

February 12, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Valentine Cookies for College Students

We need all flavors of bar-type cookies this **Sunday, February 12**, at church to pack for college students. Presbyterian Women will be filling boxes immediately after the 11 o'clock service in the serving hall outside the Fellowship Hall. We can also use small Valentine candies such as hearts and Hershey kisses to fill in the gaps.



Parents, if you have not already done so, please give your student's mailing address to Rita by **4:00 PM, Friday, February 10**.

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, February 9

Praise Band, 5:45 PM, Chapel

Sunday 12

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, rehearse prelude

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

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #6: *Monty Montgomery, Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Liturgist: Pearl Minter

Valentine Cookie Project, 12:15 PM (immediately after service), Serving Hall

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship for age 4 through 2nd grade is provided during the Traditional Worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.



The Service for the Lord's Day, February 12, 2017
6th Sunday after Epiphany (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Choose a Life in the Spirit"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:21-37

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=18>

Monday 13

G.P.S. 3:00–5:00 PM, Music & Bible for children K-8

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, prepared by the Worship Committee

Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM

Tuesday 14

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday 15

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers always welcome!

Thursday 16

Praise Band, 5:45 PM, Chapel

Saturday 18

Free Community Breakfast, Volunteers needed beginning at **7:00 AM**, serving **8:00–9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Facilities Work Session, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects to spruce up our building. Lunch provided.

Presbytery of the Peaks Stated Meeting, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, FPC, Lynchburg, 1215 VES Road, Lynchburg

Sunday 19

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 Adult class, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #*Neil Tatum, Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Joan Montgomery

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

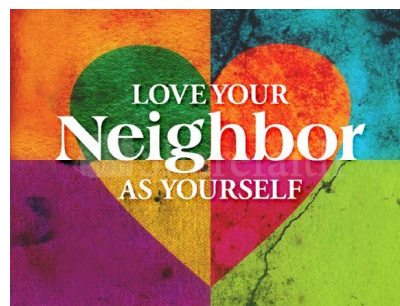
Pastor's Corner

You're a riot, I love you!

But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies, Do good to those who hate you. Pray for those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn the other cheek. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give what you have to anyone who asks for it. And when things are taken away from you, don't try to get back. Do for others as your would like them to do for you....You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate! Luke 6:27-31, 36

Los Angeles, California: swimming pools, movie stars—this is a city known for its glitz and glamour! But it's also known for other things like gang wars, racial tensions, and riots. How did a city known throughout the world as the place where so many famous celebrities choose to live their lives turn out to be a breeding ground for so much violence? Many of you probably remember the Rodney King police brutality trial and O. J. Simpson on trial for the murders of his wife and a friend. Riots broke out related to these events, but who threw the first rock or fire bomb is unclear. One thing is clear, however, when the first bottle was thrown, came another, then another, and another. When one car was turned over, others were to follow. And when one window was smashed, came another, and another—you get the picture!

Riots have the ability to sway groups of people and cause them to do things they wouldn't normally do simply because it's easy to get caught up in the crowd. Perhaps we should consider starting a different type of riot, the type that Jesus started. Jesus started a "riot of reckless love." We are still affected today by how Jesus spoke to the woman at the well or the way he ate in the home of a tax collector. Or what about the way Jesus stepped in and prevented an adulterous woman from being stoned? Jesus loved people whom society may have portrayed as unloveable, maybe the same way we portray ourselves as unlovable before God sometimes. Today, over 2000 years later, we are still swayed by how Jesus loved people.



So now Jesus is calling each of us to start our day being caught up in a kind of "holy riot" by practicing simple acts of love and kindness to those around us.

Who knows where or with whom it will start, but one act of love can lead to another, and another, and another—well, you get the picture!

Bathed in the Love of Christ,
Pastor Mark

For everyone

Come for Supper Feb. 13

The Worship Committee will host the congregational supper on **Monday, February 13, at 6:00 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. Two kinds of soup are on the menu: Sicilian Sausage and Chicken, plus fresh bread and fruit. Most of the church committees will be meeting after supper in different rooms around the church, although the Communications Committee will meet while they eat so they can be done before 7:00. Come for supper and help a committee carry out the church's work. Even if you can't stay for a committee meeting, you are still welcome to eat with us.



Call to Action

February 18 is a busy day!

Saturday, February 18, will give two opportunities to live in service to Christ. The first, our monthly Free Community Breakfast, is an outreach to those beyond our walls. The second, the Facilities Committee Work Session, literally involves taking care of our walls. Come for both and you'll get two delicious meals, breakfast and lunch, in exchange for helping.

Free Community Breakfast

7:00 AM Begin cooking and set-up

8:00–9:30 AM Serving breakfast, followed by clean-up

Facilities Work Session

9:30 AM–12:00 Noon, projects to spruce up our church building and grounds

12:00 Noon, lunch for participants

There is also a quarterly Presbytery of the Peaks meeting in Lynchburg on February 18. Visitors are welcome. Information is available on the presbytery website: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

Looking Ahead

Cottage Place Outreach Feb. 20

The Mission Committee will host residents and caregivers of Cottage Place group home for dinner and fun activities. Paul Cannaday is now moderator of the Mission Committee: pcannaday@comcast.net, (276)252-8191.



Read Peaks Postings

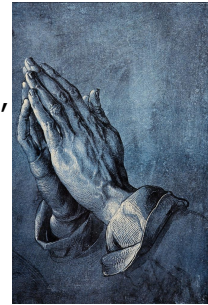
Peaks Postings is the weekly e-newsletter of Presbytery of the Peaks. It is available on the Presbytery website as a pdf:

<http://www.peakspresbytery.org/index.php/resources-presbyterian-churches-congregations-worship-virginia/peaks-postings>

You can also sign up for an emailed link each week when it is posted. This is a good way to keep up with what's going on in our presbytery.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (Marge Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Marie-Bernice Downey, Steve Earl (Presbytery Office), Jim Ford, Daniel Handy, Clara Hartley, Ann King, Rita and Leonard Lawson, Rachael Chaney McDaniels, Ed Pace, Ami Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Dr. Dan Prince, Louise Mauck Rawls, Rusty Reaser, Barbara Regen, Lilian Turman, Martha and Joe Valentine, Sarah V. Wells, and all our troops throughout the world.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Clyde Hill

Langhorne Mauck

In Memory of Marty Davis and Lee Eden

Folding Tray Tables for the Parlor purchased by Circle 2

For Veterans or Spouses

Small Business Workshop

Pastor Mark passed along information from SCORE, a small business mentoring program, about a workshop on starting your own business expressly for veterans and/or spouses of veterans. It will be held on **February 28, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM**, at the West Piedmont Business Development Center, 22 E Church St, Martinsville. For more information, call John Motley at (276) 708-7389 or Justin Hitt at (276) 226-9119.

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Neighbors, Nurture Each Other***

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<http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/>

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

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

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

Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/>

Revised Common Lectionary: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

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