

February 18, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Register by Friday

### Conference on Vital and Viable Congregations

**Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane, is hosting a workshop by Rev. Dr. Ann Philbrick on church revitalization that has the potential to benefit our church. All currently serving elders and any church members who would like to see improvements are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn about "The Life Cycle of a Congregation" and what is necessary to disrupt the stages of church decline.



#### **We must ask ourselves every seven to ten years:**

- Who are the people that God is calling us to reach now?
- How can we best achieve this vital mission?

#### **To this end, topics to be explored include:**

- What is the difference in a church's mission and maintenance?
- How vital is our church to God's mission in the world?
- How do we become disciples once again by helping each other grow on our individual faith journeys and collectively on our church's journey to minister as God would have us do in his world?

A box lunch with choice of ham or turkey sandwich will be available. **Please register** for the conference by calling Forest Hills at 632-5411 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM by **Friday, Feb. 16**, or by contacting Elder Betsy Haskins (434-770-0104, [iluvpiano.emh@gmail.com](mailto:iluvpiano.emh@gmail.com)).

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## What's Happening at FPC

### 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  
**Presbytery of the Peaks Quarterly Meeting, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM**, Second P. C., 214 Mountain Avenue, SW, Roanoke



## **Sunday, 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

**Boy Scout Sunday**, Cub Scout Pack 61 participating in the service.

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

*Liturgist:* JoAnne Sanders

*Lock up:* Victoria Esarey



*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 18, 2018**

#### ***First Sunday in Lent***

Scripture Lessons

**1 Peter 3:18-22; Genesis 9:8-17**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"A Promise Once For All"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15**

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=71>

## **Next Week at FPC**

### **Monday, Feb. 19**

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, Music and Christian Education for grades K-8

### **Tuesday, Feb. 20**

**Lenten Lunch & Devotions, 12:00 Noon**, Starling Avenue Baptist Church, 932 Starling Ave.

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

### **Wednesday, Feb. 21**

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

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

### **Thursday, Feb. 22**

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

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

**Conference on Vital and Viable Congregations, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**, Forest Hills P.C., 725 Beechnut Lane

**Pregnancy Care Center Open House, 2:00–4:00 PM,**  
314 Fairy Street Ext., Suite E

## **Sunday, Feb. 25**

### **Two Cents a Meal Offering**

*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

*Ushers:* Monty Montgomery, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

*Liturgist:* Brianna Tatum

*Lock up:* Denny Casey

**Trip to Caverns at Natural Bridge, 12:30 PM,** meet in church parking lot

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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## **For Lent**

### **Devotional Booklets Available This Sunday**

#### **"Jesus and the Prophets"**

The Christian Education Committee is providing Lenten devotional booklets to anyone who wants one. This year's devotional is "Jesus and the Prophets," written by Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins, who works for the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, and is a former pastor of Grace Presbyterian in Martinsville. It is illustrated by Steve Burgess, a Presbyterian artist from upstate New York. It includes a short devotion to set the tone for each week and then daily devotions which include scripture passages, a meditation, and a prayer. Our members are encouraged to find a time when they can share these devotionals with family or friends as part of the observance of the season of Lent. The devotional booklets will be handed out at both services on **Sunday, February 18**, and will be available in the church office after that. Anyone who is not able to come to the church but wants a copy of "Jesus and the Prophets" may call the church office (632-3431) and we will get one to them.



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## **Congregational Outing**

### **Caverns at Natural Bridge**

#### **Sunday, February 25, 12:30 PM**

Everyone is invited to join us on a trip to the Caverns at Natural Bridge. Meet in the church parking lot at **12:30 PM**; bring a bag lunch and money for admission. Children 6 and under: free; Ages 7-17 (and college students): \$12; 18 and older: \$18. If we have enough people, we'll take the church bus.

The caverns were discovered just before the turn of the 20th century and opened to the public in 1977. Visitors enjoying the Natural Bridge Caverns tour descend more

than 34 stories deep within the Earth to get to the magnificent natural display, including the Colossal Dome room. This room is an enormous dome-shaped natural feature that was created over thousands of years. Walking from the dome room, visitors can see other places while on the 45-minute tour of the Caverns, such as Mirror Lake, the Well Room, and the stalactites and stalagmites that grow from the Canyon Room.



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## Lenten Lunches and Devotions

**Tuesdays, 12:00 Noon**

The devotions will be brief, and we should be finished in an hour. Lunch will be soup and bread.

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

**February 27**, at First Presbyterian, devotional by Rev. Ashley Harrington or Rev. Brian Harrington of Starling Ave. Baptist

**March 6**, at Calvary Christian Church, devotional by Rev. Keith Ritchie of First United Methodist

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

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

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## From the Session

### Oakwood Cemetery Lots for Sale



Our Session has decided to sell 7 burial spaces owned by the church in Oakwood Cemetery. There is no record in Session minutes of the reason for the purchase back in 1900. The plots are offered to our congregation first, then to the public if not sold to congregation members. They are located near the entrance

of Oakwood, on the left side of the first drive to the left. The price is \$1500 per space at the current cemetery rate, plus recording fees.

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## Pregnancy Care Center Open House

**February 24, 2:00–4:00 PM**

[Editor's Note: We apologize that the previously announced date was incorrect.]

Dr. Chuck Marshall (a 60-year member of FPC!) and the rest of the board of Pregnancy Care Center invite everyone to their open house

on **Saturday, February 24, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**, at the center at **314 Fairy Street Ext., Suite E**. Pregnancy Care Center is a faith-based ministry that offers



pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, peer-counseling, parenting classes, Bible studies, post-abortion counseling, and material assistance such as maternity clothes, baby clothes and supplies, to women and their partners who are dealing with unplanned pregnancies. Come see the work they do! Light refreshments will be served.

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**Our Deepest Sympathy** is extended to Cathy and Tommy Martin on the death of Cathy's father John Cobler on Sunday, February 4, in Stuart.

**Our Deepest Sympathy** is extended to Lang Mauck on the death of her brother, Edgar Starke Sydnor, on Sunday, February 11, in Lynchburg.

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### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Facilities Work Sessions Scheduled March, April, May**

The Facilities Committee needs volunteers to help around the church building and grounds during these work sessions:

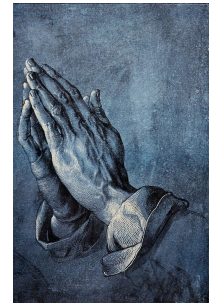
- Wednesday, March 14, 5:00-6:00 PM
- Saturday, March 31, 9:30-11:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 11, 5:00-6:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 9, 5:00-6:00 PM

For more information, contact Denny Casey (632-8306, [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)).

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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, Pat Christenbury, 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.



### **Presbytery Prayer Focus**

**Colonial Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Brent Williams**, Roanoke  
**Falling Spring P. C.** (RC) and **Rev. Ken Chorle**, Glasgow  
**Bluemont P. C.** and **Rev. Stuart Childress**, Laurel Fork  
**Rev. Robin Williamson**, Chaplain at Carilion Memorial Hospital in Roanoke and Parish Associate at West End Presbyterian Church

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**

**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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**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/)

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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