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We're Still Reforming!

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Learn about the History of the Reformed Church

WEDNESDAY EVENING KIRK NIGHTS in Stanton Hall

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.; \$8 (age 12 and older); \$32 family max
Make your reservation by the Sunday prior on the sign-up table or by contacting the church office (office@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332)

Program: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- OCTOBER 4 "An Overview of the Reformation" led by Tricia Vesely, professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary and VCU. German dinner.
- OCTOBER 11 "Martin Luther" led by Larry Ugarté. German dinner.
- OCTOBER 18 "John Calvin" led by Craig Wansink. French dinner.
- OCTOBER 25 "John Knox" led by Jacqui Horton and Randy DuVall. Scottish dinner. And rumor has it that John Knox is "in the house," or will be in our house at 6:30 p.m. for this program. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY MORNING SEMINARS in Stanton Hall

Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. Seminar: 10:00 a.m.

- OCTOBER 8 "Dividing Issues of the Reformation" led by Walt Hunting.
- OCTOBER 15 "Modern Thought and Technologies & Reformation in America" led by Sel Harris.
- OCTOBER 22 "Music and the Reformation" led by David Kunkel.

Reformation Sunday Schedule Change

- Mark your calendars for October 29, which is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.
- 9:30 a.m. One worship service in the sanctuary with guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Louis B. Weeks, president emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary.
 - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Seminar for adults in sanctuary: "Being Reformed Today" led by Dr. Weeks.
 - 10:40 a.m. Sunday School for toddlers through high school.
 - 11:30 a.m. Reformation Lunch in Stanton Hall. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22: Contact the church office (office@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332) or place your name on the clipboard on the sign-up table around the corner from the church office!

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Youth Ministry (Grades 9 - 12)

OCTOBER MISSION WEEKEND

Our High Schoolers will travel to Philadelphia October 20-22, 2017, to participate in a weekend mission trip for Broad Street Ministry Youth Initiative. The group leaves at 5 p.m. Oct 20th. Cost is \$135 due by October 11 to the Rev. Lyndsey McCall. Questions? Contact lyndsey@firstpresvb.org

HALLOWEEN BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND PICNIC

Bring your pets to be blessed and stay for a picnic at 6:30 p.m. on October 31 on the lawn at 303 YC. This is a youth event, but the entire congregation is included! Pets should be on a leash or crated. Sign up with Lyndsey so there will be enough food! (lyndsey@firstpresvb.org)

S.A.L.T. (SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER) CONFERENCE

SALT is a discipleship retreat for high school and college-age youth and adults. This year's theme: "Kingdomhood: Making All Things New." November 10 - 12 at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center in Harrisonburg. Cost \$150. Questions? Contact the Rev. Lyndsey McCall (lyndsey@firstpresvb.org).

FPCConnect (Millennial Ministry)

PUB THEOLOGY

Join us at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday October 10 for Pub Theology. Meet new friends over a drink and casual conversation. We will meet at Keagan's at Town Center. For more information join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FPCconnect/> or email Rev. Emily Béghin at ebeghin@firstpresvb.org

WILLIAMSBURG GHOST WALK

Spooks and spirits are said to still haunt the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. What better a way to celebrate this season of Halloween than going with new friends to a ghost walk the Friday evening of October 20th at 8:30? Meet us at the Lumber House Ticket office for this ghoulish event! Contact: ebeghin@firstpresvb.org

Opportunities to Serve You're invited to participate in the following outreach opportunities:

DONATE ITEMS FOR CHILDREN AT BIRDNECK ELEMENTARY
PW's October mission benefits Birdneck ES with the collection of hand sanitizer, tissues, 2" binders, magic markers, colored pencils, socks & underwear for boys and girls, sweatpants for boys/leggings for girls (sizes 5-16). Your generosity in our support of FPC's Signature Ministry is greatly appreciated! Questions? Contact Brenda Welborn bcwelborn@aol.com

SHARING THE LOVE

Every Sunday our services are enhanced by the floral arrangements provided by members of the First Church Flower Guild. That afternoon, or on Monday, these same flowers bless those unable to attend services, as well as desks and tables throughout the church. You can be part of this important ministry by signing up online at www.firstpresvb.org under "Sign-Ups" or calling Kitty Boshier

Christian

Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to John Peterson and his family on the death of his father, John H. Peterson, Sr., on September 24. Our love and sympathy are also extended to Lyman Hammond and his family on the death of his wife, Sara Ann Hammond, on September 22, and to Sara Jones and her family on the death of her husband, Howard Jones, on September 22. A memorial service for Howard will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

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Announcements

HATS OFF TO YOU

Many thanks from the Presbyterian Women to members of our congregation for their generous gifts of school supplies and monetary donations over the summer. Also, thanks for your response to the September mission for the Lighthouse Center and the blankets donated for JCOC homeless programs. PW appreciates your help in serving our community with your generous and thoughtful donations!

An anonymous member has matched the recent Noisy Offering of \$588.23 to mark her 30th wedding anniversary and in heartfelt appreciation for God's comfort when she and her husband each buried younger brothers, who died from cancer in the prime of their lives. That's \$1176.46 for hurricane disaster relief!

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Members of *Lifeline* send their thanks to all the guests and hosts at the World Communion Sunday Fundraiser on October 1. Delicious food and great fellowship was enjoyed by all, and almost \$1,000 was collected to support FPC's Youth Ministry!

VIRGINIA CHORALE CONCERT AT FPC

The Virginia Chorale kicks off its 34th season with a concert in our sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. Contact David Kunkel to purchase specially priced tickets for FPC members and their guests.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All FPC women are invited to join this dynamic group of ladies. Be entertained and inspired by the wit and charm of local journalist and author, Lisa Suhay, as she shares her story of "Becoming a Muslim at the Height of Islamaphobia." Ladies, don't miss this great program or Chapter Two of our Bible study – bring a friend !! Monday, October 16, 9:45 a.m. Stanton Hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. the men of our church family (and their friends) are invited to join us for breakfast and a discussion on the Bible given by the Rev. Butzer. The cost for breakfast is \$5. Questions? Contact the Rev. Al Butzer at al@firstpresvb.org

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR KIRK NIGHT DINNERS

Contact the church office (office@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332) or sign up on the clipboard on the registration table around the corner from the church office to reserve your place at the 5:45 p.m. dinners on October 11, 18, and 25. Menus on posters throughout the building.

500 CANS FOR 500 YEARS

Protestants and Presbyterians can count, can make a difference! Children and families are invited to place canned foods near our Wittenberg Door in the atrium each Sunday through October 29. Help us reach our goal of collecting 500 cans to commemorate 500 years since the Reformation began.

The Point MUSIC DIRECTOR SOUGHT

The Christian Ed. Committee is seeking a part time music director to help lead and coordinate music for our youth service, **The Point** (twice a month), and expand the music program for high-schoolers. Professional experience is preferred. If you or someone you know is interested, please email office@firstpresvb.org

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

A class for prospective members will be held on Sunday, October 15, in Stanton Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. Lunch will be served prior to a meeting with our pastor, Al Butzer, until 2:30 p.m. Child care is available. Participants who decide to join our church family will be received by the Session and introduced to the congregation on the following Sunday, October 22. If you are interested in exploring membership in this family of faith, please contact the church office (428-6332 or office@firstpresvb.org.) or complete the tear-off and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

Name (s) _____
Address _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Date(s) of Birth _____
Which worship service do you usually attend? ___ 8:30
a.m. ___ 11:00 a.m. Do you need child care? _____

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In Our Prayers

(Please keep Prayer Team members informed of the progress of your friends or relatives.)

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS: Ann Andersen, Elaine Bush, Penelope Duggan (friend of Juanee Hicklin), Bill Dullaghan (friend of Freddi and John Morgan), Kirk Dunn (son of Betty and Elmer Dunn), Jason Fisher (friend of Juanee Hicklin), Barbara Grubaugh, Margaret Henderson (mother of Suzan Gentry), Connie Hess (friend of Ginny and Bruce Baxter), the Hicklin family, Tom Hindman (friend of Freddi and John Morgan), John Holt (nephew of Trina Marson), Shelia Jones (mother of Juanee Hicklin), Dee and Helen Lukhard (parents of Laurie Dawson), Aaron May (friend of Rich and Carol Engel), the family of Kyle Milliken (Beach Day School family), Sara Neevel (friend of Marguerite Schubert), Linda Salmon (sister-in-law of Trina Marson), Fred Seig (brother-in-law of Jan and Clay Beall), Brenda Summers (friend of Diane Feineis), Joann Trafford (sister of Audrey Wright), Bob Tyrrell (friend of Jane and Kendall Whitaker), Tony Underdown (cousin of Suzan Gentry), Charlie Willard (brother of Becky Davison), Raine Williams (brother-in-law of Marisa Walsh), William Wilson (son-in-law of Alice Jane and Joe Fiveash), Harold Winters (father of Mark Winters).

ONGOING CONCERNS: Diana Adele (sister of Elly Stoughton), Kaden Betcher, Benjamin DiMartino, Santiago Feliciano Cruz (Yaxoquintela, Chiapas, Mexico), Ann and Ed Hennings (parents of Ellen Nesbit), Paula Hoffhower (friend of Freddi and John Morgan), Dennis Howard, Catherine Lipoli (cousin of Freddi and John Morgan), Bob McVey (cousin of Jane Scott), Elizabeth Merritt (mother of Kevin Merritt), May Henry Midgett, Debbie McComb (daughter of Elly Stoughton), Shirley Roberts (mother of Cathy Dodge), Scott Smallwood (son-in-law of Bobbie and Courtenay Harrison), Al Smith (brother-in-law of Jane Scott), Kathryn and Courtney Timms (friends of Betty Lee Nelson), Dan Urton, Marc Valet (brother-in-law of Belinda Valet). **IN ATRIA:** Elizabeth and Dale Bimson. **IN THE WATERFORD**

ASSISTED LIVING: Ginny Koun, Bonnie Nelson, Vel Washburn. **IN BETH SHALOM VILLAGE:** Roberta Wilsey. **IN THE MEMORY CENTER:** Alice White. **IN THE HOY CENTER AT WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY:** Gloria Malbon, Julia Rush, Tom Ward. **AT HOME:** Marianna Berkley, Mildred Boyd, Pat Copley, Bea Ferguson (Free Union, VA), Juanee Hicklin, Judy Hitchcock, Larry Johnson (husband of Georgianna Brabban-Johnson), Connie Knight (at son's home in TN), Fran McLean, Debbie Meads, Hallie Moore, Betty Lee Nelson, John Nickerson (husband of Kimberly Nickerson), Ruth Pardue, Dean Potter (father of Deane Zimmerman), Mary Quinley, Carolyn Rardin, Ellen Stephens. **OUR NEIGHBORS AT CHURCHES IN OTHER COUNTRIES:** Makala I in Kinshasa, DR Congo; Templo Sol de Justicia, Ch'ixtontic, Chiapas, Mexico; the Presbyterian churches of the Tzeltal Synod, Chiapas, Mexico.

Sunday's Volunteers

USHERS: Imrie Bowman, Mike Clemons, John Finguerra, Hunter Frischkorn, Bob Jessee, Grant Mager, Jim Richards, Clay Willis, Ros Willis. Please thank these volunteers for their willingness to serve on Sunday mornings.

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**HELP WEATHER
THE STORM.
DONATE BLOOD**
at First Presbyterian Church

**OCTOBER 12th
2 - 7 PM
in Stanton Hall**

Walk-ins are welcome, or make an appointment at
www.redcrossblood.org using Sponsor Code FPVB.