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## 2019 - Beginning the Process of Finding a New Pastor

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### Introducing Our Mission Study Team

A new year is often a time for resolutions, and for First Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach 2019 will be year for resolutions. A New Year's Resolution is a promise made to yourself to do something different. In 2019 our church will be looking at our missions, relationships, leadership, ministries, etc. to determine what is working, what is healthy and growing, what is supporting our purpose as a church, and we will make a resolution for what we need to continue doing and what we need to do differently.

A resolution can also be found in solving a problem or finding a way to improve a difficult situation— finding a resolution. In 2019 our church will be discerning our strengths and weakness, our opportunities and threats, and we will be making plans to support our strengthens and nurture our opportunities, while seeking resolutions to our weaknesses and threats.

Resolution can also be the act of bringing clarity or detail to a visual image. In 2019 our church will be working together and listening to each other, seeking to bring resolution to our congregation's vision for God's intended future.

And finally, a resolution can be a formal statement of a decision or opinion. At the conclusion of our discernment, a formal resolution or Mission Study will be written to state clearly where we, as a congregation, have been, where we are now, and where we believe God is leading us. Through this report, all these forms of resolution will come together to guide this church to our next installed pastor. The report will help us find a pastor with the right skills, experience, and interests to lead our church toward God's vision for our future.

Leading us in this process is the work of our Mission Study Team which Session is pleased to present to you:

Nancy Brock	John Finguerra	Pam Pyle
Sandy Cowden	Laura Fulton	Phil Reed
Dave Davison	Zeb Holt	Hannah Whalen

On January 2 this team will begin the process of meeting, planning, resolving a vision, and writing a resolution for where God is leading us. This resolution (Mission Study Report) will eventually guide the next group (our Pastor Nominating Committee) to the pastor God is leading us to call. For now, please keep our Mission Study Team in your prayers.

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### Offering Envelopes for 2019

2019 offering envelopes for those who use them can be picked up on a table by the elevator on Sundays or Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## Church Calendar

Thursday, January 3

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Ministry Meeting in Room 212
- 3:00 p.m. Going Deeper into The Story Study in Stanton Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Joyous Spirit Ringers Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 6

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Stanton Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 716 Meeting in Room 228

Monday, January 7

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Team Meeting in Library
- 2:30 p.m. Library Committee Meeting in Room 212

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study in Stanton Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting in Room 212
- 4:00 p.m. One Anothering 3 Meeting in Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies by the Sea (AA) Meeting in Atrium and Stanton Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed (AA) Meeting in Atrium and Stanton Hall

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:15 a.m. BDS in Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Carillon Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

- 3:00 p.m. Going Deeper into The Story Study in Stanton Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Joyous Spirit Ringers Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Stanton Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class in Stanton Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 12:05 p.m. Safety and Security Meeting in Library

Monday, January 14

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Team Meeting in Library
- 10:00 a.m. PW Co-ordinating Team Meeting in Room 212
- 2:30 p.m. Library Committee Meeting in Room 212
- 7:00 p.m. Session Committee Meetings

Tuesday, January 15

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study in Stanton Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting in Room 212
- 4:00 p.m. One Anothering 3 in Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies by the Sea (AA) Meeting in Atrium and Stanton Hall

- 8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed (AA) Meeting in Atrium and Stanton Hall

Wednesday, January 16

- 10:15 a.m. BDS in Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Carillon Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal

## Christian Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to Bill Hedrick and his family on the death of his sister, Dorothy Sarber, on December 10 in Cincinnati and to Carol Ann Marshall and her family on the death of her sister, Marguerite Perkins, on December 19 in Sedona, AZ. Our love and sympathy are also extended to the family and friends of David Omohundro, a faithful member of Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, who died on December 28. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Christmas Food Basket Ministry

Many thanks are extended to Lila Davis, Kevin Merritt, and Will Merritt for organizing the Christmas Food Basket ministry and to each of you who served in some capacity: financial support, organizing food and packing baskets, delivering baskets, and serving those families who came to FPC to pick up baskets. If you still want to participate in this ministry, which provided food to 75 families in the community and 25 families from Birdneck Elementary School, donations for the project are still being accepted and are appreciated. Mark your contribution of any size to FPC as "Christmas basket" and it will be deposited into the fund to buy the food (each basket costs about \$50).

### Plan to Be a Blood Donor

Thursday, January 24 12:00 noon - 5 p.m.  
Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FPVB or call Kitty Boshier. Every two seconds someone needs a pint of blood. Give a pint of yours!

### Join Those Who Have Pledgd Support to FPC's Story in 2019

As a church, we can give thanks for the generosity of the 298 families who have made commitments for 2019 totaling \$1,148,222. Please contact Ivy Robinson if you made a pledge and your name is not listed (428-6332 or [assttreasurer@firstpresvb.org](mailto:assttreasurer@firstpresvb.org)). If you have not done so already, you may drop your 2019 pledge in the offering plate today or drop it by the church office or mail it next week. Thanks are extended to each of the following families, as well as to those who pledged, but chose not to have their names

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listed: Rendy Adams, Sheryl and Jon Ahern, Shelby and John Aladj, Liz and Jim Allen, Molly and Billy Almond, Ann and Jim Andersen, Kathy Arn, Carol and Brian Arsenault, Fran and Nonie Bailey, Nancy Baillio, Alex and John Bain, Ginny and Bruce, Baxter, Donna and Rick Beale, Clay Beall, Jean Becker, Emily Béghin, Anne Bennett, Lorraine and Jimmie Bennett, Cathy and Matt Benton, Lynn Berkley, Krysta and BJ Bickel, Mary Jane and Cabell Birdsong, Geri and Peter Boone, Kitty Boshier, Jean Bowman, Susan and Imrie Bowman, Sarah and Frank Bradley, Laura and Dickie Bragg, Robin Branch, Judy and Kelton Brandt, Bill Brewster, Lynda and Jim Briggs, Joan Brock, Cyndi Brown, Jenny and Garren Brown, Patty and Charlie Brown, Gay Goldsmith and John Brush, Sallie and Stuart Bryant, Libby and Bob Buckalew, Ann and Steve Burke, Tammy and Rick Burnell, Richard Bush, Zoe Anne and David Cagle, Susan and George Carden, Lynn and Glenn Carwell, Barbara Cheatham, Sharon Cherry, Pat and Dwight Christenbury, Betty and Pete Cimmino, Bernice Collins, Susan and John Contos, Sandy Cowden, Betty Clarke, Cynthia and Frank Clements, Mary and Mike Clemons, Denyce and Jim Corzatt, Carol Crum and Tom Cantwell, Anne and Cecil Cutchins, Leslie and Chip Cutchins, Bernice and Don Damuth, Carol Webb Darden, Mary Stewart and Jim Darden, Gael Daugherty, Kyle Davila, Annette Davis, Lila Davis, Becky and Dave Davison, Laurie Dawson, Ron Dederick, Susanna and John Dellinger, Mary and Blaine Denny, Amanda and Bart Dexter, Anne Dillman, Cathy Dodge, Stephanie Doyon, Peggy and Russ Dunnington, Leslie and Randy DuVall, Elaine and Mike Eason, Belinda Ellis, Janet and Johnny Ellis, Jocey and Morris Ellison, Carol and Butch Everett, Joyce and John Fain, Diane and Ted Feineis, Marty and Jim Field, Peg Field, Dawn and John Finguerra, Nani and Tuck Finley, Madeline Finney, Alice Jane and Joe Fiveash, Barbara Fleming, Lou and Jerry Flowers, Barbara Ford, Neale Ford, Grace Frierson, Stacie and Hunter Frischkorn, Connie and Dudley Fulton, Diana and Chandler Fulton, Laura and Justin Fulton, Jane and Jim Fuqua, Jane and Robert Fuqua, Stacy and Jamie Fuqua, Jamie and Linda Gardner, Janet and Arthur Garner, Hazel and Howard Gill, Diane and George Gillespie, Chong and Tony Gleaves, Pat and Bill Grant, Margaret Ann and Jim Gregory, Ginna and Barry Hackney, Susan and Herman Hall, Christine and Byrd Harris, Liz and Sel Harris, Karen and Clay Harris, Bobbie and Courtenay Harrison, Terese Wasilewski and Courtenay Harrison, Jr., Carolyn and Bill Harshaw, Barbara Hartin, Mary Whit Haycox, Linda and Bill Hedrick, Donna and Ralph Hicks, Nancy and Denver Hicks, Susan and Paul Hirschbiel, Julie and David Holland, Beth and Zeb Holt, Mac and Steve Houfek, Tracy and Brian Horan, Jacqui Horton, Ann Host, Elizabeth and Walt Hunting, Sandra and Ed Hurt, Todd Hyman, Gwen and Carmen Infantino, Diane and Tom Ippolito, Phyllis and Evan Jackson, Fred Jackson, Celeste and Bob Jessee, Patti and Lloyd Johnson, Bob and Carolyn Jones, Margaret and Oliver Joyner, Ann and Bob Joynt, Iris and David Julian, Helen

Junkin, Tami and Bill Kamarek, Amber and Daniel Keever, Judy and Tommy Knouf, Holly and George Korte, Judy and John Korte, Lark and Mickey Kosloski, Shirley and Stan Kreider, Sonia and Richard Kullick, Heather and Chris Kunkel, Pat and David Kunkel, Anne Lanning, Alice Layne, Robbie LeCompte, Whitney and John Lee, Leslie Lehn, LaVae and Jonathan Lindley, Liz and Adam Long, Joann and Ned Lowery, Pat and Ned Lowery, Julie and Edgar MacKinlay, Kendall and Grant Mager, Heather and Wade Malaby, Gail and Kurt Malmgren, Fran Maragon, Carol Ann Marshall, Trina and Buddy Marson, Ellen Matt, Lyndsey McCall, Irvine McCann, Bill McComb, Glenda and Bill McKinnon, Fran McLean, Debbie and Charlie Meads, Sara Melsheimer, Rowena and Dale Merkey, Kris Merritt, Margaret and Kevin Merritt, Katherine Meunier, Lynda and Everett Milteer, Marge Miner, Judy Miskimmin, Arlene and Bill Mitchell, Jerrie and Bob Molloy, Tim Morasch, Freddi and John Morgan, Mary and Bob Mosby, Virginia and Bob Motyca, Debbie and Mark Mustin, Millicent and Craig Nash, Betty Lee Nelson, Jenn and Jeff Nelson, Ellen and Stuart Nesbit, Princess and Blake Norris, Nor and Jim Olson, Sandy and Jerry Parsons, Ann Parr, Teena Peebles, Melinda and Larry Perkins, Arden Pester, Jo Ann and John Peterson, Joan Pickett, Shannan and Dave Poteran, Dawn and James Prevette, Betsy Price, Suzanne and Joe Prueher, Cathy and Ragan Pulley, Rachel and Ryan Radspinner, Carolyn Rardin, Rosie and Van Reading, Judy Ready, Tess and Philip Reed, Helen and James Reid, Pam and Marvin Rhoades, Melanie Holland Rice, Linda and Jim Richards, Susie Rixey, Amy and Steve Roberts, Martha Carol Rogers, Kay and David Roland, Cindy and Eddie Russell, Chris and Ron Sadowski, Sally and Bob Saunders, Kim and Brian Schools, Marguerite Schubert, Kim and Don Schultz, Jane Scott, Arnetta Sherrod, Sally and Lou Shook, Cindy and Marc Shook, Kit and Wes Shoup, Suzanne Hamilton and Roger Shull, Martha and Chip Simkins, Marcy and Hunter Sims, Gloria Smith, Donna and Thomas Spencer, Elaine and George Stephens, Carla and Glenn Stevenson, Beth and Mark Stoops, Bette and Ron Stoops, Elly Stoughton, June and John Strader, Nancy Strange, Sharon and Butch Stroh, Martha and Bill Swertfeger, Julie and Steve Swain, Jenny and Jim Sykes, Mary Ann and John Tamm, Lou and Brad Tazewell, Betty Thompson, Kelly and Jon Thornton, Russell and Charlene Turner, Cynthia and Larry Ugarté, Pam Pyle and Dan Unger, Dar Unger, Mary Jane and Jim VanderHill, Larry VanNostrand, Kathy and Gary Vine, Sarah Joyner and Anthony Viol, Judy and Gerry Voyer, Lisa and Kurt Walborn, Nancy Walker, Jennie and David Ware, Chris and Clarence Warnstaff, Jane and Larry Waters, Allison and John Watson, Doug Weiss, Brenda and Rick Welborn, Kendall and Jane Whitaker, Katherine and Ros Willis, Mary Jane Willis, Jane Wilson, Judy and Mark Winters, Audrey and Keith Wright, Chris Youngblood, Deane and Erik Zimmerman.

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

IN SENTARA NORFOLK HOSPITAL: Larry Johnson.

RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY:

Stephanie Doyon, Brad Tazewell.

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS: Terri Bauman (Reading), Jo Brooks (Finguerra), Dick Carlson, Diane Dennis (Miskimmin), Jean Drewry (Cheatham), Bill Dullaghan (Morgan), Julie Duncan (Nelson), Rick Evans (Miskimmin), Jane Finguerra, Chandler Luke Fulton, Tess Griffith (Feineis), John Holt (Marson), Carolyn Huzzard (Cherry), Barbara Keefer (Harris), Dee and Helen Lukhard (Dawson), Aaron May (Engel), Clyde McComb (Stoughton), Jim McGuire (Oberdorfer), Bob McVey (Scott), Charlie Meads, Geneva Roush (Davison), Lynda Salmon (Marson), The Rev. William Summers, Bob Tyrrell (Whitaker), Tony Underdown (Gentry), Raine Williams (Walsh), Jennifer Zito.

ONGOING CONCERNS: Diana Adele (Stoughton), Elizabeth Bimson, Jake Burks (Harris), Benjamin DiMartino, Sam Drewry (Cheatham), Hugh Gilliam (Carden), Scott Hand (Maragon), Courtney Hoopes (Ellis), Tom Keefer (Harris), Nicole Perkins (Ellis), Dick Whalen.

DEPLOYED: Mark Stroh.

IN SEASIDE AT ATLANTIC SHORES: Bill Stanley.

IN ASSISTED LIVING AT FIRST

COLONIAL INN: Mary Hood, Neysa Pickens.

IN THE MEMORY CENTER: Dale Bimson.

IN SENTARA VILLAGE (Virginia Beach): Gail Darden.

IN WINDERMERE: Connie Hess (Baxter), Stanley Kreider.

IN THE WATERFORD ASSISTED LIVING: Ginny Koun, Bonnie Nelson.

IN ABUNDANT CARE ASSISTED LIVING: Vel Washburn.

IN BETH SHALOM VILLAGE: Roberta Wilsey.

IN THE HOY CENTER AT

WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY: Gloria Malbon, Jean Russell.

AT HOME: Ann Andersen, Eileen Harrell, Judy Hitchcock, John Huzzard (Cherry), Sonia Kullick, Joan Pickett, Dean Potter (Zimmerman), Shirley Roberts (Dodge), David Roland, Kay Roland, Cloyce Stanley, Dorothy Whitehurst, William Wilson (Fiveash).

## Sunday's Volunteers

USHERS: Imrie Bowman, Bill McComb; Tom Cantwell, Carol Crum, Chip Cutchins, Hunter Frischkorn, Ed Hurt, N. H. Lowery, Philip Reed, Ros Willis. Please thank these volunteers for their willingness to serve on Sunday mornings.

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## Beach Day School News

### Registration Priority to FPC Members at Beach Day School

If you are a member of First Presbyterian Church who would like to send your preschool-Kindergarten age child to Beach Day, now is the time to register! Spaces are limited, and FPC members are given priority through January 10. After that, registration will be open to the public. (Children must be 2 by September 30.) Go to [www.beachdayschool.com](http://www.beachdayschool.com) for pricing and registration information, or call 772-1150 or 1151 to schedule a tour.

### Help Out (with Pay) at Beach Day School

If you have some free time and you enjoy children, Beach Day School could use your help! We need additional names on our substitute list, and we could use occasional help in the afternoon in our after-care program. If that sounds like something you'd enjoy, please contact Dawn Finguerra at [beachday@firstpresvb.org](mailto:beachday@firstpresvb.org) or 772-1150.

## Join Our Study of *The Story*

FPC's church-wide study of *The Story* resumes this Thursday, January 3, at 3:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall and Sunday, January 6, at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor, Room 211, and the Library. The study will pick up with Chapter 12, "The Trials of a King." If you would like to join this study, please contact Jacqui Horton ([jacqui@firstpresvb.org](mailto:jacqui@firstpresvb.org) or 428-6332 X 236) ASAP to arrange for a book.