

May 6, 2021



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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Please join the live service by Pastor Mark Hinchcliff on Facebook at 7 pm, **Thursday, May 6** with a devotional and prayer for the **National Day of Prayer.**

The link is provided below:

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## ***Church Reopening!***

**The sanctuary has reopened for in-person worship** and will continue with restrictions as before (wear a mask, enter at narthex, social distance) unless otherwise notified.

Virtual services will still be available on Facebook for those that wish to remain at home until they feel safe to return. Sign-ups will continue each week by emailing [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org) or by phone, 276-632-3431. **Please call by NOON each Friday.**

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Please join us on the **Sixth Sunday of Easter** either **in person** or via **Facebook live** at 10 am.

sermon by Pastor March Hinchcliff

***Loving Boundaries Build Respect***

Based upon 1 John 5:1–6 and Psalm 98

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Youth Sunday plans are being made and is scheduled to take place **Sunday, May 16**. Kellene Wotring, who is a graduating senior from Martinsville High School this year, will be delivering the spiritual message. If your child(ren) is interested in participating in this special service, please contact Sam ([sam@peaksprebytery.org](mailto:sam@peaksprebytery.org)).

***This will be an outdoor service at the Smith River Sports Complex at 10am.*** Plan to bring a lawn chair & pack a lunch. After the service we'll enjoy lunch & fellowship time together. We hope you'll make plans to attend this special service!

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**Summer Adventure Camp**

**JOIN US AT CAMP BETHEL FOR  
A SPECTACULAR WEEK OF ADVENTURE  
June 20-25, 2021**

Adventure Camp has your perfect mix of wild fun and discipleship activities. Adventure Camp is for active youth who enjoy the outdoors.

For more information: [Adventure Camp, Camp Bethel](#)



**Middle School  
Adventure**

for rising 6th-8th graders,  
ages 12-15

**High School  
Adventure**

for rising 9th-12th graders,  
ages 15-18

**New this Summer:  
Biking  
Rock Climbing  
Belaying**



For more info & to register, visit the Presbytery website here: [Adventure Camp](#)  
[| Presbytery of the Peaks \(peakspresbytery.org\)](#)

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**Weekday School Update by Carol Carter**



The Weekday School has had a very successful year this year. We opened on September 8, 2020, and we were able to remain open for the entire year! The parents of our students were so supportive and understanding about all of the

precautions we had to take this year due to COVID. We wore masks, took temperatures of every child and staff every day.

We did lots of cleaning, sanitizing, and distancing. It all paid off because we did not have any cases of the virus for the entire year!

The Weekday School will have its Art Show on Thursday, May 6 at 6 p.m. Our last day of this school year will be Friday, May 14. We will be having our end-of-the-year celebration at Jack Dalton Park on that day.

We were very honored to receive the Martinsville Bulletin's 2021 Readers Choice Award for best Day Care Facility in Martinsville and Henry County!

We are currently enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year. We know it will be the best year ever!



Please give generously to support the PC(USA) Pentecost Special Offering, which will help support our own children as well as youth ministries around the world. **This year, Pentecost Sunday falls on May 23.**

On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what He is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, His plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the offerings collected from our church stays with our church, and 60% is used by national programs and initiatives that support young adults, ministries with youth, and children at risk.

By supporting this offering, you are helping to shape a positive future for young lives, for our church and for our world. Please give generously to this offering.



## **"Reading the Bible with New Eyes: Finding a Life-Giving Faith in Guatemala"**

Without travel to Guatemala to connect us, our mission partner CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) is offering a "Virtual Journey." For years, Protestants in Guatemala have been taught a narrow Fundamentalism, and now are making new discoveries as they read the Bible.

On this Virtual Journey, learn how a theology based in the love and justice of Jesus Christ is transforming the lives and communities of people in Central America. You will hear testimonies from pastors and laypeople in CEDEPCA's Biblical and Theological Formation program and be led through an eye-opening study of scripture by Dr. Paulo Ueti, Anglican theologian, New Testament scholar, and friend of CEDEPCA.

**Wednesday, May 19, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvfu-orTwiE9yIiYNqI\\_a-H6F9WfGGbwX2](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvfu-orTwiE9yIiYNqI_a-H6F9WfGGbwX2)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Suggested donation \$11.

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## **Congregational Care and Fellowship**

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting Lynn Pritchett at [276 252-6068](tel:2762526068).

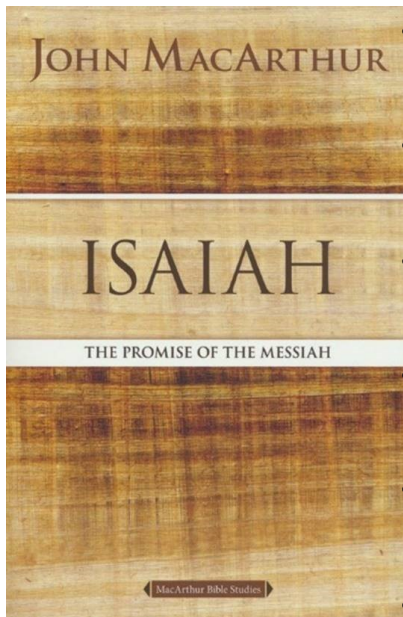
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## **MacArthur Bible Studies: Study of Isaiah**

**Begins: April 11 at 8:30 AM - June 13 by Zoom**

The *MacArthur Bible Studies* provide intriguing examinations of the whole of Scripture and continues to be one of the bestselling study guide series on the market today. In this study, Dr. MacArthur examines the words of the prophet Isaiah, showing how God proved to be faithful to his people (and us) by promising to send Messiah who would save them from sin. These latest all-new studies join the ranks of the previously released study guides, now offering readers a comprehensive selection of Old Testament Bible studies by bestselling author and theologian John MacArthur.

Each lesson includes:



- **Drawing Near:** An opening question based on the key theme or topic of the lesson
- **The Context:** Background information on the passage of Scripture being studied
- **Keys to the Text:** Detailed commentary on the passage being studied
- **Unleashing the Text:** Application questions on the passage highlighted in the lesson
- **Exploring the Meaning:** Three key takeaways from the passage
- **Reflecting on the Text:** Reflection questions on the passage highlighted in the lesson

- **Personal Response:** A journaling section to help readers apply the principles

Each study includes an introduction that provides background information to each book of the Bible being studied and a closing "Reviewing Key Principles" lesson to help cement the main themes of the study.

To sign up or for more information, contact Denny Casey ([d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)).

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## **Bible Study: Stewardship of Creation**

**Begins: April 21 at 7 PM by Zoom for six weeks**

*This is being organized by the FPC Earth Care team*

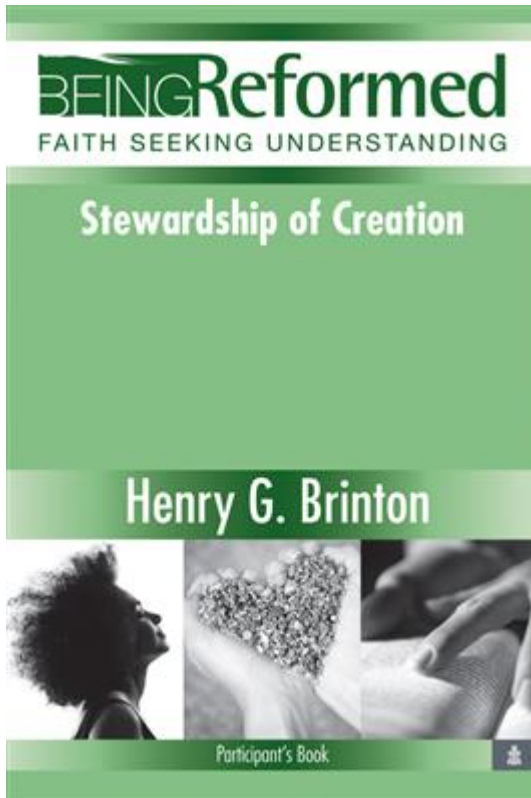
Description from the publisher:

"Explore the biblical bases for our care of creation along with sessions on being environmentally friendly at home, at church, and in the world."

Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding is a series of biblically based mini-courses that provides adults with a foundational understanding of the Reformed faith. Each six-session study--written by well-known and respected scholars--features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Each study addresses its subject from a Reformed theological perspective. Lessons are enhanced through the Leader's Guide, which offers helpful suggestions and direction for group study. The main structure for these guides is the rubric Head, Heart, and Hands.

We have borrowed a few books from the presbytery office that will be available





on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Sam

Smith, [sam@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:sam@peakspresbytery.org), to borrow a copy or you may purchase a copy from the PCUSA bookstore.

Here's a link to the book (with a link if you'd like to order a copy):

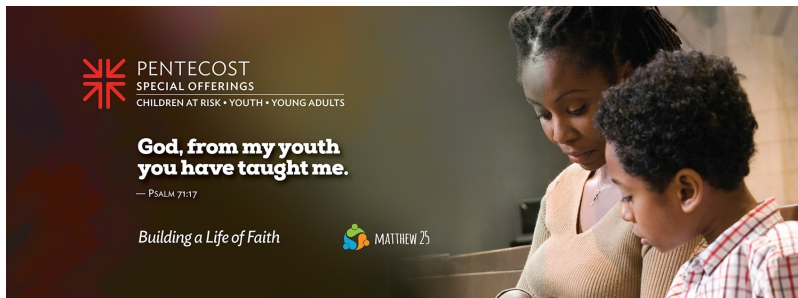
<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/680720/stewardship-of-creation-participants-book.aspx>

To sign up and get the Zoom link, contact Denny

Casey [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)

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## Pentecost At Home Faith Formation



Pentecost is the day when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, which unites us together as one and helps us to see God at work in our world. The Pentecost Offering also "unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world."

Beginning the week of April 25, and each week leading up to Pentecost Sunday, families, of any size and all ages, are encouraged to utilize the at home faith formation resources linked below as a devotional. Each week you will read the guiding scripture passage, Psalm 71:17 as well as a story of how the Pentecost Offering impacts ministries for children, youth, and young adults. You're also encouraged to work on coloring the Pentecost Mandela and much like with the prayer doves last year, please send pictures of your completed creation to me!

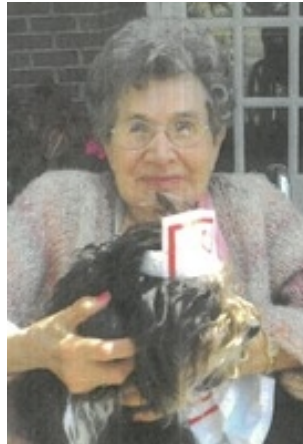
Collect a weekly gift to the Pentecost Offering in your faith formation space and then bring or mail to the church your offering on or before Pentecost Sunday. Your gift not only supports ministries within the PC(USA), but also ministries for children and youth within our own congregation.

Blessings,  
Sam

[Pentecost 2021 Intro](#)

[Pentecost 2021 At Home Faith Formation](#)

[Pentecost 2021 Mandela](#)



**January 4, 1922 - May 3, 2021**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Marie Thompson. Marie passed away on Monday, May 3 at King's Grant. The obituary can be found at: [Marie Thompson Obituary \(1922 - 2021\) - Martinsville, VA - Martinsville Bulletin \(legacy.com\)](#)



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Patsy Stanley** on the death of her brother, **Steve Gwyn**, on Saturday, May 1, in Hillsville, VA.



**In Honor of Colleen Dallas**

Jay and Paige Frith  
Sue Benfield  
Roscoe Reynolds  
Stephen Draper



Steve and Cindy Edgerton  
Joseph and Susan and Sam Smith  
William and Fran Hensley  
George and Celia Scouras  
Richard and Donna Lawhon  
Anne McDaniel  
Mr/Mrs. William Garrett  
Marge Dunn

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## Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Marie Thompson, Family of Steve Gwyn (Patsy Stanley's brother), Sarah Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Ernest and Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Laura Buffkin, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Sandra and Mark Dobrinski (brother and sister in-law of Cynthia), Daniel Handy, Leonard Kelley (Monica Stevens' brother), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Jim Murray (Judy King), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Anne Peterson, Gene and Betty Stanley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski (Susan Pilson), Sarah Vicki Wells, 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](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

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***Please remember***

## Cornbread Mix



The 2nd quarter food donation item is **Cornbread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy)**.

Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

***Hygiene Items - We are always in need of these items!***

*\*Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*

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## Presbytery of the Peaks



For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

[https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020\\_Peaks\\_Postings/PP\\_Aug18\\_2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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### Our Mission

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

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**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](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

### Useful Links

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Rob King: Facilities

Monica Stevens: Worship

#### **Class of 2022**

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Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

#### **Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

### **TRUSTEES**

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2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

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