Join Us at FPC for Advent & Christmas, 2018

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary
Sermon: Have You Heard the Angels? — A Message of Hope — Ron Shive
Anthems: Light of Hope — Mark Patterson (Carol/Covenant Choirs, Family Choir, and Chancel Choir)
Of the Father’s Love Begotten — arr. Stephan Casurella (Chancel Choir)
Lighting of Advent Candles and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing! Advent Festival — 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. $5 per person will help cover the cost of the materials needed for this event.

Advent Healing Prayer Center — Advent is a time of waiting. Waiting for hope. Waiting for peace. Waiting for comfort. Waiting for the Messiah. Many are grieving or bearing burdens during this time of waiting. Others are walking the path and holding the light for the weary travelers. All are welcome to explore this time of waiting in the Advent Healing Prayer Center Sundays at 9:45 a.m. December 2, 9, & 16 in Room 201. This prayer center will have several hands-on, meditative, and reflective spiritual practices. Deacons will be available to guide you through these centers and spiritual practices and pray with you. If you prefer a time of individual reflection and silence as you journey through the prayer center, please take all the time you need. The Advent Healing Prayer Center will be open to all December 2-23. Hours: Sunday from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Come as you are and rest with God. For more information about the Advent Healing Prayer Center, contact Charlotte Callbright callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223.

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Thursday, December 6
Child Development Center Christmas Family Night — We are cordially inviting you to our Christmas get-together at 6:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. All of the CDC children will perform a short Christmas program. We will spread holiday happiness with desserts and snacks after the program.

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary
Sermon: Have You Heard the Angels? — A Message of Promise — Ron Shive
Anthems: Divinum mysterium — arr. Fred Gramann (Carillon Choir)
Magnificat — John Ferguson (Chancel Choir)
Lo, How a Rose — Cynthia Dobrinski (Carillon Choir)
Lighting of Advent Candles and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Church-wide Christmas Dinner — Join us in Calvin Hall at 6:00 p.m. Our menu will be chicken pie, mac and cheese, potatoes, green beans, and cobbler for dessert. Donations will be accepted for those able. No reservation required — come as you are! We will spend some time carol singing!

Wednesday, December 12
Playschool’s Annual Christmas Family Night — Each class will perform a short program in Calvin Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Then families are invited into John Knox for refreshments and a visit with Santa.

Thursday, December 13
Friendship Group — 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. — John Knox and Calvin Hall. Special Guests: Bradford Academy Choir. Covered dish — bring enough to feed the choir.

Saturday, December 15
Annual Fruit Basket Delivery to Homebound Members — The day will begin with breakfast in the Welcome Center. Volunteers are needed for about an hour to deliver fruit baskets to church members who are not able to be with us on Sunday, but who faithfully remember their church. Baskets and recipient names are picked up at the church between 9–10:00 a.m. A delivery partner to visit with you can be assigned. Please call the church office (336-228-1703) if you are able to help.

Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary
Sermon: Have You Heard the Angels? — A Message of Peace — Ron Shive
Anthems: As Joseph Went A-Walking — Fred Gramann (Chancel Choir)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — Stephen Chatman (Chancel Choir)
Lighting of Advent Candles and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 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.

Wednesday, December 19
Drive Thru Live Nativity — The Live Nativity is back this year! Our youth group will be portraying all of your favorite characters from the Nativity Story Wednesday, December 19, right here at the church. Drive through and see the greatest story ever told! The nativity will be on display from 6–8 p.m. If there is inclement weather on the 19th, a rain date has been set for Friday, December 21. We hope you can come and see our wonderful students as they spread some Christmas joy!

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Sanctuary
Sermon: Have You Heard the Angels? — A Message of Joy — Ron Shive
Anthems: Carols of the Season (Chancel Choir)
Lighting of Advent Candles and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Christmas Joy Offering
A special offering of the PC(USA) will be taken up this year called the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering provides financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others!

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 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 23.

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Worship Services
5:00 and 11:00 p.m. — Sanctuary
Music by the Chancel Choir (5:00 p.m.) and April Martin, soprano (11:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 30, First Sunday after Christmas
One Worship Service
10:00 a.m. — Sanctuary
Sermon: Have You Heard the Angels? — A Message of Guidance — Taylor Barner

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**Additional Advent and Christmas Information**

**Poinsettias and Church Decorations for Christmas**
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 in the church office. **The deadline to order is Tuesday, December 4.** Christmas Decorations are $25 each. Please include this information: “In Memory of” and Donor, or “In Honor of” and Donor.

**ACAC Honor Cards — “In Honor” Gifts**
Give the gift of a donation to an organization in honor of someone on your gift list. Allied Churches Honor Cards are available in the church office. Recommended donation of $5 for each card. Checks can be made to FPC with Subject Line “Honor Cards for ACAC.”

**Advent Devotional — Get your Presbyterians Today 2018 Advent Devotional — God Lifts the Lowly**
During this holy season of Advent, we are invited to pray and contemplate with Mary in her Song of Praise — the *Magnificat* — found in *Luke* 1:46-53. This year’s devotional is very special. The paintings and poems are the work of Andrew Weatherly, a young Presbyterian man born with Down syndrome, who uses his gifts to raise awareness of the capabilities of those with special needs. The rest of the text — reflections and prayers for each day of Advent — is the joint work of Donna Frischknecht Jackson, pastor and editor of *Presbyterians Today* and sister to a man with special needs, and Krin Van Tatenhove, also a pastor who is father to a special-needs son. With great love and joy, Andrew, Donna and Krin bring God’s might and Mary’s “yes!” to life in powerful new ways. Perfect for congregations, families and individuals, each day provides a Scripture excerpt, meditation and prayer to deepen the Advent experience. *Information source: PCUSA store.*

**Miniature Nativity**
The miniature Nativity is back and ready for you to buy! Last year we sold about 30 of these beautiful Nativity sets. Ron Shive brought back MORE when he returned from the Holy Land this year. They are hand-carved from olive wood. Purchase one for yourself, for a friend, and/or for a neighbor. Make it a special gift for someone who could use a special hug during the Advent and Christmas season. Individually wrap the pieces and let your children or grandchildren open one or two a week between December 2 and Epiphany! So many ways to enjoy this little reminder of the birth of the Messiah! Contact Charlotte Allbright 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org if you would like to purchase one. Cost $10 per set.
Winter 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.

Peoples of the Old Testament World

Sundays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2019, 9:45 a.m., John Knox Room
Led by Dr. Jim Pace

Come and take a fascinating look at people of the Old Testament world. The ancient Israelites interacted with many different peoples. As would be expected, their culture, including their religion and sacred scripture, was influenced by their contact with them. Understanding these peoples and their relationship with the Israelites is extremely helpful in getting the most from reading our Bible. This study will explore what the Old Testament and archaeology informs us about four of the peoples: the Egyptians, the Canaanites, the Assyrians, and the Babyloniaans.

Selected Poetry of Wendell Berry

Sundays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17 at 9:45 a.m., Room 122
Led by Dr. Harry Brown

The Kentucky writer Wendell Berry is a 20th-century Renaissance man: farmer, novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, and teacher, Berry is a member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, recipient of the National Humanities Medal, member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the first living writer to be chosen for the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame. Some of his major topics are nature, farming, death, people, and faith. The class will use Berry’s *New Collected Poems* (Counterpoint, 2012), which can be purchased used in paperback on Amazon.

Enrichment Class

Sundays at 9:45 a.m., Room 228

From time to time during the last few years, the Enrichment Class has addressed faith issues such as atonement and theodicy. The goal was not to change minds, but to present a range of theories we might use to affirm or re-shape our feelings about these vital matters. Join the Enrichment Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 228 as we take a look at Scripture in new ways as one facet of the deconstructionist movement. Over the next few weeks, the class will consider familiar Bible stories using *What is the Bible? How an ancient library of poems, letters and stories can transform the way you think and feel about everything* by Rob Bell.

Lunch Bunch Book Club

12:00 p.m. in Room 122
(unless otherwise noted)
Books for 2018–19 pictured (right).

December Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 11

We will be discussing the book, *Winterdance* by Gary Paulsen. Come even if you haven’t read the book. Bring your lunch with you.

Led by Virginia Cummings, Peggy Harrelson and Charlotte Allbright.
Other News & Events

Explore FPC Breakfast
Sunday, December 2 at 9:45 a.m.

Whether you are visiting or have recently joined First Presbyterian Church, welcome to our community of faith! We would like for you to have an opportunity to further explore what it might mean for you to be a part of our faith community. So we invite you to come, taste, and see the life and ministry of our church as we “Explore FPC” on Sunday, December 2 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 203.

Hearing Loop System Installed

The Sanctuary is now fitted with a Hearing Loop system. Please switch your hearing device to T-coil during worship services. For more information visit: www.fpcburlington.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/3-Q-and-A-for-Staff_Hearing-Loops_AHL.pdf

Mystery Day is for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders on Friday, December 7 from 4:00 p.m. until... Meet in Calvin Hall at the church. RSVP to Charlotte Allbright at callbright@fpcburlington.org. Need a ride? Let Charlotte know & we will get you there! The rest is a mystery!

Backpacking Trip to McAfee Knob

A few weekends ago a group from our church went on a backpacking trip to McAfee Knob near Salem Virginia. It all started when Lindsay came to me several months ago and thought it would be a good idea to get a group of about 10 to go on a backpacking trip to be with God in the wilderness. We left Friday afternoon and met for dinner at Mac and Bob’s in Salem, Virginia. Around 7:30 p.m. we arrived at the trailhead, elevation 1,790’ and after Lindsay’s blessing we departed for a 2-mile night hike to campsite #1, Johns Spring Shelter. Everyone in the group did great and we retired shortly after setting up camp.

The next morning, after a hearty breakfast, we got back on the trail with our loaded backpacks and headed to campsite #2, Catawba Shelter. When we got to campsite #2, we set up camp and prepared for a day hike, no backpacks, to the summit of McAfee Knob, elevation 3,197’ on the Appalachian trail. While at McAfee knob, we relaxed with a light lunch and explored the view around the knob before heading back down to the Catawba Shelter. Once we arrived, we gathered firewood and filtered water to prepare for the evening. After hors d’oeuvres and nice supper, Lindsay led us in a vesper service and where we all reflected where we felt close to God that day before retiring for the evening.

After a very cold and windy night, we packed up, had breakfast and had a moment of reflection before hiking back by the fire road to our cars. Once again, we went back to Mac and Bob’s for a nice brunch before heading home.

I would like to thank everybody that participated (Lindsay Conrad, Nathan Adams, Gene Grimley, Joe Jacaruso, Jeff Parsons, Dick Cannon, Hal Vincent and Ben Vincent). Our group had a wide range of backpacking experience from the first-time backpacker to the Appalachian Trail through hiker. We all learned a lot from each other this weekend and had a spectacular time in the woods, I’m already looking forward to our next experience.  

Hal Bates
Thank you!

Thank you everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival! We had a wonderful response from the community — and ran out of pizza and candy rather fast. It was a fabulous outreach and fellowship time. One person made the comment that she and her family felt safe and welcomed and that she was happy that her children had a safe place to run and play. I hope that you mark your calendar now to be a 2019 trunk for treating, to donate candy or cupcakes, or to help with the event in another way. More hands are appreciated! Hope you enjoyed the pics on Facebook!

Trunk Awards:
Most Creative: Taylor Barner and Annie Taylor
Best Theme: Nolan Chilton, Tim Conyers, and Marielle, Gigi, and Lucien Gauthier.
Least Scary: Ian Wagoner and Olivia Chester
Funniest: Melissa & Charley Walsh

Dedication Brunch
Many thanks to those of you who organized and to those of you who attended our Dedication Brunch on Sunday, October 28.
If you have not yet done so and would like to pledge your 2019 gift to the Stewardship Campaign, you may do so at this link: www.fpcburlington.org/serve-and-give/give/

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!

508 Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner
Members of FPC Burlington and First Baptist Church Burlington enjoyed a well-attended evening of thankfulness and camaraderie at the 508 Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18. Many thanks to First Baptist for hosting!
Outreach

Presbyterian Women — Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

Thanks so much to all who gave donations and helped pack boxes at our Presbyterian Women’s shoebox packing party. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pack 221 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Presbyterian Women FPC Circle Meetings — December 2018

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Days for Girls

Presbyterian Women and a team from Smith Mountain Lake are working together to make sustainable feminine hygiene items for girls and women. Days for Girls has reached more than one million women and girls in more than 124 countries with kits and health education. Our team is focusing on providing kits that will be distributed by Melissa Johnson, our missionary in Zambia.

Melissa is forming an Enterprise Program of local women who will sew kits and participate in hygiene presentations. The following are excerpts taken from an email from Melissa concerning the Enterprise Team.

“Things have really started to get going here. The four women working in the center, Stella, Miriam, Eunice and Cecilia, are really wonderful! They are dedicated and hardworking and have been learning to sew so well. Miriam is such a perfectionist. But because she is, her sewing is perfect. Her shields are absolutely perfect. Stella is also a very good seamstress, but is really good about learning about how the machines work and understanding how to fix things. Cecilia is a very strong leader and opinionated but mainly in defense of the program. Eunice is quiet and it has taken her longer to get the hang of sewing and public speaking, but in her defense, her machine has some issues so it has been harder to sew well on that machine. I know she will get there soon.”

“There are ten CCAP schools in Lundazi. I really underestimated the number of girls. There are about 2,000 girls in just the two CCAP schools closest to me and that doesn’t include the other private schools around town. I only have 400 kits. You can see it will be difficult to do a distribution at a school when we don’t have enough for all the girls. As in most parts of Africa, jealousy is a big problem here and we don’t want to cause problems by not being able to provide kits to the girls who are over ten (the age when most girls start their periods).”

DFG Workshops will be held at FPC Burlington starting again in January. Ten women have participated in workshops that were held in 2018. All skill levels are needed — tracing patterns, cutting fabric, ironing, turning and sewing. Please consider joining our team to help provide days of dignity, health, and opportunity for girls and women around the world.
**Furniture Ministry News**

Our dedicated 20 church members were joined by 20 additional volunteers for our November delivery workday. There were 17 Elon students from a Service Learning group and three ladies from Westside Fellowship Church. With this additional help, we were able to deliver to 12 families, pick up five donations, and organize the warehouse. There continues to be a great need in our community and we have over 20 families waiting for beds and household items.

**Upcoming dates:**
- **Saturday, December 1:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Donation Pick up
- **Saturday, December 8:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Delivery and Donation Pick Up
- **Monday, December 17–Wednesday, January 2:** Warehouse will be closed
- **Saturday, January 12:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Delivery and Donation Pick Up
- **Saturday, January 26:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Donation Pick Up

Libby Lasley, Raye Sapp, Nan Perkins, Elizabeth Bailey, and Reid Dusenberry visited with Bobbie Pate to see the behind the scenes of Peg’s PJs. Bobbie has been a partner with Furniture Ministry for several years by providing pajamas and underwear for the children we assist. She also provides a set of sheets and a blanket when our donations are low. Bobbie shops to have a variety of items to choose and she only gives new items. It has been a great partnership to work with Peg’s PJs. A volunteer shared how a little girl was so excited getting pajamas and sheets in her favorite color, especially since she had never had pajamas that matched. Bobbie was unaware of her favorite color. Follow this link to read more about Bobbie’s ministry that she began with her sister to honor her mother ([www.pegspj.com](http://www.pegspj.com)).

During this season, please prayerfully consider supporting our ministry. If you would like to support our ministry, please consider coming to one of the days to volunteer. You can also make a financial contribution to assist us in purchasing items need for these families ([www.fpcburlington.org/serve-and-give/give/](http://www.fpcburlington.org/serve-and-give/give/)). We have honor cards available as well in the office if you would like to make a donation in honor of someone during the holiday season.

**Peru & Zambia Mission Teams — Join Us!**

A mission trip to Peru is scheduled for **July 11–19, 2019**. We need 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! Please contact the church office for more information: 336-228-1703, kseabroves@fpcburlington.org.

A mission trip to Zambia is scheduled for **June 18–30, 2020**. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact the church office at 336-228-1703 or kseabroves@fpcburlington.org.

**Hurricane Relief Trip to Lumberton**

Thank you to those who participated in the hurricane relief trip to Lumberton!

**Hosts for Peru Exchange Needed!**

FPC is welcoming Elva Cosavalente, a teacher at Annie Soper School in Moyobamba, Peru, to Burlington in 2019! As part of the congregation’s ongoing exchange with the school, Elva will be here for a month, helping with classes at Smith Elementary and participating in our church’s community life. We are still in need of host families for her, specifically between **February 10–20**. Please contact Veronica Allen at veronicaallen26@gmail.com or 336-269-5159 with your willingness to serve in this way.
Church Business

Year-end Contributions
Giving to the church during the month of December is historically the highest of any month during the year. As you consider end-of-the-year giving toward or above your pledge, please remember in order to receive credit for the 2018 tax year, all contributions to the church must be postmarked or delivered to the church office no later than December 31. Extra giving early in the month will allow the church to pay its obligations in time for Christmas and will provide stock transactions time to be completed during the calendar year. Please remember if you donate stock to the church you will need to let Lacey Way, in the church office, know so that your gift is appropriately credited. Lway@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703.

A Special Welcome!

Baptism:
Jack Parker Peavy
son of Alex and Collins Peavy
with big brother Winston
November 11
(left)

New Members:
Kevin & Julie Wellman
Aidan, Mason & Levi
630 Meadowood Drive
Burlington, NC 27215
336-263-8965
kevin_wellman@abss.kiz.nc.us
julie.wellman@ssa.gov
Joined November 18
(right)

Christmas Decorations
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Christmas Decorations order form ($25 each)
In Memory of___________________________________________
Donor__________________________________________________
In Honor of_____________________________________________
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**FPC Christmas Holiday Closing**

FPC facility will be closed Tuesday, December 25, Wednesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 27, 2018 in observance of the Christmas holiday, and on January 1, 2019 for New Years.

**Merry Christmas!**

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**2018–19 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 Dec. 2 & 9; Jan. 13, 20, 27, 2019.

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**Session Digest for November, 2018**

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on November 18, 2018 for the regular Stated Meeting.

5. The Session approved the Transfer of Letter of Patrick Hubbard Hill to All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Ga. At their request, the Session approved the removal of Cameron and Katie Muhlencamp from the active roll.

6. The Adult Studies Committee reported that Diane Givens Moffett will be the featured speaker for the Pritchett Symposium in 2019.

7. The proposal for the zoning change across the street from the church at 511 W. Davis Street was shared with the Session. The proposal should enhance the neighborhood.

8. Barbara Roberts reported for the Presbyterian Women and informed the group that they will be having a Church-wide Tea in February of 2019.

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**Church Finances — October Financial Statement**

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If you should have any questions regarding the Financial Statement, please contact Tom McGowen, Jr, Church Treasurer, tmcgowen@ssmkllp.com or Lacey Way, Church Business Administrator, lway@fpcburlington.org in the church office.
Memories Under the Steeple

Our Boy Scout Troop #17 celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1985, at the same time the national Boy Scouts of America organization celebrated its 75th anniversary. As part of our celebration, two leaders of our troop were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the success of the troop’s program: Carl L. Garrison, Jr., who served the troop for thirty-three years, and Kelly A. Joyner, Sr., who served for thirty-four years. Mr. Garrison died in 1986, and Mr. Joyner, in 2000. The “Scout Hut”, built shortly before 1980, was named the “Garrison Activities Building” after Carl's death. Upon Kelly’s death, the name became “Garrison-Joyner Activities Building”.