

March 26, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

This Sunday, March 26

Relive Radio Days with Jo Dykes

Our own Jo Dykes is a master storyteller. This **Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 PM**, at the Heritage Center & Museum (old Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main St.), she will relive the days when radio was the medium of the latest news and tell about how vital it was for Americans trying to keep up with World War II. The center is now handicap accessible.



Pre-Easter Service

Everyone is invited to the Martinsville/Henry County Ministerial Association Community Pre-Easter Service, **Sunday, March 26, at 4:00 PM**, at Greater Love Ministries, 906 E. Church St. The service will feature Dr. Joseph Bryant.

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, March 23

No Bloodmobile this week

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel, *Please note change of time.*

Saturday 25

Leave church for Winter Jam, 3:00 PM. Bus is pulling out at 3:00 to arrive at the Greensboro Coliseum by 4:30 for this Christian music concert. Tickets \$10 at the door. For all ages! No sign-up necessary—just show up on time if you want to go.

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

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary Usher group #6: *Monty Montgomery, Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock
Liturgist: Brianna Tatum

Storytelling by Jo Dykes, 3:00 PM, Heritage Center & Museum (old H. C. Courthouse, 1 E. Main St.), the role of radio in WWII

Community Pre-Easter Service, 4:00 PM, Greater Love Ministries, 906 E. Church St. Everyone invited!

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, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lessons

1 Samuel 16:7-13; Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"I Was Blind But Now I See"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; John 9:1-41

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=27>

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

Lenten Lunch & Devotion, 12:00 Noon, Christ Episcopal Church, 311 E. Church St.

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

Wednesday 29

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room. Anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet is welcome to attend.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

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



Thursday 30

Praise Band, Time TBD, Chapel

Sunday, April 2

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 #1: Neil Tatum, Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Nancy Baker

Communion Servers: Team 2: Cindy Edgerton, Harold Lamm, Jean Williams, Lynn Pritchett, Heidi Pinkston, Shane Pinkston, Cathy Stone

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

Call to Action

New Food Items for Grace Network

For the quarter April through June, 2017, Grace Network is asking our congregation to supply **canned meats and 4-pound bags of sugar**. There are also optional hygiene items that are always needed, including 4-roll packs of toilet paper and deodorant.



From Grace Network Executive Director Tracy Hinchcliff:



Grace Network has been blessed to have First Presbyterian Church as a food partner since its inception in 2006. There are currently 72 church food partners of Grace Network and every three months (quarterly), food assignments are rotated among the churches to give a financial variety to the churches. Some items are more expensive than other items, so it balances out if the items are rotated. Furthermore, the last two years, Grace was the recipient of the Christmas Food boxes from Food Lion which contains spaghetti and sauce. With that donation, Grace had an abundance of those items. So, moving forward, Grace is asking FPC to join the other churches in the rotation so your efforts can better be utilized to help Grace have a well-balanced pantry. Grace Network serves approximately 275 families each month and because the mission of Grace is to help people get through a crisis, each family that qualifies for food gets 2½ weeks of groceries. To make sure that we not only have enough food, but the right assortment, it's important that each church is committed to their assigned item. Without your

effort, generosity and commitment, Grace could not do what we do to help those in our community. On behalf of the Grace Network board, staff and clients, we thank you for your donations.

Call to Action

Help Needed with Funeral Receptions

Volunteers are needed to help with the receptions sometimes held after memorial or funeral services at our church. If you are willing to serve, or continue to serve, please let us know where you can provide help. We need help in the following areas: Flowers, Set-Up (tables and chairs), Clean Up (tables, dishes), Punch and Food



(sandwiches/ham biscuits, nuts, cheese straws, cookies, brownies, veggie/fruit trays). Please contact Nancy Davis at davistwo@comcast.net or (276) 634-1403. Youth are encouraged and welcomed to participate in these events.

Memorial or Honorary

Time to Order Easter Lilies

If you would like to help adorn our Sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 16, please call the church office (632-3431) or fill out the form in the church bulletin and put it in the offering plate. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. Make checks payable to FPC. **The deadline to order is Sunday, April 2.**



Ecumenical Lenten Lunch and Devotion

12:00 Noon on Tuesdays

Includes lunch of soups and bread.

Tuesday, March 28

Forward: Where God Leads Us—Discipleship
Christ's Episcopal Church, 311 East Church Street*

Tuesday, April 4

Onward: What God Will Do—Resurrection Hope
Grace Presbyterian Church, 218 Fayette Street*

*Martinsville, VA 24112

Looking Ahead

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday April 9

9:45 AM, Meet in front of the church to walk to Palm Sunday in the Park in Wilson Park. Ecumenical service begins at 10:00. There is handicap parking.

Maundy Thursday April 13

6:00 PM, Begin in the Fellowship Hall for a reenactment of the Passover seder that was Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples when he established our communion service. Move to the Sanctuary for a Good Friday/Tenebrae (darkness) service.

Resurrection/Easter Sunday April 16

6:30 AM, Easter Sunrise Service, Lake Lanier

No 8:30 service

9:30 AM, Easter breakfast followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children during the Sunday School hour

11:00 AM, Worship Service in celebration of Christ's Resurrection for the whole church family together

Presbytery News

Camp Peaks Summer Counselors Needed

WE'RE HIRING!

Are you (or someone you know) a college-age (age 19+) individual who has a passion for Christ, the outdoors, and young people? Are you looking for a summer job where you get to spend the day outside, visiting wonderful places, and playing games? This may be the job for you! Camp Peaks is now hiring 3 counselors for this summer's camp season. Join a terrific staff that will be sharing God's love with over 200 children this summer! We pay better than most summer camps, with food and lodging covered. Applications will be accepted until all 3 positions are filled. If interested, visit the Camp Peaks website (www.peakspresbytery.org), or contact Rev. Jeff Binder at any time: rev.binder@gmail.com, 434-845-1754.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Deborah Brooks (Marshall family), Dot Bryson, Kelly Bryson, H.C. "Bud" Buffkin, Kimberly Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Marie-Bernice Downey, Jim Ford, Daniel Handy, Clara Hartley, Marvin Hudson (Betty's husband), Ann King, Rita and Leonard Lawson,



Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Dr. Dan Prince, Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Doris Rogers (D. Bryson), 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).

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

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<http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter>

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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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