

August 26 & September 2, 2018



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Family Event



Youth Cluster* Fellowship Potluck

Sunday, August 26, 4:00–8:00 PM

Bring your friends, family, and a favorite side dish and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for the young and the young at heart at Lee Ford Camp!

4248 Lee Ford Camp Road, Ridgeway

Burgers, Hot Dogs, & Drinks Provided

Games, Fishing, Hiking

Some games involve water, so you may want to bring a change of clothes. Dinner will be served in the lodge—bring lawn chairs if you want to eat outside. Bring basketballs, footballs, frisbees, etc. For more information, contact Youth Advisor Sarah Krauss: 952-7408, sarahak2733@gmail.com.



*Our church, Forest Hills and Grace churches

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What's Happening at FPC

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday 23

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

Sunday 26

2-Cents-a-Meal Offering. For programs that address hunger in our Presbytery and beyond.

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Victoria Esarey

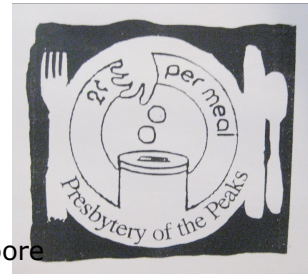
Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel
Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Brianna Tatum

Youth Fellowship Event, 4:00–8:00 PM, Lee Ford Camp, 4248 Lee Ford Camp Road, Ridgeway.



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.

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Service for the Lord's Day, August 26, 2018
14th Sunday after Pentecost—Ordinary Time

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Home Security"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; John 6:56-69

Full text of lectionary readings

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

Monday, Aug. 27

Session meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Tuesday 28

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

Wednesday 29

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room

Potluck Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers. Family members and anyone interested in joining the choirs or learning more about either group are invited.

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

Thursday 30

Weekday School Open House, 6:00 PM, a time for parents to meet the teachers and see the classrooms

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Sunday, September 2

Communion Sunday, both services

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Joe DeVault

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, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Kellene Wotring

Communion Servers: *Pearl Minter, +Lang Mauck, Monica Stevens, Joe DeVault, Jerri DeVault, Darla Main-Schneider

Monday 3 Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday 4

Weekday School Opening Day, 9:00 AM. Weekday School is in session Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Twos and Fours are full, but there is still space in Mother's Morning Out and Threes. Call the church office, 632-3431, for more information.

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need. Contact Judy Ware (666-2269 or je_ware@yahoo.com) for more information.

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

COOKS WHO CARE



Wednesday 5

Facilities Work Session, 5:00–6:00 PM, grounds.

We will be pitching mulch, weeding, pruning, raking and blowing leaves, and picking up fallen branches, etc. Contact Denny Casey, 632-8306, d.a.casey@comcast.net, for more information.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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



Thursday 6

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Sunday 9 Rally Day

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Rob King

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:

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

Ringling & Singing

Choir & Handbell Potluck Supper

Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 PM



The Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers will celebrate the beginning of another program year with a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall next Wednesday. Family members and anyone interested in learning more about singing or ringing with us are invited to attend. Join us!

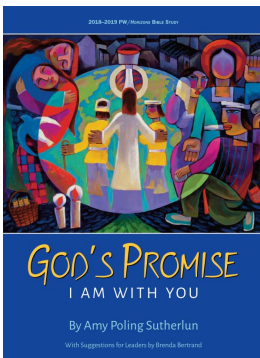
While the Chancel Choir started rehearsing again in August, **Sanctuary Ringers'** first rehearsal will be **Wednesday, September 5, at 5:45 PM**. Ringing handbells is a lot of fun, and we can always use another ringer or two! Come to the supper or contact director Cynthia Dobrinski by leaving a message with the church office, 632-3431.

Breakfast, Bibles, Blessings

Rally Day

Sunday, Sept. 9

The Christian Education Committee will host **breakfast at 9:30 AM** for the congregation. Everyone is invited! Children's Worship will present Bibles to second graders and "graduate" the third graders to the full traditional service. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing during the services, and any teachers present will be blessed as well.



Looking Ahead

Presbyterian Women

Monday, Sept. 10, 10:30 AM

All women are invited to our first meeting of the new program year **at King's Grant**. Bible study books, *God's Promise: I Am With You*, are available now in the church office. Sign your name on the list and take one home today. We will discuss Lesson One at our first meeting. Next month's meeting will be in the church Fellowship Hall.

Also in September

Monday, September 10

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
Committee meetings, 7:00 PM. Stay and help with the work of our congregation.

Sunday, Sept. 23

Congregational Meeting, 12:00 Noon (at the end of the 11:00 service), Sanctuary, brief meeting to elect new church officers, elders and trustees.

Children's Music

Time for GPS!

Monday, September 10, 3:00–5:00 PM

GPS—"Grow! Praise! Sing! Mapping a Life that Follows Christ"—is our church's music and Christian education for children. As we resume our journey through the Bible on **Monday, September 10**, we will be starting with the story of Moses. This afterschool program runs through early May on Mondays, from **3:00 to 5:00 PM**, and features music, Bible study, snacks, and crafts. During the music portions, we will be learning how to read music, play bells or chimes, and sing.



All children in Kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to join us as we grow in our faith and praise God through music. Children will be divided into two groups by age. Bring friends! This is open to all children in these age groups. Students at Patrick Henry Elementary School will be met by volunteers and walked across the

street. Parents, you will need to give the school permission for this. Children who attend other schools will need their own transportation to the church. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, call JoAnne Sanders, 340-6913, or Janet Fentress, 618-0153.

Comfort

Prayer Shawls Need Homes

Meeting Wednesday, August 29, 4:00 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are working to create prayer shawls, but meanwhile, about 10 completed shawls have been sitting around at church waiting to be delivered to someone who could use a little comfort. Anyone may take a shawl to anyone at all—they don't have to be a church member. The shawls may also be used as a way to celebrate something momentous, such as the birth of a baby or a graduation. Look for the shawls in the Narthex and the hallway between the Sanctuary and church office.



Ministry members are invited to bring their latest shawls and works in progress to our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, August 29, at 4:00 PM** in Room 134 or 145. Contact Joan Montgomery, 632-1157, joanmontgo@gmail.com, for more information.

Music of the Circus



Register Now for Da Capo

First Session Tuesday, Sept. 18

Da Capo Virginia is now registering for the Fall Session 2018. Rehearsals begin **Tuesday, September 18**, at FPC. This session will focus on Music of the Circus. Join us for a fabulous session of music making! Contact traceep@dacapova.org to register. Visit their website www.dacapova.org for more information.

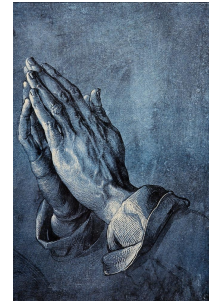
Happy Birthday in September!

1 Virginia King, Monty Montgomery
4 Nancy Davis
8 Suzan Kirby
10 Autumn Sanders
11 Hilde Chappell, Victoria Esarey
15 Lang Mauck, Gwendolyn Seamon
16 Judy King
20 Jean Williams
25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell
27 John Hatchett



Prayer Requests

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Anne Abercrombie, Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Christy Kropp, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Lauren Prince (N. Moore), Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



Presbytery Prayer Focus

Douglas Presbyterian Church, Farmville, led by **Rev. William Strong**, founded 1873, 39 members

Mizpah P. C., South Boston, founded 1890, 10 members

Villamont P. C., Blue Ridge, led by **Phil Berry**, founded 1925, 32 members

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

Thank You

Gifts to the Church
In Honor of Cooks Who Care
Betty Carol & Harold Lamm

Please remember

Breakfast Cereal for Grace Network

Our assignment for July, August, and September for Grace Network's food pantry is CEREAL, 12- to 18-ounce boxes. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet



paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. 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.

From "Peaks Postings"

What Is a Blessing Box?

A recent *Presbyterians Today* article features creative ways congregations are doing more to feed the hungry, including the use of blessing boxes. Stemming from a grassroots national movement, blessing boxes are appearing across the country on church property, accompanied by signs that read "Take What You Need" and "Bring What You Can." The boxes are an invitation for people to take whatever they need, with an emphasis on non-perishable food items such as canned tuna or boxes of macaroni and cheese. They often also include toiletry items, school supplies and toilet tissue.



Congregations with blessing boxes usually stock them several times a week, often receiving assistance from others in the community. Many feel that the boxes offer a way for those in need to maintain their dignity while still having needs met. "One thing about the blessing box is that you have to let go of control of who takes from it and go prayerfully about the ministry," said the Rev. Lisa Reece of First Presbyterian Church in Bonham, Texas.

Our Mission

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

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

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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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