Choosing Gratitude as a Way of Life

2019 Resolutions

2019 is now on the horizon and soon there will be much talk about New Year’s resolutions. What will you commit yourself to accomplishing in the coming year — will it be to break an old habit or start a new one?

One of the best ways we can do something good for ourselves and for others is by giving. In their book *The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose*, co-authors Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson through a wealth of evidence show “a consistent link between demonstrating generosity and leading a better life: more generous people are happier, suffer fewer illnesses and injuries, live with a greater sense of purpose, and experience less depression.” As Christians, we know through scripture that we are called to share our blessings with others.

Why not make a positive start to the New Year right now? By making your 2019 pledge to First Presbyterian Church Burlington, you are helping to improve educational outcomes for young children at risk, feed the hungry, provide beds and other furniture for families in need, provide facilities and programs to sustain our spiritual needs and so much more. You will also receive the benefits of being generous!

To make an online pledge, go to [www.fpcburlington.org](http://www.fpcburlington.org). Click on “Serve & Give” and then “Give.” You may also call Lacey Way in the church office (336-228-1703) and give her your pledge over the phone.

Start a new habit for the new year by making your pledge. Then let 2019 be happy and healthy!

Worship Banners (right)

The banners hanging in the chancel of the sanctuary represent our response to God’s generosity and goodness. In gratitude we lift our hands in praise to God, we offer our hands in service to God and God’s people, and we place our gifts to God in our hands. These hands are YOUR hands, for they are your response to Liturgical Arts’ request — do you see yours present? Do you recall drawing them? Do you remember the paper used? You are invited to study each banner and reflect on your response to God’s goodness, especially in this season of stewardship.
Upcoming Events!

Veterans’ Journal
Veterans’ Day is approaching soon. As many of you know, we created a “Veterans’ Journal” that recognizes all those who have served in armed forces. Many of you submitted pictures and information for this journal. If you have not submitted your Veteran information, please contact Gene Smith to have him add you or your loved ones to the journal (els27011@gmail.com). As well, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 11, we will recognize and have a blessing for church members who are Veterans. We hope that you will attend this worship service so that you can stand, be recognized, and receive the blessing (by our church children!).

All Saints’ Music Service
Sunday, November 4 will be the annual All Saints’ Music Service, in which we celebrate and remember the saints of this Church who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. The Chancel Choir will sing Philip Ledger’s beautiful and poignant Requiem: a Thanksgiving for Life, which combines much of the traditional texts of the Requiem with the poetry of the mystical English poet, Thomas Traherne. An ensemble of flute, cello, bass, harp, organ and timpani will accompany the Choir and soloists Patty Philipps, Lila Keith, and Dan Callaway. A Prayer of Thanksgiving incorporating the names of our departed saints will be offered. And an offering to support the Music Fund will be received.

508 Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner
508 Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Apple Street

November 18, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

$10.00 per person at the door

Make a reservation by calling the church office, noting it on the Friendship Register on Sunday, or emailing kseagroves@fpcburlington.org

Don’t Forget to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 4. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 3.
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Advent Festival 2018

Who are the angels that we read about in scripture? Let’s dive into the message of the Messengers at the 2018 Advent Festival! Come to Calvin Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 2 to explore angels, specifically the angels that announced the Good News of the birth of the Messiah. We will have several hands-on opportunities including painting, working with clay, angel cookies, creating angels from paper, metal, and more. We will hear and sing Advent hymns and Christmas carols that remind us of the role of the messenger. $5 per person will help cover the cost of the materials needed for this event.

Charlotte Allbright is still looking for people to help with the art/crafts (specifically someone who knows painting on canvas and someone who knows working with clay/pottery). If you have artistic skill, please contact Charlotte (336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org) and serve in this fun and special way.

Upcoming Events!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 16 – 5:00 p.m.

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the first A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols held at King’s College, Cambridge, England on Christmas Eve, 1918. Our Festival will bring together the Choirs of First Presbyterian Church singing many carols included in the service from 1918. Carols for choirs and congregation will be accompanied by brass quintet, organ, harp and timpani. A prelude of carols for handbells, harp, and brass will begin at 4:30 p.m. An offering to support the Music Fund will be taken.

Children-led Christmas Service

This year we are doing something a little different. The traditional children-led Christmas worship, that was held on a Sunday evening in Advent, will be adjusted to be part of the order of worship in the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, December 23. Parents will receive a link to sign up your children to participate as worship leaders. Like always — children will be characters in the nativity and 6th graders will narrate the story. We look forward to this change and how the Spirit will move. Parents — keep an eye on email to know when to sign up your child for their part in the service! Contact Charlotte Allbright for more information 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

All children and youth are invited to play an instrument or sing for the prelude. Contact Patrick Murphy if you would like to share your gift of music.

Ushers Guild 2019

It is time to organize the Ushers Guild for 2019! If you would like to get involved in some volunteer work that doesn’t take any extra time, the Ushers Guild is just right for you! Many of you are at church already and would be a wonderful smiling face to hand out bulletins and collect the offering on selected Sunday mornings. Parents and youths, couples or individuals are needed. Please contact Barbara Roberts (336) 584-9942 or broberts@triad.rr.com for more information or to begin selecting your Sundays for next year. Thank you for helping our church!
Fall Adult Studies

Adult Studies is an opportunity for faith formation and transformation offered by FPCB. Our hope is to foster lifelong spiritual growth for our congregation and our community. The Adult Studies Committee invites you to make a commitment to Christian formation. Here are some of the many opportunities offered this fall. Pick one (or more) and join the journey. Contact Charlotte Allbright, Director of Christian Education and Formation, for more information (336)228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

Positive Parenting Course
Sundays, November 4, 11 & 18, 9:45 a.m. in Room 201
Led by the Rev. Amanda Anderson
Parents! Join us at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201 on Sundays, November 4, 11 & 18 for the “Positive Parenting Program” led by Rev. Amanda Anderson. Jesus understood the importance of metaphor and story-telling, and the parables found in the gospels continue to speak to us today. They call us to discuss, wrestle, and grow. Parables we will explore include: parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), the “lost” parables of Luke 15, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16), and the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). (Resource: Short Stories by Jesus by Amy Jill-Levine).

Exploring Short Stories by Jesus
Sundays, November 4, 11 & 18, 9:45 a.m., John Knox Room
Led by the Rev. Amanda Anderson
Join The John Knox Fellowship at 9:45 a.m. in the John Knox Room Sundays in November for this class on parables taught by Rev. Amanda Anderson. Jesus understood the importance of metaphor and story-telling, and the parables found in the gospels continue to speak to us today. They call us to discuss, wrestle, and grow. Parables we will explore include: parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), the “lost” parables of Luke 15, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16), and the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). (Resource: Short Stories by Jesus by Amy Jill-Levine).

Lunch Bunch Book Club
12:00 p.m. in Room 122
(Unless otherwise noted)
November Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet at noon on Wednesday, November 14 instead of Tuesday, November 13.

We will be discussing the book — Bunny Mellon: The Life of an American Style Legend by Meryl Gordon. Come even if you haven’t read the book. Bring your lunch with you. Led by Virginia Cummings, Peggy Harrelson and Charlotte Allbright.
Thank You!
My heartfelt thanks to the church members and staff for their very kind words, wonderful gifts, cards, flowers, and the very generous retirement gift. I have been truly blessed by the kindness and generosity of the FPC members and staff.
Thank you all,
LaRae Bolick

The family of Virginia McCuen Lewis wishes to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy

Dear FPC Family:
Your thoughts, prayers, cards and calls were overwhelming and of great comfort to the entire Lewis Family. We are truly blessed to be part of you all.
Peace, Bob Lewis

FPC 2018 Women’s Retreat
Many thanks to the Women’s Retreat organizers and volunteers who worked so hard to make the event a huge success. Women walked the labyrinth, did chair yoga, prayed, shared, learned, visited and laughed a lot!
Outreach

Presbyterian Women — Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project
The Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child will be **November 11 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Witherspoon Room. You may also pick up shoe boxes in the workroom if you wish to pack your own box. Please return the packed boxes to the workroom by November 11. Monetary donations to help with shipping costs are also greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Matthews at csnn4145@gmail.com or Shelley Lassiter at shellas2@yahoo.com.

Presbyterian Women FPC Circle Meetings — November 2018

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PC (USA) Women’s Honorary Life Membership Award 2018

Our fine honoree was born in NC and grew up in Alamance County where her father was mayor of Elon College — before the name was changed to just Elon — and her mother taught at Altamahaw-Ossipee. She went south to Florida Southern College where she majored in chemistry. Then she headed in the opposite direction to Michigan State to earn a master’s degree in chemistry and to meet her future husband.

The couple married at Elon Community Church and shared careers in chemical education and research, first in Iowa City. They ended up at Mississippi State for 17 years, before coming full circle to return to Elon. Along the way two daughters and a son arrived. In their MS home she made time to teach Sunday School and to participate as a leader in Girl Scouts and PTA. In Alamance County, she became involved in several activities and found time to sew, quilt and be a FPC Circle member.

After multiple tries, retirement finally came after teaching and working to build a chemistry department at Elon University and serving as an alderman for the City of Elon. With retirement came the honor of Assistant Professor Emeritus. In recent years there has been more time to lead the Bible Moderators and serve as an Elder. When she was Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, she crocheted a Christmas ornament for each member of the PW Council. After that term ended, our special lady agreed to be Secretary of the Presbyterian Women, used her extensive sewing skills to bring a program called ‘Days for Girls’ to our church, and joined in our Furniture Ministry. She supported the FPC Choir by routinely organizing breakfasts for the choir at their special presentations.

When she is not busy with her many church activities, she spends much of her time with her two darling grandsons who live nearby or waterskiing, yes still, at Smith Mountain Lake where she also has a group of sewing and quilting neighbors. You won’t find anyone better organized or more willing to lead in a calm, efficient way than our dear **Jo Grimley**.

Calvin Coolidge was president when this young at heart honoree was born. Her family lived in CT then, but she grew up in Decatur, AL. She became a Tri-Delt at the University of Kentucky and that is where she met her true love. They married in 1949 and raised two very successful daughters. She now has two delightful grandsons.

The family made many moves due to her husband’s job. Greenville, SC and Littiz, PA were some of the places they lived. They joined Presbyterian churches in each city. They even lived in Burlington twice before returning here for a third time in 1999.

Our honoree was always active with PW. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, and PTA. Her daughter says, “Her gift is helping others. She was always doing things.” Today she walks regularly, and does yoga and water aerobics.

Outgoing and generous with her time, this lady has been a faithful member of the DJ Walker Class, the John Knox Fellowship and Circle #3. After recovering from a broken hip she continued delivering mail to residents of Twin Lakes Health Care. She is a crackerjack jigsaw puzzle solver. She loves butterflies because of their symbol of freedom and is always up for breakfast out, especially if it’s French toast! She is an empathetic listener and an engaging and helpful neighbor. Who else could it be, but **Anne Gardner**.
Furniture Ministry News — Superhero Volunteers Make it Happen!

A small but highly motivated band of volunteers came ready to work on the October 13 Furniture Ministry workday. Ten "Mighty Men" delivered furniture to nine families located from Mebane to Graham to Burlington and picked up donations from three locations as well. Together the families who received furniture had 22 children (and one more on the way), and they received a total of 20 beds! At the home of the Melendez family (pictured), the oldest son, age 11, came running out to the truck, shouting, "They're here, they're here!" and proceeded to help with the unloading until it was done. Most of our families have been living quite some time without basic furniture, and their excitement and gratitude keep our volunteers coming back monthly to share their Saturday mornings.

Also on October 13, eight "Wonder Women" worked behind the scenes in the warehouse making it all happen — calling clients, making sure the right items went on the right trucks to the right families, sorting and packing donations, and generally bringing order out of chaos in the warehouse.

New volunteers Betty Beal, Libby Knight Conde, Hamilton Baird and Adam Kantman were invaluable — literally we could not have done all we did that day without them! Many thanks also to our regulars Robert Boon, Kent Byrd, Reid Dusenberry, Jo Feroe, Eddie Gant, Dan Hardie, Leslie Hardie, Jim Johnson, Libby Lasley, Nan Perkins, Jay Pringle, Raye Sapp, and Bruce Shields.

Could you give a few hours a month to this ministry that is bringing so much joy and relief to the neediest families in our community? These are the jobs that we always need more help with:

- Sorting donated items
- Boxing sets of dishes, pots and pans, and silverware
- Washing and bagging bed linens and towels
- Answering the phone
- Calling clients and making a list of their needs
- Tagging items for delivery
- Helping with deliveries and donation pickups on the second Saturday morning workdays
- Helping with donation and Gibsonville warehouse pickups on the fourth Saturday morning pick-up days.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to this rewarding work. For information, contact Lindsay Conrad, Reid Dusenberry, Nan Perkins, Elizabeth Bailey, or anyone on the Furniture Ministry Committee.

Andrews Elementary Snack Pack Team

Our Andrews Team is off to a great start! On Thursday, September 20 twelve volunteers assembled 125 snack packs to deliver to Andrews. Many hands made the work light, and we all enjoyed ourselves! We will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Witherspoon Room at 10:00 a.m., and would love to have you join us. Many thanks, as well, to those of you who provided school supplies for the school. Two large plastic bins and many bags of paper, markers and other items have been delivered to Andrews. We could still use some more reading buddies for the upcoming year. Please contact Jin-Jin Blackburn if you are able to become involved in this worthwhile mission. You will be glad you did!

Thank You!

Young Adult Caroline Smith says a big THANK YOU to The Point and all other generous givers who filled her car to the brim with donations she is taking to her hometown, Whiteville, which was hit hard by Hurricane Florence.
Outreach

Mission Connections newsletter from John McCall:

Dear Friends,

I got off the train after a four-hour ride along the Pacific Ocean and headed to the exit to be met by a pastor from the Bunun Presbytery, an aboriginal presbytery on Taiwan’s east coast. I was on my way to lead the fourth pastors’ retreat in three weeks. We arranged these retreats a year ago, and it has been my joy since returning to Taiwan to meet so many of my former students and other pastors who are serving churches throughout Taiwan.

The Bunun tribal pastor (Bunun means “person” and is the name of one of the sixteen tribes among Taiwan’s indigenous people) greeted me and drove us to a nearby noodle restaurant, where we met four other pastors for lunch. We then left the small town of Yu Li and headed up steep mountain roads to the farming hut of one of the church elders. Other pastors were waiting for us there in the middle of a mango grove. The view from the hut was spectacular, a deep blue sky with white clouds hanging over high mountains. Fresh fruit was on the table, and we enjoyed pineapple, papaya, and oranges from nearby fields.

Many of the church gatherings here tend to have a main speaker lecturing and the participants passively listening. I try to craft a retreat that gives plenty of time for small-group sharing and a good amount of time to pray, sing, and worship together. I do give a few talks, but I encourage them to respond to the talks in small-group discussion.

Aboriginals love to sing, so we began our time together with one pastor leading us in song. We sang in both the Bunun tongue and in Mandarin. These pastors serve churches in villages sprinkled throughout these east coast mountains. Many of their members are farmers, but a good number are also teachers or police officers, or are working at other jobs. It is easy for me to tell the different aboriginal people apart both by their looks and their customs. The Bunun tribe tends to be a communal tribe that enjoys doing things together.

After we sang, I shared with them Jesus’ striking words from John 15:15: “I no longer call you servants ... but now call you friends.” We spent the rest of the retreat thinking about what it means to be a friend of Jesus and not just a servant. In the hierarchical society in Asia, it is much easier to think of Jesus as the teacher or master, and to see ourselves as the students. While this is certainly true, it is not the whole story. So for us to be considered Jesus’ friend is a rather radical thought. The second day of the retreat, we talked about how Jesus also calls us to be friends one to another. Again, this is not easy in a context where confidentiality is often not honored, and there is not always deep trust between pastors or other co-workers in the church. So in all these retreats, it has been a joy to see the relationships deepen between Christ and his Taiwanese friends and between the pastors themselves.

After dinner the male pastors sang in the unique eight-part harmony of the Bunun tribe. It is almost an otherworldly sound as they put their arms around the backs of the people on either side and join in combining the eight parts. One person has described their music as unity in diversity, for you can still clearly hear each voice.

Then a group of the pastors decided to go hunting together in the high mountains above the farming hut where we were meeting. They went to hunt for wild boar, which is a staple for this tribe and many other mountain tribes in Taiwan. They invited me to join them, and while I was tempted, I am not a hunter and thought I might be more of a hindrance than a help. Unfortunately, the wild boar was hiding well that night, and they returned at midnight without any boar. But they told me that hunting is an important way for them to share life together.

During these retreats, I always arrange time for these pastors to find a prayer partner and share their prayer concerns together. It is encouraging to me to hear them share with such honesty and see them praying in pairs and in groups. We know that ministry is too important to do alone, and so we ask the Holy Spirit to guide, encourage, and empower us in our ministries. Many of these pastors have children of various ages, so they also ask for prayers for their families.

They asked the oldest pastor in the presbytery to come and lead the morning devotions the second morning of the retreat. I had not met Pastor Ma before, but as he began to preach, I could tell that, at age 86, he is a man of great faith, hope, and love. He has served in these mountains for fifty years, and he has a dynamism that is infectious. He said that the church has enough critical people, and that instead we need to be people of one heart and mind, people of deep and faithful...
prayer, and people who recognize the power of the gospel to change lives and communities. As I listened to him preach and looked around at the younger pastors, I gave thanks for such a wonderful leadership model. When he began his service, there were no paved roads in the mountains, and it could take a day or more to hike to the next village to share the Good News. Pastor Ma was an encouragement to all of us, as he is still running the race of God’s call on Taiwan’s east coast.

As I boarded the train back to Taipei, my body was tired, but my spirit was thankful for the opportunity to be with so many of Taiwan’s pastors in the past three weeks. Their roads are not easy in this non-Christian land, and they need encouragement and someone to speak hope, but they get up every day and seek to live out the love of Christ in their families, churches, and communities. I am grateful to walk with them.

I was reminded of their need for encouragement and care when recently I was in a town south of Taipei and the local pastor, who is in one of the pastor groups that meets regularly at my home, happened to ride by with his wife on a motor scooter. They stopped and invited me and my friends from the US to join them for lunch. But first we went with them to buy vegetables at a local vegetable market. The pastor’s wife introduced me to the woman selling the vegetables saying, “This is my husband’s pastor.” The vegetable seller, who is not a Christian, said, “a pastor needs a pastor?” The pastor’s wife responded, “Yes, my husband needs a pastor.” I was humbled by her comment, but I am conscious that this is one of my important roles here.

Thank you for your care that allows me to walk with these church leaders in their daily lives.

Gratefully,
John McCall

Zambia Mission Team — Join Us!
A mission trip to Zambia is scheduled for **June 18–30, 2020**. If you are interested in being a part of this fabulous team, please come to the Zambia Mission Team Interest Meeting **Sunday, November 11 in Room 203** immediately following 11 a.m. worship. All ages and interest levels are welcome! Contact the Rev. Lindsay Conrad at Lconrad@fpcburlington.org for more information.

Peru Mission Team — Join Us!
A mission trip to Peru has been scheduled for **July 11–19, 2019**. We are seeking team members to help plan the trip in partnership with Miriam Laura at PERUSA, and our friends at Annie Soper School. Please consider joining this team if you can support in Peru or on the ground as we learn, discern, and serve! Contact the Rev. Lindsay Conrad at Lconrad@fpcburlington.org if you are interested.
News & Business

Reception for the Rev. Lindsay Conrad
There will be a reception for the Rev. Lindsay Conrad following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 25. If you would like to contribute to a gift to Lindsay you please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, attn: Lindsay's gift. Checks should be brought or mailed to Lacey Way in the church office.

A Special Welcome!

Lacey Way: We welcome Lacey Way as our new Financial Administrator. Lacey has lived in Burlington since the 5th grade and graduated from Western Alamance High School. She graduated from Alamance Community with an Associate in Arts degree, where Jin-Jin Blackburn was one of her accounting professors. She subsequently completed her B.S. in accounting from Guilford College. For the last four years, she has worked as a Staff Account with Gilliam, Coble, and Moser and is currently working on her CPA certification. Her references describe her as being detail and goal oriented, one with a strong work ethic, committed to community service (Alamance County Service League, United Way, and Junior Achievement), and a team player who enjoys interaction with people.

We hope you will take time and drop by and welcome Lacey to our church staff team.

Virginia Lenoir Sapp (left)
daughter of
David and Ann Bradey Sapp
Baptised on Sunday,
October 14

Fred and Dinny Sisley (right)
New Members as of Sunday,
October 14
1511 Von Bora Court
Burlington, NC 27215
336-350-9278, fsisley@aol.com

Christmas Decorations
Poinsettias for use in the sanctuary may be ordered as memorial or honorary flowers. Contributions as memorials or honoraria may also be made to defray costs of wreaths for our church doors, lamp posts, sanctuary sconces, balcony garland, etc. Please submit checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church (marked Christmas Decorations) to Lacey Way. The deadline to order is Tuesday, December 4.

Christmas Decorations order form ($25 each)
In Memory of ________________________________
Donor __________________________________________
In Honor of ________________________________
Donor __________________________________________
FPC Thanksgiving Holiday Closing

FPC facility is closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Session Digest for October 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on October 21, 2018 for the regular Stated Meeting.

1. The financial reports for September indicate that revenues are behind the budget and expenses and utilities are higher than budgeted. The CDC and Playschool budgets and expenditures are in line.

2. The remaining debt for the most recent capital campaign is down to $400,000. There are outstanding pledges that should cover this over the next two years.

3. Dedication Sunday will be October 28, 2018. All members are asked to have their pledges in to the church by that date.

4. Due to the lack of a sprinkler system, the church will now be required to have an artificial Chrismon tree. A twelve foot artificial tree has been purchased.

5. The Music and Worship Committee is evaluating a new Loop system for the hearing impaired to replace the existing FM system that has limitations.

6. Patrick Murphy reported that there will be a number of Taize services in 2019.

7. Work continues on the repainting of the steeples on the sanctuary and chapel as well as some of the outside trim of the church.

8. The Session approved a change in the Personnel Handbook to allow staff members to get a 20% discount for their children enrolled in the CDC.

9. The Session was notified that we have received a letter of resignation from the Reverend Lindsay Conrad effective November 30, 2018. Her last day with us will be November 25.

10. The Session approved a motion to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 18, 2018 following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of dissolving the relationship between Lindsay and the congregation per the Book of Order.

11. Barbara Roberts reported for the Presbyterian Women and informed the group that they had bestowed Life Membership status to Anne Gardner and Jo Grimley.

2018 Flower Donations

There is plenty of opportunity to donate flowers for the Sunday worship service. Donations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a Sunday, please call Kathleen Seagroves in the Church office (336/228-1703 Ext 213 or keasgroves@fpcburlington.org) or Dick Cannon, 2018 Chancel Guild chairperson (336/227-5449 or analyzepro@yahoo.com). The available dates are Nov. 11, 18 & 25, Dec. 2 & 9, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

Church Finances — September Financial Statement

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Memories Under the Steeple

On June 30, 1985, First Presbyterian Church called a second Associate Pastor, the Reverend Phyllis Kort. She was ordained in October 1979 and served with the Hospice Program in Durham and Orange Counties, and was a visiting Instructor in Ministerial Studies at Duke and the Department of Religious Studies at UNCG. Her husband, Dr. Wesley Kort, was a professor of Religion at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Charles Williams had been their pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham in the 1960’s. Installed in our church on September 22, 1985, Phyllis served as the last Moderator of the Presbytery in 1988, just before the name was changed from Orange Presbytery to Salem Presbytery in 1989.

Also in 1985, our church members contributed to the region-wide campaign of Orange Presbytery, “Orange Aid”, helping to raise $5.9 million. This campaign established nine new churches in the presbytery, as well as supporting several projects: renovations at Camp New Hope and Presbyterian Point, enlargement of Presbyterian Home of High Point, support for a facility that offers transitional assistance for women leaving the NC Correctional Center for Women, and planning money for a new Presbyterian Home in Raleigh.