



## Fincastle Presbyterian Church

### A Message from David "A Veteran's Day Reflection"

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Veteran's Day, November 11 is set aside "in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 (WWI) and 1945 (WWII) and observed as a legal holiday in the U.S. to honor the veterans of the armed forces."

The Christian community is divided when it comes to its point of view concerning "war". Some have said that war is always evil and, therefore, a follower of Christ should never participate. The majority of the Christian community has said throughout the centuries that, though war always is the occasion of great evils, sometimes, war is a necessary evil to defend that which is good and just; and so the faithful Christian should do his/her part.

However divided the Christian community may be on the issue of "war and whether a Christian can in good conscience, participate in war", nevertheless the Christian community is overwhelmingly supportive and respectful of all veterans who have answered the call to serve. Jesus, Himself, makes reference to a good and wise King who makes an accounting of his resources before he sends his armies into battle, lest he enter into a losing battle. And, Jesus also taught His disciples: "a greater love has no man than this, to lay down his life for a friend."

Our veterans, all veterans who served in good

faith, should be honored and remembered for their service, for they were willing to put themselves into harm's way for the sake of a friend, a neighbor, a family member, their community, their country. A greater love has no person than that, to be willing to lay down one's life for another.

By the efforts and sacrifices of our veterans may the world become a better place where, one day, the Kingdom of God will reign, and we will neither practice, nor study, war any more.

May God bless and keep you and all veterans! Your servant and friend in Christ, David



## Report from The Mission Committee

The mission committee with the endorsement of the session, has taken on the project to assist in the efforts of our Botetourt Food Panty. The area that the pantry has needed more help with is passing out the food at the Food Panty. We have been asked to assist them on the **SECOND SATURDAY of each month from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM.**

All families picking up food have been pre-screened by the Botetourt Dept of Social

Services. It truly seems to be a well needed service to those in need right here in the Fincastle area. The Botetourt Food Panty is located in the lower level of Saint Marks church office building between their church and the Fincastle Post Office. If you can help or have questions, just let me know ahead of time.

Thanks Paul Phillippe  
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### Angel Tree—2021

This year FPC will be collecting cash/check donations for the Social Services Angel Tree. The committee will purchase gift certificates and take them to Social Services. All donations should be made by December 5. (Please make the check out to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with ANGEL TREE in the memo line of the check.



## Report from The Worship Committee

Hymns for November, 2021

NOVEMBER 7

130 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
*The Temple Rang with Golden Coins* tune: Azmon  
 576 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

NOVEMBER 21 *Christ the King*

381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
 745 Jesus Shall Reign  
 92 Crown Him With Many Crowns

NOVEMBER 14

612 How Firm a Foundation  
 520 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
 5 Come, Thou Almighty King

NOVEMBER 28 **First Sunday of ADVENT**

133 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
 677 Soon and Very Soon  
 563 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

## *Hymn for November: Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Latin Hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> century

Sunday, November 28 is the beginning of the Advent season of the church year. The hymn for this month, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* is based on Matthew 1:23 *Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.*

The origins of this plaintive carol date back over 1,200 years ago to monastic life in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century. In the 800's, a Latin hymn was sung at Vespers each day from December 17 to December 23. Each of these hymns began with the word "O" and were called the "O" Antiphons. The word *antiphon* means psalm or anthem.

They were finally published in Latin in 1710. In the 1800's, they were discovered by an English minister, John Mason Neale. Translated by Neale, the hymn was published in 1851 in English. Although hymns can be sung to many different tunes, this hymn is associated with the tune *Veni Emmanuel*, more than any other.

John Neale was born in London on January 24, 1818. He attended Cambridge University, becoming a brilliant student and prize winning poet, He was attracted to Roman Catholicism. He was ordained in the Anglican ministry, but his poor health and Catholic leanings prevented him from gaining a parish ministry. He became the director of a home for elderly men, which is still going strong in East Grinstead, Sussex.

### Cornershot: Painting a picture of a 2020 Thanksgiving

With the arrival of Thanksgiving this year, the painting by George Henry Boughton came to mind.

This work of art, "Pilgrims Going to Church" (1867), depicts 17th-century Puritan settlers of New England, somberly dressed, making their way through the snow to church. This small group is led by a minister and his wife. Children are walking with their mothers, and the men are behind carrying muskets. Many are carrying their Bibles. In the upper left of the background of the painting, you will see their small house of worship.

Fast forward to the year 2020, and imagine the Pilgrims observing *us* going to church.

Some of us are walking to church, but most of us ride in that strange thing on wheels.

They are horrified to see the way that some of us are dressed. We tell them that it is acceptable to wear whatever kind of clothing we like to church. Just come to praise God!

"And where is your Bible," they ask? Not to worry, we have our iPad or phone with us and it is loaded with not only our Bible, but also our hymn book. If we get lost in our traveling to church, these devices will guide us to our destination.

As we get to the church, there is a sign on the door that reads that due to the coronavirus we will not be able to come in to worship. We explain to the Pilgrims that people all over the world are susceptible to this illness. To the Pilgrims, as to us, this is unbelievable!

Ah, they nod their heads and say, "Things were much more simple and meaningful in our time."

— Rose Ann Burgess, a reader in southwest Roanoke County

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*Report from the Congregational Care Committee*

**FPC Members:** Peggy Davis, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Phyllis Tenser, Dianne Poynor, Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Garland Jones

**Friends and Family:** Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Marilyn Koch, Molly Rose, Gretchen Greiner, Lisa Curlee, Betty Miracle, Billie Wilson, Mary Beth Huwe, Hiawatha Nicely, the family of Bill Gump (Sue’s uncle), Gail Wombie (Sandy Gate’s sister-in-law), the family of Alec Gimán (Verna’s cousin), the family of Anita Lambert (Sandy’s friend)

**Concerns of the State and Nation:** Veterans; 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; prayers for our newly elected state, local and church officers

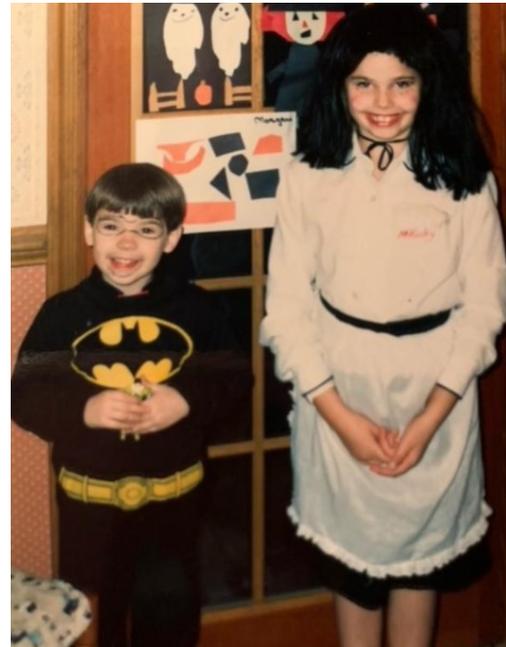
**Celebrations for November:**

- \* Remember to “fall back” on Saturday, November 6 at 2 am
- \* Check the Halloween pictures from the congregation on the next page.
- \* Celebrate and thank a service person on November 11—Veterans’ Day
- \* “Giving Thanks Day” is Thursday, November 25 (Otherwise known as Thanksgiving). Give thanks for all of the blessings in your family.
- \* The last Sunday in November, November 28, is the first Sunday of Advent.
- \* Sharing is Caring—Angel Tree donations being accepted until December 5, 2021.





"I'm telling you coach, Don't mess with me~"



"Let's go trick-or-treating!"



"What do you mean 'you're out of King Size Snickers?'"



"Elvis is in the house—or rather on granddad's lap, on great-granddad's tractor!"

# *Fall Recipes from the Past*

Recipes are from the following cookbooks:

1. "The Way to a man's heart..." (Big Spring Garden Club, 1954, Fincastle, VA)
2. "The Housekeeper's Friend" by The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of Fincastle, Virginia, 1896)
3. "Recipes from Historic Fincastle" Published by HFI, no date given

## **Corned Beef—by Mrs. Colonel Breckinridge (#2)**

To one quarter of beef, pour water enough to over, then take the water and boil with salt enough to make a strong brine, then add one tablespoon of saltpetre and one quart of molasses. When cool pour over beef.

## **Potato Salad—by Mrs. Judge Simmons (Patsy's great grandmother) (#2)**

Boil four good-sized potatoes, and cream them as for table; let cool. Take the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs, mash finely; add one teaspoonful of celery seed, one teaspoonful of mustard, one tablespoonful of sugar, one onion, pepper and salt to taste. Mix all well with a capful of good vinegar; add the potatoes gradually; chop up the whites, and mix in or lay over the salad.

## **Banana Bran Bread—by Mrs. Clemmer Camper (aka Peggy Davis) (#1)**

1 1/2 cups of mashed bananas	1 egg well beaten	1 cup all bran
1/4 cup melted shortening	1—1/2 cups sifted flour	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar	2—1/2 tsp. baking powder	1/2 tsp. baking soda

Mash bananas, stir in egg, bran and melted shortening. Sift dry ingredients together and add to banana mixture. Stir until well blended. Pour into greased loaf pan, 9x5x3. Bake for 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

## **Sunshine Cake—by Mrs. C.W. Adamson (Lynne Bolton's grandmother) (#1)**

Beat 5 whole eggs together with 2 cups sugar. Sift and add 2 cups flour, and 2 tsps. baking powder. Cook 1 cup milk and 1 stick butter until butter is melted. Add milk and butter to other mixture, then add 1 tsp. vanilla. Bake in tube pan at 370 degrees for exactly one hour, without looking about it.

**Sausage Rolls (3 dozen) - by Joe Anna Bolton (#3)**

2 cups all purpose flour	2 tsp. baking powder	2 T. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt	1/3 cup shortening	2/3 cup milk
3/4 pound bulk sausage		

Combine dry ingredients, cut in shortening until coarse. Stir in milk. Turn dough onto board and knead 1 - 2 times. Roll to 1/8" thick. Sprinkle sausage evenly over dough. Roll jellyroll fashion starting at long end. Cut 1/2" slices and place on greased cooking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

**Virginia (Hayter) Salad Dressing—submitted by Pat Simmons (#3)**

Mix in blender: 1 cup Wesson oil; 1/2 cup sugar; 1/2 cup catsup, 1/4 cup vinegar; 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce; 1 pinch clove; 1 medium onion (cut into small pieces); 1/2 cup water. Blend and enjoy on your salad.

**Raspberry Jello—by Eleanor McDowell (#1)**

Mix a recipe of raspberry jello, according to the directions given on the box. When half jelled, add a package of frozen raspberries that have been thawed and a half pint of whipped cream. Pile in a dessert or fruit dish or in individual dessert glasses and place in the refrigerator again for at least one hour.

**Hamburger Goulash—by Polly B. Reynolds (Kaye Lowes's mother) (#1)**

1 lb hamburger	t can tomato soup	1/2 can water
1 cup macaroni	1 small green pepper	1 small onion
Salt, pepper, chili power to taste		

Cook macaroni in salted water until tender, drain. Brown hamburger in skillet in small amount of fat. Add tomato soup and water, chopped pepper and onion. Season with salt, pepper and chili powder.

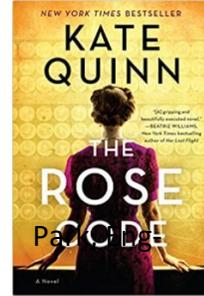
**Cooking Hint from Doris Thomas (#1)**

When cooking rice or macaroni, just add a tsp. of butter or butter substitute. Presto—no more worries about the food boiling over.

**(Note: These recipes were copied verbatim from the cook book. The recipes were chosen for the person who submitted the recipe not for the taste. I have not tried some of the recipes. Enjoy!)**

## Monthly Book Review *Reviewed by Ginny Phillippe*

The Rose Code - by Kate Quinn



This novel is the story of three female code breakers who served at Bletchley land during WWII. These very different women answered the call to work at a country estate. One, Osla, was a society debutante who is eager to use her fluent German to translate enemy secrets. Another, Mab, is from a lower class but is savvy and uses her skills to work and maintain the codebreaker machines. The third woman, Beth, is a shy local girl whose brilliance at solving puzzles, shines as a cryptanalyst.

The stresses of war, losses each suffer, and the secrecy they promised to uphold damage their friendships. Interwoven are the deprivations of WWII, romance, and a traitor among them selling secrets during and after the war ended. This is a page turner. Prepare to love it yourself in this beautiful story.

## A Note from Session

Thank you to all who participated in the congregational meeting where our **new class of Elders** was elected. Class of 2022: Hal Bailey; Class of 2024: Fred Coats, Lynne Bolton and Jim Porter. A special thank to those who have faithfully served as the **Class of 2021**: Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, John Griffith, and Becky Downs. You have served during a difficult time in the life of this country—during the pandemic. Your faith and willingness to serve has been greatly appreciated by all.



**NECROLOGY LIST:** The following members of Fincastle Presbyterian Church have died between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021. We would like to prayerfully remember each of them for their service to the Lord through FPC: Bob Gengo, John Poynor, Jean Branscom, Clyde Givens, Gwen Griffith, Glenna Henson, Paul Fitzgerald and Charlie Nelson. We would also like to lift up Evelyn Renshaw (friend and organist). God bless each family.