

February 11, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Valentine Cookie Project

### Attention Parents of College Students!

If your son or daughter who is in college anywhere or away at boarding school would like to receive a box of Valentine treats from the church, please call or email (632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org)) the church office **by Friday, February 9** and give us their **mailing address for receiving packages** (sometimes this is different from letters).

### Cookie Packing Sunday, Feb. 11



Please help the Valentine Cookie Project by baking bar cookies (any variety) or donating individually wrapped Valentine candy for the Valentine cookie boxes. Leave them in the Kitchen any time before we pack the boxes on **Sunday, February 11, immediately after the 11 o'clock service**. Packing help would be appreciated also.

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## What's Happening at FPC

### Thursday, February 8

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

### Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 11

*Unlock:* Neil Tatum

**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

**Prayer Shawl Dedication** during this service

*Ushers:* \*Monty Montgomery, Jeri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Bob Clark

*Liturgist:* Lynn Pritchett

*Lock up:* Milt Davis

**Valentine Cookie Project, 12:15 PM**, hallway outside Fellowship Hall



**Chamber Music Concert, 3:00 PM**, Walker Theatre, Patrick Henry Community College, \$10 adults, \$5 students

*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, February 11, 2018**

***Transfiguration Sunday***

Scripture Lessons

**Mark 9:2-9; Psalm 50:1-6**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**â€œBefore and Ever Afterâ€**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=69>

***PHCC Chamber Music Concert***

**"Love Is a Many Splendored Thing"**

**Sunday, February 11, 3:00 PM**



Just in time for Valentine's Day, the PHCC Chamber Music Ensemble and Smith River Singers are coming together to serenade Martinsville with a bouquet of classic love songs on **Sunday, February 11, at 3:00 PM**, in Patrick Henry Community College's Walker Fine Arts Theatre.

The Chamber Music Ensemble is a company of professional, collegiate, and community musicians led by FPC's Contemporary Music Director **Deborah**

**Burgess**, and including violinist **Virginia King**. The performance will feature a special guest appearance by the small auditioned group from Martinsville's community choir, Smith River Singers.

The concert will feature love songs from a variety of genres including musical theater, television and movies, and hits from pop music. With a Russian flute aria, a Saxophone solo, a country-styled Lover's Waltz, and many others, the ensemble will explore the musical expressions of romance.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Smith River Singers to present a romantic afternoon of music to Martinsville. With the amount of musical talent and experience in our two groups, this is sure to be an enchanting performance," says the ensemble's coordinator, Deborah Burgess.

Tickets will be available at the door. **Adult tickets are \$10. Student tickets are \$5.** For more information contact PHCC at (276) 638-8777 or Deborah Burgess at [burgessd@ntelos.net](mailto:burgessd@ntelos.net).

## **Church Revitalization**

### **Workshop Saturday, Feb. 24**

Last fall, Presbytery of the Peaks offered a two-day church revitalization workshop led by consultant Rev. Ann Philbrick in Lynchburg. Pastor Mark and Smith and Gael Chaney attended all or parts of the workshop and found it very worthwhile. Now, all of us in Martinsville have the same opportunity without leaving home. Forest Hills P. C. has arranged for Rev. Philbrick to conduct a one-day workshop at their church and has invited any of our members who would like to attend at no cost other than lunch (about \$10). The workshop will be held from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at Forest Hills, 725 Beechnut Lane. **To register, call Forest Hills at 632-5411 right away.**



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## **Next Week at FPC**

### **Monday, Feb. 12**

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, Music and Christian Education for grades K-8  
**Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall  
**Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM**

### **Tuesday, Feb. 13**

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

### **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14**

[Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#) or [Isaiah 58:1-12](#); [Psalm 51:1-17](#); [2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#); [Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)

**Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch, 12 Noon**, Christ Episcopal Church; Pastor Mark will deliver the message.

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

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



### **Thursday, Feb. 15**

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

### **Saturday, Feb. 17**

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

**Presbytery of the Peaks Quarterly Meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM**, Second P. C., 214 Mountain Avenue, SW, Roanoke



### **First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 18**

*Unlock:* Johnny Pinkard

**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:* \*Dennis Casey, Billy Kirby, Rob King, Buck Flythe

*Liturgist:* JoAnne Sanders

*Lock up:* Victoria Esarey

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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## **Monday Night**

### **Congregational Supper Feb. 12**



Everyone is invited to our congregational supper on **Monday, February 12, at 6:00 PM**. The Worship Committee will be our hosts and plans to serve soup, salad, bread, and desserts.

Committees will meet after supper. If you are not on a committee and have a little time to help our church, the Congregational Care Committee is in

particular need of new members. They have a big job looking after the needs of our congregation and could use a few more willing hands. *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* **John 13:34-35**

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## **Community Services**

### **Ash Wednesday and Lent**

#### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 14, 12:00 Noon**

Service includes optional imposition of ashes, at Christ Episcopal Church. FPC's Pastor Mark will deliver the message, and a light lunch of soup and bread will be served. There will also be a service at the same time at First United Methodist Church without lunch.



#### **Lenten Lunches and Devotionals**

**Tuesdays, 12:00 Noon**

**February 20**, at Starling Avenue Baptist Church, devotional by Rev. Mark Parkinson (Broad St. Christian)

**February 27**, at First Presbyterian Church, devotional by Rev. Ashley Harrington or Rev. Brian Harrington (Starling Ave. BC)

**March 6**, at Calvary Christian Church, devotional by Rev. Keith Ritchie (FUMC)

**March 13**, at Broad Street Christian Church, devotional by Rev. Mike Carrow (Calvary CC)

**March 20**, at First United Methodist Church, devotional by Fr. Nick Hull (Christ Episcopal)

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## *Your ideas wanted*

### **Presbytery Mission Study Team**

Presbytery of the Peaks has appointed a Mission Study Team to help discern new directions for our Presbytery during this time of transition. At the **February 17**



Presbytery meeting, the Team will be holding Listening Sessions to gather input from all corners of the presbytery. Please be thinking about these questions in advance of the meeting:

- Can you remember a time when you or your congregation was particularly engaged with the presbytery? What was happening?
- What is a hope that you have for Peaks Presbytery? What role would you like to play in seeing it come to fruition?
- What do you think Peaks Presbytery's priorities ought to be? (What should the presbytery be focusing on? What should be eliminated?)

If you cannot attend the Presbytery meeting but would like to lend your voice, feel free to email your responses to the chair, Rev. Melissa McNair-King (First P. C. Pulaski), at [melissa.mcnair@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa.mcnair@yahoo.com), or be in touch with any member of the Mission Study Team (listed below). Thank you for helping with this important work!

#### **Mission Study Team members:**

Smith Chaney (Elder, First Presbyterian Martinsville), Helen Dean (Elder, Second Presbyterian Roanoke), Rev. Will Robinson (Salem Presbyterian Church), Rev. Gary Scheidt (Honorably Retired)

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### **Prayer Concerns**

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Sonny and Sue Benfield, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Grant Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Elaine Button, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Lynn and Gene Daugherty (C. Kropp), Victoria Esarey, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Barbara Regen, Ralph Shank, Jr., Betty and Gene Stanley, Jane Townsend, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



### **Peaks Presbytery Prayer Focus**

**Beale Memorial P. C.**, located in the Piedmont Neighborhood, has been ministering for 127 years.

**Bedford P. C.**, part of the Hill Cities Neighborhood, is led by **Rev. John Salley**.

**Clarksville P. C.**, led by **Rev. Jonathan Barker**, is in the Southside Neighborhood.

**Rev. Kim Steinhorst, MAL**, is very involved in the life of the Presbytery and most recently spent a lot of time helping to bring the Transformation Conference to our presbytery in the fall. He is also currently teaching the Preaching Class in our CRE/CP program.

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

**Please remember**

## Saltine Crackers for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for January through March is **saltine crackers in the 16-ounce box**. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. These 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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## Apology

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by publishing the wrong date for the Pregnancy Care Center open house last week. It was not last Saturday but is planned for Saturday, Feb. 24, 2:00–4:00 PM.

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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)

### 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](http://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/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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