

October 15, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

What is stewardship?

In the church, when someone talks about “stewardship,” they usually mean giving money toward the budget. But a look at the dictionary reveals something different: “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care” (Merriam-Webster). Wikipedia puts it this way: “Stewardship is *an ethic* that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources” (italics added).



Stewards (or “managers,” depending on the translation) are often mentioned in the Bible and featured in some of Jesus’ parables (e.g., Luke 12 and 16). Wealthy people depended on stewards to manage their large households or administer scattered agricultural lands faithfully. In the same way, God, the creator and true owner of the universe and everything in it, including ourselves, expects us to be faithful stewards of all that is in our charge. How does this affect the decisions we make in our daily lives?

Fall is Stewardship Season in our congregation, and the Pony Express bags should be going from house to house in each neighborhood. When you get one, please follow the instructions and pass it on the next person within 48 hours. We are “stewards of God’s grace” (1 Peter 4:10), and our response to this campaign will enable our church to carry out God’s work in our community for another year. And as we go through the coming year, let's strive to be good stewards of both our personal and our church's resources.



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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, October 12

Praise Band, 5:30 PM, Chapel (Note change of time for October)

Kiwanis Pancake Day, 6:30 AM–7:00 PM, Broad Street Parking Lot, Uptown Martinsville. Advance tickets \$5, available from Manly Boyd, Smith & Gael Chaney, David Garland, or Bill Stone; \$6 at the door. Proceeds benefit children and youth in the area.



Friday 13–Sunday 15

Lecture Series by Dr. Louis Weeks, President Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, author of *A Sustainable Presbyterian Future: What's Working and Why*, at Forest Hills P. C., 725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville.

Friday, 6:30 PM, Supper and Talk "He is going ahead of you to Galilee." Call 632-5411 for reservations.

Saturday, 9:30 AM, Symposium, "Resources and Practices in our New Ecosystem"

Sunday, 11:00 AM, Sermon "The Righteous Live by Faith"

Sunday 15

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: Dennis Casey, Rob King, Denise Unterbrink, Tom Unterbrink

Liturgist: Milt Davis

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, October 15, 2017 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 22:1-14; Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Worthy of the Invitation"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=163>

Monday, October 16

GPS, 3:00–5:00 PM, music and Christian education for children K-8th grade
Cottage Place Outreach Dinner, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed beginning at **5:00**; if you can help, please contact Paul Cannaday, 252-8191 or pcannaday@comcast.net.

Tuesday 17

Agape Ministry, 12:00 Noon, Session Room
Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org.

Wednesday 18

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room
Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!

Thursday 19

Praise Band, 5:30 PM, Chapel (Note change of time for October)

Saturday 21

Free Community Breakfast, 7:00 AM, volunteers begin preparing; **8:00–9:30 AM**, serving, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen



Sunday 22, Laity Sunday

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
Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, rehearsal for service
Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room
Laity Sunday Participants, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm up before service
Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

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

October 8

New Officers Elected

At the congregational meeting on October 8, the following officers were elected to serve our church:

Elders, Class of 2020: Denny Casey (2nd term), Ron Rebman, and Kym Tatum

Elder, Class of 2018: Sharon Kirby (term vacated by Jerri DeVault)
Trustees, Class of 2020: Milt Davis and Duke Ferrell
We thank them for their willingness to serve. They will be installed in January.

Call to Action

Free Community Breakfast **Saturday, October 21**



Our free community breakfast continues to grow. We would love to have your help next Saturday. Volunteers start cooking and setting up at **7:00 AM**. We serve from **8:00 until 9:30 AM**. Even if you can't volunteer, you are still welcome to come and eat breakfast with our neighbors. If 7 o'clock is too early, come later and help clean up. Contact Paul Cannaday, 252-8191 or pcannaday@comcast.net, for more information.

Grace Network



Now through October 30

Grace Network's **Pumpkin Patch** fundraiser is here at last! Although the pumpkins were delayed a bit, they arrived this past Tuesday, and the patch is now open. The hours are 11:00 AM–7:00 PM Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM on Saturdays, 1:30–5 PM on Sundays. Be sure to get your pumpkin from Grace Network!

Looking Ahead

Trunk or Treat **Sunday, October 29** **3:00–5:00 PM**

Calling all trunks! Let's have a full parking lot for Trunk or Treat. It's always a fun time for kids and adults alike, dressing up and handing out and receiving treats. To volunteer, contact Leanna Blevins, 224-3143 or blevinsleanna@yahoo.com, or use the sign-up sheet at church.



Wedding

Best Wishes to Hilary Frances Moore and Margot Simone Kaner, who celebrated their marriage on September 23 at Stoneleigh Estate in Stanleytown. Hilary is the daughter of Nancy and Henry Moore, granddaughter of Dee Moore Smith, and great-niece of Reed Stone Moore.

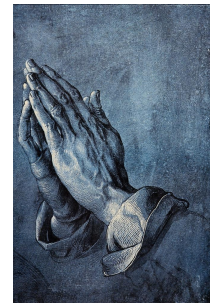


Disaster Assistance

It seems like the disasters keep piling up, one after the other. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, major earthquakes in Mexico, and this week horrendous wildfires in California. Presbytery of the Peaks is forwarding donations to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** received at their office at 1022 Floyd Street, Suite A, Lynchburg, VA 24501. Or you can donate online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>. The **Salvation Army** is also working with disaster victims and is an excellent steward of donations. The local address is PO Box 551, Martinsville, VA 24114, or visit the national website: <https://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/>. Of course, we can pray for the victims as well.

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, Jim Ford, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), Courtney Johnson (K. Kropp), Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Shirley Oliver (L. Blevins), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Barbara Regen, Posey Riedel (A. Pinkard's sister), 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).

Please remember

Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

Muffin mix is our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry. They also distribute **toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, feminine products, toilet paper, dish detergent, and laundry detergent** to food pantry clients.

All kinds of personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.



Our Mission

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

Printed copies of *Steeple Views* are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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Class of 2018

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Nancy Moore: Communications

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Class of 2019

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2017: Bob Davis, Joe DeVault

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2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank