

November 12, 2017



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Dedications

### Stewardship & Prayer Shawls

Sunday, November 12

The Pony Express bags are being rounded up, and our Stewardship campaign is coming to an end. Many thanks to everyone who participated! The results will be announced Sunday, and our gifts and pledges will be dedicated anew to God's work in our community for the coming year.



them in the church office before Sunday.

**Prayer Shawls** will also be dedicated this Sunday during the 11:00 AM service. If you have completed shawls or works in progress, please bring them to church that morning. If you can't be there, leave

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## What's Happening This Week

### Thursday, Nov. 9

**Weekday School Fall Celebration, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall.

The children will present a short program of songs for friends and family.

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



### Saturday, Nov. 11

**Memorial Service for James H. Ford, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary, followed by **Reception**, Fellowship Hall. Bring food for the reception to the Kitchen no later than **10:30 AM**.

### Sunday, Nov. 12, Stewardship Commitment Sunday

**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 (Room 134, upper level)  
**Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM**, Choir Room, warm-up before service  
**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

*Ushers:* Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Buck Flythe, Joan Montgomery

*Liturgist:* Jerri DeVault

**Prayer Shawl Dedication**, during the 11:00 AM service

**Raleigh Ringers Concert, 3:00 PM**, Jefferson Center, 541 Luck Ave., Roanoke. See <http://www.jeffcenter.org/raleigh-ringers-2017> for ticket information.



*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, November 12, 2017**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)**

Scripture Lessons

**Matthew 25:1-13 and Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"Prepared to Serve"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Psalm 78:1-7; Amos 5:18-24 and Psalm 70**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=168>

**Monday, Nov. 13**

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

**Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall

**Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**

**Steeple Views Deadline for double issue, 4:00 PM.** Please email information to Gael Chaney, [steeplevIEWS@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:steeplevIEWS@fpcmartinsvilleva.org). The next printed edition will cover two weeks.

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

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

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

## Thursday, Nov. 16

**Presbytery of the Peaks meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM**, for more information, visit <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

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

## Saturday, Nov. 18

**Free Community Breakfast, 7:00 AM**, volunteers begin preparing;

**8:00–9:30 AM**, serving, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

**Facilities Work Session, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon**. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects around the building and grounds. Lunch provided.

Contact Denny Casey (632-8306, [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)).

## Sunday, Nov. 19

**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 (Room 134, upper level)

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

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

*Ushers:* Monty Montgomery, Jerri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Lang Mauck, Bill Stone

*Liturgist:* Cindy Edgerton

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).



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Sandra Ford and family on the death of her husband Jim, who passed away on October 28 in Martinsville.

### ***In Memoriam***

## **James Henry Ford**

September 29, 1933–October 28, 2017

The memorial service for our dear friend Jim Ford, a lifetime member of First Presbyterian, will be **Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 AM, in our**

**Sanctuary**. The family will receive friends at a reception after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Burial will be private. The obituary may be read here:

[James Henry Ford \(Collins-McKee-Stone obituaries\)](#)

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## ***Attention Committees***

### **Steeple Views Double Issue**

The next printed edition of *Steeple Views* will be a double issue covering the weeks of Nov. 19 and 26. There will not be a printed edition mailed

Thanksgiving week, although there will be an email update. Please submit all information and articles by the end of the day **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, to [steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org), Gael Chaney, editor. Thank you!

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## **Congregational Supper** **Monday, Nov. 13, 6:00 PM**

The Administration Committee is hosting this month's congregational supper and committee night. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are on a committee. Lasagna and salad are on the menu, so come hungry!



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## **Call to Action**

### **Community Breakfast & Facilities Work** **Saturday, November 18**



Everyone is welcome to our monthly breakfast! 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 7:00 AM is too early for you, come later and help clean up. Contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net)) for more information.

After breakfast, the Facilities Committee is planning to work on projects to improve our church building and grounds until 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Contact Denny Casey ([d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net), 632-8306).

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### **Roll Call of the Saints**

On All Saints Sunday, November 5, the following members and extended family of our congregation were remembered during the services, along with the date they entered the Church Triumphant:

Clyde Fishuel Hill, Jr. - January 22, 2017

John Jay Brown - February 14, 2017

Edward L. Porter - March 10, 2017

Margaret Gravely Knight - May 3, 2017

Robert James McLachlan - July 11, 2017

James Henry Ford - October 28, 2017

Phyllis Anderson Blevins (Leanna Blevins' mother) - Nov. 9, 2016

Berlene Robinette Eckard (Teri Ferguson's mother) - Jan. 25, 2017

Betty Boyd (Manly Boyd's mother) - March 30, 2017  
Wade Brooks (Walt Seamon's brother-in-law) - April 4, 2017  
Irving M. Groves, Jr. (Smith Chaney's uncle) - Aug. 31, 2017  
Robert F. Decker (Gael Chaney & Peter Marshall's uncle) - Sept. 11, 2017  
Asa Vernon Swift, Jr. (Lizzie Moore's brother, Hank's brother-in-law, Grady V's  
uncle) - Oct. 17, 2017

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## ***Coming Soon***

### **Angel Tree**

Our church will sponsor several families for Christmas with our very own angel tree. Look for the trees in the Narthex and Chapel hallway.

### **Poinsettias**

Order forms to purchase poinsettias for the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas will be in the pews soon.

### **La Posada, Friday, Dec. 1, 5:30 PM**

Join folks from many local churches for a Mexican Christmas festival in Uptown Martinsville.

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## ***From Presbytery***

### **Peaks Postings**

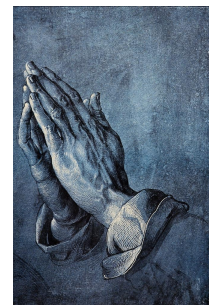
There are some very interesting articles in this week's Presbytery newsletter, including one young woman's experiences as an "adult church kid" visiting a different church each Sunday for a whole summer.

[http://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/Peaks\\_Postings/Peaks\\_11717.pdf](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/Peaks_Postings/Peaks_11717.pdf)

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## **Prayer Concerns**

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Family of Jim Ford, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Jack Beane (M. Stevens), Sonny Benfield, Frances Bledsoe, 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), 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, Mary Layton Truitt, 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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## Thank You

### Gifts to the Church

#### In memory of James H. Ford

Dr. Herbert & Anne Kiser  
Ronald & Pamela Foley  
Robert & Abby Rafoth  
David & Dorothy Lewis  
J.T. & Martha Crawley  
Electrical Design Consultants, Inc.  
Robert M. Davis

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## Please remember

### Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

**Muffin mix** is our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry. **Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper** are also distributed to food pantry clients. These, plus other 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.



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## Our Mission

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

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

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

#### Useful Links

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/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

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Victoria Esarey: Congregational Care

**Class of 2018**

Jerri DeVault: Stewardship

Nancy Moore: Communications

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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Bill Manning: Administration

Teri Ferguson: Fellowship

Paul Cannaday: Mission/Outreach

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2018: Monty Montgomery, Henry Moore

2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank

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