

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

A Message from Session



for the Congregation

Tuesday, October 5 at 7 pm: A zoom meeting to elect 3 members at large from the congregation to serve on the committee to nominate 3 elders for the class of 2024 and 1 elder to complete the class of 2022

Tuesday, October 19 at 7 pm: A meeting to hear the report of the nomination committee and to vote and elect the 4 new elders

Please Participate! A quorum is needed at each meeting to conduct church business.

Worship and Fellowship Committees



Sunday, Oct. 10

11:00 am

Outdoor

Fall Worship

**Experience and
“Pot Luck”**

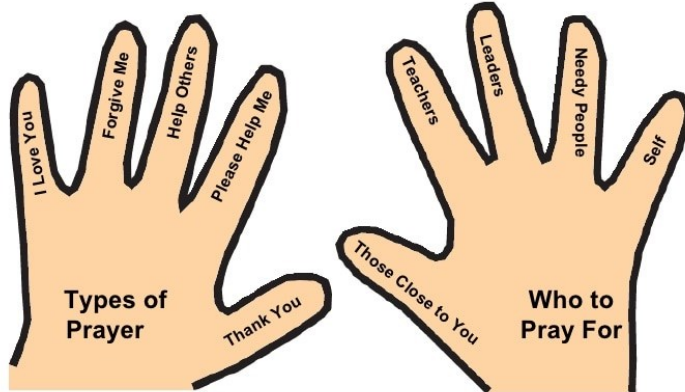
**at the home of
Kip and Lyn
Burton**

- Dress for the weather and bring your lawn chair
- A POTLUCK luncheon will follow. The Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken and drinks. If your last name begins with A—J please bring a salad or veggie to share. If your last name begins with K—Z please bring a dessert to share.
- A visit to “Camp Fincastle” is being planned to see the up-grades that have been made by the new owners.
- Bring a friend
- Music provided by Rose Ann Burgess and Lori Turner
- The service will also be live streamed

If it rains, the event will be held in the church fellowship hall.

Congregational Care Committee

Hands For Prayer



FPC Members: Peggy Davis, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Phyllis Tenser, Dianne Poynor, Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Garland Jones, the family of Glenna Henson

Friends and Family: Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Marilyn Koch, Alexis Porter, Molly Rose, Gretchen Greiner, Lisa Curlee, Marc Evans, Betty Miracle, Dana & Billie Wilson, Abigail Nikle, Geneva Ratliff, Marlene Davidow,

Mary Beth Huwe, Anna Burton, Hiawatha Nicely, Angela Coon, Troy Ivey, Dean Welty

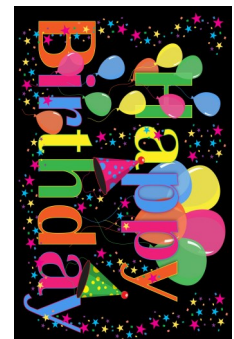
Concerns of the State and Nation: Concerns about UNITY, those who are victims of natural disasters, Law and Court Enforcers, All School Personnel and students, Medical Personnel and all people who have contracted Covid-19 and their Care-Givers

October Birthdays

Sandy Gates—Oct. 3
 Claudia Harris- Oct 8
 Jane Beasley—Oct. 10
 TC Beasley—Oct. 12

Lisa Wright—Oct. 18
 Ann Gardner—Oct. 19
 Peggy Davis—Oct. 19
 Bryce Branscom—Oct. 24

Lynne Bolton— Oct. 24
 Pierce Brenner—Oct. 26



Time to Celebrate:

- The marriage of Julia Bailey and A.J. Ward. Julia is the daughter of Hal and Cindy Bailey.
- The successful moving of Eric and Teresa Burton (Kip and Lyn’s son and daughter-in-law) to Botetourt County
- Send your celebrations as they occur to Patsy (540-460-4597)

Orange Brownies

from the kitchen of Dot Langford

Oven 350 degrees. Cook 30 minutes

- Ingredients:

- ◇ 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- ◇ 2 cups sugar
- ◇ 1 teaspoon salt
- ◇ 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- ◇ 4 eggs
- ◇ 2 teaspoon pure orange extract
- ◇ 1 teaspoon grated orange zest

- Glaze

- ◇ 1 cup confectionery sugar
- ◇ 2 tablespoon orange juice
- ◇ 1 teaspoon grated orange zest



1. Grease 9 x 13 pan (glass)
2. Mix together flour, sugar, extract and orange zest and beat till well blended
3. Pour into pan and bake 30 minutes
4. Remove from oven and pierce top with fork
5. Pour glaze over and spread
6. Cut into 20 or 24 pieces
7. Share and Enjoy!

*I noticed a book in David's office last week when I was there entitled "The Complete Book of Bible Trivia" (Published by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc Wheaton, Illinois; copyright 1988 by J. Stephen Lang). The book belonged to Iain Maclean and I thought it would be fun to let you "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE". All of the scriptures and quotations used are from the King James Version of the Bible. The answers will appear on p. 6 (Hints are in **BOLD**)*

Everyday Phrases from the Bible (Give Chapter and/or who said it)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." 2. "Beware of false prophet, which come to in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves." 3. Ye are the salt of the earth." 4. "I am holier than thou." 5. "Woe is me! For I am undone." | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" 7. "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance." 8. A man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink and to be merry." |
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Sunday Worship Services for the Month of October

Date	Lectionary Readings	Hymns
October 3 World Communion Sunday	Job 1:1; 2: 1-10 Mark 10: 13– 16	212—What Wondrous Love 659—A Charge to Keep I Have 651—O Master Let Me Walk with Thee
October 10	Outdoor Worship Experience at the Burton's	
October 17	Job 38: 1-7, 16-17 Mark 10: 35—45	532—Be Thou My Vision 568—Take My Life and Let It Be 517—My Hope is Built
October 24	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Mark 10: 46—52	689—The Church's One Foundation A Blind Man Sate Beside the Road 745 Jesus Shall Reign
October 31 Reformation Sunday All Saint Day	Ruth 1: 1-18 Mark 12:28—34	751—For All the Saints 108— Come, Christians, Join to Sind Sing with All The Saints in Glory

Answers to The Complete Book of Trivia—Everyday Phrases from the Bible

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| 1. Job 10:20 | 3. Matthew 5:13 | 5. Isaiah 6:5 | 7. Isaiah 40:15 |
| 2. Matthew 7:15 | 4. Isaiah 65:5 | 6. Jeremiah 12:13-23 | 8. Ecclesiastes 8:15 |

Congregational Book Review and Recipe

STILL LIFE

A mystery by author, Louise Penny

Submitted by Lynne Bolton



Author Louise Penny

As a lover of mysteries since my mom read Nancy Drew mysteries to me as a little tyke, I was delighted to have some friends suggest the Louise Penny mystery series set in Canada. The first book in the series, Still Life, was enjoyable, and it introduced most of the characters who, it turns out, play important roles in almost all of the future books. I have been hooked ever since!

The main character, Chief Detective Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté de Québec, is a seasoned and thoughtful head of that homicide department. When called to a tiny village near the Vermont border with Quebec to investigate an unlikely murder, the reader is exposed not only to characters with interesting stories of their own, but to an almost magical village which isn't even shown on any Canadian maps! Who could have killed the well-loved former schoolteacher? Was it merely a hunting accident, or was it a cold-blooded ambush? As the reader follows Gamache's highly skilled team through the steps of determining who killed Miss Jane Neal, the reader is drawn into a wonderful little town with its many personalities.

Louise Penny doesn't just "tell an interesting tale", she slowly develops each of her characters over this mystery series. Some have found Still Life "a little slow" when reading it for the first time, but Penny is drawing you into the lives of the people of Three Pines, Quebec, and she is presenting the many layers of each person's life and character. Armand Gamache is the main character throughout the series, and you become part of his family (both his personal family and his Sûreté family).

I highly recommend this series for any mystery lovers, but please take note: **READ THE BOOKS IN PROPER ORDER!** Penny introduces new aspects or experiences of her characters in each book, and they grow upon and depend upon things that have happened in the preceding book. Reading out of order can not only be confusing, but it can also be a real spoiler of the storyline.

A Message from David— “A Look Back at Iain”

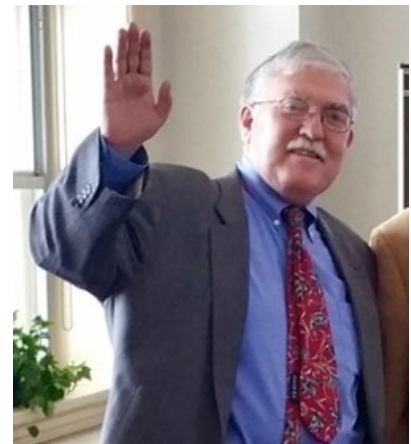
In recent weeks Iain Maclean’s name has come up in conversation with members of the church. First, Patsy found a book owned by Iain in our church library (in fact, almost all of the books in our library came from Iain’s personal library!) In another conversation we talked about Iain’s tenure at JMU as a full-time professor even as he was the pastor here at FPC. That particular achievement by Iain has amazed me since I first heard of it. So, after reading this tribute to Iain written by one of the JMU colleagues and friends, I can now better understand how I was able to be both a university professor and the minister with a pastor’s heart here at FPC. Please read the JMU tribute to Iain and remember his amazing life and work with gratitude, and with thanksgiving to God for Iain’s presence and work among us.

Peace in Christ, David

Iain was an effervescent presence in our department, beloved of students and faculty alike – certainly for his keen wit and self-deprecating humor – but also for his genuine love of people and a selflessness evident in his profound kindness and generosity to all who came in contact with him.

Behind Iain’s endearing shambolic ways and twinkling eyes was a brilliant, extraordinarily learned man. He had language facility in Afrikaans (a dialect of Dutch), Dutch, Zulu, German, Portuguese, and French, as well as ancient Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Born to Scottish parents in Durbanville, South Africa, as a young man Iain entered the University of Cape Town, graduating with degrees in English and Greek in 1976. Sensing a call to Christian ministry, he went on to earn his BD degree (equivalent to the Master of Divinity in the U.S.) in New Testament and Theology at Rhodes University, subsequently receiving his ordination in the Presbyterian Church of South Africa. In 1985 he earned a masters degree in theology at Princeton, a year later a further bachelor’s degree in Greek and Latin from the University of South Africa, and then in 1996 his doctorate in theology from Harvard Divinity School.

During his time in South Africa, Iain also served two years as chaplain in the South African



Army, at the rank of colonel. It is perhaps a little known fact that during his training Iain qualified as a sharpshooter. Years later Iain had his Browning rifle shipped to him, and – in a classic “Iain moment” that those who know Iain will immediately recognize – after picking it up at Dulles Airport ambled through the terminal holding it.

After graduating from Harvard Divinity School in 1996, Iain held visiting professor positions at Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University. In 1998 he was appointed to his position at JMU, where for nineteen years he taught courses in the department on the history of Christian thought as well as a range of courses on religion and society. Iain served as the Department’s pre-seminary advisor and tirelessly supervised many students in their religion internships. He also became famous university-wide for his “High Teas”, his attempt to bring some British class and culture to his North American colleagues.

We also remember Iain as a man of deep Christian faith. He was one of the once common but increasingly rare breed who seamlessly combined in his own person and professional life love for the academy and love for the Church. As a student in South Africa he was involved in groups such as Youth for Christ, and while a Th.D. student in Boston he pastored and revitalized an inner-city church that had been decimated by “white flight”. Over the past ten years, in addition to working full-time as a professor, he served tirelessly as minister in the Presbyterian parish in Fincastle, Virginia, preaching weekly, founding and leading a youth group, and visiting his parishioners.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer described Christ as “the man for others.” ***Iain Maclean was a man for others. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.***

