



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

October 2015

Church BBQ and Fall Festival

Sunday, October 18

4:00–7:00 PM

What could be more fun than joining together for food, games, fellowship and a talent show? The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committees invite you to our annual Fall Festival and Barbecue on **Sunday, October 18, 4:00–7:00 PM.**



The festivities will kick off at 4:00 with games for all ages on the front lawn of the church. Around 5:00 we will all head to the Fellowship Hall to feast on barbecue and all the “fixins.” Steve Minter will be slow cooking the barbecue so you know it will be outstanding!

Following the meal, you will be treated to an outstanding talent show—an entertainment opportunity not to be missed! Contact Rita Bateman in the church office at (276)632-3431 or ritaofficefpc@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the talent show.

If you need transportation to and from the Fall Festival and BBQ, contact Joe DeVault at (276)252-4252.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, with a \$20 maximum per family. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with “BBQ Supper” noted on the memo line of your check. You can mail your check to the church (1901 Patrick Henry Ave.) to the attention of Francia Brown, our church's bookkeeper, place your check in the offering plate, or put your check in the Congregational Care box in the church office.

Please make your reservations for this exciting event as soon as possible by either filling out the reservation form insert in the church bulletin or contacting Virginia Truitt at mbeachgalva@gmail.com or (276)634-5648. Bring the entire family! We hope to see you on the 18th!

Laity Sunday Is October 25

G.P.S. Children Will Ring Handchimes

Costumes, Characters, Spooky Scenes, Treats!
It's Trunk or Treat!
Sunday October 25
4:00–5:30 PM



Kids of all ages are invited to dress up as their favorite character and attend our annual Trunk or Treat festival on the Sunday before Halloween. We need volunteers to use their imagination and decorate their vehicles, put on a costume and hand out treats to the kids. Susan Hatchett is in charge—contact her at susanhatchett10@yahoo.com to volunteer. Donations of treats will be appreciated even if you can't be there. All ages are welcome, even if you don't have kids. It's always so much fun to watch the children enjoying festivities!

Grace Network



Sale Begins October 9
First Baptist Church, 23 Starling Avenue

The pumpkins are coming on **October 8** for the annual Grace Network fundraiser! Help is needed unloading the pumpkins at **4 PM**. The sale hours are **11 AM–7 PM, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM Saturdays, 1:30–5:00 PM Sundays**. The patch is located on the lot behind the church at the corner of Mulberry Road and Oakdale Street.

Our congregation has been asked to supply volunteers to man the sale on two Wednesdays:

October 14 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, four two-hour shifts. We need at least two people for each shift, three people on the last two shifts.

October 28 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, two shifts. We need four people on each shift, giving each other breaks.

Please call Milt Davis at 634-1403 to volunteer for this fundraiser for our partner Grace Network.

Story Time at the Pumpkin Patch will be presented on two **Saturdays, Oct. 17, 12–2 PM** by Smart Beginnings, and on **Oct. 24, 11 AM–1 PM** by Altrusa International. Both Story Times will have book giveaways for kids to take home. All are welcome.

The patch will again feature a picture-taking scene. For the first time this year, we will sell pumpkin-carving kits from Thrivent Financial for \$4. All proceeds will benefit Grace Network's ministries.

Stewardship or Generosity

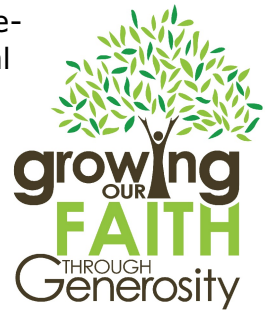
Let's consider stewardship versus generosity. Stewardship is used primarily in a church environment, yet it applies to our entire life. It recognizes that everything we have is God's and we are simply managing those resources while here on earth—our wealth, possessions and physical bodies. Often stewardship is associated with the giving of time, talent and resources. Attention is usually focused on the tithe or pledge and stewardship becomes associated with supporting the church financially.

Generosity on the other hand is associated with giving freely to others. Generosity is giving something away freely and without obligation. It focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church's need for money.

So between the two, one feels more like an obligation and the other is a choice. Yet both stewardship and generosity involve giving. Are you more willing to give because you want to help someone or do you feel obligated to give because it's part of the stewardship of your resources? Or can it be both?

Stewardship to First Presbyterian Martinsville—should it not also be generosity? We should give but also we want to give.

Soon each family will receive a letter requesting financial support for our church as well as a gift of time and talents. As we look toward commitment Sunday on November 1, please think of your stewardship with the church but also think of your gifts with generosity.



—Janet Fentress



A Card from Marge Dunn

9-14-15

To Church Family,

Thanks for your prayers and all the many ways of kindness during my illness.

Love to all,

Marjorie



With deepest Sympathy



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Paul Cannaday and Evelyn Cannaday on the death of his brother and her son Michael on September 26 in Martinsville. The Cannaday family joined our congregation in 1960; Michael, Paul, Ronnie and Mark grew up in our church.



Nancy W. Betz

July 21, 1933 – September 7, 2015

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nancy's family and friends.

William Banks Peterson

March 12, 1934 – September 17, 2015

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill's wife Anne, his daughter Melissa P. Jessup and her husband Dale, his son Banks, and the rest of the family.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Laura Chiudioni

Langhorne S. Mauck

In memory of Charlie Miller

Amanda and William Pearson

Mary Lou Byrd Andrew

Langhorne S. Mauck

New Officers Elected

At the congregational meeting on September 20, the congregation accepted the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee. The new Session and Board of Trustees will have the following members beginning in January 2016:

Ruling Elders

Class of 2016

Chris Beeler
Pearl Minter
Virginia Truitt

Class of 2017

Denny Casey
Victoria Esarey
Cindy Edgerton

Class of 2018

Jerri DeVault
Nancy Moore
Monica Stevens

Trustees

Class of 2016

Billy Kirby
Kent Williams

Class of 2017

Bob Davis
Joe DeVault

Class of 2018

Monty Montgomery
Henry Moore

Janet Fentress and Neil Tatum (class of 2015) are rotating off the Session. Nancy Moore is currently serving to fill an unexpired term and is eligible for a new term. Dru Rothrock, David Garland, Ed Linker, and Bill Manning are rotating off the Board of Trustees. We thank all of them for their service to our congregation.

Free Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 17

Serving from 8:00 to 9:30 AM

Join the Mission Committee as we offer our monthly free Community Breakfast on October 17. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship with our neighbors and provide a mission to our community. Our breakfast is partially supported by the Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering of our presbytery.

Volunteers are needed between 7:00 and 10:00 AM. Contact breakfast leader Bill Kirby (wkirby@dmklawfirm.com) if you can help cook, set up, serve, clean up or act as a host for our guests. You are also welcome to just come for breakfast and meet our neighbors.

"Our Present & Our Future"

2015 Presbytery of the Peaks Leadership Event

A thought provoking symposium

*For Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Christian Educators,
Ruling Elders, Deacons, and all Congregation Members*

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Jeff Binder, Assoc. Presbyter for Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:30 AM–4:00 PM

Second Presbyterian Church

214 Mountain Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

Come join others from throughout the Presbytery for a day of worship, fellowship, and sharing ideas for innovative growth.

Workshops, presented in 4 sessions, include: Embracing Change, *Glory to God* (new hymnal), Outreach Today with an Eye on the Future, Young Adult and Campus Ministries, Small Church Residency Program, Youth Panel "Views from Future Leaders," Keeping a Long Term Pastorate Vital, A Model Mission Week, New Worshiping Communities, Social Media & the Faith Journey, and Neighborhood-wide Mission Opportunities for Children & Families.

Registration deadline is October 7. Cost is only \$10, which includes lunch. Register by visiting <http://www.peakspresbytery.org> and following the link or by calling the Presbytery office at 434-845-1754.

Quarterly Meeting of Presbytery of the Peaks

Thursday, October 22, 9:30 AM–5:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg

1215 Virginia Episcopal School Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24503

October Birthdays

1 Andrew Price, Shane Pinkston
 2 Myra Stegall
 5 Nancy Baker, John Abercrombie
 6 Jane Ford
 8 Suzan Kirby
 9 Cole Tatum
 10 Grey Ferguson
 11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
 12 John Brown
 14 Walt Seamon, Bennette Zentmeyer



15 Joe Smith
 16 Liz Knighton
 18 Betty Hendricks
 19 Mike Ware
 21 Mary Page
 23 Helen Hawkes, Nancy Brown
 24 Virginia Zentmeyer
 16 Jana Jennings, Melissa Jessup, Ralph Shank, Jr.
 28 Gwen Sowdon
 29 Walt Anderson

Session Actions

New Weekday School Teacher No Hunting on Church Property

At the stated August 24 meeting, the Session approved the hiring of Tessa Bunting as a Weekday School teacher for 2-year-olds and passed a motion to prohibit any kind of hunting on church property, in response to a recent request.

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

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2015 SESSION

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Clerk: Joan Montgomery

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Fellowship: Pearl Minter

Stewardship: Janet Fentress

2015 TRUSTEES

Moderator: Dru Rothrock, Members: David Garland, Billy Kirby, Ed Linker, Bill Manning, Kent Williams