

September 24, 2017



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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A graphic for World Communion Sunday. On the left is a golden chalice with a cross inside, set against a warm, glowing background. On the right is text in various fonts and colors.

**World Communion Sunday**  
*at New College Institute*  
*To celebrate community and hope*  
*Rev. Sharon Risher, speaker*

**October 1, 2017**  
**11am**

*Please join us for this very special service!*

There will be no services at the church on Oct 1.  
NCI 191 Fayette St. Martinsville VA.

## World Communion Sunday Service

**October 1, 11:00 AM**

**NCI's Building on Baldwin**

Come join us! We will be gathering with several other churches of varying denominations and cultural backgrounds for a unifying service at the Lord's Table to celebrate World Communion Sunday. An ecumenical communion service will be held in the banquet hall at NCI's Building on Baldwin, 191 Fayette St. (parking entrance on Moss St.). The special guest preacher will be Rev. Sharon Risher, a friend of Pastor Mark's at Austin Seminary. Rev. Risher was personally affected by the Charleston, SC, shooting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015. Her mother—the church's sexton—Ethel Lee Lance, was killed along with eight others, including two cousins and a childhood friend. Rev. Risher has a powerful witness of relying on her faith to get her through that horrific tragedy and how gathering at the Lord's Table can be the unifying element in the turbulent times of today. Please plan to attend this special service to act truly as the body of Christ in the future of our world.

**There will be no services or other activities at the FPC building on October 1 so that all may participate in this community event.**

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## What's Happening This Week

### Thursday September 21

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel



### Sunday 24

**Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering**, for hunger projects in our Presbytery and beyond

**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 class, Session Room

**Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM**, Choir Room, warm-up before service

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

*Ushers:* \*Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Clark, Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore  
*Liturgist:* Kellene Wotring

**Chamber Music Concert, 3:00 PM**, PHCC Walker Auditorium. Deborah Burgess, Lynn Pritchett, and Virginia King are performing along with others.

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the 11:00 service after the Time with Young Disciples.*

### **The Service for the Lord's Day, September 24, 2017 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)**

Scripture Lessons

**Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16**

Sermon by Monica Stevens

**"Silencing the Static"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8**

**Philippians 1:21-30**

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=160>

### Monday 25

**GPS, 3:00–5:00 PM**, music and Christian education for children K-8th grade

**Flag Retirement Ceremony, 6:30 PM**, held by Cub Scout Pack 61. Anyone may bring an old flag to retire or leave it at the church office ahead of time.

**Session Meeting, 7:00 PM**, Session Room

### Tuesday 26

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM**. Please email information to Gael Chaney, [steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

## Wednesday 27

**DEADLINE to sign up for Trent Youth Rally** on Oct. 1, please call the church office (276) 632-3431.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM**, Session Room

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

**Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM**, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!

## Thursday 28

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM**, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. 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](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net).

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

## Sunday, October 1

### World Communion Sunday

**NO services** or other activities at FPC building

**World Communion Sunday Service, 11:00 AM**, NCI's Building on Baldwin, 191 Fayette St. (parking entrance on Moss St.), with other local churches



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

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## Special October Events

### Congregational Meeting

**Sunday October 8, 12:05 PM**

Immediately following the 11:00 service, we will vote for elders and trustees for the Class of 2020, plus an elder to fill an unexpired term. Nominees for elder are Denny Casey (2nd term), Ron Rebman, and Kym Tatum. Sharon Kirby will be presented to fill the vacated term of Jeri DeVault. Nominees for trustee are Milt Davis and Duke Ferrell.

### Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

**4:00 PM**, Games on the Lawn

**5:00 PM**, Covered dish dinner, Fellowship Hall

**6:00 PM**, Talent Show, Fellowship Hall

If you would like to participate in the talent show, see Rita in the church office for the form to fill out. Each act will be limited to no more than 5 minutes in length.



## **Cottage Place Outreach**

**Monday, Oct. 16, 5:00–7:00 PM**

The Mission Committee hosts the residents and caregivers of Cottage Place group home in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and fun activities. Volunteers are needed and most appreciated; if you can help, please contact Paul Cannaday, 252-8191, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net).

## **Laity Sunday**

**October 22, 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

Members of the congregation will lead the different parts of each service, and Denny Casey will preach the sermon.

## **Trunk or Treat**

**October 29, 3:00–5:00 PM**

Church parking lot. Volunteers are needed to decorate their vehicles, dress up in costume, and hand out treats to children. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Leanna Blevins, (276) 224-3143, [blevinsleanna@yahoo.com](mailto:blevinsleanna@yahoo.com).

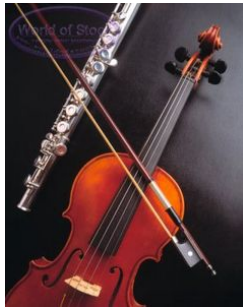


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## **Chamber Music at PHCC**

### **"Mostly Mozart"**

**Sunday, September 24, 3:00 PM**



PHCC Chamber Series presents "Mostly Mozart," September 24, 3:00 PM, in Walker Auditorium on the PHCC Martinsville campus. The program includes "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," selections from horn and violin concerti, flute and string duets, "Fantasia" in d minor, "G Piano Sonata," "Twinkle Variations," an aria from Don Giovanni and the "Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate. Performers include fellow church members Lynn Pritchett and Virginia King, along with Deborah Burgess, our Contemporary Music Director, who organizes these concerts. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Mozart. Admission: Adults \$10, students \$5.

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## **Cub Scouts**

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony**

**Monday, Sept. 25, 6:30 PM**

Our own Cub Scout Pack 61 will hold an American Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, September 25, at 6:30 PM, at the church. If you have any old, torn, or tattered flags you would like to have retired, leave them in the church office or contact Beth Lawson, (276) 358-1029. Anyone is welcome to join us for this event.





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**For PoP Youth**

**Trent Youth Rally**  
**Sunday, October 1, 5:00 PM**

"Belonging to Each Other" is the theme for this year's Presbytery of the Peaks Trent Youth Rally. Held at **Second Presbyterian in Roanoke**, it should be a fun and inspiring time with other young people from around our region. To sign up, please call the church office before this **Wednesday, Sept. 27**. For more information, click here: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/youth/2017%20Trent%20Youth%20Rally.pdf>

**Middle School Retreat**

**Fri., Oct. 27, 7:00 PM–Sat., Oct. 28, 4:00 PM**

**Camp Bethel** near Fincastle will welcome middle schoolers from around the presbytery for our annual Fall Retreat. Rev. Peter Thompson is the leader, a young dynamic pastor currently serving First Lynchburg. The retreat is hosted by PoPYoCo (Presbytery Youth council) and gives an opportunity to meet other young Presbyterians from our area, fostering a deeper understanding of how we are all connected in the broader Church. It includes keynotes, music, recreation, and small groups led by our ministry-minded high school Youth Council. Kylene Wotring of our church is on the Youth Council. Deadline to register is **Friday, Oct. 6**; registration packets are in the church office. See PoP website for more information: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/index.php/youth-ministries-young-adults/2013-fall-middle-school-retreat>

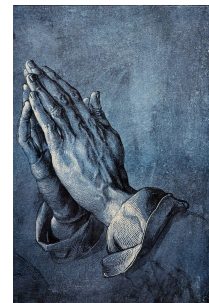


**Our deepest sympathy** is extended to Chuck Marshall, Peter Marshall, and Gael and Smith Chaney on the death of Robert F. Decker on September 11 in Gloucester, Va. He was Chuck's brother-in-law (Doris's brother) and Peter and Gael's uncle.

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**Prayer Concerns**

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Jack Beane (M. Stevens), Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Chad Bryson, Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Charles Byrd (B. Lawson), Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley (D. Bryson's sister), Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), Jim Ford, Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Maesie Keith (infant daughter of Mary Mac Knighton Keith), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Louise Mauck Rawls, Posey Riedel (A. Pinkard's sister), Barbara Regen, Darla Ritter, Betty and Gene Stanley, Sarah



V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org)).

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### ***Please remember***

to buy **peanut butter** for Grace Network and various **household and personal care** products for both the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House) and Grace Network when you do your regular shopping. Boxes for both are in the church hallways.

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### ***Our Mission***

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

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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

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FPC website: [www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

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Victoria Esarey: Congregational Care

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Nancy Moore: Communications

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank