

## PRESBYTERIAN LINK

Monthly Newsletter of the Altavista Presbyterian Church

***Bible Focused Exposition. Christ Centered Fellowship. Traditionally Reformed.***

### **An Update from Pastor Ed**

Dear APC Family and Friends,

I share with you this month my desire to resign as your Minister of Word and Sacrament, effective June 30, 2024. Betsy and I are especially grateful for your care and support during Ezra's early delivery and extended NICU stay. That outpouring of love will *always* stay with our family. While I'll no longer be your pastor, my family and I will still be your neighbors. Starting in the fall, I will begin full-time teaching at Faith Christian Academy. Please don't hesitate to say hello if you see us around town or in the neighborhood. And please know that we will be keeping you all in our prayers during the forthcoming transition.

Moving forward, a special conversation and training Session with Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, our General Presbyter, is scheduled for June 4. The Presbytery staff will walk alongside you at every step of the transition. The Session has called a congregational meeting for June 9 for the purpose of dissolving the terms of call and pastoral relationship. My plan is to take the last two weeks of June for vacation, since I have yet to utilize any of that leave time. Carl will preach June 23 and will be available to answer any questions regarding your next steps. There will be an opportunity on June 30, after worship, for all of us to say "see you later" at a koinonia in the fellowship hall.

In Christ's service,  
Rev. Eduardo Soto, Jr.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Altavista Presbyterian Church Session Retreat Highlights

### May 18, 2024 Meeting

Examined elders-elect Randy Dunn & Cynthia Coleman.

Decided to ordain & install the elders-elect during Worship on June 9, 2024.

Called a Congregational meeting for June 9, 2024, following Worship, for the purpose of dissolving the relationship between Rev. Eduardo Soto, Jr. & APC.

Reviewed the April Treasurer's Report.

Amended the Fellowship Hall lease form by adding the following statement: "Events for political purposes will not be considered."

Decided to use 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays to implement an informal Worship, with fellowship time included, for next church year, beginning June 30, 2024.

Decided to have a Koinonia luncheon following the June 30, 2024 Worship service, to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Eduardo Soto, Jr.

Approved minutes of the April 21, 2024 Stated Session meeting & the April 22, 2024 Called Session meeting as presented.

Decided to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each quarter for the 2024-25 church year.

Elected John Erb as Clerk of Session for the 2024-25 church year.

Elected Mark Younkin & Gary Andrews as Co-Treasurers for the 2024-25 church year.

Elected Rob Gilliam & Kevin deBernard as Assistant Treasurers for the 2024-25 church year.

Appointed Barbie Andrews & Ron Coleman as the Sexual Misconduct Response Team for the 2024-25 church year.

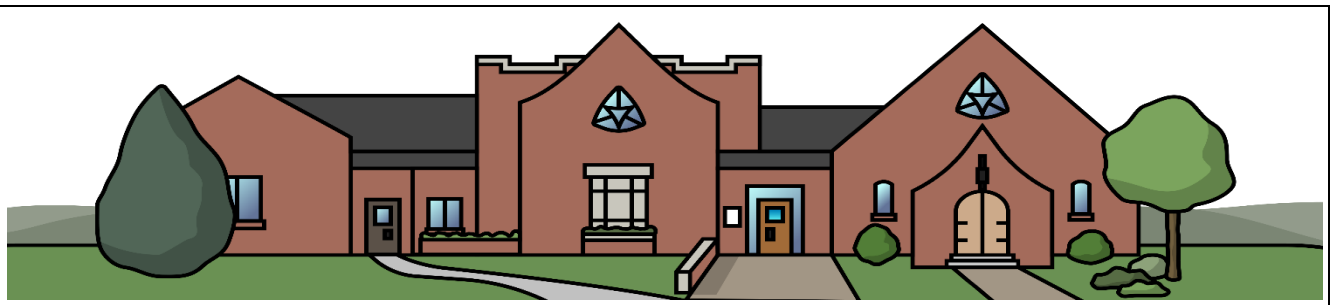
Joys & concerns of the congregation were identified. Moderator Ed prayed for those listed & to close the meeting.

	<b>April-2024</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	5,748.00	21,904.
<b>Non-Pledges</b>	4,216.00	14776.
<b>Plate Offering</b>	300.00	588.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	11,623.52	48,124.81

## CELEBRATIONS

<b>June</b>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
1	Samantha Janiak	
2	Randy Dunn	
23		Jerry & Martha Moore Billy & Darlene Robertson
26		Chip & Jenny Roark
28	Terry Walton	
30		Michael & Margaret Gafford

*This year's recipient for the Altavista Presbyterian Church's College Scholarship is awarded to Hailey Perry of Altavista High School. Hailey was accepted to and will attend the University of Lynchburg in the fall. We look forward to Hailey joining us for a worship service in July so we may recognize her for her achievements and award.*



## June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10 AM Worship Communion  Collect Two Cents- A-Meal Offering	<b>3</b> 4:30 PM Discipleship Mtg.	<b>4</b> 5 PM Called Session Mtg.	<b>5</b> 12 PM - Men's Lunch – El Cazador	<b>6</b> 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	7	8
<b>9</b> 10 AM Worship Elder's Ordination & Installation  Congregational Mtg. following worship  Stated Session Mtg.	<b>10</b> 4:00 PM Administration Mtg	11	12	<b>13</b> 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect	14	15
<b>16</b> 10 AM Worship   Father's Day	17 Ed vaca	<b>18</b> 4 PM AOE Mtg.  Ed vaca	<b>19</b> 12 PM - Men's Lunch – Main Street Café  Ed vaca	<b>20</b> 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect  July Newsletter Deadline  Ed vaca	21 Ed vaca	22
<b>23</b> 10 AM Worship, Dr. Carl Utley	24 Ed vaca	25 Ed vaca	26 Ed vaca	<b>27</b> 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect  Ed vaca	28 Ed vaca	29
<b>30</b> 10 AM Worship  Koinonia Luncheon after Worship						



## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS

June - Small Story Books for Toddlers, Socks for 10-14 Yr. Old Girls & Boys

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)