

April 9, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Palm Sunday in the Park

Holy Week is upon us, and what a joyful way to begin when we join many Christians from other churches in Wilson Park on **Palm Sunday, April 9**, to celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Meet at **9:45 AM** in front of our church to get palms and walk to the park for the ecumenical service which begins at 10:00.



Congregational Supper Monday



Teri Ferguson and the Fellowship Committee are hosting this month's congregational supper on **Monday, April 10, at 6:00 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy good food and fellowship. The menu is chicken enchilada casserole, salad, bread and dessert. Committees will meet at **7:00 PM** and always appreciate new committee members.

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, April 6

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday in the Park, 9:45 AM, Meet in front of the church to get palms and walk to Wilson Park. Handicap parking is available in the park.

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Gael Chaney

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, April 9, 2017

Palm/Passion Sunday (Sixth in Lent)

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Celebrated In and Ushered Out"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Psalm 31:9-16

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Full text of lectionary readings

(Palms) <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=29>

(Passion) <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=30>

Monday of Holy Week, April 10

[Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11](#)

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

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM

Tuesday of Holy Week 11

[Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36](#)

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

Wednesday of Holy Week 12

[Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3 ; John 13:21-32](#)

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

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

Maundy Thursday 13

[Exodus 12:1-4, \(5-10\), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

Last Supper Passover Seder with Communion, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, followed by **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**, Sanctuary

Good Friday 14

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42](#)

Christ's Seven Last Words, 7:00 PM, Agape Bible Christian Fellowship, 240 E. Market St., Martinsville. Pastor Mark will participate with six other pastors. **Dinner, 5:30 PM**, will be served before the service. Call our church office (632-3431) if you would like to attend the meal.

Holy Saturday 15

[Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42](#)

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.

Resurrection Sunday/Easter 16

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM, Lake Lanier, Root Trail, Martinsville

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM, for children

Worship with Communion, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Peter Marshall

Communion servers: *Teri Ferguson, +Nancy Baker, Dru Rothrock, David Garland, Manly Boyd, Judy Ware, Bill Kirby, Smith Chaney

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

Special Services for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 13



Last Supper Passover Seder re-enactment with the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service immediately following in the Sanctuary

Let this solemn observance prepare your hearts for the mystery of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for our sins.

Good Friday, April 14

Dinner, 5:30 PM, Agape Christian Bible Fellowship, 240 E. Market St., Martinsville. Everyone is invited; call our church office (632-3431) if you would like to attend the meal so we can give them an estimated number.

Christ's Seven Last Words, 7:00 PM, Agape Christian Bible Fellowship. Pastor Mark is participating in the service along with six other pastors who will give meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the cross. Special music will be provided by The Millner Sisters singers of Morning Star Holy Church.



Call to Action

Free Community Breakfast & Facilities Work Session

Saturday, April 15

What better way to observe Holy Week than by giving service. Our monthly Free Community Breakfast will be served from **8:00 until 9:30 AM**. Volunteers are needed beginning at **7:00** to set up and cook. Other jobs are serving and cleaning up. You are welcome just to come eat and greet our neighbors. Contact breakfast leader Jean Williams, 632-3995, jeanwms@gmail.com.



After breakfast, the Facilities Committee invites anyone who is able to help with various jobs that need to be done around the church to get everything in good shape for Easter Sunday. Work begins at **9:30 AM** and continues until **12:00 Noon**, when lunch will be provided for workers. Contact Denny Casey, 632-8306, d.a.casey@comcast.net.



Grace Network Food Needs

12-15 oz. canned Spaghetti-o's WITH MEATBALLS, ravioli with MEAT, Brunswick stew
5 oz. canned meats such as chicken, tuna, salmon
They have plenty of sugar right now.

Easter Offering

"Is this not the fast I choose?"

To be collected on Sundays, April 9 and 16



The Christian season of Lent is historically marked with fasting, a traditional practice of giving up food and devoting yourself to prayer. But this isn't the only type of fasting

the Bible talks about. Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to "loose the bonds of injustice," to "let the oppressed go free," to "share bread with the hungry" and to "invite the

homeless poor into our homes." We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing funds the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. Look for the envelopes in the pew racks.

Looking Ahead

Massanetta Retreat June 1-4

Mark your calendars for our annual Family Retreat and Mission Weekend at Massanetta Springs conference center near Harrisonburg, June 1-4. Come and enjoy a weekend of mission, devotion, and relaxation. Brochures will be available soon.



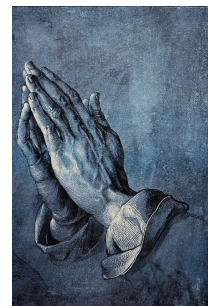
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Manly and Kim Boyd, Annie B. and Basil, on the death of Manly's mother, Betty Boyd, on March 30 in Charlotte, NC.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lynn and Ashby Pritchett and family on the death of Lynn's brother-in-law (sister Angela's husband) Bill Bourland on April 1 in Martinsville.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Walt and Virginia Seamon on the death of Walt's brother-in-law Wade Brooks of Graham, NC, on April 4.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Sue Benfield, Deborah Brooks (Marshall family), H.C. "Bud" Buffkin, Dot Bryson, Kelly Bryson, 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, Margaret Knight, Christy Kropp, Rita and Leonard Lawson, Waymon Lockett, Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Dewey Milton, Jr. (Laura Stevens' future father in-law), 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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