

**February 23, 2020**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Our Presbytery of the Peaks**

Interim Presbytery Executive, Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, will be here at FPC this Sunday, **February 23**. Rev.

Utley will bring the spiritual message and present proposed restructuring plans for the Presbytery and what that means for this church and community. A

luncheon reception is planned after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you can offer your service in this endeavor please contact **Betty Hudson (638-0467)** as soon as possible.

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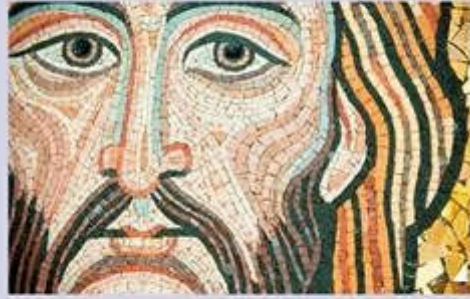
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## **PCUSA Lenten Devotionals are here!**

Devotionals are available outside the church office, in the narthex outside the sanctuary, and outside the chapel (one copy per family, please).

# Becoming a Beloved Community

*A Matthew 25 journey to the cross*



Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.  
Presbyterian Mission

Presbyterians Today | 2020 Lenten Devotional



If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Denny Casey.

- Explore the concept of intergenerational ministry
- Discover why gathering multiple generations together to learn, worship, serve, and build relationships grows thriving Christ-centered community
- Experience [Sunday LIFT \(Living in Faith Together\)](#), an intergenerational resource
- Plan practical ways for your church to become more intergenerational

## Sunday LIFT Experience

### An Introduction to Intergenerational Ministry



**February 22, 9:45 am - 1:00 pm**  
New Dublin Presbyterian Church  
5331 New Dublin Church Road, Dublin, VA

**Free for attendees from NDPC**  
Contact Pastor Sara Jane Bush  
pastor@newdublin.org (864)378-7687

**Attendees from other churches are welcome!**  
\$70/person. Register online at  
[GenOnMinistries.org/collections/training-registration](http://GenOnMinistries.org/collections/training-registration)



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### **Lenten Lunch Schedule**



**Lenten Lunch Schedule, Tuesdays at 12 Noon**

A variety of soups and a bread will be served at each location.

**March 3** at First Presbyterian, devotions by Rev.



Libby Grammer, pastor at First Baptist Church

**March 10** at Grace Presbyterian, devotions by Rev. Ashley Harrington, pastor at Starling Ave. Baptist Church

**March 17** at Christ Episcopal, devotions by Rev. Keith Spangenberg, interim minister at Broad St. Christian Church

**March 24** at Starling Ave. Baptist, devotions by Rev. Mike Carrow, pastor at Calvary Christian Church

**March 31** at Broad Street Christian, devotions by Rev. Kelvin Perry, CRE at Grace Presbyterian Church

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### ***Small Group Psalm Study***

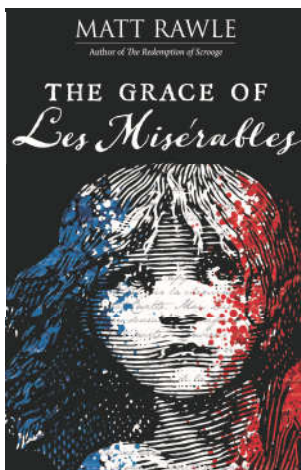


A Small Group Psalm Study and Soup Supper on Thursdays of Lent, **March 5 – April 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** will meet in the Session Room. All adults and high school students are invited to participate, but the group size is limited to twelve.

If you are interested please contact the church office or **Monica Stevens** by **February 16** (276-632-8075, leave message if no answer)

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### ***Lenten Sunday School Class***



A new 6 week **Sunday School class** for the Lenten season will start on **March 1** called *The Grace of Les Misérables*. We will be offering a class for adults **AND** a class for **YOUTH** (grades 6-12).

If you have questions, please contact **Sam Smith (224-2811)** or **Denny Casey (224-3906)**.

[Note: Children's Sunday School is also offered in room 11-12 under sanctuary]

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

**Thursday, February 20**

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, 12:00–6:00 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, 638-7923, [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net), if you can help.

### **Saturday, February 22**

**Sunday LIFT, 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM**, New Dublin Presbyterian Church, Dublin, VA



### **Sunday, February 23**

#### **Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering**

*Unlock/Lockup:* Neil Tatum/Monty Montgomery

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

**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, Henry Moore

*Liturgist:* Denny Casey

**\*Luncheon following 11:00 AM service**

*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 traditional worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.*

**Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day, February 23, 2020**  
**Last Sunday After the Epiphany**

**Scripture Lessons**

Ephesians 4:1-6 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon by Dr. Carl Utley

**"Reputation as Witness"**

Full text of lectionary readings

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

## **More Happenings**

### **Monday, February 24**

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

### **Wednesday, February 26**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2:00 PM**, Session Room

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

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

### **Sunday, March 1**

#### **Communion Sunday**

*Unlock/Lockup:* Neil Tatum/Monty Montgomery

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

**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:* Nancy Davis

*Communion Servers:* \*Neil Tatum, +Duke Ferrell, Liz Ferrell, Manly Boyd, Denny Casey, Paul Cannaday, Kym Tatum

### **Monday, March 2**

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

### **Tuesday, March 3**

**\*\*Please note that Cooks Who Care has been moved to Tuesday, March 10 due to the Lenten luncheon at FPC on March 3**

### **Wednesday, March 4**

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

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

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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## **Prayer Requests**

**These members and friends of the congregation need our**

**prayers:** Family of Dr. Charles Marshall, Family of Inez Spencer (Pam Rakes' mother), Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Mallory Hall-DeSantis (B. Tatum), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Walt Seamon, Wayne Simmons (Marge Dunn), Gene Stanley, C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-grandson of Pearl Minter), 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*

### **Canned Black Eyed Peas for Grace Network**

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for January, February and March, is **Canned Black Eyed Peas (15 oz.)**. Please include plastic grocery bags with your donation. 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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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

#### **Useful Links**

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

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/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Moderator: Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

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Denny Casey: Christian Education

Ron Rebman: Administration

Kym Tatum: Fellowship

#### **Class of 2021**

Ed Pace: Facilities

Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Monica Stevens: Worship

#### **Class of 2022**

Brook Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Communications

Betty Hudson: Congregational Care

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2021: David Garland, Ed Linker

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