

November 4 & 11, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Commitment Sunday



### Why Stewardship?

Stewardship is not fundamentally about raising the church's budget. Stewardship is the faithful living out of God's claim over human life and the entire created order. The word "stewardship" simply means "oversight" and "responsibility for the use of" a resource that does not belong to oneself. Many of us live with the inner lie that what we own belongs to us. The truth of biblical faith is that everything that exists in the universe was created by God and belongs to God. In God's lavish generosity we are provided with the means to provide for our families and ourselves. It is God's house we live in, God's church we administer.

Here is the bottom line: It is not our *stuff* we are talking about. It is our *hearts* that we are talking about and how much of them really belongs to God. In stewardship God asks the questions, "What are you doing with my stuff? And what does that say about our relationship?"

For us in the Reformed family, gratitude is always our fundamental stance before God. When wonderful things happen, we are grateful for the gift of them. When grief or challenge happens, we are grateful for God's grace, comfort, and guidance. Gratitude is a way of being in the world that has the power to change us and ultimately redeem the world. Until the word "stewardship" can be reclaimed from its captivity to the one-month annual fund campaign, perhaps we could substitute the word "gratitude." November is "Gratitude Month."

*Editor's Note:* This article is very briefly extracted (without ellipses) from an excellent article by Rev. Eugenia Gamble published by The Presbyterian Leader. The full article may be found here:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/documents/Week%20b%20-%20Stewardship%20article.pdf](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/documents/Week%20b%20-%20Stewardship%20article.pdf)

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## What's Happening at FPC

**Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day**

**Memorial Service for Hilde Chappell, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary**

**Reception for Hilde Chappell's family**, immediately following the service,  
Fellowship Hall

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

## **Friday, Nov. 2**

**Organ Concert, 7:00 PM**, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, featuring world-renowned organist Carol Williams. Music selections will include Widor's "Toccatà," "Take Five" by Paul Desmond, and "Waltz of the Flowers" from *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky. The Trinity Sanctuary Choir (including Gael & Smith Chaney) and Jefferson Choral Society will combine voices to sing two selections. A free will offering will be collected to offset costs. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

**Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day, November 4, 2018**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost—31st in Ordinary Time**

Scripture Lessons

**Revelation 21:1–6a; Psalm 24**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"A Reunion Like None Other"**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146**

**Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34**

Full text of lectionary readings

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

## **Calendar**

### **All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00 AM.** Turn your clocks back one hour to Standard Time.

**Stewardship Commitment:** We dedicate our pledges to support God's work through this congregation in the coming year.

**Roll Call of the Saints:** During the services, we will call the roll of church members who entered eternally into God's gracious care during the last year.

**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, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

*Liturgist:* Alanna Ferguson

*Communion Servers:* \*Ron Rebman, +Harold Lamm, Jean Williams, Lynn Pritchett, Heidi Pinkston, Shane Pinkston, 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.*

### **Monday, Nov. 5**

**Presbyterian Women Circle, 10:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!

**Extended Table, 2:00 PM**, King's Grant

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, "Balaam & His Donkey." Music and Christian education for children K-8th grade.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 6**

**Election Day.** Remember to vote!

**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, [je\\_ware@yahoo.com](mailto:je_ware@yahoo.com), 666-2269, for more information.

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

### **Wednesday, Nov. 7**

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

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

### **Thursday, Nov. 8**

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

### **Sunday, Nov. 11**

*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:* \*Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

*Liturgist:* Duke Ferrell

### **Monday, Nov. 12**

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, "The Death of Moses." Music and Christian education for children K-8th grade.

**Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM**

### **Tuesday, Nov. 13**

**Library Committee, 10:00 AM**, Library

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

### **Wednesday, Nov. 14**

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

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

### **COOKS WHO CARE**



## Thursday, Nov. 15

**Presbytery of the Peaks Quarterly Meeting, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**, First Presbyterian Church, Danville, 937 Main St. Parking is limited; please carpool.  
**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

## Saturday, Nov. 17

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

**8:00–9:30 AM**, Serving

Contact Sharon Kirby, [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com), 806-9709, or Paul Cannaday, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net), 252-8191, for more information about helping.

**Facilities Work Session, 9:30–11:00 AM**. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects around the building and grounds. Contact Denny Casey, 224-3906, [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net).

## Sunday, Nov. 18

*Unlock/Lock up:* Johnny Pinkard/Monty Montgomery

**Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM**, Chapel

**Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM**, Sanctuary, warm up for service

**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:* Liz Ferrell

**Community Pre-Thanksgiving Service, 4:00 PM**, FPC Sanctuary, sponsored by the Martinsville-Henry County Ministerial Association

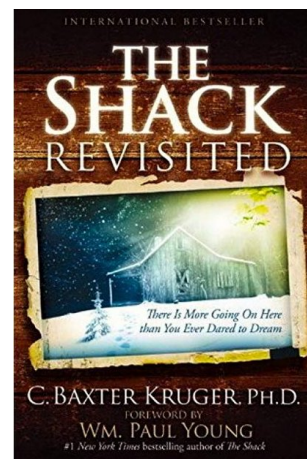
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## Adult Sunday School

### The Shack Revisited Beginning Sunday, Nov. 4, 9:45 AM

Pastor Mark will facilitate a new Adult Sunday School study focusing on the book *The Shack Revisited: There Is More Going On Here than You Ever Dared to Dream* by C. Baxter Kruger. According to one reviewer, "*The Shack Revisited* is not a dull theological volume that will put you to sleep. Dr. Kruger uses the The Shack as a backdrop to lay out a description of the deep love and compassion of the Father, Son and Spirit for all human life. For we are his creation, we are his children. It is very readable and filled with stories that will make your heart soar. This is the image of God that turned the ancient world upside down. It is the image of God that has the potential to do the same to our world." (Amazon.com reviewer) This Sunday is a great time to start coming to Sunday School with the extra hour from the time change. Join us!



## For Christmas

### Angel Trees Are Coming

Angel Trees will appear in the hallways outside the Sanctuary and Chapel this Sunday, November 4. Grace Network will use the money collected to buy toys for children identified through the public schools. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and mark the memo line "Angel Tree Project." Thank you for your participation!



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## Stewardship

### Worship Committee

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* I Peter 4:10

When you come to worship on Sunday mornings, have you ever noticed how everything is all ready for you? Whether it's something obvious like the music, seasonal decorations, or the communion table, or the small details such as the worship bulletins—everything is in its place. None of this happens without planning and discussion ahead of time, followed by carrying out those decisions at the right time. This is where your worship committee comes in. We are responsible for:

- Overseeing the worship services and the Children's Worship program
- Preparing and cleaning up Communion and Extended Table
- Preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism
- Cleaning up pews and restocking pew racks
- Scheduling of the sanctuary flowers
- Maintaining the altar candles
- Changing the paraments
- Scheduling liturgist and ushers
- Scheduling communion serving teams
- Maintenance and operation of the sound system, lighting and video recording during worship
- Overseeing the maintenance of Chrismon ornaments and displaying of Chrismon Tree
- Working with our Pastor and our Music Directors to plan all special services including Advent, Christmas, Lenten, Holy Week, Easter, World Communion Sunday, and Laity Sunday
- Confirming that the cash offering has been counted and secured
- Overseeing the music program of the church
- Securing supply pastors for worship services when needed



As you can see, your support of the Stewardship Campaign is so important to our church.

—Teri Ferguson, Worship Committee Chair

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## Stewardship

### Christian Education Committee

As the Church, we are charged to continue the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, guiding and nurturing each other through all the seasons and transitions of life. We never outgrow our need for Christian nurture and support in our individual and communal walks of faith. The educational ministries of the church are rooted in the promises of baptism, in which the congregation pledges responsibility for Christian nurture throughout the life of all of its members.

The Christian Education Committee has the responsibility for a wide variety of programs and their curricula including:



- Weekday School
- Sunday School and other Bible study groups
- Youth programs, including GPS
- Vacation Bible School
- Retreats
- Camp Peaks
- Camps and Conferences
- Confirmation Classes

The C. E. Committee is charged with recruiting, organizing, and training volunteers to carry out our programs. We also maintain the church library, the archives, and the educational resource room. The library is a valuable asset with resources to nurture Christian growth and to provide pleasure reading for all ages. The archives preserve the history of our witness in this community and heritage of the many saints who have served and continue to serve God through this congregation. We provide the Lenten devotional booklets we have used for the past two years, and this year we will also distribute Advent devotionals to all our members.

Because we are committed to the spiritual growth of our congregation and because we believe it is time to take a leap of faith to support our burgeoning group of young people, the Session has voted to hire a part-time Family Ministries Facilitator. This person will develop and implement ministry programs to meet the spiritual, social, and emotional needs of our youth and families, especially as it pertains to the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach.

Your support for the Christian Education ministry of this church is crucial if we are to continue to grow spiritually as Christ's church. We need your prayers for all who are involved in the programs I have mentioned, and we need your prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all that we do. We need your presence as committee members, volunteers and/or participants in our various programs. Our church will become stronger as more people take advantage of the study and service opportunities offered. Your financial support allows our existing programs to continue, provides the resources and materials for those programs, and will allow us move forward with new ministry opportunities for our youth and families. Each time we witness a baptism, we all pledge to guide and nurture all who are baptized; your support of Christian Education is a step toward fulfilling that vow. May God bless us and empower us in that undertaking. Amen.

—Monica Stevens, Christian Education Chair

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## Stewardship

### Fellowship Committee

How many of you like doughnuts, danishes, and coffee? How about lemonade and cookies? Or Easter breakfast? Throughout the year the Fellowship Committee plans, prepares, and provides these and more opportunities for our congregation to gather together. It is a committee of few who feed the masses, so to speak. During this Stewardship season, please consider all the wonderful moments of fellowship this church provides for you and give accordingly. I also ask you to consider joining our committee. You don't have to be a world renowned chef—I certainly am not! You just need to have a love for this congregation and a willingness to pitch in. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31



—Kym Tatum, Fellowship Committee Chair

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### Editor's Note

The week of Thanksgiving, the *Steeple Views* deadline and mailing will be moved up a day. Please email articles by **4:00 PM on Monday, November 19** to [steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org). The usual deadline is Tuesday.

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### Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers: Family of Hilde Chappell, 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), Holli Cox and her Family, Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Audrey Davis (Teri Ferguson), Judy Garland, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Joye Hughes, Ricky Johnson (Sandra Ford), 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.



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

#### Beef Stew for Grace Network Also Plastic Grocery Bags

Grace Network's Food Pantry is running out of **plastic grocery bags**. Please bring any you have at home with your donation and leave them in the box at church. Our assignment for October through December is BEEF STEW, 15-20 ounce cans. 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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