



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

July-August 2015



July will be jumping at FPC!

July 6–10 Music Camp, July 10 Concert

HARMONY is Da Capo Virginia's music camp at our church, July 6–10, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM. Students in grades 2 through 8 will use musical theater songs to sing, play instruments, compose, and move throughout the week. Join us for some amazing musical memories! Register now by contacting Tracee Prillaman, director of Da Capo, at traceep@dacapova.org or call 804-432-3446.

A **public concert** in the Sanctuary will conclude the camp at **6:00 PM, Friday, July 10**. Everyone is invited!

July 12, 19, 26, Church Directory Photos



It's time once again to have your picture taken for our church's new pictorial directory. Just take a few minutes to pose in the Narthex any Sunday **around 9:30 or before or after the 10:55 worship service July 12, 19, and 26**. Peter Marshall is the photographer, and he will meet you there—no appointment needed. If Sunday morning doesn't suit your schedule, Peter will schedule a time to take your picture when it's convenient. For shut-ins, he will come to your home and take a picture. Call him at (276) 638-2998 or send an email to peter_marshall@email.com (peter_marshall). Submitted photos can be used for members who are out of town, such as college students, or anyone else for whom it is appropriate.

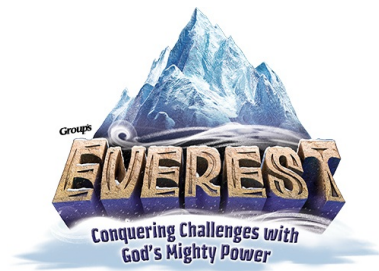
Stewardship Committee members will be calling you if you have not had your picture made before August 1. The directory is open to anyone who wants to be a part of it, not just those who are on the "official" roll.

In the years since our last pictorial directory was published, there have been many changes in both our congregation and technology. Digital photos will be stored online and accessed through a password-protected website. We will also be printing a book for anyone who wants one. This directory can be updated easily when changes happen, and new copies can be printed on demand.

So put on your "Sunday best" and get your picture taken!

July 13–17 Vacation Bible School

Watch out everyone—it's beginning to snow in the Fellowship Hall! Mt. Everest VBS is right around the corner. If you haven't registered, please do so ASAP. If you haven't volunteered, please do so ASAP. And thank you to those who stepped forward already. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. JoAnne Sanders is in charge of the kids and will have everything organized. We also could use some help in the kitchen, which you could do just one day or more. Pearl Minter will oversee the kitchen.



Please don't forget the **Barbecue Kick-off Dinner** on Sunday evening **July 12, 5:00–7:00 PM**. This is for the entire congregation to come see the decorations and hear some of the great VBS music. See you then.

—Janet Fentress



July 20–24 Presbytery Day Camp

The deadline to register your child for Camp Peaks, the traveling day camp sponsored by Presbytery of the Peaks, is **Monday, July 6**.

Details are in the May issue of *Steeple Views* and on the church web site: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/news.cfm?ID=462>. If you have questions, contact JoAnne Sanders at (276) 340-6913 or sandersva@comcast.net or Rev. Jeff Binder, Associate Presbyter for Youth & Young Adults, at rev.binder@gmail.com. Registration forms are in our church office.

Officer Nominating Committee

Called to Serve

Discerning God's Call

The Nominating Committee invites all members of the congregation to submit suggestions for the slate of ruling elders and trustees. All active members of First Presbyterian Church are eligible to hold office. New terms will begin next January.

As we seek to identify those who are called to serve, consider the following characteristics, skills and commitments to the life of faith and the ministry of the church:

- Regular attendance in worship
- Participation in church activities
- Cooperative, with ability to work with others
- Willingness to learn and be open to new ideas
- Conscientious, with ability to follow through on tasks
- Demonstrates a Christian spirit in dealing with others
- Commitment to the government and discipline of the PC(USA)

Ruling Elders

Elders should be "persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit." (Book of Order G-2.0301) We are seeking three persons to serve full three-year terms (class of 2018).

Trustees

Trustees exercise responsibility "to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation." (Book of Order G-4.0101) We are seeking four persons, two to serve full three-year terms (class of 2018) and two to serve two-year terms (class of 2017).

Please fill out the form that will be in the church bulletins or on the pews for the next few Sundays, or email your suggestions to Nancy Moore at nbmoore@comcast.net or give your suggestions to any member of the committee in writing. Members are Moderator Nancy Moore, Officiator Mark Hinchcliff, Jo Dykes, Johnny Pinkard and Forrest Truitt.

Current Ruling Elders		Current Trustees	
2015	Janet Fentress Nancy Moore Neil Tatum	2014	Ed Linker Bill Manning
2016	Chris Beeler Pearl Minter Virginia Truitt	2015	Dru Rothrock David Garland
2017	Denny Casey Cindy Edgerton Victoria Esarey	2016	Billy Kirby Kent Williams

Help Deliver Prayer Shawls

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry members have been busy knitting and crocheting! We now have at least ten shawls that have been dedicated and prayed over by the congregation. The shawls are tied with a beautiful ribbon, tagged with an inspirational message, and have a small cross attached, ready to give to anyone who needs some comfort and encouragement or to celebrate a significant event.



We need your help—we do not want them to stay on the shelf! The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach to our community and beyond. Anyone may deliver our shawls to anyone, not just church members. All you have to do is sign the check-out sheet and deliver the shawl. We will also mail shawls for you. Just provide us with the information needed. If you have questions or know of someone needing a shawl but cannot deliver it yourself, please contact Joan Montgomery at joanmontgo@gmail.com or (276) 632-1157.

Our group will meet **Wednesdays, July 29** and **August 26** in the Session Room at **5:30 PM** for a light supper, prayer, fellowship and knitting. New knitters are always welcome, and we can teach you how to knit.

Mission

Cottage Place Outreach Monday, August 17

Contact Nancy Moore (nbmoore@comcast.net) or Denny Casey to volunteer for this ministry, 5:30–7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome our neighbors from the group home on Church Street Ext. for dinner, games, and fellowship.

Cooks Who Care will prepare meals in the Marge Dunn Kitchen on Tuesdays, **July 7** and **August 4**, at 9:45 AM and 5:30 PM. Come join the fun of helping others!

Worship

Flowers Needed for Sanctuary

The Flower Committee has quite a few open dates for flowers to be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one for the 10:55 worship service in the Sanctuary. Please sign up! Call Rita in the church office at (276) 632-3431 or email her at ritaofficefpc@gmail.com or email Liz Ferrell at lizdferrell@hotmail.com.



Session Actions

Money for Youth Missions Allocated

The Session met on June 1 in lieu of the last Monday of May, which was Memorial Day. Clerk of the Session Joan Montgomery reported that the Session allocated \$500 from the May Presbytery meeting at our church for the Heifer Project trip and approved the use of the congregation's 40% share of the Pentecost offering for youth mission trips in general. The Session also approved three special offerings, but it was not reported what they are. Treasurer Milt Davis gave a financial report, which may be available on request.

In other actions, the Session voted to combine the Evangelism/Outreach Committee with the Mission Committee and establish a separate Communications Committee. John Bowles was transferred to Starling Avenue Baptist Church.

New Communications Committee Formed

Nancy Moore, moderator of the new Communications Committee, invites anyone with an interest in communications or public relations to join our efforts to inform the congregation and the community about our church. There is an immediate need for someone to take over administering the church's Facebook page. Please contact Gael Chaney at fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com if you can do this. The main requirement is that you have your own Facebook account.

According to the Manual of Operations, church publications are to be used to promote only those events sponsored by our congregation or our partner organizations (Grace Network, CAFV, etc.). The MOO states that permission must be sought from the Administration Committee for outside announcements; however, the Session has given the pastor this authority now. If you have an outside announcement, please get approval from the pastor before submitting it to Gael Chaney.

With Deepest Sympathy



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jim and Sandra Ford on the death of their niece, Elizabeth May (Beth) Ford, on June 5 in Martinsville, and to Beth's step-mother, Jane Ford. Beth, daughter of the late English and Irma Ford, grew up in our congregation and lived in Lynchburg ever since she graduated from Lynchburg College.



Riding the zip line!



Massanetta Memories

Several families and individuals from our congregation spent June 4–7 at Massanetta Springs and left with happy memories of service, fellowship,



Toasting marshmallows

and fun at our synod's conference center and camp near Harrisonburg, Va. Leanna Blevins wrote, "We packed clothes to be shipped overseas. It was fun for all ages! Ainsley and Raven began writing positive messages on the boxes, which was really

sweet. We also heard from a missionary from Ghana.... The service component of the weekend was my favorite part!"

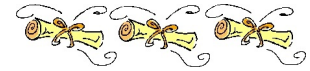
Sharon Kirby's favorite part was "Fellowship! Always a treat and a special time when we spend it with our church family engaged in the pursuit of helping our friends and neighbors. This year I noticed that the older kids really seemed to grasp the meaning of 'helping others' and really participated in our work day with fantastic attitudes!"



What's that in the water?



Congratulations Graduate!



Congratulations to Mary Elizabeth Pilson

on earning her Pharm.D. degree from South University's School of Pharmacy in Savannah, Georgia.



Congratulations to Zachary Sanders and Bronwyn Hairston on the birth of their son, Brayden James Sanders, born Saturday, May 17, in Roanoke. Great-Grandparents are Keith and JoAnne Sanders. Aunts and uncle are Brooke Sanders, Carrie Wilson and Jacob Sanders.

JULY

- 2 William Seamon
- 3 Andrea Lawhon Murray
- 4 Ben Pinkston
- 5 Paul Cannaday, Sam Smith
- 6 Barbara Stanley
- 7 Clara Hartley
- 8 Dyer Pace
- 12 Betty Carol Lamm, Betty Stanley, Heidi Pinkston
- 15 Dick Pilson, Kimberly Seamon
- 17 Jerri DeVault
- 18 Duke Ferrell, Buck Kester, Ashby Pinkard, Johnathan Phillips, Ainsley Phillips
- 20 Nancy Betz, Connor Wotring
- 21 Bill Brown
- 22 Chuck Marshall, Lil Wall
- 23 Carl Bishop, Anne Lackey, Chris Beeler
- 24 Betty Allen Hall
- 25 Teri Ferguson
- 26 Tommy Martin
- 27 Melissa Renz, Laura Stevens
- 31 Capers Zentmeyer, Laura Chiudioni



AUGUST

- 1 David Chittum, Anne Peterson
 - 2 Lynn Beeler
 - 3 Marge Dunn
 - 5 Ruth Garland Neary, Bob Richeson
 - 8 Elizabeth Clark
 - 9 Liz Ferrell
 - 10 Frances Bledsoe
 - 11 Melissa Wingfield
 - 12 Beth Lawson, Carrie Buffkin
 - 13 Chuck Cundiff
 - 17 Maggie and Martha Pilson
 - 18 Cindy Nease, Madison Powell
 - 19 Bill Plonk
 - 21 Ron Fentress, Bill Stone
 - 22 Laura Buffkin, Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum
 - 23 Anne Abercrombie
 - 24 Nan Smith
 - 28 Bob Bledsoe
 - 29 Stuart Beard
 - 31 Dot Bryson, Bill Nease
- Please let us know of any errors or omissions.*

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

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