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Chronicles

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERI



BREAKING NEWS

Have you heard about it? Have you seen it? It is AMAZING!!! Yes, I'm talking about your new webpage that was announced at the Annual Meeting on February 18th. If you have not yet seen the webpage I encourage you to look at it immediately by going to <https://fupcdc.org/>.

For months now Debbie Boisvert and Liz Glycer, along with the rest of the Communications Committee, have worked tirelessly in redesigning the site. The Glycer's daughter, Megan who grew up in the church, provided her expertise, ideas, and support in the website design process. She even designed the logo located in the upper left hand corner of the webpage.

Many of you rewrote the content and provided pictures. Please continue to send your pictures to either Debbie or Liz. The pictures should be clear and have a high resolution. Quality is important! The Communications and Information Technology Committees are working together so pictures will eventually be uploaded to a central site. Stay tuned for more information about this.

It's one thing to design a webpage, it's another whole process to get it online using the church's server. A very special thank you to Chris Martin, and the rest of the Information Technology Committee who made this happen: Clator Butler, Bruce George, Jon Guest, and Bob Porter.

Many times the webpage is the first introduction to the church. First impressions are important. They make lasting impressions. This is especially true for the candidates who are applying or considering to be called as your next installed pastor. It's also true for those in the community looking for a church home. I encourage you to invite your friends to take a look at your new site.

I also encourage you to



at <https://www.facebook.com/firstunited.presbyterian.>

To God be the glory and a huge thank you to everyone who has been and is a part of your new website!

Grace and peace for the journey.

Pastor Jeri.
Pastor for Interim Ministry

*Passion for Christ—Compassion for Others
Loving God—Loving Others
Connect—Grow—Serve*

**JOIN
US
THIS**

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WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES WITH COMMUNION:

**March 7, 14, 21
7:00 - 7:30 PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Living Stations of the Cross**

**March 29, 2018
7:30 PM**

Lenten Bible Studies

**Immediately following Wednesday Night Alive and Lenten Worship Service
Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 PM in Room 3: Forgiveness (Cathy Smith)
Sunday morning 9:45 –10:45 AM: Breathe by Priscilla Shrier (Gaylene Guest)**

**A Lenten Journey
TO EASTER**

Session Report - February

The Session conducted a Safety and Security retreat on Saturday, February 17th, led by Jon Guest, Tim Camus, and Norman Cobb. You will be hearing about the various areas where we will be improving our levels of safety such as making sure that there are several people trained to use the AED devices (in case of heart attacks), or the installation of cameras around the building for security.

A representative of the church insurance company will meet with the Finance and Administration Committee on March 6th to discuss our insurance policy. Others affected by our insurance will also attend.

Bethany and Josh Gregor will be bringing the Urban Promise children to visit April 1st-7th. Opportunities to support their visit will be available for sign-ups March 11th-25th.

Building and Grounds announced that the annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 14th, beginning at 9:00 AM. There will be indoor and outdoor tasks to be done.

Congregational Connections Committee announced a Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, May 19th, from 8:30 to noon at the church. Save the date; this is for all women of the church. *Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session*

Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive is an opportunity to connect and grow while enjoying a dinner each Wednesday night followed by Pastor's Bible Study and Chancel Choir rehearsal. The first Wednesday of each month is a potluck, and on the following Wednesdays enjoy a delicious homemade meal. Salad, drinks, and dessert are also provided each week. Each month, on the first Wednesday, we celebrate upcoming birthdays!

There is no charge for the dinner, just a donation to help cover the cost of the food. Please join us for FOOD, FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

March 7th Potluck Theme "Breakfast for Dinner"

March 14th Fried Gnocchi (w/stewed chicken)

March 21st Deli Sandwich

March 28th No WNA— Easter

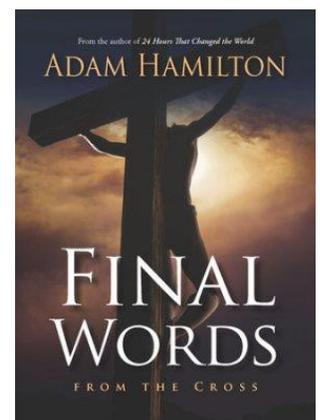


FINAL WORDS: A LENTEN STUDY

Final Words from the Cross is a reflective study where Adam Hamilton examines Christ's final words.

Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning for our lives today.

Please join Pastor Jeri, on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM** starting **February 21st** in **Room 22**.



Stewardship

Every person in the FUPCDC congregation, adults and children... members and regular attendees, has their own God given talents that can contribute to the ministries and activities of the church as we seek to do God's work in this community, this country, and across the world. The Time and Talent worksheet represents the needs of the church and opportunities for you to connect, grow and serve this community of Christ. We ask that you look at the time you have available, your interests in providing volunteer support and any special talents you can offer as you complete the Time and Talent worksheet that was distributed at the combined service on February 18, 2018. Additional Time and Talent sheets will be available over the next two weeks at worship services or on the handout rack in the Narthex. You may turn in the worksheets after the services, put them in the basket in the Narthex or turn them into the Church Office. Even if you are a current volunteer, please include those activities on this year's sheet, and pray about adding other activities that may interest you, even if they might be out of your comfort zone. Once sheets are collected, the Elders will contact all volunteers and provide more information about the activities that interest you.

We have a talented and giving congregation and we thank you for your generous giving of time and talents in support of FUPCDC.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Deacons Report

Families have been assigned a deacon. The deacons are Gail Cobb, Claudia Cunningham, Mayra Drayer, Agnes Fokwa, Lisa Fortner, Elizabeth Glyer, Sam Gooding, Gaylene Guest (Co-Moderator), Betty Matthews, Kathy McNeely, Denise Parris (Co-Moderator), Carol Schwalm, Pat Sheffield, Gretchen Snyder, and Celine Sonkwa. We are looking forward to connecting with, growing with, and serving you during our faith journey.

In conjunction with the Bereavement Committee, Deacons and a variety of helpers donated food and drink in support of a Celebration of Life reception for the family of Ron Hall on March 3rd.

On March 13th and the second Tuesday of every month thereafter, the Deacons will be supporting the Empowering Women in Transition Shelter with a meal and other needed items.

The Deacons will host games, coloring, and crafts for children between Easter Sunday services on April 1st. Please watch the bulletin for announcements.

Poised to support Urban Promise visit with food and hospitality during the first week of April.

Submitted by Denise Parris, Co-Moderator



Breakfast with Friends

Is your breakfast time becoming routine and even boring, doing the same thing at the same time every day? Would you like to have someone else fix the breakfast and take care of the used dishes? Do you wish you could have engaging conversation with a friend? Join several of us at the Montclair Family Restaurant on the third Monday morning of each month for Breakfast with Friends. This is a group of folks from FUPCDC and some of our friends who enjoy conversation and fellowship, as well as good food. We meet between 9:30 and 10 AM with breakfast about 10 AM. Come and join us--no membership fees, no membership cards, just fellowship and food.

Adult Ministry

ACE Spring 2018 classes

Two exciting Lenten opportunities:

BREATHE by Priscilla Shirer

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop and cease from all the activities and busyness and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. In the Old Testament, God instituted principles and laws that would transform the Israelites' mindset. He didn't just want them legally free; he wanted them to be able to walk in the freedom and enjoy it. So God gave them many gifts, including boundaries in which to enjoy those gifts. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Please join Gaylene Guest, facilitator on **Sunday mornings** beginning **February 25th , 9:45 AM in Room 22. (February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and March 25th)**

FORGIVENESS: A LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten period is a time to reflect on our Christian journey. It is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the bestselling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in an encouraging six week study. Thompson addresses such issues as the following:

- † Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or, are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- † Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- † Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- † How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Using Biblical examples and real life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection, or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness.

Please join Cathy Smith, facilitator on **Thursday evenings** beginning **February 22nd , 6-7:00 PM in Room 3. (February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th)**

Submitted by Peter Glycer, Adult Ministry

March 11



Children's Ministry

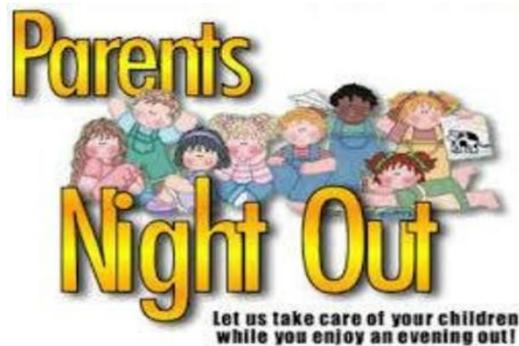
Please join us at 9:45 AM with Ms. Becky and at 11:00 AM with Ms. Cathy, Ms. Sue, Ms. Marlo, Ms. Nancy, and Mr. Mark.

At 11:00 AM Kidz Church, As we continue our journey through this Lenten season, we will be focusing on Jesus' final lessons and what they meant to his human/divinity identity. But, of course, we will do this all in the most age appropriate way!

Our Nursery is available during the 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM worship services for infants and children up to early three's. Early three's are children who are not potty-trained and not quite ready for the 11:00 AM pre-school class.

Please note: There are no Kidz Church classes during the 8:30 AM worship hour. Children attend worship with parents. Worship bags are available in the Narthex.

Nursery is also available during the 9:45 AM education hour for infants and children up to age four.



Please join us for our 3rd annual Kidz Church Parent's Night Out!

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018 (NEW DATE, SAME TIME!)

6:00 PM— 8:00 PM

Drop-off: 5:45 PM

Pick-up: 8:15 PM

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Menu: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, and a Veggie. (Gluten-Free)

There will be crafts and games for the kids to enjoy.

In order to properly prepare, children must be registered. Parents who previously registered, will not need to re-register. Please see Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder for registration form and questions.

Vacation Bible School: SAVE THE DATE! VBS will be held July 16th—July 20th from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. We have not chosen a theme as yet. Stay tuned! Information will be in future newsletter, bulletin, and Facebook (FUPCDC Kidz Church).

Submitted by Becky George, Children's Ministry Elder

Little Hands Preschool

- a ministry of outreach of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City



Registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year has begun!

Register now as enrollment is based on availability.

Please feel free to inform others in the community about this great school!

We offer engaging, compassionate, interactive experiences for preschool children. We currently have availability in the following programs.

- Early three-year-old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday
- Three-year-old classroom sessions meeting on Tuesday and Thursday
- Three-year-old classroom sessions meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Pre-Kindergarten Four-year-old sessions meeting on Monday – Thursday
- Pre-Kindergarten Four-year-old sessions meeting on Monday – Friday
- Pre-Kindergarten Five-year-old sessions meeting on Monday – Friday

To be eligible for the early three-year-old class, your child must be three years old between October 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018 and be potty trained.

For program information and registration requirements, please visit our website:

<https://fupcdc.org/little-hands-preschool> . Or contact Tiffany Ramsey at 703.878.2366



SPIRIT NIGHT

Little Hands Preschool

March 22, 2018 • 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Come out and support your school during Spirit Night. Based upon evening sales, Chick-fil-A will make a donation to your school.

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Mission and Outreach

RISE AGAINST HUNGER SAVE THE DATE!

On April 21st at 9:00 AM, we will host the fourth Rise Against Hunger (**STOP HUNGER NOW**) meal packaging event at our church. This year we have extended an invitation to Covenant Presbyterian Church family and the surrounding community. We have also doubled the meals we will package to 20,088! Soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix that includes essential vitamins and minerals will be packaged for shipment throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief. This promises to be an amazing way for you to **connect, grow, and serve**. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event.

ADULT MISSION TRIP LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA SAVE THE DATE!

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a mission trip to North Carolina from April 29th – May 5th to assist in Hurricane Matthew disaster projects. This mission and outreach activity is being coordinated through Presbytery Disaster Assistance. Lumberton, NC is approximately 4 ½ hours away. Although it has been two years since Hurricane Matthew hit the area, they are in great need of help. Please contact Sam Parris if interested, samjparris@aol.com

Sara Porter shares the following on how we can help ACTS Pantry stay full:

How to help fill the ACTS food cabinet:

Think about buying a meal for another family when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Pick up a box of cereal and a box of hot chocolate mix for a breakfast. How about some soup and crackers for a lunch? Then there's the mac and cheese box with a can of tuna plus a can of a vegetable for a dinner. This could get to be a habit as you think of those less fortunate.

Spread the Bread Ministry

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to give a special thanks to all who have supported this ministry whether through the giving of their time, food donations, or financial support. Your cheerful giving enables us to provide a hot meal for our friends every Sunday afternoon!

We would also like to acknowledge those faithful saints who show up each week to load tables, food, supplies and then serve our friends: Jon Guest, the Schwalm family, Lee Watenbaugh, Carol Miller, Kelsey Gibson, Gretchen Snyder, Al Pennick, and Linda Myers (Community Covenant Church). Thank you for your passion for Christ and compassion for others!

This ministry could not be accomplished without the outpouring of love and gifts from each and every one of you here at First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City. We truly appreciate your efforts and our friends remind us every week how much they appreciate you and all you do for them. If you are interested in getting involved with God's ministry, please contact Jon Guest at jon.a.guest@gmail.com or Pam Cox at imapoohfreak@yahoo.com.

Lighthouse Drama Camp



LIGHT HOUSE DRAMA CAMP

Will prepare and perform

DISNEY'S LION KING KIDS

WHEN: JULY 2-JULY 13

TIME: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Performance: Friday evening, July 13th

Registration for church members will be held during March.

Registration to the public will be open beginning April 3rd.

Registration: \$130 per child. Make checks payable to FUPCDC.

See Cathlene Albrecht for forms or contact Cathlene at 703-670-8369.



Flowering of the Cross



Everyone young and old is invited to bring flowers or greenery from your garden at home (or from the florist, if your garden is not in bloom yet) and place them on the cross that will be located outside near the door as you come to worship on Easter Sunday .

Faithful cross, above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be.
Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 6th century

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. Saint Paul speaks of the shame of the cross, while Saint John portrays the cross as the principal sign of the glory of Christ, but both recognize that the cross is the source of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith. Christian art certainly has many examples of the cross as an instrument of suffering and death, but some of the earliest depictions of the cross emphasize its life-giving qualities. The flowering cross is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the True Cross describes how the wood of the cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

Easter Customs- <http://fullhomeiydivinity.org>

Easter Week Services:

March 25th **Palm-Passion Sunday**

8:30 AM Special Music provided by the Chancel Choir
11:00 AM Contemporary Service with Notes of Salvation

March 29th **Maundy Thursday** Service (7:30 PM)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Living Stations of the Cross

March 30th **Good Friday Prayer Vigil** in the Sanctuary (9 AM—3 PM)

April 1st **Easter Sunday** Services

8:30 AM Traditional Service—Communion
9:45 AM Easter Story, Craft, and Activities for
Pre-School through 5th Grade
11:00 AM Contemporary Service—Communion

(Nursery provided at all services)





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January 24, 2018

Ms. Jean Peterman
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Dear Ms. Peterman,

On behalf of ACTS Domestic Violence Services, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of clothing and other baby items that you brought to us for residents at the ACTS Domestic Violence Safe House. We understand that these items were donated by the 1st United Presbyterian Church of Dale City. I can assure you that these gifts will be well-received by the people we serve and that the residents of the Safe House will be grateful for the care members of this community have shown towards them.

ACTS Domestic Violence Services' mission is to eliminate domestic violence by empowering victims to build lives free of violence. We offer a 24-hour crisis hotline, a domestic violence Safe House, one-on-one as well as group counseling, a behavioral intervention program, an award-winning court advocacy program, community education and awareness, and a Hispanic outreach program.

Through our programs, we have seen many lives changed for the better. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue in our mission.

Thanks again for your generous support and feel free to contact me should questions arise.

Sincerely,


Dotty Larson, Director
ACTS Domestic Violence Services
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Tel: (703) 221-4460/4855, ext. 228

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.

Soup-er Bowl



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