



Steeple Views

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA

March 2015



Feb. 25, 12:00 Noon, at Broad Street Christian Church

March 4, 12:00 Noon, at First Presbyterian Church

March 11, 5:30 PM, at Calvary Christian Church

March 18, 12:00 Noon, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March 25, 5:30 PM, at Broad Street Christian Church

Come join our brothers and sisters from St. Paul Episcopal, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Calvary Christian, and Broad Street Christian churches for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Pastor's Corner

Setting an Example at Any Age

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but rather set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Being young in both Biblical and modern day terms can mean a variety of things to different people. Young can mean young in age, young in experience, young at heart, young in appearance, or even childlike in our response. The Scripture from 1 Timothy is referring to Timothy who was the youngest of the disciples. Many of the elder disciples may have looked down on or dismissed the spiritual maturity of Timothy simply because of his physical age. Timothy was believed to be in his early to mid 30s when these words were addressing him. Timothy's physical age may have been older than Christ himself in his primary times of ministry. So why did the first disciples, like so many in the church today, feel justified to only to recognize maturity by age?

Spiritual maturity knows no physical age! Some of the most advanced in their spiritual walk are our own teenagers right here in the community. 1 Timothy 4 tells us never to let another belittle you because of your age, but rather set the example for the believers! Be the role model who leads by example, acting out of kindness in



your speech, living a life worthy of the calling, loving one another, following Christ's example, having faith in Him. Have patience in one another the way God has had so much patience in us.

As we move forward in this community ministry in Martinsville we will all make mistakes. May we learn to respect, forgive, and learn to mature in our faith, never assuming any superiority over another. The Lord has already proven our worthiness for

forgiveness and salvation on the cross. Let us be moved into a grateful reaction by the Spirit daily in our lives.

In Christ's Joyful Ministry,
Pastor Mark

Sharing Our Stories

Youth Choir Leads to Years of Faithful Service

Long ago when I was in Junior High School some of my teammates and church friends invited me to join the Youth Choir. Of course, I never say no. When I arrived everyone was joyful and friendly. They selected a robe for me. On the first Sunday we sang, we all put our robes on. The other girls, who were a year older than I, each put on a lovely silver cross over their robes. I asked where I needed to acquire one. They said, "After 100 hours of service you are awarded one."

Well, if anyone knows me, even a little, I was at practice and Sunday service faithfully and felt so honored as the day arrived to receive my cross.

When we were on a youth retreat, there was a plywood wall between the boys and girls quarters. The girls rose at the crack of dawn and bellowed out, "Rise and Shine and give GOD your glory, glory!"

Please share your story in Steeple Views.



—Nancy Moore

With Deepest Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to David and Judy Garland on the death of David's sister Marion Jane Garland on Friday, January 23, 2015, in Bethany, CT.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Suzan and Bill Kirby and Billy and Sharon Kirby on the death of Suzan's mother and Billy's grandmother Mary Hodges on February 18, in Charlottesville.

*Opportunities for Service***WHO Is Back**

Who is WHO? The Congregational Care committee is excited to announce the revitalization of "WHO—We Help Others," a ministry of care and nurture. When a member of our congregation is ill or has special needs, this ministry will work to help meet those needs.

If you become aware that a member has been hospitalized, is sick at home, needs transportation to the doctor or needs help in carrying out other chores such as light housekeeping, grocery shopping, light yard work, etc., (or if you yourself need help) please contact Barbara Tatum (956-3985) or Virginia Truitt (634-5648 or mbeachgalva@gmail.com).



Volunteer information forms are available at locations throughout the church. If you have the ability to help others, please complete a WHO Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet and return to the church office. If you have any questions about the WHO ministry, contact Virginia or Barbara.

**Make Easter Cards March 6**

Please join Congregational Care on **Friday, March 6, 4:00-5:30 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making handmade Easter cards for shut-ins, members over 90, and those who may need a little extra TLC. Please bring your entire family to help in this meaningful ministry and have fun at the same time! If you have any questions, contact Virginia Truitt at 634-5648.

Dick & Willie Trail Service Project March 14

The Mission Committee is excited to announce a joint service project with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on **Saturday, March 14, 9:00-10:30 AM**. We will meet at the Liberty Street parking lot just before 9:00 AM and walk or drive to different parts of the Dick and Willie Trail to pick up trash. This will not only be a great collaboration in God's name, we will help beautify our community in preparation for Martinsville Half Marathon, 5K and Relay the following weekend. All you need is a good pair of gloves; we will provide trash bags and water. We hope you will join us in fellowship and service with our neighbors! Please contact Johnny Pinkard at ajpinkard@embarqmail.com or Denny Casey at d.a.casey@comcast.net or 224-3906 to sign up.



Inclement Weather Cancellations

Announcements will be posted on the church website and Facebook page, an email sent to the Steeple Views Weekly list, and a message put on the church phone.

Prayer Shawl
Ministry



In 2014 The Prayer Shawl Ministry knitted and delivered 162 prayer shawls. Thank you to the knitters and the people who volunteered to deliver! If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl please contact Joan Montgomery.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the **last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM** in the Session room. You do not have to know how to knit; there are lots of experienced knitters who would be happy to teach you.

Cooks Who Care

In 2014 Cooks Who Care (CWC) cooked and delivered over 200 meals to members of our congregation.

Thank you to all of those who made this possible, the wonderful cooks and all who made deliveries! If you know of someone in our congregation who needs a meal, please contact Virginia Truitt or Judy Ware.



Please join CWC in the Marge Dunn kitchen the **first Tuesday of each month at 9:45 AM and 5:30 PM**.

There is a lot of fun going on in the kitchen that you don't want to miss!

Boy Scout Open House March 5

Want to have a good time in the great outdoors and learn lots of important skills? Boy Scout Troop 61 invites all boys to learn about the Scouting program on **March 5 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Boy Scouts is open to boys age 11-17 (or 10½ and finished fifth grade). Cub Scouts may be on hand, too. Contact Dan Cross for more information (276-229-9830 or dcross@bsmail.org).



Congratulations!

To Will and Sarah Esarey on the birth of their daughter Cora Brynn on January 29 in Tuckerton, NJ. Victoria and Logan Esarey are proud grandparents.

To Susan and John Hatchett on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Ann, on January 24, 2015, in Salem. Evan is the proud big brother.

To Melissa and Doug Powers on the birth of their son, Luke Douglas, on January 19, in Nashville, TN. Bonnie and David Price are proud grandparents, and Byron, Andrew, Tyler and Matthew Price are proud uncles.

To Jon and Kristen Tatum on the birth of their son, Miles Bolden Tatum, on December 17, 2014, in Richmond. Barbara Tatum is a proud grandmother, and Neil and Kym Tatum are his uncle and aunt.

Thank You!

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In-Kind Gift

Furniture for the Youth Room by Henry and Nancy Moore

Happy Birthday to

- 2 Peter Marshall
- 5 Carter Ferrell, Dee Moore Smith
- 6 Myrtis Lester, Jerry Wood
- 9 Tyler Price
- 11 Carol Darnell, Don Richman, Nicholas Young
- 12 Bill Peterson, Bob Clark
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Mark Your Calendar for March

- 1 Sun., **Communion**, both services
- 2 Mon., **Presbyterian Women** general meeting, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall
Circle #3, 7:00 PM, hostess Betty Stanley
- 3 Tues., **Cooks Who Care**, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Kitchen
- 5 Thurs., **Boy Scout Open House**, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

4 Fri., **Make Easter Cards**, 4:00–5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
 8 Sun., **Faith & Film**, 3:00 PM, Chapel
 10 Tues., **Praise Band**, 7:00 PM, Chapel
 14 Sat., **Service Project on Dick & Willie Trail**, 9:00–10:30 AM
 17 Tues., **Steeple Views Deadline**, email fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com
 21 Sat., **Free Community Breakfast**, serving 8:00–9:30 AM
 22 Sun., **Faith & Film**, 3:00 PM, Chapel
 24 Tues., **Praise Band**, 7:00 PM, Chapel
 25 Wed., **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 5:30 PM, Session Room
 29 Sun., **Palm Sunday in the Park** Ecumenical Service, 10 AM, Frank Wilson Park
 30 Mon., **Session Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Session Room
 Every Sunday, **Contemporary Worship**, 8:30 AM, Chapel
 Coffee & Fellowship, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School, 9:45 AM
 Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM Sanctuary
 Youth Fellowship, 2:00 PM (confirm with Pastor Mark)
 Every Monday, **GPS** (children's music), 3:00 PM, Youth Music Room
 Every Wednesday, **Sanctuary Ringers**, 5:45 PM
 Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room

A Look Ahead

April 2, Maundy Thursday Communion Service
 April 5, Easter/Resurrection Sunday. A sunrise service is being planned.
 June 4–7, Church-wide Retreat & Mission Trip to Massanetta Springs
 July 13–17, Vacation Bible School

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

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