

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

Monthly Newsletter of the Altavista Presbyterian Church

Bible Focused Exposition. Christ Centered Fellowship. Traditionally Reformed.

An Update from Pastor Ed



Betsy and I wanted to provide another update on Ezra this month. As of 2/27, he is 4lbs 13oz and has begun room air trails (breathing without the aid of a CPAP machine) a few days ahead of schedule. For the first few hours, Betsy was able to snuggle with him, which he thoroughly enjoyed. If he passes the test, Ezra's next step will be learning how to take a bottle consistently.

Right now, he is taking a bottle for only a few feeds a day, and doing well with it. He needs to be able to have a bottle at each feed and still gain weight before they'll consider discharge. We are grateful for the wonderful staff at Carilion; his nurses have been regular sources of encouragement and connection.

We are hopeful that he will get to come home mid-March, but have not yet confirmed a timeline.

We want to reiterate how especially appreciative we are for the outpouring of support and continued prayers, check-ins, and meals. It may not seem like much, but truthfully it means the world to us to be able to take one thing, like meal planning, off of our already busy schedules.

HIGHLIGHTS

Altavista Presbyterian Church Session Highlights February 20, 2024 Meeting

Reviewed the January, 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Authorized the collection of memorial gifts; proceeds from which to be used for the decoration of the Sanctuary for Easter.

Decided to award a \$1,000 scholarship from ACTs for Mission funds to an ACS graduating senior.

Called a Congregational meeting for March 17, 2024 following Worship for the purposes of (1) electing a class of elders for the Class of 2026 & (2) conducting the annual meeting of APC, Inc.

Approved minutes of the January 21, 2024 Stated Session meeting as presented.

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

	January-2023	YTD
Pledges	6,799.00	6,799.00
Non-Pledges	3,045.00	3,045.00
Plate Offering	27.00	27.00
Total Expenses	12,610.31	12,610.31

CELEBRATIONS

March	Birthdays	Anniversaries
2	Susan Gilliam	
4	Eli Soto	
5	Betsy Soto	
9	Margaret Liebchen	
15	Kevin deBernard	
24	Michael Gafford	
25	Brenda Cuthbertson	
31	Stephanie Moehlenkamp	

Craft & Connect @ APC



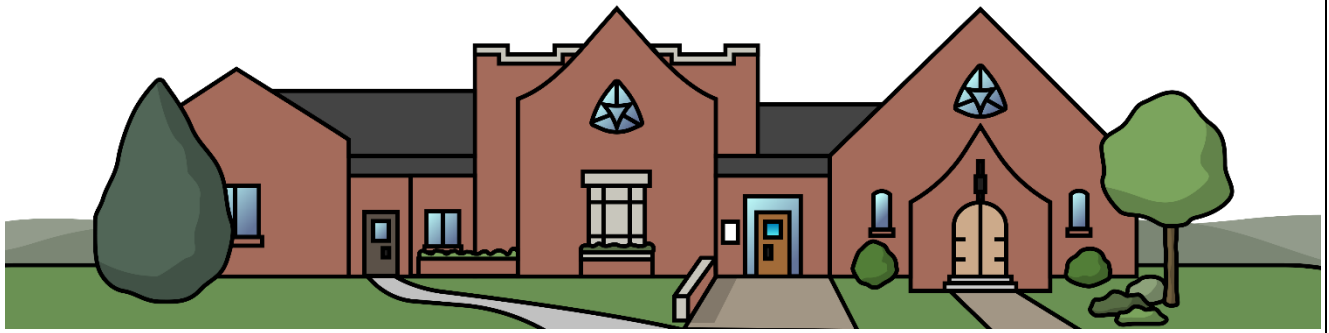
Crafters Gathering Continues to Grow!

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

Craft and Connect will continue to meet Thursdays in March from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Everyone is invited to bring whatever you're working on!





March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10 AM Worship Communion Collect Two Cents- A-Meal Offering	4	5	6 12 PM Men's Lunch – Main Street Café	7 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	8	9
10 10 AM Worship Children's Church	11	12	13	14 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	15	16 7:30 – Noon Church Clean-Up Day
17 10 AM Worship Children's Church Collect One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Congregational Mtg. after Worship	18 4:PM Administration Mtg. 7 PM DAWN	19 4 PM AOE Mtg.	20 12 PM Men's Lunch – Mama Rosa's 4 PM Session Mtg.	21 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	22	23
24 10 AM Palm Sunday Cantata Children's Church	25 4:30 PM Discipleship Mtg. April Link Deadline	26	27	28 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	29	30
31 10 AM Easter Sunday Worship Children's Church						

Craft and Connect

Altavista Presbyterian
Church

Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:30
pm

Thursdays February 1 -
March 28, 4:00 - 5:30, 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.



THANK YOU

Greetings to our church family. We want to express a sincere THANK YOU for all the dedicated prayers and for keeping Billy's brother, Doug on the prayer list. From the beginning diagnosis in 2020, two years of Keydruda, a year of other treatments, his RSV last September, recent therapy and then covid.

Doug accepted his illness as a Christian and would always say he would be okay. His faith sustained him through each phase to the end. We truly appreciate the prayer support, then and now.

Blessings to each of you,

Billy & Darlene

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS

February - Hair Brushes, Girl's Hair Accessories - Hair Clips, Hairbands, etc.

March - Boy's Combs, Coloring Books

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)