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Lenten Renewal Opportunity

FPC invites each of you on a Lenten exploration this year! After Ash Wednesday, we will begin a prayer journey through Martha Grace Reese's book, *Unbinding Your Heart*. This can be your Lenten discipline, a way to commit to prayer and relationship in anticipation of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This book helps us to become more comfortable articulating our faith. It's also a prayer journal with many forms of classic Christian prayer. People in churches across the country are excited about what is happening in their congregations when everyone is involved in this study: deeper relationships with God, a rich, meaningful personal prayer life, and a new sense of God's activity in their lives. People are saying they can be more 'real' with others as their relationship with God grows ... and that this extends to relationships within their families and with people in every area of their lives. Copies of *Unbinding Your Heart* are available for a \$15 donation at the church. We have many weekly small groups available, so please commit to this 6-week journey. You can sign-up online through the church website (www.firstpresvb.org) or at the church office (428-6332). To learn more, check out our blog: <http://fpcunbinding.wordpress.com/> Follow the Lenten journey!

Souper Bowl of Caring

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Help our youth tackle HUNGER by donating a dollar to the Souper Bowl of Caring! Our young people will be collecting Dollars for Donations after the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, February 5, Super Bowl Sunday! All donations collected will go to Stop Hunger Now!, an organization that sends meals to the hungry around the world! Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need by bringing your dollars to help the hungry next Sunday!

Calling All Cupids!

Members of Circle Mary are hosting their third annual Valentine's Day party for cupids of all ages! Join us in Stanton Hall on Saturday, February 11, from 10 a.m. until noon and decorate cookies, make a craft, and play a game or two. Cost is \$5 per child (adults and children under two are free). Sign up at the registration table in the reception area of the church office or contact office@firstpresvb.org. Proceeds will benefit the Beach Health Clinic. Those who can't attend the party can support Beach Health Clinic by purchasing some of our cookies after either service on Sunday, February 12.

Praying for Unbinding Your Heart

A prayer group is forming to support our church-wide *Unbinding Your Heart* study. The group will meet in the parlor on Fridays at noon for 30 - 45 minutes. Please call Princess Norris, Prayer Team co-ordinator for the E-vent, if you are interested in joining this group.

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FIRST CHURCH FINANCIAL NEWS

(Period Ending 12/31/11)

Y-T-D Budgeted Pledges	\$ 979,163.00
Y-T-D Pledges Received	<u>952,067.53</u>
Difference	<u>\$ 32,943.34</u> (-2%)

Y-T-D Budgeted Expenses	\$1,164,892.47
Y-T-D Actual Expenses	<u>1,131,949.13</u>
Expense Budget Not Used	<u>\$ 32,943.34</u> (2%)

Y-T-D Gifts \$1,126,467.21

Summer Job Opportunities at Makemie

Woods Do you know a college-aged student looking for a meaningful summer job? Working for Makemie Woods Summer Camp is a great way to develop valuable leadership skills, work with kids, and grow spiritually. Interested candidates should visit www.makwoods.org for information and an application. Many internship or practicum requirements can be fulfilled by camp employment! Applicants should be at least 18 years old and one year past high school.

Valentine's Luncheon for All Seniors

The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committees are hosting a Valentine's Luncheon for ALL seniors who would like to mix and mingle and enjoy a festive lunch and special Valentine's entertainment. We look forward to fun and fellowship with you and many of our elder care members on Thursday, February 9, at 12 noon in Stanton Hall. If you can join us, call the church office (428-6332), sign-up in the reception area of the church office, or use the tear-off in the Sunday bulletin inserts. Don't forget to let us know if you need transportation. Make a point to attend this fun event!



Senior Luncheon

Summer Camp at Makemie Woods -

Register Now Makemie Woods Summer Camp teaches essential life skills in a radically-accepting Christian community. MW is a ministry of PEVA supported by your church and has adventure programs for children entering 1st grade - Senior High. In addition to traditional camp experiences, Makemie Woods offers specialized sessions in music and drama, whitewater rafting, caving, horseback riding, sea-kayaking and more. Financial assistance is available. Interested families should pick up a brochure from Jacqui Horton or visit www.makwoods.org for more information.

Souper Bowl Goodies This Sunday

You may pick up your orders of Brunswick stew, chili, and cornbread in the kitchen after both worship services this Sunday, February 5. This year there will also be a donation table in the atrium for homemade desserts (and any extra stew, chili, or cornbread).

As always, all proceeds from your donations for these Super Bowl goodies will be used for PW's many mission projects, so please be generous!

Developing an Alternative Worship Service

In 2010, the Session voted to form a team to explore an Alternative Worship Service. Our team has met over the past year to study, research, and prayerfully consider options. The team worked under the charge of the Session to fulfill our mission statement to find a way to become more invitational, approachable, and faithful by offering a new expression for worshipping God. On January 16, the Session approved the development of an alternative worship service. We hope to begin

the hiring process for a part-time Contemporary Music Director soon. The basics of our Reformed worship, the message preached, the vision of our congregation, and the meaning of the music are not changing--only the delivery, which will be of a more relaxed style. It is important to note that this is an addition to our current worship services. Our team asks for your continued prayers during this exciting time for our church. Stay tuned for more updates ...

Christian Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to Jeff Nelson and his family on the death of his grandfather, Denver Magee, on January 17. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers.

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First Church Library



“For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

Isaiah 41:13 KJV

Be it stress, loneliness, illness, depression, tragedy or death, there is a promise from God of His presence in your life. The predominant cause of human suffering is a lack of hope, a sense of no future. You will find many people who will offer advice to those who suffer. But your heart knows that the best advice comes from the Holy Bible. After all, God said, “I will help you.”

Father Beiting, in *The Promise of Hope*, writes this statement: “Hope is powerful. It's a story in which the power of God makes giants of us all.” His book and those listed below may offer comfort to you if you are hopeless.

Beiting, Father Ralph. *The Promise of Hope* [234.2 Bei].

Chapman, Gary. *Hope for the Separated* [306.89 Cha].

Graham, Billy. *Hope for the Troubled Heart* [248.8 Gra].

Indermark, John. *Hope: Our Longing for Home* [234.25 Ind].

Lester, Andrew. *Hope in Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 1st Edition [253.5 Les].

Faith Works Coalition Update

For three years, Faith Works Coalition has helped low income, elderly, and handicapped folks by providing free home repairs. Over one hundred families now have safer, healthier, and more accessible homes because of this organization. FWC is supported financially by 12 Virginia Beach congregations (FPC is one of these); work projects are completed by volunteers from these congregations and from military bases and from other volunteers.

Most work accomplished by Faith Works Coalition requires no special skills; a willing heart and willing hands are all that are needed; however, as part of our strategic planning FWC is seeking additional volunteers with specific skills to ensure the continuance of this valuable work: Project Manager - We need a few more volunteers who are able to plan and supervise small home repair projects; Accounting/Bookkeeping - anyone with a financial background is asked to consider helping with bookkeeping and preparation of accounting statements; Board Members - People with experience in board membership are needed for oversight duties and to assist committees perform required planning; Officers - People with experience in board leadership positions who embrace the mission of FWC and are committed to our long term financial viability and community service activities. If you are interested in being part of this organization doing the Lord's work with joy and enthusiasm, please contact Morris Ellison.

Attention Cat Lovers!

A homeless woman has been feeding feral cats on FPC property, and there are several 8 - 10 week old kittens which may be adoptable if they are socialized. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to foster (and/or adopt) one of these kittens, please contact the church office (428-6332). Funds are available for neutering.



A.N.T.S. (A Need To Serve)

Congregational Care:

The annual Senior Luncheon is coming in February. Look at the Sunday Bulletin for more information.

Do you have some free time to adopt or visit one of our many home-bound adults? You can provide wonderful moments in the life of one of our saints.



We have some residents at Westminster who would love to come to church. Would you be able to assist with helping them attend our 8:30 or 11:00 service?

Mentoring is an opportunity to make our newest members feel welcome and assess what our church can do for them. We need volunteers for the next quarter.

DELIVER THE BEAUTY, EXPERIENCE THE JOY Each Sunday we enjoy the lovely flowers in the Sanctuary or Chapel; volunteer to deliver these flowers to our members who are hospitalized or unable to attend services regularly. These visits mean so much to our ill or homebound members, and you will enjoy sharing the spirit of First Presbyterian! Contact Gael Daugherty at 481-3996; E-mail, gldr55@cox.net if you will help with this worthwhile ministry.



If you can give some of your time to help others, contact Gael Daugherty or Rich Engel via the office at church(office@firstpresvb.org)

Fellowship Committee:

Lent is right around the corner and if you have some time to help prepare the Wednesday night meal, serve it and/or clean up, contact Jean Becker via the office (office@firstpresvb.org)

Ongoing Needs:

TLC – A special opportunity to support to members of our congregation during a death in their family. (Contact Diane Feineis at dianefeineis@yahoo.com)

Back Packs for Cooke (contact church office at office@firstpresvb.org)

In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: IN HARBOUR POINTE REHAB, NORFOLK: Marvin Frazee. IMMEDIATE CONCERNS: Dory Silfen, Leigh Irby, Thalia Cole (mother of Donna McCauley), Lou Ann Lourance, Flora Powell, Logan Blevins (grandson of David and Iris Julian), Freddi Morgan, Dennis Howard, Rob Cimbalist, Joan Joyner, Margaret Burrill (mother of Debbi Morasch), Joy Malbon, Pat Thompson, Oleta Wood (mother of Kathryn Wood), Judy Hitchcock, Norma Hudgins (mother of Melinda Perkins), Thomas E. Lynch (grandfather of Kimberly Markham), Debi Durbin (sister of Michelle Laborde), Elisabeth Marcello, Elizabeth Gerle (sister of Dory Silfen). DEPLOYED OVERSEAS: Benjamin Gotch (son-in-law of Mickey and Lark Kosloski), Matt McVey (cousin of Jane Scott), "J" East (son of Granville Taylor), Benjamin Ives, Stephen Kunkler (grandson of Anne and Jim Kunkler). IN BAYLAKE ASSISTED LIVING: Lee Moomaw. IN WINDERMERE: Harold Whitehurst, Virginia Murden, Shirley Chamberlin (mother of Susan Hall). IN ATRIA: Roberta Wilsey, Barbara Garbis, Wayne Thompson. IN OAKWOOD REHAB: Jo Williams. IN SEASIDE AT ATLANTIC SHORES: Virginia Miller. IN HARBOURWAY AT ATLANTIC SHORES: Cindy Woodward, Gerry Colenda. IN THE HOY CENTER AT WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY: Virginia Spencer, Mary Jeanne Williams, Juanita Fletcher. AT HOME: Anne Tompkins, Virginia Murden, Don Scanlan, June Farmer, Debbie Meads, Dorothy Whitehurst, Diana Adele (sister of Elly Stoughton), Marjorie Deitz, Ann Andersen, George Whitley, Jeanne Allen, Hallie Moore, Mary Quinley, Kaye Congleton, Steve DeLaMater, Dick Liles, Mary Goodykoontz, Alice White. OUR NEIGHBORS AT CHURCHES IN OTHER COUNTRIES: Templo Filipos in Matzam, Chiapas, Mexico; Iglesia Jesucristo El Salvador in Ixtapa, Chiapas, Mexico; Makala I in Kinshasa, DR Congo.

Sunday's Volunteers

USHERS: 8:30 a.m.: Tim Morasch, Garren Brown, Joan Joyner, Tyler Morasch. 11:00 a.m.: Stuart Nesbit, Gwen Bishop, Joe Bishop, Jim Crocker, Bob Jessee, Emma Nesbit. ACOLYTES: February 5: 8:30 a.m.: Vance Bowman. 11:00 a.m.: Mia Alan. February 12: 8:30 a.m.: Jessica Gardner. 11:00 a.m.: Mia Alan. GREETERS: Greeting you before 11 o'clock worship in February will be members of Circle Lydia. Greeters on February 5 are Alice Layne and Dottie Dederick and on February 12 are Bobbie Harrison and Betsy Price. Please thank our volunteers for their willingness to serve on Sunday mornings.

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Chiapas, Mexico Mission 2012 Sign-Ups

Interested in serving our Lord in another country? Feeling called to serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ in a different location? Please prayerfully consider joining the 2012 Mexico Mission Team. Our team will travel to Chiapas, Mexico (exact location TBD) from Saturday, July 21st- Sunday, July 29th, 2012. Sign-ups began on Sunday, January 22nd- limited spaces available. Questions? Contact Caitlyn Riner at caitlyn@firstpresvb.org or 428-6332 x239.

Ladies - Step Outside and Go Inside

If you are a mom with young children, exercise your right to do something meaningful for yourself. Join a small group with other mothers at First Presbyterian Church. It will be offered at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday mornings for six weeks beginning February 29, and while it's not an exercise group in the traditional sense, you will exercise your mind and nourish your more spiritual side. Like any exercise group it takes discipline and commitment, but if you're looking for a new you, or perhaps that more spiritual person inside of you, then you're invited to join *Unbinding the Heart*. Drop off your kids in the nursery while you focus on yourself and your relationship with God. In this Christian nurturing group, you'll have time to pray, learn different ways to pray and share your faith, and fellowship with young women on a most meaningful level.

Membership in this small group involves purchasing a book for \$15 (if you can't afford one we will provide it), reading a chapter each week, and some prayer journaling (not as hard as it sounds and besides, you will not be tested on this course!). If you've been looking for a non-threatening, yet inspiring, way to grow closer to God, then give *Unbinding the Heart* a try. We guarantee you will get a lot out of this weekly one-hour group facilitated by Laura Fulton. Sign up at www.firstpresvb.org or contact Jacqui Horton at 428-6332 X 236. Also let Jacqui know if you will need child care. For more information, check out our blog: <http://fpcunbinding.wordpress.com> Join our journey!

Church Calendar

Thursday, February 2

- 11:00 a.m. Remnant Bible Study in Room 214
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216
- 6:00 p.m. Joyous Spirit Ringers in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216

Sunday, February 5 Sacrament of Holy Communion

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Stanton Hall
- 9:30 a.m. PW Donation Table in Atrium and Pick up Brunswick Stew and Chili Kitchen
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. **The Point** in Chapel
- 12 noon PW Donation Table in Atrium and Pick up Brunswick Stew and Chili in Kitchen
- 12:15 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel in Room 214

Monday, February 6

- 10:00 a.m. PW Prayer Group in Library

Tuesday, February 7

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study in Stanton Hall
- 10:15 a.m. BDS in Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. General Staff Meeting in Room 212
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216
- 4:00 p.m. One Anothering 3 in Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Carillon Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. *DivorceCare* Recovery Meeting in Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting in Library
- 8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed (AA) Meeting in Manse

Wednesday, February 8

- 10:00 a.m. One Anothering 1 in Room 211
- 10:30 p.m. One Anothering 7 in Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Stanton Hall
- 12:30 p.m. One Anothering 4 in Library
- 3:00 p.m. One Anothering 2 in Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. One Anothering 5 in Room 211
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den 1 Meeting in Room 215
- 6:00 p.m. YouthSpirit Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. YouthSpirit Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

- 11:00 a.m. Remnant Bible Study in Room 214
- 12:00 noon Senior Valentine's Luncheon in Stanton Hall
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216
- 6:00 p.m. Joyous Spirit Ringers in Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 2 Meeting in Room 215
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 3 Meeting in Room 228
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 10

- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216

Saturday, February 11

- 8:00 a.m. *Lifeline* in Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Circle Mary Valentine's Party in Stanton Hall

- 8:00 p.m. Virginia Chorale Concert in Sanctuary

Sunday, February 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Stanton Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Kids' Donation Table for Valentine Carnations
- 9:30 a.m. Circle Mary Valentine Cookies in Atrium
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. **The Point** in Chapel
- 12:00 noon Youth Sunday Practice in Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Kids' Donation Table for Valentine Carnations
- 12:00 noon Circle Mary Valentine Cookies
- 12:00 noon *Lifeline* Mission Trip Bake Sale on Colonnade

Monday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in Library
- 6:00 p.m. Unbinding Facilitators Meeting in Room 214
- 7:00 p.m. Session Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study in Stanton Hall
- 10:15 a.m. BDS in Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting in Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216
- 4:00 p.m. One Anothering 3 in Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Carillon Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. *DivorceCare* Recovery Meeting in Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed (AA) Meeting in Manse

Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 a.m. One Anothering 1 in Room 211
- 10:30 a.m. One Anothering 7 in Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. One Anothering 4 in Library
- 3:00 p.m. One Anothering 2 in Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. One Anothering 5 in Room 211
- 6:00 p.m. YouthSpirit Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den 1 Meeting in Room 228
- 6:45 p.m. YouthSpirit Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, February 16

- 11:00 a.m. Remnant Bible Study in Room 214
- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216
- 6:00 p.m. Joyous Spirit Ringers in Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 2 Meeting in Room 215
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 3 Meeting in Room 228
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

- 12:30 p.m. BDS in Room 216

Saturday, February 18

- 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Barbara Wright in Chapel

Sunday, February 19

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Stanton Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Unbinding Facilitators Meeting in Room 214

SAVE THESE DATES

Vacation Bible School (3 years - rising 6th graders)

July 16 - 20

Camp Gotcha (rising 3rd - rising 6th graders)

July 30 - August 3

Carnations for Your Valentine Will Send a Child to Camp Gotcha

Valentines Sunday is February 12 and that means carnation time ... but with a twist. This year our children will provide bud vases with carnations, as well as loose flowers. We will purchase 100 carnations. You may come to Stanton Hall after both worship services and select carnations for your special valentine. This year, the kids will not be delivering the flowers, just preparing them for pick up. You do not have to pre-order so it's first come, first served. Donations are appreciated and will help support our children's Camp GOTCHA scholarships.

Treat Your Valentine to a Virginia Chorale Concert

The Virginia Chorale will present FROM CUPID'S BOW, a concert for you and your special valentine, featuring Johannes Brahms' beloved *Liebeslieder Walzer* ("Love Song Waltzes"), Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*, and songs of love from the "Song of Songs." Charles Woodward will conduct this special concert which will be held on Saturday evening, February 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and will be available at the door one hour before the concert. You may also call 757-627-8375. Make plans to enjoy this special music for Valentine's Day!