

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

Monthly Newsletter of the Altavista Presbyterian Church

Bible Focused Exposition. Christ Centered Fellowship. Traditionally Reformed.

An Update from Pastor Ed

What a journey this has been with little Ezra. He may live up to the adventures of his biblical namesake!

As of the writing of this article, Betsy is with Ezra conducting a “rooming in” sink-or-swim test. Essentially, we are testing to see if he is ready to thrive on his own without immediate medical intervention. If he passes, he can come home, which is what we hope will be the case when you’re reading this.



We both want to take this time to express our deepest gratitude for all of the support we’ve received over the past three months. Needless to say, the Christmas and New Year season did not turn out as we expected. Yet, so many have reached out to us with prayers. We all know that prayers work and help to keep us grounded in God during these trying times. So, thank you, to everyone who has been and continues to pray for us.

Thank you, too, for all those who have selflessly reached out to help us, whether through a written note of consolation, through monetary gifts, or even offering to watch Teddy and Eli! On that last one, we were fortunate that my parents were able to come here and spend the entire duration (and beyond) with us, especially in lending a hand with the other boys.

Thank you, not least of all, for those who were part of the meal train. This has helped us tremendously by taking one, but a big thing, off our plate. We know it takes a lot to prepare meals, but we are deeply grateful for every morsel!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

CHURCH SECRETARY



Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself and say how proud I feel to join the staff of Altavista Presbyterian Church. I am Nancy Dalton.

The youngest of six, Nancy was born in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Raised by her loving and nurturing parents, Gerald and Theresa Wells, now deceased. After graduating from Cardinal Gibbons High School, she worked for several law firms. Nancy was married and blessed with her wonderful son, Camwren. Nancy has been very active in her community, following her heart to serve. During Camwren's youth, Nancy was very active in his schools and other community service areas. As an active leader and Community Service Coordinator in the Boy Scouts of America, and as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem for children in foster care.

Nancy and Camwren relocated to the Atlanta area in 2014 to pursue a fresh start. Nancy worked as the Coordinator of the Physical Plant at Mercer University's graduate campus in Atlanta. It was in 2019, she met her beloved husband, Gary and "Bonus Daughter", Sarah. Gary, Nancy, Camwren & Sarah relocated to Lynch Station in 2022, to be near Gary's hometown of Gretna where his father and many additional family members still reside. In 2023, Gary and Nancy were blessed to join the "Grandparent Club" and now enjoy spoiling "LJ" (Little Jimmy), and Tatum. They are expecting third grandbaby, Noah in June!

In addition to family time, Nancy also finds great pleasure in boating, spending time with the family's three dogs, caring for horses and being involved in community service.

HIGHLIGHTS

Altavista Presbyterian Church Session Highlights

March 20, 2024 Meeting

Reviewed the February, 2024 Treasurer's Report

Hired Nancy Wells Dalton as Church Secretary, effective March 11, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by Carolyn Doss' retirement.

Approved minutes of the February 20, 2024 Stated Session meeting & the March 17, 2024 Congregational meeting as presented.

Elected Gary Andrews as Commissioner & Barbie Andrews as alternate to the May 4, 2024 Stated Presbytery meeting to be held at Saint Andrews PC.

Joys & concerns of the congregation were identified. Moderator Ed prayed for those listed & to close the meeting.

	February-2024	YTD
Pledges	4,119.00	10,918.00
Non-Pledges	3,403.00	6,448.00
Plate Offering	156.00	183.00
Total Expenses	9,770.39	22,380.70

CELEBRATIONS

April	Birthdays	Anniversaries
8	Mark Younkin Shirley Vuncannon	
11	Georgie Shelton	
12		Kevin & Kelly deBernard
13		John & Cynthia Erb
16	Dennis Janiak	
28	Linda Giles	
30	Alice Barkdoll	



Craft & Connect @ APC



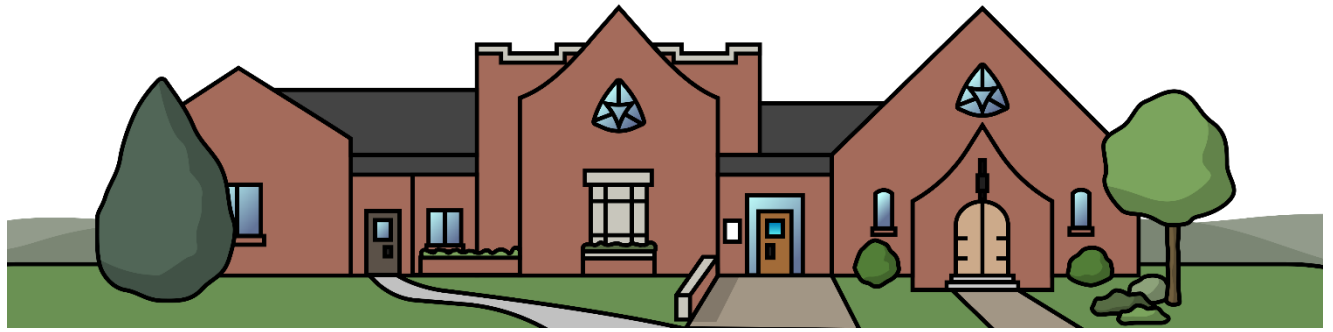
Crafting Event a Huge Success!

Several crafters joined us over the past month to chat, show off projects, and inspire one another!

Craft and Connect met Thursdays in February and March.

Keep an eye out for future gatherings!





April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 5 PM Outreach Committee Mtg.	3 12 PM - Men's Lunch – Tuscan Grill	4 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	5	6
7 10 AM Worship Communion Collect Two Cents- A-Meal Offering	8 5 PM Elder Training	9	10	11 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	12	13 11 AM – 3 PM DAWN Open House
14 10 AM Worship Children's Church	15 4:00 PM Administration Mtg 7 PM DAWN Mtg.	16	17 12 PM - Men's Lunch – Hibachi Grill	18 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	19	20
21 10 AM Worship Children's Church Session Mtg. after Worship	22 4:30 PM Discipleship Mtg.	23 May Link Deadline	24	25 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	26	27
28 10 AM Worship Children's Church Koinonia Luncheon after Worship	29	30				



Craft and Connect

Altavista Presbyterian Church

Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

February 1 – June 27, 2024

Adult Sunday School Classroom

**Bring what you are working on
(cross stitch, quilting, coloring book,
macrame, crochet, etc.) and join us as
we craft together and enjoy some
fellowship.**

**Come in the middle door, go straight
down the hallway, turn left.**

ALL BIBLE STUDIES CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS

April - Small Plastic Reusable Cups

Socks for 5-9 Yr. Old Girls

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May - Small Flashlights with Batteries

Socks for 2-4 Yr. Old Girls

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June - Small Story Books for Toddlers

Socks for 10-14 Yr. Old Girls

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July - Bar Soap, Washcloths

August - Solar Calculators, Pencil Sharpeners, Crayons (24 count)

September - Steno Pads, Notebooks, Journals (be sure they will fit in a regular shoebox)

Erasers (pencil top or other)

DAWN OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting and open house of DAWN's new location at 717 7th Street. Join us Saturday, April 13, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

PRAYER REQUEST LISTS

The Session would like to remind everyone of some protocols for updating the prayer request list in the bulletin.

1. If you want a name added to the prayer list, please send them to office@altapres.org or call the church or text Pastor Ed.
2. If the person is not an immediate family member, please get permission from that person to have their name published in the list. No other details are published, even if provided.
3. A name will remain on the list until someone contacts the office (see #1) and requests removing or updating the name.
4. We strongly encourage you to find time during the week to pray over each individual, even if you don't know them. A perfect time would be Sunday mornings as you prepare yourself for worship