

June 17 & 24, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

## VBS

### Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!

June 25-29, 5:30-8:30 PM

Vacation Bible School is for the whole family this year! Sign up now using the forms found in the church pews, office, or [website](#). Here's the schedule:

**Light Supper, 5:30 PM** (or earlier), Fellowship Hall

**Music and Singing, 5:45 PM**, Fellowship Hall

**Program, 6:00-8:30 PM**, various locations

Children will visit four stations, and there will be a class for adults. Volunteers are still needed to help with the supper, which is all planned, and to shepherd groups of kids between stations.

**Right Now:** Even if you're not attending VBS, please save 1-gallon milk jugs (washed), Gatorade single serving bottles (rinsed), and Voss water bottles. You may leave them in the church office or the VBS room under the Sanctuary.



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## What's Happening at FPC

### Thursday, June 14

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

### Saturday, June 16

**PC(USA) General Assembly**, St. Louis, MO, through June 23

**Free Community Breakfast**, Kitchen/Fellowship Hall

**7:00 AM**, Volunteers begin preparing. Come help!

**8:00-9:30 AM**, Serving guests and members. Come join us!



### Sunday, June 17, Father's Day

*Unlock/Lock up:* Neil Tatum/Victoria Esarey

**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)

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

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

*Liturgist:* Duke Ferrell



*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, June 17**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)**

Scripture Lessons

**Mark 4:26-34; I Samuel 15:34-16:13**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"Small and Insignificant Grows to Greatness"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

Full text of lectionary readings

[www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/)

**Tuesday, June 19**

**Agape Ministry, 12:00 Noon**

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

**Thursday, 21**

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

**Sunday, June 24**

*Lectionary Readings:* 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20  
or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark  
4:35-41

*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)

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

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

*Liturgist:* Tracy Hinchcliff

**Congregational Meeting, 12:00 Noon**, immediately following 11:00 Worship, to  
elect the Officer Nominating Committee.

**Monday, June 25**

**VBS, 5:30 PM**

## Tuesday, June 26

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

**VBS, 5:30 PM**

## Wednesday, June 27

**NO Prayer Shawl Ministry** meeting this month.

**VBS, 5:30 PM**

## Thursday, June 28

**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. If you can help, contact Nancy Baker (638-7923, [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net))

**VBS, 5:30 PM**

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



## Friday, June 29

**VBS, 5:30 PM**

## Sunday, July 1

### Communion Sunday

*Communion Prep/Clean-up:* Edgerton/Ferguson

**Sunday School, 9:00 AM**, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

**Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:45 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**Combined Worship, 10:00 AM**, Sanctuary

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

*Liturgist:* Liz Ferrell



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 June

### Prayer Shawl Meeting Cancelled

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will NOT meet in June. Joan will be out of town, and VBS is taking place in our church every evening that week. See you all on July 25.



Meanwhile, keep on knitting!

**To all subscribers:** We have plenty of prayer shawls blessed and ready to be distributed. Look in the Narthex or the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Office. Shawls may be given to anyone who could use a little comfort—they don't have to be a church member.

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## Reminders

### Da Capo Virginia Music Camp "Kingdom Animalia"

**Monday–Friday, July 9–12, 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon**

Held at FPC. Cost is \$120 (including \$10 registration fee) with a \$30 discount for children who attend VBS. Contact Tracee Prillaman to sign up: [traceep@dacapova.org](mailto:traceep@dacapova.org), 804-432-3347.

### Men's Conference by Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men

**Friday–Sunday, July 13–15**

Held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, brochures in the church office or see the website: [www.midatlanticmen.org](http://www.midatlanticmen.org).

### Camp Peaks

**Monday–Friday, July 23–27, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM**

This Presbytery-run day camp for the Martinsville area will be held at the Martin farm. Registration materials are available in the church office. Cost is only \$35 thanks to subsidy by the Presbytery of the Peaks. Contact JoAnne Sanders (340-6913) for more information. Space is limited, so register early!

## Back-2-School

### Registration

**Saturday, July 14, 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon**

**Tuesday, July 24, 6:00–8:00 PM**

### Pack the Bus

**Saturday, July 21, 7:00 AM–7:00 PM**

**(2-hour shifts)**

### Pack the Backpacks

**Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 PM until finished**

### Back-2-School Main Event

**Saturday, August 4**

Our church location is a collaboration of seven Martinsville churches that also includes Broad Street Christian, Calvary Christian, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Forest Hills Presbyterian, and Starling Avenue Baptist. Our cluster has a goal of 300 students to be served; the total event goal for the county and surrounding area is 4,000 students.

This year we will supply new socks, shoes, backpacks with supplies, and a free age-appropriate book from Smart Beginnings. Breakfast and/or lunch will be provided by the Henry County School system summer feeding program at both registrations and event day.

**Sponsoring a child is \$20**, and our goal is 300 kids. We will have a "shoe tree" for congregants to sponsor a child.

**Volunteers will be needed** for all the events listed above. Pack the Bus will take place at Walmart. Packing the backpacks will take place at 700 Commerce Court, Martinsville.

**To volunteer**, please contact Tracy Hinchcliff, [tracyhair60@gmail.com](mailto:tracyhair60@gmail.com), 409-330-

**Saturday August 4th, 2018**

# back2school

**Registration Locations**

- The Community Fellowship  
2674 Virginia Ave, Collinsville
- First Baptist Church,  
Ridgeway 15 Church St.
- Mercy Crossing, 1978 Joseph  
Martin HWY, Martinsville
- First Presbyterian Church,  
Martinsville 1901 Patrick  
Henry
- St. Paul High Street Baptist  
Church 401 Fayette St,  
Martinsville
- Fairway Baptist Church,  
9427 Fairystone Park Hwy,  
Bassett

**Registration Dates**  
**Saturday, July 14 9-noon**  
**Tuesday, July 24 6-8pm**

Students **MUST** be present to register in order to receive new socks, shoes and backpacks with school supplies on August 4th.

**All School Grades Pre-K - 12 Welcome!**  
Email: [emailback2school@gmail.com](mailto:emailback2school@gmail.com) website: [www.gob2s.com](http://www.gob2s.com)  
For Special Needs call 276-565-8234

0847. This is important because there is a lot of information. This is an amazing experience, and it tugs at your heart when you help these kids get ready for school!

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### **Stewardship**

The Stewardship Committee would like to share this article adapted from the June 5 *Peaks Postings* newsletter of Presbytery of the Peaks.

### **Let's Beat Plastic Pollution!**

Did you know that single-use plastic is a huge threat to our oceans and marine life? Plastic takes up to 400 years to decompose, meaning it stays in our oceans for a long time, posing a threat to sea turtles and other marine species who mistake plastic for food. Globally, people dump about 8 million tons of plastic into the ocean each year—equivalent to a dump truck load every minute.



Microplastics are another problem—small pieces of plastic that are broken down from larger pieces, which get eaten by plankton and fish. Eventually these microplastics travel up the food chain and get to us.

**It has been predicted that by 2050 there will be more plastic, by weight, than fish in our oceans.**

This year, people are focusing on taking action to beat plastics pollution. The easiest way to do that is by cutting down on single-use plastic—plastics that are only used once before being thrown away. These include plastic bags, stirrers, straws, utensils, cups, dishes, and more. Together, we can do our part to save our oceans and our planet. Let's use less plastic and connect to Earth together!

Here are some suggestions you can take in your daily life to reduce your use of unnecessary single-use plastics:

- Use washable dishes and silverware instead of single-use plastic.
- Switch to reusable shopping/grocery bags.
- Bring your own reusable mugs to take away beverages or reusable containers if you're taking out food.
- Refuse plastic straws—reusable silicone or stainless steel straw are now available and come with little cleaning brushes.
- Write to manufacturers urging them to reduce plastic packaging.
- The more, the merrier. Encourage your friends and family to do the same!
- Try coming up with your own examples—share it on social media with #BeatPlasticPollution and #Connect2Earth! (World Wide Fund for Nature).

To learn more and take additional action, visit [www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org](http://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org) Plastic Pollution Coalition is a growing global alliance of individuals, organizations, businesses, and policymakers working toward a world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impacts on humans, animals, waterways and oceans, and the environment. A great site for information and a resource for products that offer alternatives to plastics is [www.lifewithoutplastic.com](http://www.lifewithoutplastic.com).

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## Prayer Requests

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Anne Abercrombie, Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Lex Bendell (L. Ferrell), Sue Benfield, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Cliff Campbell (Marian Campbell's son), Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Elizabeth "Billie" DePuy, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, 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, Nan Smith, 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

**Concord Presbyterian Church**, Appomattox, ministering for 188 years, 32 members

**R. D. Holmes Memorial Presbyterian Church**, Ridgeway, ministering for 131 years, 4 members

**Peaks Presbyterian Church**, Bedford, ministering for 257 years, 46 members

**CEDEPCA**, our Presbytery's mission partner in Guatemala, and all those affected by the volcanic eruption there. One of CEDEPCA's functions is disaster relief, and they are using grants from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help people who have lost homes.

**General Assembly of PC(USA)** meeting June 16–23 in St. Louis.

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. "Jim" Ford

Catherine Bridges

#### In Memory of Clarence P. "Sonny" Benfield

Nancy Baker

Stanley and Patricia Bowles

Steve and Kim Bruzek (Elliott, Trisha, Samuel, and Alex)

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Sally Jordan

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Patricia S Wilson

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***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.

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***Our Mission***

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

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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/)

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