August 26, 2021



The Church is Open for In-Person Worship Service!

If you **have not** been fully vaccinated please wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing.

The church office will open for limited appointments. Please call to schedule. If you are not fully vaccinated PLEASE WEAR A MASK. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. Please enter at the narthex for Sunday worship and during the week use the back door at the portico.

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Please join us for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost either <u>in person</u> or via <u>Facebook live</u> at 10:00 AM

"We Hear But Are We Listening?"

Based upon James 1:17-20, 22 and Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff



The Session will meet in person Monday, **August 30**, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the session room.

Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, General Presbyter of the Peaks Presbytery, will deliver the spiritual message and administer communion on Sunday, **September 5**.

Youth and Children: Be sure to join us for worship on <u>September 12 at</u>

10:00 a.m. with your backpacks! You'll receive a special blessing and backpack tag during the service. (Are you doing school virtually this year? If so, you can choose to receive stickers to bless your electronic device instead.)



Please contact **Jerri DeVault** if you would like to provide support to **Laura and Budd Buffkin** by cooking a meal or ordering a meal to be delivered to **1403 Askin Street** in Martinsville.

Lasagna, spaghetti, and casseroles that can be frozen would be much appreciated. *Please avoid salting the food.*

You may call or text Jerri's cell phone at (276) 252-2162. The DeVault home number is (276) 666-3024. Please leave a message if you do not connect or email Jerri jerride@embargmail.com.

Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting Lynn Pritchett at 276 252-6068.



Earth Care

Did you know you can bring these plastic items to Kroger for recycling:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Resealable zipper bags
- Outer plastic packaging
- Cereal bags
- Shopping materials & bubble wrap

What can we pick up for you? Contact Victoria Esarey

276 732-9110 or email <u>vesarey@gmail.com</u>. These items will be broken down into parts, making them more valuable as recyclables.

Happy Birthday in September!

- 1 Monty Montgomery, Virginia R. King
- 4 Nancy Davis
- **8** Suzan Kirby
- 10 Autumn Sanders
- **11** Victoria Esarev
- 15 Gwendolyn Seamon, Langhorne Mauck
- 16 Judy King
- 20 Jean Williams
- 25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell
- 27 John Hatchett



Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carl and Georgette Bishop, Ernest and Merilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Kimberly Bryson, Laura Buffkin, Tommy Cobb (M.

Dunn), Sandra and Mark Dobrinski (brother and sister-in-law of Cynthia), Judy Epperly (Nancy Baker), Daniel Handy, Leonard Kelley (Monica Stevens' brother), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Anne Peterson, Gene and Betty Stanley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski (Susan Pilson), 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.

Please remember





The 3rd quarter food donation item is **Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)**

Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Hygiene Items - We are always in need of these items!

*Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM

Presbytery of the Peaks



For updates and

announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020 Peaks Postings/PP Aug18 20 20.pdf

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 2021

Lynn Pritchett: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Rob King: Facilities

Monica Stevens: Worship

Class of 2022

Brooke Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

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2021: David Garland, Ed Linker

2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

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