

September 23 & 30, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Fundraiser**

### **Grace Network Pumpkin Patch Needs You**

It's time once again for Grace Network's favorite fundraiser—the Pumpkin Patch! Pumpkins will arrive **Thursday, September 27, at 4:00 PM**, and many hands are needed to make light work of unloading them. Just show up to help.



The patch will be on the vacant lot on Mulberry Road next to the First Baptist Church parking lot (23 Starling Avenue, Martinsville). Our church is in charge of selling pumpkins on **Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**; volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts. The sign-up sheet is on the orange bulletin board in the hall between the Sanctuary and Office. Even if you can't volunteer, please stop by the patch between Sept. 28 and Oct. 31 and buy a pumpkin. The little ones (plus gourds) are only a couple of dollars, and the big ones are priced according to size.

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## **What's Happening at FPC**

### **Thursday, Sept. 20**

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

### **Sunday, Sept. 23**

*Unlock/Lock up:* Neil Tatum/Milt Davis

**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, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

*Liturgist:* Nancy Davis

**Congregational Meeting, 12:05 PM** (at the end of the traditional service),

Sanctuary, to elect new officers, elders and trustees, for the class of 2021

*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, September 23, 2018**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost/25th in Ordinary Time**

Scripture Lessons

**Proverbs 31:10–31; James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"The Role of the Church"**

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37**

Full text of lectionary readings

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

## What's Happening

### Monday, Sept. 24

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, Music and Christian education for children K–8th grade.

**Session meeting, 7:00 PM**, Session Room

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM**. Please email information for this email update to [steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM**, Session Room. Anyone is welcome to join, and we will even teach you how to knit! Contact Joan Montgomery, 632-1157, [joanmontgo@gmail.com](mailto:joanmontgo@gmail.com), for more information.

**Facilities Work Session, 5:00–6:00 PM**. Mostly working on the grounds, contact Denny Casey, [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net), 224-3906.

**Cottage Place Outreach Dinner, 5:30 PM**, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed; if you can help, please contact Sharon Kirby, [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com), 806-9709, or Paul Cannaday, 252-8191, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net).

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

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

### Thursday, Sept. 27

**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](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net), 638-7923, if you can help.

**Pumpkins arrive at Grace Network Pumpkin Patch, 4:00 PM**, vacant lot on Mulberry Road beside First Baptist Church parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help unload pumpkins.

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

## **Forest Hills invites us to "Explore the Integration of Art and Faith"**

### **Friday, Sept. 28**

**"Imagination," 6:00–8:00 PM**, *made in the image of God*, Dinner, at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane, (call 632-5411 to sign up). [\\*See article below.](#)

### **Saturday, Sept. 29**

**"Homegrown Celtic," 9:30 AM–12:30 PM**, *music and meditations exploring Celtic Christian Traditions*, Retreat, Forest Hills PC

**"Psalms in the Night," 7:00 PM**, *music in modes of the Psalms*, Concert, Forest Hills PC

### **Sunday, Sept. 30**

*Unlock/Lock up:* Johnny Pinkard/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:* Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

*Liturgist:* Denny Casey

**"Listening for God," 11:00 AM**, *an experience of Music as Worship*, Worship Service, Forest Hills PC

### **Monday, October 1**

**Presbyterian Women, 10:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, Music and Christian education for children K–8th grade.



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### **Tuesday, Oct. 2**

**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](mailto:je_ware@yahoo.com), for more information.

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM**. Please email information for this two-week printed edition to [steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

### **Wednesday, Oct. 3**

**Facilities Work Session, 5:00–6:00 PM**

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

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

### **Thursday, Oct. 4**

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

### **Sunday, Oct. 7, World Communion Sunday**

**World Communion Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM**, NCI, Building on Baldwin, 191 Fayette St. (parking lot entrance on Moss St.), Martinsville. No services at our church.

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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### **Coming Soon**

## **World Communion Sunday Service**

**October 7, 10:30 AM**

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday with a combined service with Grace and Forest Hills Presbyterian churches at **NCI's Building on Baldwin, 191 Fayette Street**. The preacher will be Rev. Dr. James Forbes, retired pastor of Riverside Church in New York City. He was the first African American minister to lead this multicultural congregation and served it for 18 years. No services will be held at our church that Sunday. There will be special music, so come early! The parking lot entrance is on Moss Street.



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### **\*We are invited**

## **"Explore the Integration of Arts and Faith"**

**September 28-30**



Forest Hills Presbyterian Church will present a special and rare opportunity to learn and contribute in a progressive experiential dialogue-retreat merging performance and faith/worship principles directly and practically. Dr Charles Hulin IV, of Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, is a gifted teacher as well as a world class performer. His expertise merges teaching, theology and music-making from Baptist, Episcopal, Assembly of God and Pentecostal traditions with his elite conservatory refined skills as a classical pianist. This exploration retreat is a unique chance to learn and experience a musical community dedicated specifically to integrating faith via the arts and arts via faith. See the "What's Happening" listings above for the [schedule](#).

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### **Stewardship Campaign**

## **Facilities Committee**

What do the tabernacle of Moses, the temple of Solomon, and First Presbyterian Church all have in common? Yes, although different in their form and function, they are all places of worship.

In service and by giving, a place of worship is lifted up by its congregation. We all share in the responsibility of being good stewards of the buildings, grounds, and furnishings. And all the services, programs, and activities are a testament to our commitment as a living community of faith. Your support of the stewardship campaign literally helps to keep the lights on around here as well as all the other utilities and a variety of other expenses.



With your support, the facilities committee is charged with:

- Overseeing the budget, maintenance, and improvements of the church buildings and church grounds. Over the last year, we've had roof repairs, brick work, and door repairs. We maintain a relatively complex heating and cooling system. We had the boiler replaced and the steeples will be painted soon. We schedule snow removal as needed and lawn care on an ongoing basis. Our aging incandescent and fluorescent lights are being replaced with high efficiency, LED lights. And we are looking into the possibility of making the carillon functional again.
- We schedule or perform periodic inspections of the buildings and grounds for maintenance, safety and security. This past year, we worked with other church committees and church staff to produce the church's first emergency response plan. The plan will be rolled out over the next couple months. This past week, weekday school staff began implementing the plan. We had Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED training. Future trainings will include any church member that would like to get certified in First Aid/CPR and AED. We inspected the church's first aid kits, defibrillator, and the fire alarm system. We have a scheduled fire drill coming next week.
- We oversee the maintenance, use, registration, fuel, and state inspection of the church bus.
- We receive requests for purchasing furnishings and equipment. Recently, the church purchased a portable heater for the chapel and a portable sound system.

Preparing for fall, we are meeting weekly on **Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM** and on **Community Breakfast Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM**, until further notice. With tropical storm Florence in mind, last week we cleaned out some of the gutters, downspouts, and drainage pipes. Last Saturday, we replaced light bulbs and repaired and painted a damaged wall in the corridor outside the Fellowship Hall.



So, please support the stewardship campaign, and if you have any time or interest in helping with facilities, please do! You'll enjoy the fellowship and God provides everything else. Thank you!

*Denny Casey, Facilities Committee Chair*

**Editor's Note:** The above was given as a Moment for Mission in the Sunday worship services. The Stewardship Committee strongly encourages other committees to send their Moment for Mission talks to [Steeple Views](#) for publication.

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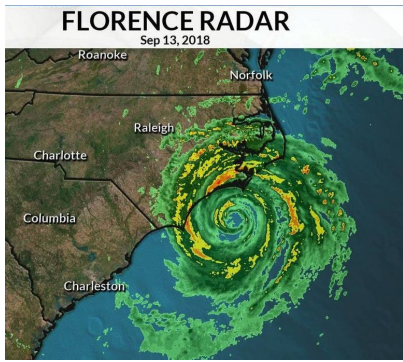
## **Hurricane Florence**

### **Helping Our Neighbors in NC**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. ... While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God."

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes





and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts, we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response are great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the **"GAP"**—  
**Give. Act. Pray.**

**Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to account #DR000169, which supports the church’s response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or to Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502.

**Act:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

**Pray:** "God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude and hope....We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of the storm....Open our eyes, our hearts and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams make glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You. In the name of Christ the Healer we pray. Amen." (Full text is on our [website](#).)

*Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, director  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

### **Happy October Birthdays!**

- 1 Shane Pinkston
- 5 John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker
- 6 Jane Ford
- 9 Cole Tatum
- 10 Grey Ferguson
- 11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
- 14 Walt Seamon
- 15 Joe Smith
- 16 Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
- 18 Betty Hendricks
- 19 Mike Ware
- 21 Mary Page
- 23 Helen Hawkes, Nancy Brown
- 26 Jana Jennings, Melissa Jessup, Eileen Powell, Ralph Jr. Shank
- 29 Walter Anderson



Birthdays are copied from the online "Instant Church Directory." If you would like

yours added, please call or email Rita in the church office, 632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

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## Lunch Buddies

### Weekday School Needs Microwave



The Weekday School Lunch Buddies program needs a microwave oven for the classroom where they eat so the whole group doesn't have to go down to the kitchen to heat up food for a few children. If you have one you could donate, please email Weekday School Director Carol Carter, [wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org), or call the church office, 632-3431.

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## Cooks Who Care

### New Meal Containers

Cooks Who Care has a new type of container for meals. The Bento Box is BPA-free, microwavable, dishwasher and freezer safe, reusable, and recyclable. \*DO NOT PUT IT IN THE OVEN.\* Also, while you may reuse the containers, Cooks Who Care DOES NOT want them back. Many thanks to all the cooks and especially to Judy Ware, coordinator, who work so hard to make tasty meals for our members!



## Prayer Requests

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: (\*new this week) 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, Audrey Davis (Teri Ferguson), Judy Garland, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Joe Hinchcliff (Pastor Mark's father), Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), \*Ricky Johnson (Sandra Ford), Eddie Levi, Gloria Lynch (Susan Pilsen's mother), 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

**Gethsemane Presbyterian Church**, Drakes Branch, led by **Rev. Michael Hickman**, founded 1967, 82 members

**Providence Presbyterian Church**, Nathalie, founded 1830, 58 members

**Roanoke Valley Presbyterian Church**, Blacksburg, led by **Rev. Terry Blevins**, founded in 1889, 38 members

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**

**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.



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**Our Mission**

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

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Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

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