



# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

## Chronicles

### November 2020



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Rev. Adam C. Bowling, Pastor  
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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

#### From Pastor Adam

#### Commission on Reorganization

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,  
<sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.  
<sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;  
<sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in  
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.” – Romans 12:4-8*

Before COVID-19 hit and social distancing requirements and stay-at-home orders altered how and where we were able to work, eat, gather, serve, and worship, the Session of FUPCDC formed a “Commission on Reorganization.” The task of this group was twofold. First, we wanted to look at when we elected, trained, and ordained/installed church officers. Secondly, the group was tasked with looking at the overall leadership structures of FUPCDC to make sure we have organized our ministries in such a way as to make the best use of everyone’s gifts .

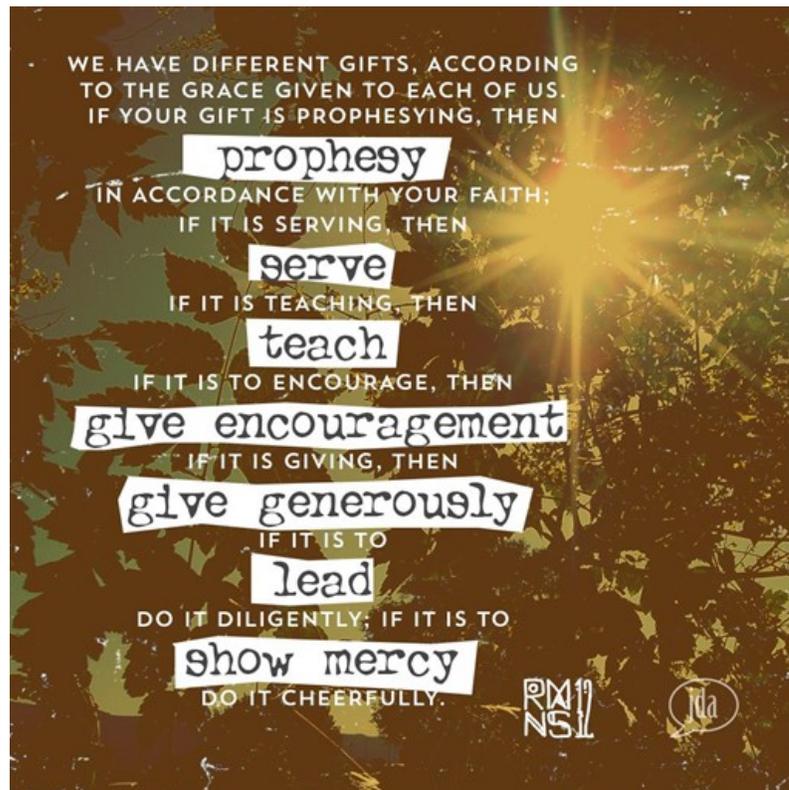
The Commission has already tackled the first objective and Session has voted to move the election, training, and ordination/installation of officers away from the busy Advent/Christmas season. Instead of electing officers now and having them go through training and examination during Advent, we will now elect officers at our “State of the Church” Annual Meeting in February. The officers will be trained and examined in the spring, and ordained/installed to active service before the end of the school year.

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The Commission is still working on the second and more complex task of studying the overall structure for leadership at FUPCDC. Even during these difficult times, the Commission has been busy working with the Rev. Bob Harris, our coach and consultant, and meeting regularly via Zoom to pray, study, and discuss the future organizational structure for FUPCDC. Our Commission has been prayerfully considering our current church membership size, our ministries, and how best to use everyone's gifts to serve Christ.

So, why am I telling you all of this? First, I am asking you to be in prayer for the Commission on Reorganization, for the Session of FUPCDC, and for this important work. I also wanted to let you know that this work was going on. Know that the Commission has not yet presented their report or suggestions to Session. There is still more prayer, work, and study to be done. However, as we often say at FUPCDC, "Prayer is the Key!" Also, know that once the Commission finishes their task and presents it to Session, we will have a town hall to explain their recommendations and answer any questions you may have. Overall, the goal is to structure FUPCDC in such a way as to maximize God's gifts as we continue **Impacting Lives** for the gospel of Jesus Christ! To God be the glory!

On the Journey with you,



# Session Notes

## October Session Report

At the October 20 Session meeting, the baptism of James Joseph Johnston III, son of Katherine "Katie" Johnston and James Johnston II was approved for November 8, 2020 outdoor worship service. Worship services for the remainder of November will be live-streamed. The guest preacher on November 15 will be the General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, the Reverend John Molina-Moore. On November 22, Pastor Adam will be having a dialogue with the Reverend Joseph W. Taber III, pastor of Culpeper Presbyterian Church as they discuss the Matthew 25:31-46. As always, watch for email and text messages with reminders and more information about these services.

Session met with Thomas Owen Jacobs to hear his faith journey and to receive him as our newest member by reaffirmation of faith. Additionally, Session heard the faith journey of Richard Bennett, and voted to endorse him to the presbytery as an inquirer in the process of becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Richard is currently enrolled in ministry studies at Dubuque Seminary. Session also appointed elders Bruce Gilbert and Robert Porter to be liaisons for Richard in this process, to walk and talk with him and encourage him as he discerns his call to ministry.

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, November 8, 2020, following the 10 AM worship service, for the purpose of voting on Pastor Adam's term of call. (The terms of call are the pastor's salary and benefits which follow presbytery guidelines.) The Personnel committee will present the terms at that meeting and answer any questions pertaining to the terms of call. Instructions about voting will be sent out prior to the meeting, just as when we elected deacons earlier this year.

The Session also approved a funding request from the Little Hands Preschool to cover the LHP Director's pay through the 2020-2021 school year. If there are not sufficient funds in unspent budget monies, then whatever excess funds will be used until exhausted. Additionally, based on availability of funds, Session approved a request from the Youth committee to shift Youth funds not spent on things such as the cancelled mission trip from the 2020 year to the 2021 budget. Funds for ongoing legal retainer fees were also approved.

Based on a recommendation of the Safety and Security committee, the church building will remain closed to inside activities until January 9, 2021.

Little Hands Preschool Advisory Board was added to the list of those needing to sign Conflict of Interest forms annually. Modifications to the position descriptions for the Chancel Choir Director and the Contemporary Worship Leaders were added to ensure that the protocols for copyright and licensing of music used in worship are followed.



# DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon 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.

## 2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

### A Ministry of Compassion and Service

#### Class of 2020

Agnes Fokwa  
Debbie Folly  
Lisa Fortner  
Kathy McNeely  
Carol Schwalm  
Celine Sonkwa

#### Class of 2021

Amy Bean  
Karen Elliott  
Liz Goolgasian  
Peggy Heins  
Therese Same  
Charlotte Stultz

#### Class of 2022

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

Ellen Nuernberger, Co-Moderator ..... 703-878-0009  
Carol Schwalm, Co-Moderator..... 703-680-7673

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



# Adult Education

## Fall Classes:

### **Pastor's Wednesday Evening Bible Study:**

Pastor Adam's Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

**Small Group Study:** The study of **Isaiah the Prophet**, taught by Larry Greenslit and Bob Porter meets every Sunday **8:30 to 9:30 AM** via Zoom.

### **Women's Monday Bible Study also known as Bible Buddies:**

Are you feeling anxious? **Calm My Anxious Heart** by Linda Dillow is the 12 week Bible Study on **Monday at 7:00 PM**, via Zoom, for any Ladies or friends of FUPCDC. This study will help you discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply this message to your daily life. This book may be purchased online from christianbook.com, Amazon or e-bay.

Please contact Betty Matthews, [bettsmatthews1@verizon.net](mailto:bettsmatthews1@verizon.net), or 703-618-9127 for more information and to be added to the Zoom group.

### **Horizons Monthly Bible Study:**

"Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study. The group will meet on the **second Monday of the month**, September through June, at **9:30 AM**, via Zoom, for discussion and viewing of the video. The emphasis is on the hope we can find in the scriptures even as we lament circumstances.

If you would like to join this study, please contact Sara Porter <[saraporter@comcast.net](mailto:saraporter@comcast.net)> or 703-670-8737.

### **Fair Share Community Speaker Program November 21st at 7PM via Zoom**

The Good News Community Kitchen (TGNCK) of Occoquan will be at the heart of our November Fair Share Community Speaker Series. This had been our scheduled program for last March when COVID began. We again are happy to feature this exciting small non-profit organization. Mercedes Kirkland-Doyle, their Executive Director, will be our featured speaker. Her goal is to rebuild and strengthen communities by fighting hunger one meal at a time. Hunger robs children of a chance to learn, undermines health, and makes obtaining and retaining good employment even more difficult.

The goal of TGNCK is to enable citizens throughout Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Columbia, SC to unite together to facilitate clothing drives to assist women and men transitioning back into the workforce, distribution of hygiene bags and meals-to-go to the hungry, collection of coats and blankets for the unsheltered. TGNCK is always looking for volunteers to assist with meal preparation, meal deliveries, drives, and production of hygiene bags. They are a 501(c)3 organization that provides hunger relief to Veterans, students, senior citizens, survivors of domestic violence, and families who identify being food insecure and/or in need. For more information, their website is <https://www.tgnck.org/>.

Our program begins at 7 PM on November 21 on ZOOM. Look for the connection details from Pastor Adam released late in the week of 16-21 November.



## Stewardship Committee



Your steadfast generosity is making a world of difference in FUPCDC's ability to continue ministry and outreach to show God's love. We are thankful, grateful, and truly blessed to have each one of you as part of our faith community.

During the Stewardship Campaign we heard your heartwarming stories of how ministry at FUPCDC has impacted or is impacting your lives and we highlighted how we are ***Impacting Lives*** through ministry to others.

**Thank you** to all who renewed their commitment to share God's love through our ministries. If you did not have the opportunity to make your commitment, there is still time to do so. Your pledge is a statement of intent; it can be increased or decreased as circumstances require. You can pledge online at <https://fupcdc.org/> or by mailing your pledge card to the church.



## Mission and Outreach Committee

### **Lake Ridge Fellowship House**

is an apartment community for low-income seniors.

We have partnered with Fellowship Square Foundation to help Impact Lives at this community.

On October 9 the residents celebrated Fellowship Square's 60th anniversary.

The residents enjoyed a boxed lunch that we provided as part of the celebration. There were many smiles and a lot of remarks expressing appreciation.



### **New Initiatives**

As many of you have read or heard during the Stewardship Campaign, the Mission and Outreach Committee has reached out to our community in many directions this year.

**Good Shepard Housing Foundation** is one of the new ventures. The committee has chosen to focus on the group homes which the foundation supports. Recently, the committee, via the love and support of each of you, sent Good Shepard Housing Foundation financial support (see Thank You letter). The foundation used the support to purchase a new freezer (as theirs stop working) for 1 group home and a deep cleaning for the other 2 homes (these homes were hit hard with COVID).

**ARC of Greater Prince William** is another new venture. It provides opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities to achieve their greatest potential for growth and independence. Support in the form of a financial donation was recently sent.

In both cases we cannot do hands on work with the organizations at this time. We are exploring the opportunities for us to become more involved with their programs when it is safe for all concerned. In celebration of November, the Mission and Outreach Committee is very thankful for all the love and support our church families have provided throughout the years.

### **Continuing Support**

Financial support to **ACTS** and **GPW Health Center** is currently being provided on a monthly basis.

# Mission and Outreach Committee



## Fellowship Square

October 6, 2020

Ms. Pat Manalio  
First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City  
14391 Minnieville Rd  
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Dear Ms. Manalio:

Thank you for First United Presbyterian Church's generous in-kind donation of paper products, cleaning supplies, and incontinence underwear which were used for the benefit of Lake Ridge Fellowship House residents. Your donation is greatly appreciated and important to the success of our mission – providing safe, affordable, well-managed housing and critical services to seniors with limited resources and very low incomes in the Washington, DC metro area.

With your support, Fellowship Square covers costs associated with doctor visits, dental care, emergency food and other essential goods and services that our residents need. We also provide a full schedule of enriching programs and activities for residents, including excursions to the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Smithsonian museums and National Harbor. Residents enjoy seasonal and holiday events such as Independence Day cookouts and Mothers' Day teas. Residents stay active with a variety of exercise classes and wellness programs that we provide monthly with the help of volunteers and specialists.

We are grateful to donors like you who share our values: community, compassion, excellence and independence. Beyond housing, we know that seniors benefit from a supportive *community*, *compassionate* treatment and *excellent* services designed to help them stay *independent*, connected to their community and up to meeting life's challenges as they age.

Thank you for your support.

Most sincerely,

Christy Zeitz  
CEO

*Fellowship Square is recognized as a 501(c)3 charitable organization by the IRS and your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided by Fellowship Square in return for this contribution. Please note, according to IRS regulations, establishing a dollar value on donated items is the exclusive responsibility of the donor. This letter will serve as your receipt. Federal Tax ID #52-6067043.*

## Mission and Outreach Committee



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October 1, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City  
ATTN: Ms. Patricia Manalio  
Mission and Outreach Committee  
14391 Minnieville Road  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Ms. Manalio,

On behalf of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, I would like to thank you, the Mission and Outreach Committee, and the members of First United Presbyterian Church, for your generous financial gift of \$1,500 to the Foundation. Your gift is most welcome and we look forward to working with you in the future as we work to provide affordable housing for some of the most vulnerable folks in our community, especially those suffering from mental illness.

I believe Ms. Johanson, our Executive Director, and Lora Nedimyer talked about the possibility of helping us at Christmas time when we make a special effort to provide gifts to many of the families that we serve. However, our single individuals in the group homes are often forgotten. We certainly welcome that offer of support as well.

While I know many churches are only meeting virtually during this time of COVID 19, I would be happy to thank you and your congregation virtually if that is possible and to let them know more about our programs.

Again, thank you so much for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles F. Moler". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charles F "Chuck" Moler  
President, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation Board of Directors

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation is a 501 © 3 Non-profit organization. United Way #8479

# Mission and Outreach Committee



Presbyterian Mission  
**Mission Engagement  
& Support**

*Thank You!*

August 14, 2020

The Mission Committee of  
First United Presbyterian Church Of Dale City  
14391 Minnieville Rd.  
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Dear Partners in God's Mission:

It's hard to believe that Labor Day, which unofficially marks the end of summer, will soon be upon us. However, 2020 has been most unusual year. Many of us are trying to come to terms with our "new normal" – whatever that is. Yet, as Presbyterians, we persevere through this global pandemic, not because of what we do, but because of what we believe. In times like these, we trust God's providence and claim by faith the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 3:1 – "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Together, by God's grace and mercy, we will get through this. And so, we give thanks for churches like yours. Thank you for your prayers, perseverance and support.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support of our mission personnel. On July 14, 2020, we received \$244.20 for 102 Shared Mission Support (Presbyterian Mission Agency).

Now, is also a good time to ensure you have your Peace & Global Witness Offering materials. Your church and your Presbytery each retain 25% of this Offering while the remaining 50% allows the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice, nationally and internationally. For more information, please go to [specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global). To order resources or to check on your congregation's standing order, please call Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800) 524-2612 or email them at [pds@pcusa.org](mailto:pds@pcusa.org).

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission. As always, please let me know how I can support you in your mission efforts.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sy Hughes".

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# Mission and Outreach Committee



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October 13, 2020

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City  
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Dear Pastor,

On behalf of the ACTS Board of Directors, and those individuals your donation aids, I thank you for your gift of \$505.00 on 8/24/20 and \$1930.00 on 9/14/2020. If you think you are getting this letter later than usual, you are correct. I did not write a letter specifically for September donations. This is the third time in five years I have had to combine two months' worth of donations into a single letter. I just can't bring myself to delegate this task to anyone else, and that means sometimes I get behind.

Fortunately, I'm still in time to acknowledge the milestone Fifteenth Anniversary of our Senior Link Program. Part of our Helpline, Senior Link provides regular well-check calls to isolated senior citizens and those who may be homebound due to disability. Participants can get a call anytime between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM every day of the week. Some get a call every day, others just once a week.

Calls made by staff and trained volunteers can remind a person to take their medication, ask how the visit with their grandkids went, or just let them know that someone is thinking about them. This service has proven to be a lifeline for many during COVID. In February, we made 510 calls, which was about an average month. In June, we were up to over 1,300 calls! Hearing about the dramatic increase in referrals due to COVID, the Area Agency on Aging, which has always provided some financial support for the program, even increased our grant using CARES Act funds.

To meet the demand, we have a few volunteers who have picked up extra shifts (though we could use more), because staff are even busier answering crisis calls, which have also gone up over the last seven months. I would be remiss if I did not give a special shout out to the folks at Northwest Federal Credit Union. When COVID hit, they called and asked how they could help. After hearing their options, they signed up as a group to be trained to make Senior Link calls. Now, they make calls anonymously during down time at the branch.

On a related note, many of our most dedicated volunteers in all programs are seniors, so they are wisely staying home right now. If you find yourself with some extra time on your hands, we could sure use you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven G. Liga".

Steven G. Liga, CEO

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads "always grateful for your partnership." with a small star at the end.

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.

## Mission and Outreach Committee

Thank you from the Girl Scouts

August 24, 2020

Giving honor to Our Lord and Savior, it is with our warmest of greetings to our **First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City** family and church staff that Troop 409 would like to give a heartfelt Thank you.

Thank you for the blessing of allowing our Girl Scout Troop to use your facility over the years. We appreciate the warm and welcoming environment, and the kindness that has been shown to us in every interaction we've encountered.

Troop 409 would like to donate on behalf of our troop \$ 111.00 . We pray that God uses this donation as a seed that will allow your ministry to continue flourishing under Him.

Sincerely,  
Troop 409

Miss Layla

Ms. Tracy, Leader

Ms. Giouvonna, Co-Leader

Miss Kierstin  
Class of 2020

Miss Stephanie  
Class of 2020

# Trunk or Treat - October 31, 2020



**Trunk or Treat—October 31, 2020**



## Trunk or Treat—October 31, 2020



Thanks to all our volunteers who came out to help with our Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat today!

We gave out over 300 treat bags today in record time.

Unfortunately, we ran out and had to shut down early.