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Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Advent Message from David

The town is replacing the old fractured sidewalk that runs from our church's gravel driveway to the back parking lot all the way to the front gate along Back Street. When the town's work crew peeled away that sidewalk, guess what they found? Another, even older sidewalk underneath! That sidewalk will serve as the foundation for the new and much safer sidewalk.

Looking at the old sidewalk before it was "peeled away" and the even older sidewalk underneath made me think about the great number of people that walked upon this old sidewalk and its even older predecessor during their life times. I also thought about the generations of people who walked along Back Street even before either sidewalk was laid. After all, the Fincastle Presbyterian church has stood on its property since 1770, and I assume Back Street has served as a thoroughfare since even before then. That represents a lot of history!

As Christmas Day and the Christian Church's celebration of the birth of the world's Savior approaches, let's think about and give thanks for the generations upon generations who have preceded us; who have built buildings, and villages, and streets, and sidewalks, to serve both the community and the church; who have given their lives in service to Christ the King that all future generations might also hear about and believe in and rejoice in the Good News of our Savior's birth.



As this Christmas Season unfolds, may we here at Fincastle Presbyterian Church embrace the good news that our Savior's work here among us will continue, as one generation follows another, just as one sidewalk will follow another.

(More pictures on page 3)

Merry Christmas!

David



Advent Season 2021 at FPC

Date	Theme and- Scripture for Advent	Scripture for Preaching	Hymns for Sunday Service
3 rd Sunday in Advent Dec. 11	Joy Isaiah 35: 1-2	Zephaniah 3:14 – 20 Luke 3:7-18	#133 O Come, O come Emmanuel # 21 How Great Thou Art (verses 1 & 2) #558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
4 th Sunday in Advent Dec. 19	Love Isaiah 7:14	Lesson & Carols Service Genesis 3 Genesis 12 Isaiah 9 Isaiah 11 Luke 1 Luke 2 Luke 2 Matthew 3 John 1	#135 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #163 Lo! How a Rose, E'er Blooming #162 The First Noel #185 We Three Kings of Orient Are #173 O Come, All Ye Faithful #171 Hark the Herald Angels Sing Special Music provided by The Hand- bell Choir, a guest violinist and a guest clarinet player.
Christmas Eve – Dec. 24 7:00 pm	Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of Chris Luke 2:7	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-14 (15 -20)	#154 O Little Town of Bethlehem #150 What Child is This #164 Silent Night, Holy Night #146 Joy to the World!
Dec.26		1 Samuel 2:18 -20 & 26 Luke 2:41-52	#174 Angels from the Realms of Glory #170 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #157 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



*Special Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall af-
ter the Lesson and Carols Service on Sunday—
December 19—furnished by the Fellowship Com-
mittee—Merry Christmas*

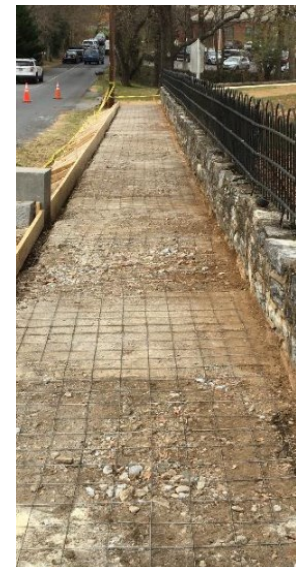


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Side Walk Re-Do Pictures



Thank you Town of
Fincastle for this
new sidewalk.



... from the Endowment Committee

Donations recommended by the Session

Ram House	\$ 500.00
Christian Free Clinic	500.00
YMCA	1,000.00
Botetourt Food Pantry	500.00
Rescue Mission	.00
Teen Challenge	400.00
Troutville Food Pantry	500.00
Presbytery Childrens Home	500.00
LOA-Botetourt	200.00
Chip	100.00
FCA-James River	400.00
Salvation Army	400.00
2 Cents a Meal	250.00
Joy Gift	250.00
Thanksgiving Gift	250.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	250.00



Total \$ 6,000.00

... from the Congregational Care Committee

FPC Members: Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne Poynor, Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Garland Jones

Friends and Family: Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Marilyn Koch, Molly Rose, Lisa Curlee, Marlene Davidow, Billie Wilson, Mary Beth Huwe, Hiawatha Nicely, the family of Brenda Simmons, Mack Neighbors, Mary Woodward, Eric Burton,

Concerns of the Church and State and Nation: Our families, our loved ones who are no longer with us on earth; Covid Virus; homelessness; hunger; poverty; world PEACE; kindness

