March 26, 2020



Message from the Treasurer

Hello to First Presbyterian Church members! As we are learning to navigate in a new and sometimes difficult environment I would ask for everyone to keep the church in your thoughts and prayers.

The Presbytery is asking that our traditional worship services be suspended through **April 22, 2020**. So while our church is closed for 6 weeks and all programs cancelled, we continue to have expenses for our building and employees. According to a national study 78% of a churches gifts are received during the worship service. Please know we are doing our best to manage expenses during this strange time and we will get through it.

Thank you and I hope everyone will continue to stay safe!

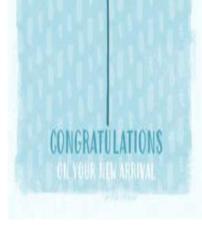
I would like to remind everyone if they would like to make a gift to the church we are checking mail regularly and we also have the ability to accept gifts on our Internet Home page. If anyone needs help or has questions just give me a call at 276-732-3296.

Henry G Moore III

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Congratulations to Henry and Nancy Moore on the birth of their grandson, **Greyson Stone Moore.** Greyson was born on March 8, 2020 in San Diego. He is currently in the NICU and growying everyday!



Greyson's twing brother, **Knox Kaner Moore**, passed away on March 8.

Proud Grandparents, Nancy and Henry Moore *Great Grandmother*, Dee Moore Smith *Great Uncle*, Reed Stone Moore

Please keep the Moore family in your thoughts and

prayers.

Happy Birthday in April

- 4 Max Pinkston
- 5 Kathryn Judson , Mark Hinchcliff
- 7 Bob Davis
- 14 Judy Garland
- 15 Briana Tatum
- 16 Reed Stone Moore
- 17 Barbara Tatum
- 20 Manly Boyd
- 22 Matthew Price
- 23 Gene Stanley
- 30 Lynn Pritchett ,Will Kirby



Please Help!

Critical Need For Blood and Platelets Right now, eligible and healthy donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to provide lifesaving blood products to patients.



Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Merilyn 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, Anne Holland (sister of

Pearl Minter), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Dru Rothrock, Gavin Russell, Walt Seamon, Gene Stanley, C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-



grandson of Pearl Minter), 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, <u>office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org</u>.

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.

A Note from the the Editor

Although regular church services have been cancelled and we are no longer meeting in person, I hope we all try to stay in touch with one another using any possible medium. Phone calls, face time, emails, etc. It is important that we look after one another during these difficult times and it's good to know we are not alone. While there are no regular happenings to report on, I would like to send out Steeple Views on a weekly basis so please feel free to share any news or updates with me and I will do my best to include them in Steeple Views. <u>skirbycwj@gmail.com</u> or 276 806-9709.

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