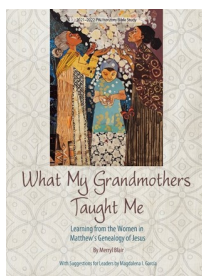
### Adult Education Classes

As summer comes to close and we start preparing for fall, we are excited to resume with our Sunday classes. We have an exciting agenda lined up for the fall!



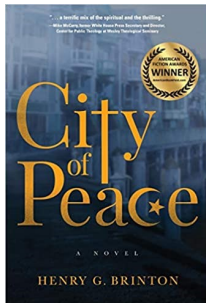
#### Romans Bible Study

The adult Bible study of Romans begins **September 19 at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room**. This will be a continuation of the study of the book of Romans by N.T. Wright. This is a continuation of the book that we started in the spring. This study will be available by Zoom and in-person at FUPCDC. Please email Curt Hoagland [choagieva@yahoo.com](mailto:choagieva@yahoo.com) if you are interested. If you have any ideas for a future Bible study, please let Curt Hoagland know. We will be doing an Advent study Nov. 28 to Dec. 19, we have not decided on a book yet. We will also be doing a study of Proverbs in January.



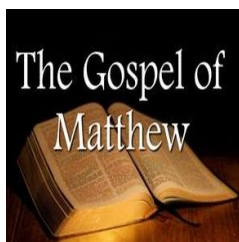
#### Horizons (Ladies' Bible Study)

The Horizons Bible study group will return on **Monday, September 13**. "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" will explore how the four women mentioned in Jesus's family tree and his mother Mary may have influenced Jesus. Tamar, Rahab, and Bathsheba are unlikely heroines and we don't know a lot about them, Ruth and Mary. We will meet on the second Monday of the month, **September through June at 9:30 am in Room 22**. We will be meeting in-person and plan to use technology to also be able to have people join us via Zoom. Study books are \$11.00. Please contact Sara Porter [saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net) or 703-819-5044 by August 15 to order a book.



#### Women's Monday Bible Study (Bible Buddies)

Monday night Bible Buddies will begin their new book study on **Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. We will use the book City of Peace by Henry G. Brinton, a Presbyterian pastor from Fairfax, Va. The setting for this book is Occoquan, Va. It is a unique murder mystery that follows a minister and his inner struggle to overcome grief and anger to gain insight and build bridges for co-existence with his neighbors, including Muslims and Coptic Christians. He looks to the ancient city of Sepphoris to find the secret to overcome polarizing divisions among people of different cultures and faiths. This study will be available by Zoom and in-person at FUPCDC. For more information about this Bible study, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office.



#### Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Adam will be resuming the Wednesday night Bible study with the gospel of Matthew. We will begin with Matthew 20 :29-34 (Healing of two blind men) and Matthew 21:1-11 (Jesus rides into Jerusalem) on **Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in Room 22 and on Zoom**.

### Children's Christian Education

We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Church for the services. This is for up to 5th graders who will leave the service and go and participate in a children's church. Please let me know if you are interested.

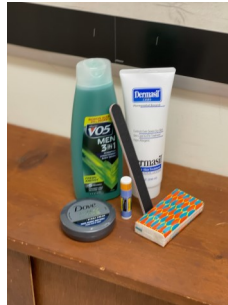
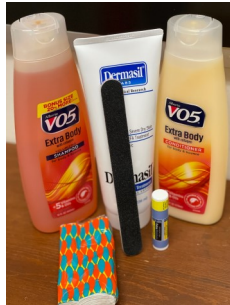
We are also looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. Please let Erin Bowling or me know if you are interested.

### Save the Date!

Prayerfully we will gather for a Maundy Thurs. service April 14 at 7:00 pm. And when we gather, we will observe Maundy Thursday worship and observe a Christian Seder. Join us as we learn about the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples before his crucifixion.

# Mission

Our relationship with **Lake Ridge Fellowship House**, an apartment community for low-income seniors, is growing. As time goes on we see new ways in which we can minister to the residents. Our most recent project was to provide small bags of toiletries to each of the 111 residents. In a few hours a team of 6 people assembled and delivered the packages. If you would like to participate in other projects to help this community please contact Pam Cox or Pat Manalio.



## Action in the Community Through Service (ACTS)

Have you ever thought about how you could feed "the 5,000"? How about starting with sharing one meal with one family? When you do your weekly grocery shopping, could you buy a meal for a family in need? How about a box of macaroni and cheese, a big can of tuna and a canned vegetable for a dinner, plus maybe a cake or cookie mix? Or maybe a family size box of cereal along with a hot chocolate mix? What about your sharing your children's favorite lunch box items? You can put together your own meal and know that you are participating with Jesus in feeding others. All donations for ACTS can be placed in the white cabinet next to the coat rack. Thank you for all you do to assist our Prince William County neighbors in need.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" ~ Matthew 25:40

## Mission



Dear Pam and the entire Mission Team, 8/15/21  
A "Thank you" letter does not seem like enough. Thank you all for the very generous "Back to school" program funding. Our team would not have had the resources this year to fund our vision without your generosity. As of today, we have filled and given out 45 backpacks with more to go! Every child deserves new school supplies. Thank you for helping us accomplish this goal!

2020 was such a challenging year for all- we are so happy to be able to help these kiddos have a better start in 2021.

With warm appreciation and a "Virtual hug".

Jessica Dean - Change In Action, Inc.



**Save The Dates:** The Mission Team has cancelled the October 16, 2021 "Bake-Off"; however, we will be hosting a gift basket raffle and taking pie orders at this year's Fall Festival scheduled for October 23.

You can also place your pie orders on October 24 and October 31 in the Welcome Center. Pies will be delivered on Wednesday, November 17.

Stay tuned for more information about these exciting events

## Fellowship



PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
FOLLOWING the 10 am MUSIC SUNDAY SERVICE

TO SIGN UP ONLINE, CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR  
THURSDAY NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED and **CLICK RSVP**

~~~ALL FOOD PROVIDED~~~  
HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS  
CHIPS  
DESSERT

\*\*\*PLEASE TELL US ABOUT ANY FOOD RESTRICTIONS\*\*\*  
peanut allergy, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc\*\*\*  
BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET AND DRINKS FOR YOUR FAMILY\*\*\*

THE PICNIC IS WEATHER DEPENDENT - NO RAIN DATE  
A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 TO CANCEL  
IF BAD WEATHER IS FORECAST FOR SUNDAY.  
WE WILL NOTIFY THE CONGREGATION

# Fellowship

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM TRIP TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FREDERICKSBURG, VA SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021



Most of us had not participated in a prayer labyrinth walk before, but looked forward to the experience. A very knowledgeable volunteer from the labyrinth group shared some interesting history and information with us. She told us “A labyrinth is often described as a walking meditation or a prayer path that connects the mind, the body and the spirit.”



Following our time at Trinity Episcopal Church, we chose to have a pre-dinner treat at Carl's Ice Cream or explore downtown Fredericksburg. We then met up for a delicious dinner. Nice day...

## Fall Clean Up

**SAVE THE DATE! October 2, 9 AM**

The annual fall outside church cleanup will be Saturday, **October 2 starting at 9:00 am.**

The trees need to be trimmed and the courtyard needs work too. If you are able to come for a couple of hours we can get a lot of work done as a group. We were able to put down a good amount of mulch in the Spring and flowers were planted. Now that most of the growing is done, it's time to prune. If you have tools, great, bring them! If not, that's fine, we will have tools to use.



Rain Date: October 9

## Spread the Warmth



Looking for a worthwhile project to do while watching TV, or when you have a little extra time on your hands?

Do you know how to KNIT or CROCHET? Why not join our group of folks who create hats and scarves for our friends who are homeless, or a hat for someone suffering from cancer?

Contact Elizabeth Glycer for more information at [lizglyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizglyer@gmail.com).

**count it all joy,**  
my brothers,  
when you meet trials of various kinds,  
for you know that  
**the testing of your faith  
produces steadfastness.**

James 1:2-3



# Little Hands Preschool



We would like to thank members of the congregation and community who came together to support Little Hands Preschool.

The Tree of Hope received the following donations:

33 Paper towels  
5 Lysol Wipes  
22 Baby Wipes  
6 boxes of Ziplock Bags (Freezer)  
18 Boxes of Tissues  
7 Liquid Soap  
Learning Resources Salad Set  
Paint Trays (12 Pieces)  
1 Book of 20 Stamps  
10 Reams of 8x11" Copier Paper  
100 Glue Sticks  
3 Boxes of Gloves  
120 Count 3D Magnetic Building Tiles  
Learning Resources Colorful Kitchen Toys,  
1 3-Shelf Utility Plastic Cart  
Learning Resources Sandwich Set.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to you. Your generous donation will make a huge difference to our teachers and students. Thank you so much!

Thank you all so much for your support of the preschool,

Tiffany L. Ramsey  
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