

March 1, 2020



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Read Across America

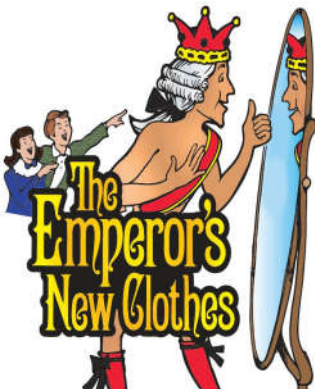
is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association that began in 1997. One part of the project is National Read Across America Day, an observance in the United States held on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

In celebration of Read Across America, we are asking for the donation of books for all ages, new or gently used. If you have donations, you may drop them in either the nursery or the GPS room. We are also in need of volunteers to read at our

community breakfast on **Saturday, March 21**. We are inviting the weekday school and their families to join us for breakfast and reading!

If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Brooke Cundiff, 340-6124.

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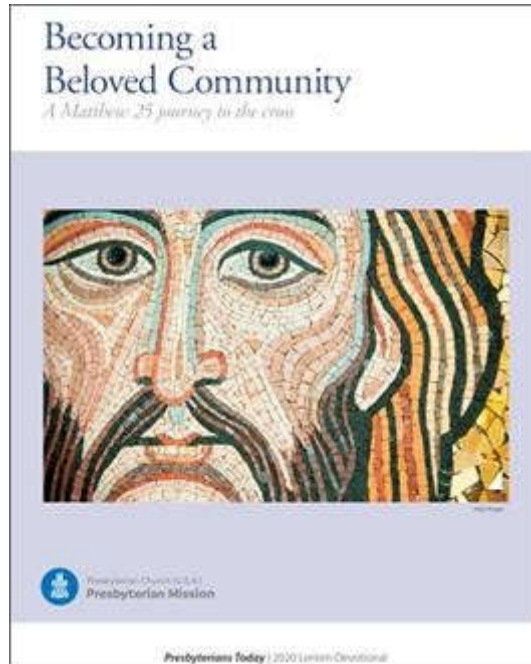


Some of our youth, **Norah Cundiff and Gavin Luther**, will be performing in the upcoming Missoula Children's Theater production, *The Emperor's New Clothes*. This will be a ONE DAY ONLY show with TWO performances on **Saturday, February 29 at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM** at PHCC. Tickets are \$6 and are available during practice times or at the door.



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).



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

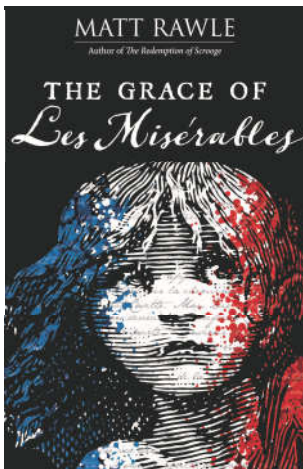
March 17 at Christ Episcopal, devotions by Rev. Keith Spangenberg, interim minister at Broad St. Christian Church

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

****If you are able to help with the first Lenten lunch at FPC on March 3, please contact **Betty Hudson (638-0467)**.****

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]

Weekday School



First Presbyterian Weekday School is now taking pre-registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

Enrollment Schedule

Current students: **March 2-6**

For siblings of current students and Church members: **March 9-13**

Open enrollment: begins on **March 16**.

Please spread the word to any family and friends who may have children ages 1 to 5. We have the best pre-school program and the most dedicated teachers! Call the Church for more information (632-3431)

What's Happening at FPC

Saturday, February 29

Missoula Children's Theater, 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM, PHCC Walker Fine Arts Theater

Sunday, March 1

Communion Sunday

Unlock/Lockup: Ed Pace/Milt Davis

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

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, March 1, 2020
First Sunday in Lent
Scripture Lessons
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Romans 5:12-19
Sermon by Dr. Carl Utley
"Testimony from a Lowdown Snake"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Full text of lectionary readings
www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

More Happenings

Monday, March 2

Presbyterian Women, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 3

Lenten Lunch, 12:00 PM, First Presbyterian, Fellowship Hall

****Please note that Cooks Who Care has been moved to Tuesday, March 10**

Wednesday, March 4

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Sunday, March 8

Unlock/Lockup: Johnny Pinkard/Victoria Esarey

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, Jerry DeVault, Joe DeVault

Liturgist: Jerri DeVault

Monday, March 9

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10

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, 336 601-2316, je_ware@yahoo.com, for more information.

Library Committee, 10:00 AM, Library

Lenten Lunch, 12:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian

Wednesday, March 11

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.

Prayer Requests

Thank you! I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, and acts of kindness shown to me and my family during the loss of my mother. It meant so very much to me. I love each and every one of you. ~Pam Rakes~

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

Gavin Russell, Family of Curtis Cundiff (Chuck's grandfather), 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, Dru Rothrock, Gavin Russell, 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.

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.

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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Denny Casey: Christian Education

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Kym Tatum: Fellowship

Class of 2021

Ed Pace: Facilities

Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Monica Stevens: Worship

Class of 2022

Brooke Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Communications

Betty Hudson: Congregational Care

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2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

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