



FOREST HILL FAMILY

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Forest Hill Presbyterian church exists to serve God and all creation by growing together in love, extending sanctuary, and strengthening community so that all can know God's love.

APRIL, 2018

Special Congregational Meeting April 29, 2018, @ 11:30 am

A Special Congregational Meeting is called to convene at 11:30 am on April 29, 2018, immediately following the worship service. Congregational meetings require a quorum of 20% of the active members. Business for this special meeting will be for the purpose of receiving the report the Congregation's Nominating Committee and electing the Class of 2021 officers of the church.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of elder Phylliss Moret, designated by Session; Melissa Davis and Scott Mitchell elected by the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Jan. 28, 2018; and Pastor Katherine Todd. The job of the Nominating Committee was to slate two nominees for elder and one nominee for trustee for the Class of 2021, each for 3-year terms effective July 1, 2018, for 2018-2021.

Current officers in the Class of 2018 whose terms expire this coming summer are elders Irene Roberts and Ed Spyhalski and trustee Anna Margaret Price. Officers may serve a maximum of two consecutive 3-year terms and are then ineligible for reelection to the same office for at least one year.

After consideration of all active members of the church, the Nominating Committee selected and has commitments from this slate of nominees for the Class of 2021:

- Kris Jones, election to a 1st 3-yr term as Elder
- Ed Spyhalski, reelection to a 2nd consecutive 3-yr term as Elder
- Nick Jones, election to 1st 3-yr term as Trustee

Session has now selected April 29th for the Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of election of the Class of 2021 elders and trustee. At this meeting, full opportunity will also be given to receive additional nominations from the floor by any active member of the Congregation. A majority of all active members present and voting shall be required to elect the Class of 2021 officers.

After elder training in May and examination by Session on June 10, the ordination and installation service during worship will be scheduled when the Class of 2021 can be present. Then the 3-year terms for the Class of 2021 are effective July 1, 2018.

The Nominating Committee thanks Irene Roberts and Anna Margaret Price for their recurring service in leadership roles at the church over many years; Ed Spyhalski for his willingness to serve a second consecutive term as elder; and Kris and Nick Jones for their commitment to serve the church in their first leadership positions!

All active FHPC members: please participate in the Special Congregational Meeting on April 28th!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to **host a Sunday reception** as many of our church families do. Check the sheet to see when the next available date is.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Duty Officer ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. Please call the church office to sign up.

If you would like to be a lay reader for our Worship Service please let Rev. Todd know. She would welcome your help!

See Anna Margaret Price to help prepare **communion** as some of our members do.

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## Stewardship, Finance and Administrative Committee

The Stewardship, Finance and Administrative Committee is meeting with Dominion Energy to see about getting a light fixture for the back parking lot in April.

Ed has continued to complete various maintenance duties for us and Gay washed the curtains in the kitchen and CCC office as well as cleaned the radiator above the sink in the kitchen.

We are completing the form necessary to continue having Katherine continue as our minister for another year and have refined the process for building use application etc.

We agreed that we want Charlotte to order paper plates and cups etc. instead of styrofoam in the future.

Instead of a designated work day, Ed will draw up a list of things needed to be done with input from the committee along with a place for folks to sign up to do them and when. It will be posted on the bulletin board where the refreshment sign up is located. If you see things that you feel need to be added to the list, please contact the committee. Check it out and see what you can help with!

We discussed lighting for signage in front of church. Ed and Stephen will explore solar power as an optional power source. We also expressed a desire to one day use solar power for our building. We might even serve as a power source to neighbors who wish to purchase solar power.

A static cling sign has been posted on the front door to notify folks of our hours that the office is open.

Potholes in front parking lot need to be addressed. Quotes for both repair and resurfacing parking lot will be requested. If you have a good contractor you recommend, let us know.

## FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER COMMITTEE:

The committee is pleased that the new Director, Emily Hawkins, is in place and all is working out smoothly. At the most recent meeting on March 16, Emily presented several concerns and numerous ideas for initiatives.

One challenge for the Center's staffing model had remained the need for the Director to devote more hours to administration, while serving as teacher to the 4 year-olds. Miss Christal, the teacher who had assumed that class when the previous director left, performed quite satisfactorily; it was decided that she will teach that class most of the day on Wednesdays, so that Emily may work in the office. This can be accomplished by combining two smaller classes.

There is a need for a sign indicating the Child Care Center in the back parking lot. Small temporary signs will be placed there as well as in the front area until a larger, more permanent sign can be erected.

Responding to suggestions from the teachers, Emily will work with a parent resource to price competitive food suppliers.

An Easter egg hunt will take place at the Center Friday, March 30. In May a visit to Maymont is planned. Other proposals, approved, were a fundraiser at Chipotle Restaurant in April and a yardsale/ bakesale in June. The summer enrollment fee will include extra money allocated for special programming, which was very popular last summer.

The church's lawn service spread mulch on the playground in November. Emily doubts seriously that it is sufficient to meet standards for pre-school play areas. Exact requirements will be researched, and Carol Stephens will speak with the lawn service regarding this.

Also, the playground is unattractive. More toys are needed. One parent has donated several items; the committee plans to request additional items from the congregation.

The committee set the next meeting date as May 18 and adjourned.

Irene Roberts, Chair

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Thank you, FHPC for welcoming me back here as the Director of the Child Care Center! I feel like I have come home and am so excited to be here. I attended the CCC as a student and later worked as a teacher and office assistant. We have some wonderful things planned for the month of April. We will have a fun pajama day, Picture day and a fundraiser night at Chipotle. We invite any of you to join us for the fundraiser. We will be at the Chipotle at Chippenham Parkway and Midlothian Turnpike on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 4-8 pm. Just mention to the cashier that you would like to support FHPCCCC and we will receive 50% of the profits. Our Picture Day is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. This year we were given a \$150 credit and we are going to raffle it off! You may purchase a \$2 ticket; we will draw a winner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone needs pictures of their kids or grandkids this would be a great way to get some for free! I am looking forward to our Summer program and all the amazing things we will continue to do here!

Emily

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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### Mission & Outreach Committee

Jim Irving, Katherine Todd, Phylliss Moret, Donna Stafford, Jayne Clement, Gay Olsen, Sydney Gustafson

The mission and outreach work of Forest Hill Church advances two Great Ends of the Church:

- a) serving the local and world community through mission; and
- b) actively seeking others – outreach -- to join us in our worship, fellowship, and service.

### Roses and Wings

We are hosting a series of lunches for the girls attending Roses and Wings in March, April and May. The April 14 lunch is being hosted by Jayne Clements. The May 10 lunch is being hosted by Carol Stephens. If anyone would like to help Jayne or Carol, please give them a call.

**Margaret Johnson, the Director of Roses and Wings**, along with members of the M & O committee have submitted a grant application to Hertz Giving. The goal is to receive support for a van to use for transporting the girls. Lift Margaret up in prayer for the wonderful work she does with these girls.

### Concert Series

Pat's last concert was March 18. M & O hosted the reception and Phylliss Moret donated the cookies, with Linda Irving and Irene Roberts helping.

### CCC

We continue to collect craft items for the CCC and also any large, outdoor toys would be appreciated.

### ACTS

ACTS supports those who are homeless through case management, a sustainable housing program, an emergency shelter, and a safe house for domestic violence victims in order so that they may all find permanent housing within our area.

We are collecting through April toiletry items for care bags for their clients. ACTS tries to give each client who comes in for an assessment a bag filled with necessary supplies.

1. Personal Care Items:  
Soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, hand and body lotion, feminine products
2. Paper Products:  
Toilet paper, paper towel, tissues
3. Cleaning Products:  
Dish Detergent, laundry detergent, sponges, household cleaners, dishwasher detergent
4. Children's Items:  
Diapers, wipes, toothpaste, tooth brushes

### Vacation Bible School

We will begin our planning of the VBS for this summer, since last summer's VBS was so successful. If anyone is interested in joining in on the planning and beyond, please contact either Gay Olsen or Jayne Clement.

### Dog Park

The dog park is getting spruced up with new signage and, hopefully, wood chips. We may need some folks to help spread the chips when they arrive. I am hoping this week. We will also ask the participants who use the dog park to make donations for another bench, as these are pricey.

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## **Good & Better Stewards of the Earth in April and Year Round**

With Earth Day on April 22, we're aiming to inspire and mobilize you to play a more active role in being good and better stewards of the earth. Think about what you can and will do!

1. Recycle - Gather your old stuff and place in the collection boxes at church during the month of April.
  - a. Old eyeglasses
  - b. Old cell phones
  - c. Old/broken small electronic devices
2. Donate these recycled items to the Child Care Center for kids' drawings and activities, now and year round:
  - a. Scraps of fabric, ribbon, yarn
  - b. Used paper
  - c. Used toys and books
  - d. Used CD or cassette player
4. Plant a tree – the best way to control storm water on your property! Trees produce shade and wellbeing, reduce energy bills, and provide a home for critters, too.
4. Test your lawn soil before fertilizing. Don't waste money or degrade water quality by applying too much fertilizer. A soil test is only \$10 from the Virginia Tech/Virginia Cooperative Extension.
5. Reuse, reduce, recycle, rethink. Use it up, wear it out, make it last, do without!

Please join us and be a good and better steward of God's beautiful creation in April and year round!

The earth is the Lord's. – Psalms 24:1

### ***Looking for a Summer Camp?***

**As the outdoor ministry of the Presbytery of the James**, Camp Hanover has offered Christian camps for elementary, middle and high school youth for over 60 years. Camp sessions range in length from short 2-night and 3-night programs for the youngest of campers, to longer 1-week and 2-week programs for older campers.

**Camp Hanover is offering \$30 of additional financial support** for members of congregations in the Presbytery of the James (that's YOU!), making it more affordable for your kids to attend camp.

Located on 600 wooded acres in Mechanicsville, Virginia, Camp Hanover is about a thirty minute drive from Richmond.

## ***Work at Summer Camp!***

**Do you have what it takes to make a positive impact on a child's life? Do you love spending time in God's creation? Are you ready to work hard AND have the best time of your life? If so, Camp Hanover may be the place for you this summer!**

**We are currently accepting applications for:**

- **Counselors**
- **Unit Directors**
- **On Site Director – Traveling Day Camp**
- **Trip Leader**
- **Waterfront Coordinator**
- **High Rope Coordinator**
- **Arts & Crafts Coordinator**
- **Media Specialist**
- **Lifeguards and Program Staff**
- **Food Service Staff**

For more information email [work@camphanover.org](mailto:work@camphanover.org) or call (804) 779-2811.

To apply, please visit [www.camphanover.org/work-at-camp](http://www.camphanover.org/work-at-camp)

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**Valerie Ashley**, St. Mary's Hospital, Rm 420



### **Music Ministry**

Pat Carlin, Director of Music

Happy Great 50 Days of Easter! Our Holy Week and Easter Sunday were highlights of the year for me!

Our April Worship will include:

April 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude "Concerto in a minor" (J. S. Bach)

FHPC Women's Ensemble "Hymn of Promise" (Natalie Sleeth)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season... In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season...

Organ Postlude "Menuet, from ROYAL FIREWORKS MUSIC" (G. F. Handel)

April 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude "Trumpet Voluntary" (Jeremiah Clarke)

FHPC Women's Ensemble "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Theodore Beck)

Serve the Lord with gladness, shout for joy to the Lord all the earth, come and bring a joyful song. Know that the Lord is great. It is God who made us, and we are the Lord's. We are God's people, the sheep who dwell in green pasture. Enter the gates of thanksgiving, fill the courts with praise. For the Lord is good; God's great love endures forever. God's faithfulness

continues through all generations. Serve the Lord with gladness. (Adapted from Psalm 100)

Organ Postlude "Trumpet Tune" (Henry Purcell)

April 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude "Chorale Prelude on WITH HIGH DELIGHT" (Charles Orr)

FHPC Women's Ensemble "Before Our Lord and King" (James Culver)

Make a joyful noise, sing praises to the Lord. All who dwell on earth resound with one accord. Let the oceans roar and let the mountains ring. Make a joyful noise before our Lord and King. Break forth in song, shout the marvelous name ever from age to age the same. Praise to the Lord, sound the trumpet and sing, Break forth in song before our Lord and King. (Based on Psalm 98)

Organ Postlude "Concerto in C" (J. S. Bach)

April 29, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude "Adagio, from CONCERTO IN F MINOR" (J. S. Bach)

FHPC Women's Ensemble "Sing a Joyous Alleluia" (Linda Spevacek)

Sing together on Easter morn a joyous alleluia. Sound the trumpet and play the horn in a joyous alleluia. Christ has risen, alleluia, Christ has risen from the dead. Christ has risen, alleluia, praise His holy name. Sing together on Easter morn a joyous alleluia.

Organ Postlude "Grand Triumphal Chorus" (Alexandre Guilmant)

God's Blessings on you, your loved ones, FHPC, and our shared ministry of evangelization - being Christ in the world!

Pat C.