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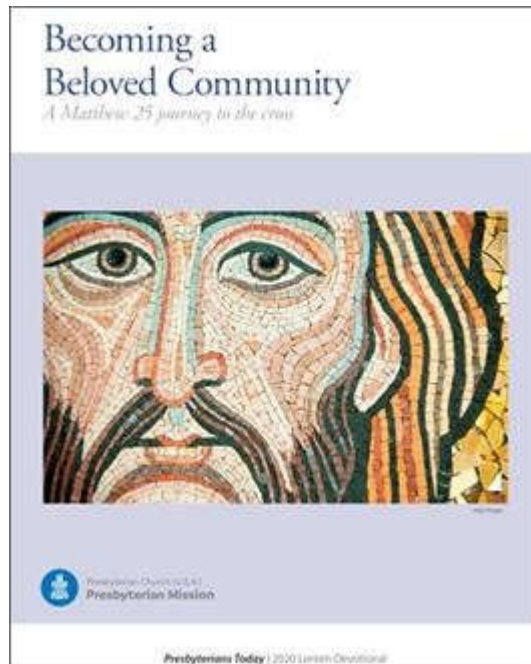
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

PCUSA Lenten Devotionals are here!

Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 journey to the cross

This year's Lenten devotional invites us on a thought-provoking journey to see firsthand how Jesus' words to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" still change lives today.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of "beloved community" to describe a society where everyone has their needs met. In "Becoming a Beloved Community," we discover how needs are met when selfless love breaks down racial barriers, gives voice to the voiceless and feeds hungry hearts, souls and bodies.



Readers are treated to beautiful ancient Christian mosaics throughout the devotional. Just the way mosaics are constructed, we are invited to reflect on how our little tile piece could be added to contribute another dimension to the beloved community where we live.

This devotional itself is also a reflection of a beloved community. It features prayers and reflections by 19 ordained ministers, chaplains, lay pastors and ruling elders from the Presbytery of the Pacific. While the stories they share differ, they all have this in common: a passion for following Jesus. The excitement and commitment found on the pages of "Becoming a Beloved Community" are contagious.

“Becoming a Beloved Community” is perfect for congregations, families and individuals.

Copies are available outside the church office, in the narthex outside the sanctuary and outside the chapel. One copy per family, please.

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Family Ministry Outing



Update: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sam will be traveling for a funeral and unable to attend the Winter Jam concert. Forest Hills Presbyterian will also be unable to join with us for this event as originally planned. Anyone wishing to attend the concert is still encouraged to do so. Please feel free to call the church office or contact Sam if you plan to attend to be put in touch with others to carpool and travel together. Thank you for your understanding in this change of plans.

More info is available here: <https://www.premierproductions.com/tour/winter-jam-tour-spectacular-2020/greensboro-nc>

Community Breakfast



Please join us **Saturday** February 15, for our monthly community breakfast.

7:00 AM, Volunteers begin preparing.
8:00–9:30 AM, Serving. Contact Brook Cundiff, chucknbrooke1@yahoo.com, 340-6124, for more information.



Our Presbytery of the Peaks
Interim Presbytery Executive, Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, will be here at FPC on **Sunday, February 23**. Rev. Utley will bring the spiritual message and present proposed restructuring plans for the Presbytery and what that means

for this church and community. A luncheon reception is planned after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you can offer your service in this endeavor please contact **Betty Hudson (638-0467)** as soon as possible.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Denny Casey.

- Explore the concept of intergenerational ministry
- Discover why gathering multiple generations together to learn, worship, serve, and build relationships grows thriving Christ-centered community
- Experience [Sunday LIFT \(Living in Faith Together\)](#), an intergenerational resource
- Plan practical ways for your church to become more intergenerational

Sunday LIFT Experience

An Introduction to Intergenerational Ministry



February 22, 9:45 am - 1:00 pm
New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road, Dublin, VA

Free for attendees from NDPC
Contact Pastor Sara Jane Bush
pastor@newdublin.org (864)378-7687

Attendees from other churches are welcome!
\$70/person. Register online at
GenOnMinistries.org/collections/training-registration



Small Group Psalm Study





Monica Stevens by **February 16** (276-632-8075, leave message if no answer)

A Small Group Psalm Study and Soup Supper on Thursdays of Lent, **March 5 – April 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** will meet in the Session Room. All adults and high school students are invited to participate, but the group size is limited to twelve. If you are interested please contact the church office or

What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, February 13

Presbytery Meeting, Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, VA

Saturday, February 15

Free Community Breakfast, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

7:00 AM, Volunteers begin preparing.

8:00–9:30 AM, Serving

Contact Brook Cundiff, chucknbrooke1@yahoo.com, 340-6124, for more information.

Earth Care Workshop, 10 AM - 2:00 PM, Covenant Presbyterian, Roanoke

Family Ministry Outing, Winter Jam Concert in Greensboro

Sunday, February 16

Unlock/Lockup: Johnny Pinkard/Rob King

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: *Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Chuck Cundiff

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the traditional worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

The Service for the Lord's Day, February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 3:1–9 and Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Workers of the Field"

Full text of lectionary readings

www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

More Happenings

Tuesday, February 18

Agape Ministry, 12:00 PM, Session Room

Wednesday, February 19

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers welcome!

Happy birthday to Sandra Ford!!

Thursday, February 20

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 12:00–6:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the canteen after they finish donating blood. Contact Nancy Baker, 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net, if you can help.

Saturday, February 22

Sunday LIFT, 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM, New Dublin Presbyterian Church, Dublin, VA



Sunday, February 23

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Unlock/Lockup: Neil Tatum/Monty Montgomery

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: *Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Davis, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Denny Casey

****Luncheon following 11:00 AM service***

Monday, February 24

Session Meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Wednesday, February 26

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers welcome!

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm.

Earth Care

An Earth Care Workshop will be coming on **Saturday, February 15, from 10 AM – 2 PM** at **Covenant Presbyterian, Roanoke**. This lively, practical workshop is **FREE!**
And sponsored by our presbytery's Mission Committee.



Encourage 2 or more church members to attend, and we'll send them back to you with new ideas and resources for your congregation.

We will be guided by members of the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church who have taken practical steps as an Earth Care Congregation. They are eager to

share their experiences and the abundant resources that the PCUSA has available for congregations of all sizes.

It will help congregations of all sizes to take specific action towards caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. In 2020, caring for God's magnificent creation can be practical and fun, with profound implications for the life, work, and witness of God's people. Earth Care can involve all ages, and even neighbors who are not part of your congregation.

The workshop is **FREE!** But we need reservations by **Wed., Feb 12th**. Reservations by email to rev.rafiiedler@gmail.com or by phone **540 989-1979**. Bonus: Delicious luncheon prepared by Chef Jim Eaton (retired chef at Hotel Roanoke and culinary wizard.) \$8 donation for lunch)

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24

****If you are interested in carpooling or need more information on this event, please contact Denny Casey, 224-3906**

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our

prayers: Family of Dr. Donald Richman, Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Mallory Hall-DeSantis (B. Tatum), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Chuck Marshall, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Walt Seamon, Wayne Simmons (Marge Dunn), Gene Stanley, C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-grandson of Pearl Minter), Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office, (276) 632-3431, office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.



Please remember

Canned Black Eyed Peas for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for January, February and March, is **Canned Black Eyed Peas (15 oz.)**. Please include plastic grocery bags with your donation. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. Personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.

Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

Printed copies of *Steeple Views* are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

Useful Links

FPC website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Kym Tatum: Fellowship

Class of 2021

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Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Monica Stevens: Worship

Class of 2022

Brook Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Communications

Betty Hudson: Congregational Care

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