

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

## From the Desk of David - "The Hands of the Master"

There is an old story about an old man who goes to an auction. The auctioneer has already auctioned off everything of value from the estate, and so comes to the last item: an old, worn-out fiddle. From its appearance, the old fiddle had surely played it's last note long ago.



"How much do I have for this old fiddle? Three dollars? Two dollars? One? Slowly the old man rises from his chair in the back row and slowly makes his way forward to the auctioneer.

"May I see that violin, my friend?", the old man asks politely,

"Why, yes you may," the auctioneer replies with a quizzical look on his face. The old man carefully tuned the fiddle, plucked a string or two; cupped the fiddle under his chin and raised the bow to the strings. In a few moments the air was filled with the most beautiful music that the crowd had ever heard!"

After he had finished playing the old man carefully handed the violin back to the auctioneer. "How much do I have for this fine old violin?" the auctioneer cried out, "One thousand? Who will make it two? Two Thousand! Who will make it three?... Surely it is worth it, for you've heard it in the hands of the master!"

To some our church, both building and people, may seem out-of-date, out-of-step, may be even too old, too small to be of much use anymore. But I see signs that our church is in the hands of The Master! Just look around. The building and grounds are beginning to shine! Our cemetery restoration committee is restoring markers to a renewed state: lichen covered surfaces are cleaned and words are now legible.

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Our new property has been cleared and is being maintained. Future uses of the property for both church and community are in the earliest “let’s dream together” stage of formation. The parking lot has been given a wonderful manicure and parking spaces have been given new, brightly painted lines. The iron fences on our property are being painted to a stately “satin black”! “It looks like somebody lives here!”, said one elder in our church!

The halls and walls of the Sunday School wing have been painted and lights have been updated and so the whole building is more welcoming to all! Our adult Sunday School is getting off to a great start with a sturdy core of 6 who attend and participate regularly,

And our worship attendance is steadily climbing toward pre-pandemic numbers! A new day is dawning in our church’s long history and will come to fruition, for we are not alone in our efforts. We are in the hands of the Master, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Our Savior.

Peace in Christ,

*David*



# October 2022

No.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
39							1
40	Breakfast—9:30 No Sunday School Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
41	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
David and Patsy on Vacation—going to Madison Wisconsin							
42	** 16	17	18	19	HFI membership meeting—7pm	21	22
David and Patsy at Wee Kirk Conference at Montreat Conference Center							Called Meeting off Presbytery of Peaks
43	** 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Session—7 pm	Ghost Walk—both nights	
44	30	31 Halloween					

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\*\* David not preaching



New Greetings at the back west entrance to the church—Thanks Property Commits (esp. Debbie)



## Committee Reports

*Fellowship Committee—Jim Porter, Chairman*

***Breakfast Before Church - October 2, 2022 - 9:30 am***

***Provided by the Men of the church***

***No Sunday School this Sunday***

***Menu***

***Eggs, Biscuits, Sausage and Gravy***

***BREAKFAST TIME!***

**Remember to sign up in the fellowship hall to  
provide cookies and drink after church each  
Sunday. Keep it simple!**

### ***Worship Committee—Lynne Bolton, Chairman***

- ⇒ Mark your calendar for ***Lessons and Carols*** on Sunday December 4.
- ⇒ David will be on vacation October 11—23. He and Patsy will be visiting their son and his family in Madison, Wisconsin. They will also be attending a conference in Montreat, NC. This is the Wee Kirk Conference designed for “small churches”. David will be attending classes on Missions and Patsy’s classes will be on Creative Worship. It should be a great experience for both.
- ⇒ If you have a special hymn that you would like for the congregation to sing one Sunday, please let Lynne or Patsy know.



### ***Property Committee—Fred Coots, Chairman***

- ◆ Paint, Paint, Paint—please notice how nice the new black paint looks on the iron fences around the church. It is tedious work but it will pay big dividends when completed. If you are one of the volunteers, please remember to paint your section(s) by the end of October.
- ◆ Check out the new lines on the parking lot!
- ◆ Be thinking (and dreaming) of things that need to be done to the physical plant of the church and share with Fred.



### ***Finance Committee—Hal Bailey, Chairman***

- \* Stewardship Season is quickly approaching. Think about how you can “give of your time and talents” to serve our church, our community, and our world.
- \* Remember to send your donations to FPC, Box 144, Fincastle, VA 24090. Remember you can also put your donation in the offering plate at church or put it in box on the door on the western side of the building.

**Congregational Care—Cathy Goad , Chairman**

**Prayer List:** Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Meg and Bob Omer, Mary Beth Huwe, Pete Adamson (heart issues), Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Amy Ward (Family of Sue Porter), Paul Langford (Dot Langford’s brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin’s uncle), Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys), Doug Ross, Walt Adams (friend of Peggy Davis), the family of Ben Womble (Sandy’s family), Vaughn Bozman (John Griffith’s brother-in-law, triple bypass), the people of Florida and those in the path of Hurricane Ian (and Fiona)



- October 3—Sandy Gates
- Oct. 10—Jane Beasley
- Oct. 11—TC Beasley
- Oct. 18—Lisa Wright
- Oct. 19—Peggy Davis and Ann Gardner Branscom
- Oct. 24—Lynne Bolton and Bryce Branscom
- Oct. 26—Pierce Brenner

**Christian Education—Lyn Burton, Chairman**

- Sunday School continues at 9:30 am before the 10:30 service. We are still studying Exodus. Come join us!
- There will be a Bible study during Advent. Stay tuned for more information.

Fill in the Blanks:

October showers bring

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October, in like a lion, out like a

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