

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Reminder
Friday, February 14
Is
Valentine's Day

...remember to spread love and
friendship to all of your
friends and neighbors as
Jesus has done to you!



From David's Desk . . .

"Love"

"Love is patient; Love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. (Love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. ...And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13:4—8 & 13)

Over my 40 years as a Presbyterian minister, it has been my privilege and great joy to officiate at the marriages of over 100 couples! For each of those couples I have tried to craft a wedding homily uniquely suited to each, but I generally wind-up saying the same thing: i.e. that they should love one another as God has loved them, which is also the love of which the Apostle Paul was speaking in his great essay on "love" in 1 Cor.13.

In 1 Cor.13, Paul is speaking of more than romantic love. He is writing about the love that we should be giving to and receiving from one another within the church, the people of God. It is the love that God shows toward the Lord's people, the church, the selfless love that always "wills the good" and always "wills what is best" for the other person. It is the same love embodied in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. It is the love that Christ demonstrated upon the cross when He freely gave His life so that the world might be delivered, through faith in Him, from both sin and death.

In each of the weddings that I would perform, I always attempted to present God's love for us, and our Christ-like love for one another within the church, as the truest and best foundation for a married couple's love for one another. From that selfless intent to love the other, to do what is best for the other, can spring the truest "romantic" love for the other. At least, that was my hope for each of the 100-plus weddings that I have performed.

So, as Valentine's Day approaches, may we married-type folks, and we romantically inclined folks, look at our particular "beloved" with the love that God has shown toward us, that Christ has modeled for us, and that the Holy Spirit would call forth from within us. If we can do that, then our romantic feelings of "lover" for the "beloved" will be pleasing in God's sight and will endure throughout all of life and all of life's vicissitudes.

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

(1 Cor. 13:13)

Happy Valentine's Day! Your friend and pastor in Christ,

David





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Installation Service for Teri Walker and Cathy Goad
Ordination and Installation Service for Patti Vari
Sunday, January 26, during 10:30 service.



Women's Bible Study

February 11, 2 pm



Fellowship Pot Luck after
Worship—February 9

(Chicken and drinks will be provided)

A new way to make a donation to FPC

The session has enabled Fincastle Presbyterian Church to offer each of us an alternative method of giving our tithes, pledges and other offerings. We are partnering with The Presbyterian Foundation's Online Giving Program to offer this alternative method.

The Presbyterian Foundation uses Vanco Payment Solutions, an industry leader in providing churches with secure, simple and specialized giving options customized to our Church. Online, you can give any amount you choose as a one-time donation, or can set up recurring donations to come to the church on a scheduled basis of your choice. Every donation you make will generate an email to you, acknowledging your gift, and will also generate a notification to the Church office letting us know as well. At the end of the year, The Presbyterian Foundation will provide a year-end gift summary to each donor for tax reporting purposes.

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- (1) Through a web-browser: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKXF/home>
- (2) By using our QR code (to the right)
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If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please feel free to contact, Danette in any of the following ways: In the office: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com or 540-473-2042, or at home: danette.heinlein@gmail.com or 540-323-3073 or Hal Bailey at: hbailey@engineeringconcepts.com or 540-588-3310.

GIVE TO SOUP FOR SENIORS

VOLUNTEER



When

February 3 – 5, 2025, 9 AM – 4 PM

at main collection site: Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

4909 North Lake Dr, Roanoke, VA 24019

January 29 – February 5, 2025

at other drop-off sites (see below for list)

Bring your donations to church on January 26 and/or February 2.

What is Needed Most

No glass containers; please check expiration dates. Low-salt, nutritious items are preferred.


- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Canned Meats
- Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Boost or Ensure

A Request from Session

At the beginning of every year, the session assigns committee chairmen and ask for members of the committees. It is a good time to get involved in an aspect of the church's life in which you are interested. Below is a listing of the committees and an overview of their responsibilities, the chairman for 2025 and present members. If you would like to join a committee, please let the chairman know of your interest. The "pay" is the same for everyone and the "reward" is directly proportional to your involvement.

<p>Christian Education: coordinates Sunday school or other Christian education activities of the church</p>	<p>Chairman: Lyn Burton</p>	<p>Verna Shuey</p>	<p>Fellowship: coordinates fellowship opportunities for the church</p>	<p>Chairman: Jim Porter</p>	<p>John Kilby Bob Omer Paul Phillippe Fred Coots</p>
<p>Communications: coordinated all external and internal communications for the church, including news releases, the directory and member contact information</p>	<p>Chairman: Patsy Dickerson</p>	<p>Sandy Gates Danette Heinlein Sue Porter JoAnn Snowden</p>	<p>Personnel: handles all aspects of hiring personnel and handling personnel issues</p>	<p>Chairman: Lynne Bolton</p>	
<p>Congregational Care: to care for the congregation as the need arises</p>	<p>Chairman: Cathy Goad</p>		<p>Property: maintains all properties of the church property</p>	<p>Chairman: Fred Coots</p>	<p>Hal Bailey Jim Porter Kip & Lyn Burton Bob Omer Mike Goad Ed & Verna Shuey Julia Richardson</p>
<p>Mission: coordinates community mission activities to benefit local charities</p>	<p>Chairman: Terri Walker</p>	<p>Paul Phillippe Lyn Burton Debbie Coots</p>	<p>Worship: coordinated programs for worship services and special events</p>	<p>Chairman: Lynne Bolton</p>	<p>Patsy Dickerson Lori Turner Danette Heinlein Patti Vari</p>
<p>Finances: coordinate all financial aspects of church operations, budget</p>	<p>Chairman: Hal Bailey</p>	<p>Debbie Coots Danette Heinlein Mardee Kilby</p>	<p>Grants: applies for grants to help the church</p>	<p>Chairman: Patsy Dickerson</p>	<p>Alan Brenner</p>

February 2025

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Celebrate Black History Month during February						
<i>Communion Sunday</i> <i>Soup for Seniors Collection</i> Lori out of town, David Austin will provide the service music	2	3	4	5	6	7
				HFI meeting 6:30 pm		8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Pot Luck after Church— Chicken will be provided</i>		<i>Women's Bible Study— 2 pm</i>			 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	HFI meeting 6 pm			Presbytery Meeting at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church—all day		<i>Men's Breakfast at 9 am— Greenwood</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	
		<i>Endowment Meeting — 4 pm FPC</i>	<i>Wholeness and Healing Service w/ light dinner to follow 5 pm FPC</i>	<i>Session Meeting 7 pm FPC</i>		

A Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

*Wednesday, February 26 at
5 pm
Light Dinner to follow*



*They devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching,
And to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread
and to prayer.
Acts 2:4*

Music Around the Church by Lori



From the piano bench . . .

January was a long, cold month! I'm looking forward to February and many opportunities to fill the beautiful walls of Fincastle Presbyterian Church with music. In December we were blessed by the sounds of Trey Saunders, our Joyful Singers and Back Street Ringers handbell choir, Chloe and David Scales, Ellie Porter Ivey, the annual Christmas Concert by the Naysmiths and friends, and the beautiful voices of Mennonite Fincastle Church and the local community. In February our handbells will start practicing and our Joyful Singers will sing again. All are welcome! Share your ideas and favorite hymns with Lori.

... From Lori

What's the difference between a piano and a fish?

You can't tuna a fish. Ha! Ha!

Why did Mozart get rid of his chickens?

Because they always ran around going "Bach! Bach!"

Why are pianists' fingers like lightning?

They rarely strike the same place twice!



Sidewalk
To FPC
ALL ARE WELCOME
(Thank you Lori for sharing this)

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30
Sunday School is at 9:30
Fellowship Time after Worship