

February 26, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Saturday

Green Ridge Pool Family Outing Feb. 25

Make a splash and have some fun at the Green Ridge Recreation Center in Roanoke on Saturday, February 25. We **leave from the church at 9:00 AM**. Bring your bathing suit and enough money for admission (\$12 for ages 18-54, all others \$10) and lunch/snacks. Call or email Rita in the church office if you're coming:



(276) 632-3431, office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch March 1

12:00 Noon

Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, Feb. 23

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00–6:00 PM, 1081 Spruce St. (Druid Hills Centre). Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the canteen after they finish donating blood. If you can help, please contact Nancy Baker: (276) 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net.

Praise Band, 5:45 PM, Chapel

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Saturday 25

Family trip to indoor pool at Green Ridge Recreation Center. You will need money for admission (\$12 for ages 18-54, all others \$10) and for lunch/snacks. We will leave from FPC at **9:00 AM**. Don't forget your bathing suit!

Sunday 26

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

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

Scout Sunday will be observed with our Cub Pack 61

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #Group 2: *Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Clark, Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: JoAnne Sanders



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 26, 2017 Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture Lessons

2 Peter 1:16-21; Exodus 24:12-18

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Straight From God's Mouth"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; Matthew 17:1-9

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=22>

Monday 27

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

Session meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Tuesday 28

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

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch, 12 Noon

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room. **New ringers needed!**

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



Thursday 2

Praise Band, 5:45 PM, Chapel

Sunday 5

Communion Sunday, both services

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 #3: *Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Buck Flythe, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Lynn Pritchett

Communion prep/cleanup: Chaney

Communion servers: *Nancy Moore, +Joan Montgomery, Henry Moore, Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Janet Fentress, Darla Main-Schneider

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

For Lent

Ecumenical Lunch Services

All begin at **12:00 Noon** and will include a short devotional message and lunch of soups and bread. Please note that all will be on **Tuesday** after the first, which is Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday, March 1

First Presbyterian Church, 1901 Patrick Henry Avenue

Tuesday, March 7

Calvary Christian Church, 515 Mulberry Road

Tuesday, March 14

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane

Tuesday, March 21

Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street

Tuesday, March 28

Christ's Episcopal Church, 311 East Church Street

Tuesday, April 4

Grace Presbyterian Church, 218 Fayette Street

For Lent

Devotionals for Everyone

Lenten devotional booklets will be distributed after both services on Sunday, Feb. 26. If you would like one and will not be at church, please contact Monica

Stevens at 632-8075, mlkstev@hotmail.com or contact the church office.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

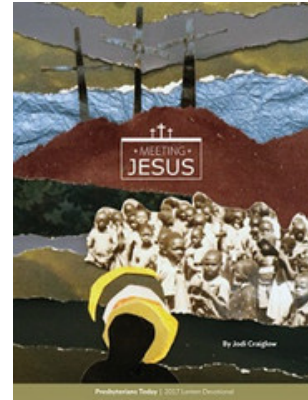
Just as each year travels through a cycle of seasons with a variety of moods, activities, and opportunities, so does the church year. We will soon enter the season of Lent which starts on Ash Wednesday (March 1, this year) and leads up to the celebration of Easter or Resurrection of the Lord Sunday (April 16).

Historically, Lent has been a time of simple living, prayer, repentance, and fasting to grow closer to God. It lasts for forty days (not including Sundays) commemorating the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism getting ready for his public ministry. In modern times, fasting has become giving up something enjoyable—a favorite food, favorite activity—or giving up something that will lead to being a better person—a bad habit, negative behaviors.

As part of your Lenten observance you may wish to "fast" from certain things to help you focus on becoming more Christlike, however, we are asking that our church family take on the discipline of a common devotional study during Lent using the same booklet. As you read the short scripture lessons and devotional messages, you will hear from 47 different people who relate Jesus' story from their own experience with him.

It is our prayer that as we participate in *Meeting Jesus* in our homes, we will grow together as a community of faith deeply committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus so that others may meet Jesus through us.

—The Session



A Tribute to John Brown

Editor's Note: Our dear friend John Brown entered the Church Triumphant on February 14. Arrangements are still incomplete at this time.

I first met John when I joined the Praise Band for the contemporary service to the church. I was impressed with his skill as a percussionist. I could tell he really enjoyed playing and appreciated the opportunity to share his talent. When people asked him why he chose to become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville, he would say that it was more like the church he attended in New York City where he grew up. He regularly attended the adult Sunday School class and would stay for the 11 o'clock service every week. He was the liturgist one Sunday.



Another passion he had was being a member of the Veterans Honor Guard. He

was in the army at one time. He loved putting on the Honor Guard uniform and participating in the ceremonies honoring former military people at their funerals. He had not been able to participate for the last few years because of his health problems.

The praise band members grieved with John when he lost his mother a couple of years ago. He inherited a very special cross that had been his mother's. John donated the cross to the chapel service where it has been on the communion table ever since.

John was an "expert" when it came to kidney dialysis. He was on dialysis three to four hours a day two times a week for over 12 years. He did not feel very well the rest of the day after his treatment, but when we had to move rehearsal to one of those days, he still managed to come. He told me that he would instruct other dialysis patients about how to handle bad weather or power outage if it prevented them from having a treatment. He enjoyed being the "teacher" for new patients.

I have been impressed with how welcoming our church members had been to him. He was of a different race and social-economic class than the rest of us, but everyone seemed to enjoy having him be a part of our church community. I think he felt as if we were his family.

—Virginia King

Calling All Ringers

Two Opportunities

Sanctuary Ringers is in need of one or two more ringers as a result of recent injury to one ringer and another moving away last summer. Please contact Cynthia Dobrinski if you can help. Rehearsals are at 5:45 PM on Wednesdays.

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble

If you ring handbells or have ever rung handbells, The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble invites you to be a part of their Spring Concert:

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM at Broad Street Christian Church

MHE needs 40 additional ringers to create "SURROUND SOUND" on the song "The Lion King." Approximately 40 ringers are needed to surround the audience to ring a chord progression (F, Bb, C) several times throughout the concert piece. It is easy music and easily memorized. Ringers can opt to ring either one or two bells. You bring handbells from your own church.

Rehearsals

Sunday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. at BSCC

Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. at BSCC

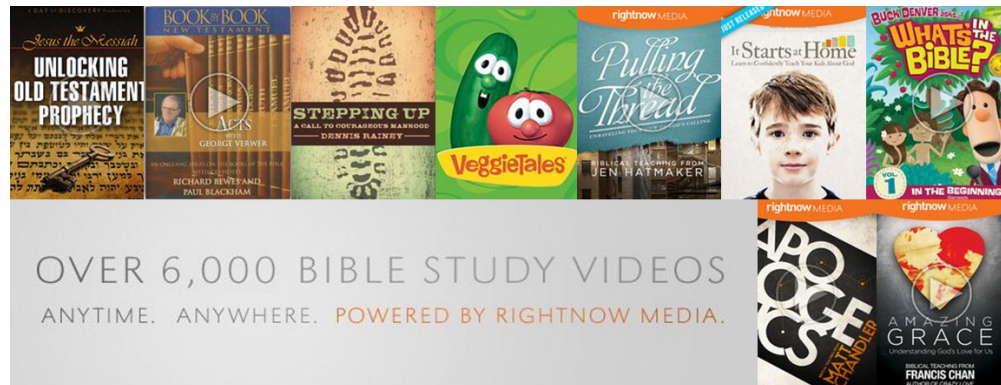
If you or any of your friends can participate, please call Robert Chapman at (276)340-4370 or email bsccmusicinfo@gmail.com. *It's bound to be great fun!*

New Resources Available

RightNow Media

Dear Church family,

We're excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Christian Netflix" and has a huge library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.



As a church staff, we're always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

If you would like access to our church's subscription, contact Rita by calling the office at (276) 632-3431 or emailing ritaofficefpc@gmail.com and give her your email address; you will receive an official invitation via email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. Once you receive the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 15,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

—Pastor Mark

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, John Brown Family, Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Gael Chaney, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. 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, 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

William C. Garrett, Jr.

Smith & Gael Chaney

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Neighbors, Nurture Each Other*

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

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

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