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First Presbyterian Church News and Opportunities

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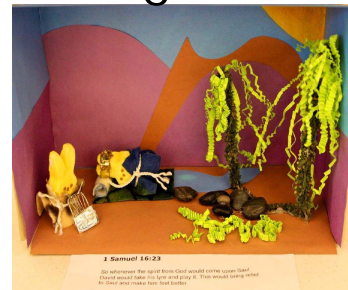
Peeps and Pizza

This Saturday, March 10,

10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m., Stanton Hall

Come create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using Peeps, and enjoy some pizza! We'll supply the Peeps, construction paper, scissors, and glue, but please bring a shoe box and any extra supplies you wish to create a peeps masterpiece!

Sign up today at <https://ekbeghin.wufoo.com/forms/z1hps6w0eb7sod/> or in our church office.



Special Music at Worship on March 18

A "very special" Special Music Worship Service is coming to our sanctuary on Sunday morning, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. This will be Shamrock Marathon Weekend, so make your plans now to come. The Chancel Choir will be offering Michael John Trotta's "Seven Last Words," a new work for choir and orchestra. You will find that the experience will be powerful, spiritual, and moving!

Lenten Kirk Nights

DINNER AND DIALOGUE

Wednesdays, March 7 – March 14, 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 place the tear-off below in Sunday's bulletin in the offering plate.

March 14 – Chicken Tetrazzini

Dialogue – 6:30 p.m. (No reservations needed for discussion)

"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. (Available for order on Amazon.com in paperback or Kindle.)

Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays, March 8 - 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. Bring your Bible and join Sandy Cowden and Jacqui Horton as they examine with you the differences and commonalities of the Passion narrative through the Gospel writers' perspectives. A handout for the study is available on the registration table near the church office.

Announcements

ELECTRONIC GIVING

First Presbyterian now offers you the option to give electronically. Please download the [tithely](http://tithely.com) 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!



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.

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

LILIES TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

The First Church Flower Guild fills our sanctuary with beautiful lilies on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of life everlasting. To purchase one of these lilies to honor or remember someone special, complete the form below and return it by Monday, March 26, to the church office or place it in the collection plate with your check for \$13 made payable to FPC and designated "lily." If you intend to take your lily following the 11 o'clock service on Easter Sunday or the following Tuesday, please indicate this on your order form.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____ TAKE PLANT(S) HOME? _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Christian Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to Mary Stewart and Jim Darden on the death of their daughter, Stewart Mauldin, on March 4. The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to the family and friends of Ellen Stephens who died on February 8. A memorial service for Ellen will be held this Saturday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. A memorial service for Stewart will be held on Monday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. at H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, Laskin Road. Please keep both these families in your prayers.

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- Arnetta Sherrod ALTO
- Andri Gowens TENOR
- Adam Piper BASS

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Opportunities to Serve

You're invited and encouraged to participate in the following outreach opportunities:

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CARD CARE MINISTRY

FPC's Card Care Ministry has been well received and has been a huge success getting greeting cards signed by the congregation after services and sent to members who are sick, bereaved, or in need of cheer. If you can help just a few minutes after one service a month, please get in touch with Susan Carden or Emily Béghin.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 12:00 NOON - 5:00 P.M.,
STANTON HALL

Put the date and time on your calendar and save a life by donating! Here's the drill: go to www.redcrossblood.org, type in FPVB, and choose the most convenient time. Our goal is 42 pints!! If you need help or if you can serve for a few hours as a hostess during the drive, contact Kitty Bosher.

Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT AT CAMP
HANOVER, APRIL 14 - 15

Leave FPC at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and return by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Cost of \$60 per person includes Saturday night lodging, 3 meals, and all program materials. The theme is "Love Your Neighbor." Interested? Contact Lyndsey McCall (428-6332 or lyndsey@firstpresvb.org).

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

5:00 p.m. Middle School Spirituality Stations in Stanton Hall
6:30p.m. High School Spirituality Stations in Stanton Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Middle School: Journey to Easter

Meet at FPC at 3:00 p.m. so that we can load the bus and head to Haygood United Methodist Church where we will travel the journey to Easter. Following our journey, we will grab a bite to eat together. Please make sure to bring money for dinner.

High School: Laser Tag against Eastern Shore Chapel

Join us at 12:30pm, after worship, for pizza and 2 games of laser tag! We will do this with Eastern Shore Chapel. It should be a lot of fun! Bring your A-game! Cost is \$17 for pizza and the games.

Announcements

GETTING TO CHURCH ON MARCH 18

The Shamrock Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run on Sunday, March 18, and as most of you know, that will make your trip to FPC a bit more difficult! If you can get to the round-about and/or Holly Road, you can come in on the west side of the church and avoid the closings on Atlantic and Pacific Avenues and General Booth Boulevard. Please plan your route and allow extra travel time.

Closures: Atlantic Avenue southbound to the Cavalier Hotel will be closed. Feeder roads on Atlantic will be open to get access to Holly Road (we have been told that extra police will be in place to direct traffic this way). One southbound lane will open about 9:15 a.m.

Pacific Avenue from 35th Street to the Cavalier Hotel will be closed until 8:45 a.m.

General Booth Boulevard northbound between Prosperity Road and Rudee Bridge is closed until 2:45 p.m. Use Oceana Boulevard.

Note: While Shore Drive eastbound is open, if this is your usual route, you'd be better off to go to Great Neck Road and come down Laskin Road because of the closures on Atlantic.

PRAYER LIST CHANGES

The prayer team has been asked to streamline the prayer list to make it more readable. To that end, the name of the church member asking for prayers has been shortened to last name only. Names on the list will be removed after one month; however, if you want a name to continue on the list after one month, contact the church office or Barbara Ford at 428-1021. Barbara Ford has asked Pat to find a better place for the prayer list in the newsletter so it will be more readable.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18, immediately after 11 o'clock worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on terms of call for the pastor and review reports from staff and committees of Session for 2017. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 11!

Set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed this Saturday night.

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In Our Prayers (Please keep Prayer Team members informed of the progress of your friends or relatives.)
IMMEDIATE CONCERNS: Diana Adele (Stoughton), Ann Andersen, Diane Dennis (Miskimmin), Sam Drewry (Cheatham), Penelope Duggan (Hicklin), Bill Dullaghan (Morgan), congregation of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, WV (Davison), Jason Fisher (Hicklin), John Gaspar (Contos), Paul Hammond (Stroh), Joyce Helvig (Schubert), Margaret Henderson (Gentry), Connie Hess (Baxter), John Holt (Marson), Sheila Jones (Hicklin), Dee and Helen Lukhard (Dawson), Aaron May (Engel), Ben Mills (VanderHill), Nicole Perkins (Ellis), Lisa Pickens (Ugarté), Geneva Roush (Davison), Lynda Salmon (Marson), Joann Trafford (Wright), Bob Tyrrell (Whitaker), Tony Underdown (Gentry), Raine Williams (Walsh), William Wilson (Fiveash).

ONGOING CONCERNS: Kaden Betcher, Santiago Feliciano Cruz (Yaxoquintela, Chiapas, Mexico), Scott Hand (Maragon), Ann and Ed Hennings (Nesbit), Paula Hoffhower (Morgan), Dennis Howard, Bob McVey (Scott), Elizabeth Merritt, Debbie McComb (Stoughton), May Henry Midgett, Shirley Roberts (Dodge), David Roland, Al Smith (Scott), Kathryn and Courtney Timms (Nelson).

DEPLOYED: Mark Stroh.

IN SENTARA VILLAGE (Virginia Beach): Gail Darden.

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.

AT HOME: Elizabeth Bimson, Betty Clarke, Don Damuth, Juanee Hicklin, Judy Hitchcock, Carolyn Huzzard (Cherry), Hallie Moore, Ruth Pardue, Dean Potter (Zimmerman), Betty Thompson.

Sunday's Volunteers USHERS: Rick Beale, Rich Engel, Robert Blanchard, Rick Burnell, Bart Dexter, Neale Ford, Mac McClure, Blake Norris, Chip Simkins, Keith Wright. Please thank these volunteers for their willingness to serve on Sunday mornings.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Three More Weeks to Get Your Photo Made

After each worship service from Sunday, March 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.



GATHER TO PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Prayer Vigil for Victims of Violence

JOIN US FROM 10 AM-10:17 AM IN THE PARKING LOT OF KING'S GRANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
745 LITTLE NECK ROAD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452
March 14, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 757-340-2840

The poster features a dark blue background with a white wavy line at the bottom. Three lit candles are shown: a tall red one in the center and two shorter white ones on either side. The text is in white and gold colors.