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Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

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Ash Wednesday Worship

All are invited to Ash Wednesday worship, which will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is the period of the church year during which Christians dedicate themselves to deepening their faith and their spiritual commitments.

Lenten Kirk Nights

DINNER AND DIALOGUE

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 21, Stanton Hall

Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Cost – \$8:00 Sign-up deadline will be the Sunday prior to the Wednesday dinner.

To make your dinner reservation contact the church office (office@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332), sign up on the registration table around the corner from the church office, or use the tear-off in Sunday's bulletin insert.

- Feb 21 – Lasagna Bar
- Feb 28 – Soup and Salad
- March 7 – BBQ sliders, Macaroni and cheese
- March 14 – Chicken Tetrazzini

Dialogue – 6:30 p.m.

“A Conversation About Race” led by the Rev. Al Butzer based on *Waking Up White* and “Confession of Belhar.”

Purchase and read *Waking Up White* prior to the series to derive the most benefit. (Limited quantities are available from Jacqui Horton.)

Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays, February 22 - March 22, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. in Stanton Hall
Focus: An in-depth study of the last week of the life of Jesus as told in the four Gospels. Sign up on the clipboard around the corner from the church office or call Jacqui Horton at 428-6332 by this Sunday, February 11, if you'll be participating. The material necessary for individual weekly preparation and group discussion will be available to students on Ash Wednesday so they will have time to prepare before the first class. The only book needed is a Bible. Sandy Cowden and Jacqui Horton look forward to examining with participants the differences and commonalities of the Passion narrative through the Gospel writers' perspectives.

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Ordination and Installation of Elders

During worship on January 28, Gloria Smith, Dan Unger, and Jennie Ware were ordained as elders of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and they, as well as Mickey Kosloski, were installed as members of Session, Class of 2020. George Gillespie and Katherine Willis also began their terms as Trustees, Class of 2020.

Please continue to keep these church officers in your prayers as they serve and lead our church, and please help them to serve effectively in their jobs by volunteering your time and talents as a member of a session committee or a church-related activity.

Nancy Brock, John Finguerra, Allison Grant, and Van Reading have completed their terms as Session members and Anne Bennett and N. H. Lowery have completed their terms as Trustees. Please thank each of them for their service, leadership, and guidance for the past three years.

Opportunities to Serve

 You're invited and encouraged to

participate in the following outreach opportunity:

SUPPORT BEACH HEALTH CLINIC

Beach Health Clinic is a health and dental clinic for low income residents of Virginia Beach, staffed by volunteers - doctors, dentists, nurses, dental hygienists, administrative staff, etc. Members of Presbyterian Women are asking you to support the clinic during January by providing any of three four requested items: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and cotton balls. Thank you in advance for your support of BHC. Contact Brenda Welborn (bcwelborn@aol.com) with questions.

Adult Ministry

FEBRUARY PW GATHERING

You won't want to miss PW's Gathering on Monday, February 19. Emily Béghin will lead us in an entertaining and inspirational program: Praying in Color. We will also discuss Chapter 6 in our Bible study. 9:45, Stanton Hall.

Youth Ministry

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PEVA YOUTH EVENT

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world.

What: Presbytery of Eastern Virginia Middle & High School Youth Event in Stanton Hall

When: Sunday, March 4, 2018
9:00 a.m. Youth Mixer Program and Worship
12:00 noon Meal Packing and lunch

Cost: \$20 per person

Registration: Contact the Rev. Lyndsey McCall (lyndsey@firstpresvb.org)

Christian Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to Rendy Adams and her family on the death of her father, Sol Rawls, Jr., on January 28 in Franklin. Please keep Rendy and her family in your prayers.

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SUMMER DATES PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR!

June 15-23
St. Louis, MO, High School Mission Trip

June 25-29
Providence PC Work Camp
(Mission Day Camp in VA Beach)
for Middle & High School

June 30 - July 8
Chiapas, Mexico, Mission Trip

July 9-13
Middle School Mission/ Conference at Massanetta
(Harrisonburg, VA)

July 16-20
FPC Vacation Bible School

July 22-28
Montreat Youth Conference

August 9 - 12
Montreat Women's Connection Conference

Announcements

LENTEN RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Each family is encouraged to take a Lenten devotional booklet to be used at home as a study resource during this season. Booklets for adults, teens and young adults, and for children (one of each per family) are available on the hall tables near the nursery.

VIRGINIA CHORALE CONCERT AT FPC

The Chorale explores music of the night in the world premiere of John Dixon's Night Songs, set to texts by Sara Teasdale, as well as evocative settings by Claude Debussy (Beau soir), Johannes Brahms (O schöne Nacht), Morten Lauridsen (Sure On This Shining Night), and more. Pianist Stephen Coxe, member of the music faculties at ODU and the Governor's School for the Arts, joins the Chorale for this exquisite, contemplative program on Saturday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets can be obtained for

\$10 each by calling or stopping by the church office and putting your name on the list. David Kunkel will have your tickets for you in the narthex prior to the concert. Cash or checks payable to "Virginia Chorale" are both acceptable.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

First Presbyterian now offers you the option to give electronically. Please download the tithe.ly app on your phone and look for First Presbyterian Church VB. After your initial set-up you may pledge or make a donation or a plate offering any time, anywhere!

STORYTELLING EVENT AT VIRGINIA BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Donald Davis, world-renowned and beloved storyteller, will be at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th and Pacific Avenue, this Friday, February 9, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 10, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. His storytelling enralls all ages, so come one; come all.

HATS OFF TO YOU

Addition to PW Mission Fund

Members of PW extend their gratitude to the members of FPC (and friends) who were so generous with their donations for the chili and Brunswick stew cooked last week. Preliminary totals show that close to \$4,000 will be added to the PW Mission Fund!

FPC Food Pantry Benefits from Souper Bowl of Caring

Last Sunday FPC *Lifeline* youth groups collected donations from worshipers in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Because of the generosity of everyone who participated, \$400.15 will be donated to the Food Church Food Pantry.

Donations to Beach Health Clinic

The back seat of a car was filled with the paper towels, cotton balls, and Kleenex that FPC members brought in for Beach Health Clinic, and the staff and patients extend their thanks for your generosity.

Super Bowl Desserts Raise Funds for Youth Ministry
A dessert bake sale held by our youth on Super Bowl Sunday raised \$233.56 for the FPC Youth Ministry. Many thanks to each of you who supported this ministry!

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In Our Prayers

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

RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY:

Steve Burke, Beth Holt. IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Diana Adele (Stoughton), Ann Andersen, Diane Dennis (Miskimmin), Sam Drewry (Cheatham), Penelope Duggan (Hicklin), Bill Dullaghan (Morgan), Kirk Dunn, congregation of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, WV (Davison), Jason Fisher (Hicklin), Barbara Grubaugh, Paul Hammond (Stroh), Margaret Henderson (Gentry), Connie Hess (Baxter), the Hicklin family, John Holt (Marson), Shelia Jones (Hicklin), Dee and Helen Lukhard (Dawson), Aaron May (Engel), Mac McClure, Ben Mills (Vanderhill), Linda Salmon (Marson), Fred Seig (Beall), Brenda Summers (Feineis), Joann Trafford (Wright), Bob Tyrrell (Whitaker), Tony Underdown (Gentry), Raine Williams (brother-in-law of Marisa Walsh), William Wilson (son-in-law of Alice Jane and Joe Fiveash). ONGOING CONCERNS:

Kaden Betcher, Dave Davison, Benjamin DiMartino, Santiago Feliciano Cruz (Yaxoquintela, Chiapas, Mexico), Ann and Ed Hennings (Nesbit), Paula Hoffhower (Morgan), Dennis Howard, Barret Joseph Lee (infant son of Whitney Fulton Lee and John Lee), Bob McVey (Scott), Elizabeth Merritt, May Henry Midgett, Debbie McComb (Stoughton), Shirley Roberts (Dodge), Al Smith (Scott), Nancy Strange, Kathryn and Courtney Timms (Nelson).

DEPLOYED: Mark Stroh. IN ATRIA: 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 W-C: Gloria

Malbon, Ellen Stephens. AT HOME: Elizabeth Bimson, Pat Copley, Judy

Hitchcock, Carolyn Huzzard (Cherry), Debbie Meads, Hallie Moore, Ruth

Pardue, Dean Potter (Zimmerman), Carolyn Rardin. OUR NEIGHBORS

AT CHURCHES In OTHER COUNTRIES: Makala I in Kinshasa,

DR Congo; Templo Sol de Justicia, Ch'ixtontic, Chiapas, México; the

Presbyterian churches of the Tzeltal Synod, Chiapas, México.

Sunday's Volunteers

USHERS: Mike Clemons, Tim Morasch; Garren Brown, John

Finguerra, Bob Jessee, Mickey Kosloski, Grant Mager, Bernie Nichols, Jim

Richards, Mark Stoops. Please thank these volunteers for their willingness to

serve on Sunday mornings.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Say Cheese for the New Directory!

After each worship service from Sunday, February 11, through Sunday, March 25, photos for our new church directory will be taken in Stanton Hall. Photographers for these free photos will be Rendy Adams and Emily Lowery. Bring your family and a smile! Questions? contact ebeghin@firstpresvb.org.

Dinner to Support FPC Youth Ministry

All ages are invited to a delicious dinner and a fantastic talent show this Sunday, February 11, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall. Cost is \$8 per person. You don't want to miss this great evening sponsored by our Youth Ministry, so contact the church office (office@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332) to make your reservation or sign up on the registration table in the hall near the church office. It will be a great evening! Eat, socialize, and be entertained (or entertain)!



Senior Valentine Luncheon

This Friday, February 9
12:00 noon
Stanton Hall



It's not too late to make your reservation for this festive, fun event hosted by the Congregational Care and Fellowship committees. Our own Brent Hartigan will entertain. Contact the church office (428-6332 or office@firstpresvb.org) TODAY, and let us know you'll be coming! Also, please indicate if you need transportation; it will be arranged for you.