



THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2015

Franklin Presbyterian Church



From
the
Pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA
COVENANT PASTOR

Even though the calendar says it's fall, it's still a little too warm for my taste. I am ready for the crisp cooler air and all the delights that come with this season. As I write this, we are tracking Hurricane Joaquin's path, with varying predictions as to whether it will make landfall in or near our area. I have lived in hurricane-prone areas for much of my life, so I am well aware of their destructive capacity as well as their unpredictability. While doing undergraduate work at the University of Texas Medical Branch, I lived in Galveston, Texas, the site of the horrible hurricane that swamped the island in 1900. I walked the seawall that was built to raise the island to diminish future destruction many times in my two years there.

But while hurricanes cause chaos, they can actually be quite organized in their composition. Creating order out of chaos is part of the first

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Invitation and Outreach: Sharing Day



Part of our mission here at FPC is to be the voice and hands of Christ. We especially try to do this by serving our local neighborhood through community events.

Our next neighborhood outreach program is a Sharing Day. That means it is time to clean out your closets, attics, and basements! Bring your gently used items to FPC for our Sharing Day on October 31, from 9-11 am. Items can be dropped off at FPC any time before the event and placed in the upstairs storage room. Remember, your junk may be someone else's treasure! All items will be shared with our neighbors and community members FREE of charge.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and organize items on Friday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m., and to welcome our neighbors during the event. We would love to have you participate any way you can.



We are a community of believers called by God to live humbly in the spirit of Christ and to act as His voice and hands in our world.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Vivian Christie

FPC Presbyterian Women Moderator

It is time for our Circle meetings to start again! Join us the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Brenner Hall. This Tuesday, October 6, we begin our new year with our Bible Study entitled, "Come to the Water." We are fortunate to have the **Rev. Lou Ventura** and **Mr. Robert Meredith** to serve as our Bible Study Leaders.

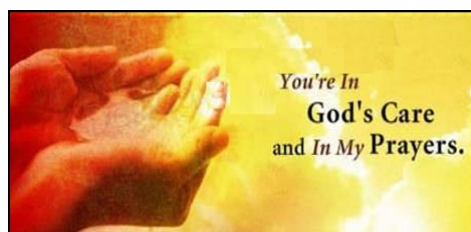
On Saturday, October 10, Presbyterian Women of Eastern Virginia are meeting at Denbigh United Presbyterian Church for our Fall Gathering. Our keynote speaker is Sushma Ramswami from India. For the last 20 years, she served as the Communications Secretary of the Church of North India. She has been leading movements for the empowerment of women, children and youth. In the aftermath of hate crimes against minorities, she has organized training programs. She has provided counseling and healing to victims of riots. This description does not represent the Christian devotion. What is very important is the fact that she agreed to be in our presence and share her experiences from her country.

We MUST leave our church NO LATER THAN 7:30 to arrive by 8:45 and register. We hope you can plan to attend. Please let Vivian Christie know if you plan to attend so we can arrange carpooling.

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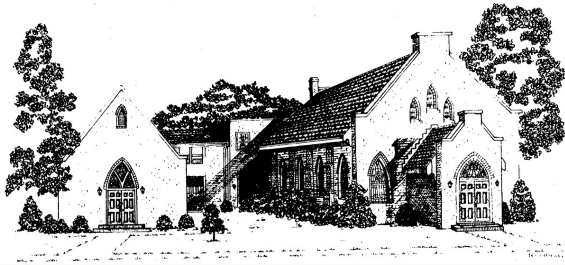
PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS



*To add or remove a name or to request continued prayers, please contact the church office.
Thank you.*

Wayne & Earlene Sprouse	Frances Wilber
Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner	Timmy Drake Friend of the Roses
Cathy Quate Reverend Lou's mother	Ann Marie Wisher Reverend Lou's friend
The Ellsworth Family	Doug Green Friend of Jimmie and Terry Rose
Rod Phelps and Family Friends of Kaye Weaver	Barbara Gray Friend of Jimmie and Terry Rose
Allen Wright Cousin of Terry Rose	Franklin Cooperative Ministry
Jennifer Stephenson Rebecca Harper's mother	Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir., Children's Center
The Turner Family Friends of Deloris Joyner	Krista Johnson Co-worker of Kathryn Padgett
Jackie Cutchin	Krista Slane Friend of Vivian Christie
Carol Dixon Sister of Jimmy Rose	Kathy Worrell Friend of Vivian Christie
Bob Edwards Katherine Weaver's Brother	Ron Ventura Reverend Lou's husband
The Rhodes Family Friends of Deloris Joyner	The Hall Family Friends of Deloris Joyner



2015 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

		Average		
	New	Worship	Total	Total
<u>Month</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
January	0	31	\$7,988.00	\$9,059.92
February	0	35	\$7,783.00	\$8,309.27
March	0	35	\$16,222.00	\$9,008.74
April	0	41	\$8,742.00	\$8,833.39
May	0	35	\$9,340.00	\$11,404.17
June	0	36	\$24,894.00	\$28,656.92
July	0	40	\$7,183.25	\$10,222.77
August	0	32	\$8,644.00	\$9,927.08
September	0	34	\$6,680.00	\$7,475.05

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



03. Kevin Lackey, Jim Holland
 14. Sue Fast, Jimmie Rose
 17. Mollie Bass
 19. Carolyn Boothe
 21. John Griffin
 22. Bud Brotzman
 28. Mike Lackey
 29. Deloris Joyner, Stanley Boothe
 31. Jo Anne Kelly, Norm Shroyer



12. Terry and Jimmie Rose
 13. Tiffany and Ben Matteson



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

04.	Ron Ventura & Ray Terrell	Lead Lector: Cathy Eischeid
11.	Bobbie Thomas & Deloris Joyner	
18.	Terry and Jimmie Rose	
25.	Harry Christie & Ray Terrell	

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lesson at this month's Presbyterian Women circle meeting. During the coming year, the women will explore how water is a recurring theme throughout our lives as Christians. (I've checked the table of contents—no hurricanes are mentioned!) ☺

The Thanksgiving holiday and Advent are right around the corner. Now is the perfect time for each of us to explore the themes in our own lives, and examine how those themes have been influenced by our faith. Where are our "growing edges," the places we need to change or improve, in order to be all that God wants us to be? What do we need to do to expand our spiritual maturity? What is chaotic and disorganized in our lives, and what can we do—even teeny, tiny baby steps—to bring order and peace? Regardless of the answers to these questions, I am here to walk with you toward the answers.

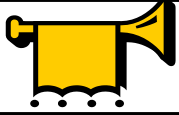
Joyfully and with love in Christ,

SESSION UPDATE

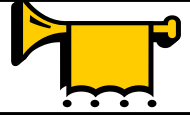


At its stated meeting on September 23, 2015, the FPC Session:

- Received 2014 Church Financial Review (audit), indicating that no major issues or discrepancies were found;
- Approved a motion that the FPC Operating Account be reimbursed for all manse repairs and expenditures for 2015 from the proceeds of the sale of the manse; this totals \$7000.00. Held a brief discussion that the Brenner Fund would not be reimbursed for the roof repairs since that fund is in place to cover capital improvements. This motion and discussion will be shared with the FPC Corporation trustees;
- Validated the electronic vote held on 8/13/15 to hire Joe Banty as Administrative Assistant, replacing Gaby Bryce;
- Reviewed a list of members provided by the receiving treasurers that appear from their giving to be inactive. The Session will reach out to some of these members and the rolls will be formally reviewed later in the year when the Annual Statistical Report is completed;
- Held a brief discussion regarding an Advent-season special study or *lectio divina*; no decision was made;
- Heard a report that FPC received a grant of \$2500.00 to assist with the expense of installing a security system from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. The Facilities Team will be looking at existing quotes and additional systems in order to make a decision on the final cost and ways to make up any shortage that the grant will not cover, if needed;
- Was notified that the brick and mortar repair work should begin shortly;
- Discussed plans to paint the Treasurer's office;
- Were notified that the Men of the Church will begin meeting again on Saturday, 10/10/15 in Brenner Hall, after taking the summer months off;
- Revised the date of FPC's Sharing Date from 10/17 to 10/31/15 from 9-11 a.m.;
- Was notified that the Invitation and Outreach Team plans to provide 5-6 study Bibles for inmates at the Southampton County Jail per the request of several inmates and upon approval by the warden.



News Briefs



Blessing of the Animals Rescheduled

Due to anticipated severe weather with the landing of Hurricane Joaquin, the Executive Planning Board of the Franklin Fall Festival decided late Wednesday, September 30, to cancel the festival and all associated events, originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3.

The festival has been rescheduled for November 13-14, and our Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 3 p.m. in the same location—Harold Atkinson Park across from City Hall on 2nd Avenue.

Notification will be provided to the *Tidewater News* as well as posted on FPC's Facebook page and on flyers posted at the vet's office and other locations around town. Let your friends know!

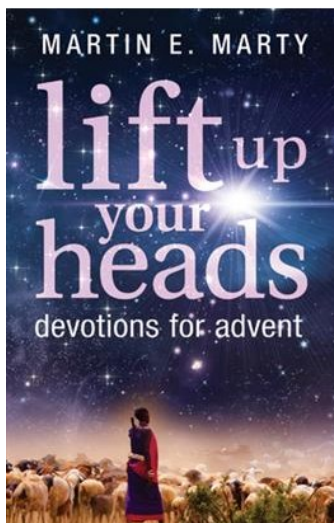
PEVA Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Denbigh United PC

The Women of PEVA are invited to attend the PEVA PW Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 10, at Denbigh United Presbyterian Church in Newport News.

The keynote speaker will be Sushman Ramswami from India, who has served for the past 20 years as the Communications Secretary of the Church of North India. She has been leading movements for the empowerment of women, children, and youth, and in the aftermath of hate crimes against minorities, has organized training programs that provide counseling and healing to victims of riots.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m. and the keynote address and workshop breakouts will last until 1:15 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please notify **Vivian Christie** or **Betty Jones** of FPC's Presbyterian Women.

COMING SOON TO A NARTHEX NEAR YOU!



This year's Advent devotional is written by Martin Marty, a religious commentator and Biblical scholar. "Lift Up Your Heads" introduces us to the language of "lifting up" found throughout Scripture and applies that evocative imagery to our approach to Advent.

Each day's uplifting message will better prepare us for the coming of the One who was born to raise us from the depths of sin and death forever.

Watch for your copy, coming soon!

THE MESSENGER CONGREGATION'S CORNER

Classic Pumpkin Pie



Ingredients:

1 (15oz) can of pumpkin
1 (14oz) can sweetened
condensed milk
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon ground
cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Whisk pumpkin, sweetened
condensed milk, eggs, spices
and salt in medium bowl
until smooth. Pour into crust
and bake 15 minutes.

Reduce oven temp to 350°F
and continue baking 35 to 40
minutes or until knife inserted
1 inch from crust comes
out clean. Cool. Garnish as
desired. Store leftovers covered
in refrigerator.



Ray's Joke

Corner by Ray Terrell

What do a spoiled child and a tick have in common?

They both can get under your skin

What kind of fish do you see after it rains?

A Rainbow Trout

Where do football players go to eat?

Huddle House



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 pm Choir	2	3
4 11 am Worship Holy Communion <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	5	6	7	8 7:30 pm Choir	9	10 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:15 am PEVA PW Fall Gathering Denbigh United PC
11 11 am Worship	12	13	14	15 7:30 pm Choir	16	17
18 11 am Worship	19	20	21 6:00 pm Session	22 7:30 pm Choir	23	24
25 11 am Worship <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	26	27	28	29 7:30 pm Choir	30	31 9am-11am Sharing Day <i>Halloween</i>

Birthdays;



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Anniversaries



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Worship with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS-- OCTOBER 2015

4	Worship 11:00 am *World Communion Sunday
10	Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Brenner Hall
11	Worship 11:00am
18	Worship 11:00 am
21	Session 6:00 pm
25	Worship 11:00 am—Reformation Sunday
31	Sharing Day 9am - 11am Brenner Hall

Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday



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