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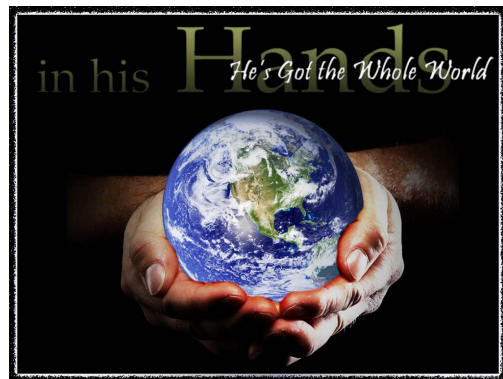
Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

For Earth Day

Becoming an Earth Care Congregation

Earth Day, April 22, is a perfect time to consider the journey to becoming an official PC(USA) **Earth Care Congregation**. The Earth Care Congregation certification recognizes in a tangible way the churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden. To learn more about the Earth Care Congregation Program, to download an application, or to view the complete list of churches please visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. In spring 2018, 206 Earth Care Congregations were certified, including Blacksburg Presbyterian Church!



- **Get started by talking with others at your church**, the pastor, and the session. Form an "Earth care team" or assign this function to a current committee, so there is a dedicated group to track earth care ministry (Stewardship would be a good place for this).
- **Explore together Earth Care Congregation materials**, including the certification application which has the church "audit" and Earth Care Pledge.
- **Take the Earth Care Pledge** to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of church life. Using the "audit" in the application, track your completed activities in the fields of facilities, worship, outreach, and education.
- **Submit the Earth Care Pledge** and commitments to Earth Care between January 1 and February 15 by email to jessica.maudlin@pcusa.org.

—From Presbytery of the Peaks newsletter, [Peaks Postings, April 17](#)

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What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, April 19

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, April 21

Free Community Breakfast, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
7:00 AM, Volunteers begin preparing.

8:00–9:30 AM, Serving

Contact Sharon Kirby (skirbycwj@gmail.com, 806-9709)
or Paul Cannaday (pcannaday@comcast.net, 252-8191) if you can help.



Sunday, April 22, Earth Day

2-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Denny Casey

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

Ushers: Ralph Shank Jr., Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Cindy Edgerton



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, April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture Lessons

1 John 3:16-24; Psalm 23

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Follow His Lead In Truth and Action"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18

Full text of lectionary readings

lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=89

www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

Next Week at FPC

Monday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 24

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org.

Wednesday, April 25

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room. Anyone is welcome to join, and we can teach you how to knit! Contact Joan Montgomery (joanmontgo@gmail.com, 632-1157).

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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



Thursday, April 26

Kiwanis Pancake Day, 6:30 AM–7:00 PM, Broad Street Parking Lot, Martinsville, \$6. Advance tickets available from Manly Boyd, David Garland, Henry Moore, Smith & Gael Chaney for \$5.

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. Contact Nancy Baker (nbaker08@comcast.net, 638-7923) if you can help.

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, April 28

Centering Prayer Retreat, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, Covenant PC, Contact: Judi Barnes: 540-989-3314, 540-420-6683 or jpb0844@aol.com, Cost: \$15.00. Brochures are available around the church. Sign up by **Friday, April 20**.

Family Game Night, 5:00–7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. For all ages, sponsored by the Youth. Everyone is invited!



Sunday, April 29

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Duke Ferrell

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, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

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

Time Announced

VBS "Shipwrecked"

June 25–29, 5:30–8:30 PM

Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening this year at our church, in cooperation with Forest Hills PC. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM, followed by music at 5:45 and opening at 6:00 PM. There will be something for adults as well as the usual VBS activities for children. Many volunteers are needed—if you can help,



contact Sam Smith (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu, 647-1709) or Janet Fentress (jpfentress@hotmail.com, 638-3840).

Massanetta Retreat

"Giving from the Heart"

June 7-10



Join together with your church family at Massanetta Springs Conference Center for our summer Family Service Retreat, "Giving from the Heart. Let's step away from the demands of everyday life and open ourselves to growing together as brothers and sisters in the grace of Christ through service, reflection, worship, fellowship, sharing, and fun. Join us as we exercise our bodies, minds, and spirits to be strengthened, renewed, and transformed. Brochures

with all the details are available at church. You are welcome to come for part of the time if you can't make it for the entire weekend.

Prayer Requests

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Anne Abercrombie, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Sonny and Sue Benfield, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), 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, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Eddie Levi, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Bailey Osborne (B. Lawson), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Barbara Regen, Betty and Gene Stanley, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), Devin and Thomas Woronowicz (B. Lawson), Elizabeth Wotring, persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



Presbytery Prayer Focus

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, led by **Rev. Russ Merritt**, founded 1942, 253 members.

Glen Wilton P. C., founded 1887, 12 members, in the Highlands Neighborhood.

The Fellowship Church, Ararat, led by **Rev. Monte Mitchell**, founded 1971, 50 members.

All of our churches, congregations, friends, and family who were affected by the damaging winds and tornadoes on Sunday evening.

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



Instant Church Directory Update

Due to recent updates in the mobile app for our online church directory, you will need to sign in again to access it. Use the email address you gave the church office to sign in and your password. If you have forgotten your password, use the "forgot password" link to reset it.

Please remember



Hamburger Helper for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for April, May and June is boxed **Hamburger Helper**-type meals (also chicken or tuna helper). 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.

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:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

Useful Links

FPC website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Class of 2018

Sharon Kirby: Mission/Outreach
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Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2019

Paul Cannaday: Mission/Outreach
Teri Ferguson: Worship

Class of 2020

Denny Casey: Facilities
Ron Rebman: Administration & Congregational Care
Kym Tatum: Fellowship

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2018: Monty Montgomery, Henry Moore
2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank
2020: Milton Davis, Duke Ferrell

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