

May 8, 2016



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Call to Action



## Pentecost Offering

### *Investing in our greatest resource*

Our congregation will receive the Pentecost Offering on two Sundays, May 8 and 15. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Our congregation will keep 40% of the Pentecost offering for youth programs. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

Young Adult Volunteers

Ministries for Youth

Children-at-Risk

For more information, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost>

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Printed copies are available at church in the rack across from the office.

## What's Happening This Week

### Thursday, May 5

#### National Day of Prayer

**9:00 AM–6:00 PM**, drop-in prayer at New College Institute, 191 Fayette St.

**12:00 Noon**, Prayer walks at Jack Dalton Park & Historic Henry Co. Courthouse

**6:00 PM**, Prayer Service at New College Institute

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel. New singers and musicians always welcome!

### Sunday 8

#### Mother's Day

**Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM**, Chapel

**Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School, 9:45 AM**, Children 4 yrs–2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult Bible study, Session Room

**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

**G.P.S. Children will ring and sing at this service**

Usher group #2: Ralph Shank, Jr. (Captain), Bob Davis, Bob Clark, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Grayson Russell

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary.*



## Monday 9

**G.P.S., 3:00 PM**, Youth Music Room, music and Bible study for children from kindergarten through middle school

**Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

**Committee meetings, 7:00 PM**. Please join a committee and help with our congregation's work for the Lord.

## Wednesday 11

**Steeple Views Deadline, 10:00 AM**. Please email information to Gael Chaney, [steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org](mailto:steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

**Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM**, Handbell Room

**Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM**, Choir Room

## Thursday 12

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel. New singers and musicians always welcome!

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm>.

**The Service for the Lord's Day, May 8**

***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Scripture Lessons

**John 17:20-26; Psalm 97**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"A Mother's Care and A Mother's Pride"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-21**

***Don't Forget***

**Church Family Retreat**

**Massanetta Springs Conference Center, June 2-5**

See our website or the brochures at church for all the details:

<http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/news.cfm?ID=543>

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## Looking Ahead

### Vacation Bible School June 27–July 1, 9 AM–12 Noon

It's time to sign up for another exciting VBS! Registration forms will be in the church pews. Volunteers are needed, especially a games leader. To see a video about Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILqUxzM0Y1M> A Kick-off Barbecue will be held Sunday, June 26, 5:00–7:00 PM, with supper, music, and a preview. Our whole church family is welcome, not just VBS participants.



### Camp Peaks is coming to Martinsville July 25-29!

First Presbyterian is sponsoring this exciting program in partnership with Presbytery of the Peaks. Day Camp will run from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, Monday through Friday. Campers do not need to be members of the congregation—Camp Peaks is open to everyone! All children entering **Kindergarten-5th grade** can enjoy this taste of camp. This year we will also be offering a **Pre-Counselor-in-Training program for 13-15 year olds.**

The Day Camp program includes Bible stories, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature study, a cook-out, field trips, fellowship, and making new friends! Day camp will meet on the 25th at First Presbyterian Church. Following registration we will head out to Bill and Sandy Martin's Farm in Axton. They have been generous enough to share their farm with us the last few years and everyone loved it!

Camp Peaks Director is Joann McElmurray, and counselors trained to run the camp will come from the Presbytery Camps Workgroup. We will need volunteers from the congregation to help each day.

The **cost for each child will be only \$35.** The actual cost for the week is \$70, but as a ministry to the community, the Presbytery is picking up half of that. This covers the whole week and includes drinks, a morning snack, and S'mores every afternoon. Campers bring their own sack lunches. Brochures are available in the church office. Please stay tuned for updates regarding activities and schedule. Checks should be made payable to Presbytery of the Peaks, and amounts above \$35 are welcome donations. For more information, call JoAnne Sanders, 276-340-6913.

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**Gifts to the Church**  
**In memory of Ron Fentress**  
Lang Mauck

**In memory of Augustus Horace Deudney, Heidi Pinkston's Father**  
Reed S. Moore

**In honor of the Cooks Who Care**  
Bob and Frances Bledsoe

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

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**Useful Links**

FPC website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/>

FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

Presbytery of the Peaks: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

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