

October 27, 2019



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Calling all trunks! **Trunk or Treat will be THIS Sunday, October 27 from 4-6:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to decorate their vehicles, and hand out treats to children. Dressing up in costume is optional but encouraged. Youth are also needed to help oversee games and hand out prizes. Donations of candy and boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes (for cake walk) are also needed and may be left in the church office. Please pass along the invitation to friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren. To volunteer, or more information, please contact **Sam Smith** (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811).

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Cooks Who Care

Please join our talented chefs on **Tuesday, November 5** as they prepare a delicious meal for our congregation members in need. Devotion and cooking start at 9:30 and wrap and pack at 5:30. Your help at either session would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Judy Ware at **336 601-2316** or je_ware@yahoo.com.



**Advent Workshop and Sandwich Luncheon
Sunday, November 17, 12-2pm**

All projects will cost \$7 per participant and reservations for those will begin **Sunday November 3 through Sunday, November 10**. Every class is open to all ages; however, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration forms will be available in the pews and outside the chapel. For more info or to reserve your spot, call the church office or Sam (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811).

Wooden Creche – You will make a stable for your own nativity set that's sure to be a family keepsake. This workshop is ideal for families looking to do a project together. **Limited to 10 participants (only one heirloom per family).**

Gift Jars – You will have two great homemade gifts to give after coming to the Cookie Jar and Soup Jar workshop. We will decoratively fill our beautiful jars with the makings for some wonderful cookies and another jar for a yummy, warming soup! These jars can also be donated to a worthy cause if you prefer.

Lighted Present – You will not believe how beautiful a lighted block can be! We will take a glass block and insert white lights and then wrap it with a beautiful bow. It will shine in homes and hearts for years to come. **Limited to 10 participants.**

Glass Ornaments – Decorate a set of six glass balls with paint poured inside. Add a ribbon and your creativity and you have a set of unique ornaments for yourself or as a gift. **Limited to 10 participants.**

Handmade Christmas Cards (Mission Project) – Participants will make a unique handmade Christmas card to be sent to shut-ins.

What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, October 24

Praise Band practice, 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 27

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Monty Montgomery

Two-Cents-a-Meal

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

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell



PHCC's Chamber Music Concert, "Familiar Friends", 3:00 p.m. in the Walker Auditorium. Deborah Burgess and Virginia King are among the performers. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.
Trunk or Treat, 4-6 PM

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 AM & 11:00 AM
The Service for the Lord's Day, October 27, 2019
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Joel 2:23-32 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon by March Hinchcliff

"In the Fear of the Drought, God Brings Rain for the Harvest"

Full text of lectionary readings

www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

More Happenings

Monday, October 28

Session Meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Wednesday, October 30

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2:00 PM, 752 King's Way Rd(Sandra Ford)

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Thursday, October 31

Praise Band practice, 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 3

Communion Sunday

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, Jerri DeVault, Joe DeVault

Liturgist: Caroline Kirby

Monday, November 4

Presbyterian Women, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 5

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.

Wednesday, November 6

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm.



Communication and stewardship...with our busy lifestyle, we probably communicate more than ever...we post, we share, we text, we tweet...and hopefully, we still take time, in real time, to say "pull up a chair and let's chat." There's nothing quite like a warm conversation between friends is there?

As it is stated in the church's Manual of Operations, the communication committee oversees all communications from the Session and committees to the congregation and the general public through bulletins, calendars, Church Directory, email and eblasts, Facebook, online Member Directory, photography, Steeple Views, the web site, and newspaper and TV announcements. In case you wondered, there are about a dozen or so folks involved in the work related to communications and if you would like to know who does what, please let me know.

And you know, it's not just what tools we use to communicate, its **what** we communicate, and **how** we communicate. And it needs to be a collaborative process...not dominated by one or two people but with a team of active members of the congregation and church staff...using their time, gifts, and talents...working together to **accurately** reflect and promote the life our congregation as a member of the Presbyterian Church. Above all, we want our ministry to be faithful to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ.

Filled with the spirit, we want our communications to be clear and accurate...the kind of information that's useful...is timely...coordinated...consistent...and is warm and inviting and inspirational...and of a quality that we all would be happy to like, share, tweet about, and otherwise pass along.

And by its very nature, communication is a two-way street...we want to be good listeners too...to not only hear your ideas about communications but to find ways to work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your commitment and support of the annual campaign. And any comments, suggestions or ideas related to communications, please let me or another session member know. And, if you have an interest or a talent that you'd like to contribute to communications, "pull up a chair and let's chat."

Thank you,
Lynn Pritchett

And Happy Birthday in November to



2 Colton Sanders

3 Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris

5 Neil Tatum

6 Brooke Cundiff

7 Christy Kropp

8 Donna Lawhon

15 Steven Minter

18 Donna King

- 21** Henry Grady III Moore
23 Sue Benfield
24 Judy Ware
25 Ed Pace, Jean Hill
27 Dr. Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
28 Norah Cundiff
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Up Coming Family Events



Sunday, October 27 will be Trunk or Treat, **4:00-6:00 PM**

Saturday, November 9

Several of our youth (**Norah Cundiff, Sienna King, Jack Kirby**) will be performing in **Frozen Jr.** at PHCC **November 7-10**. We will plan to go as a group on **Saturday November 9 for the 2:00 p.m.** performance. Tickets are \$15. If you would like to go, please call the church office or Sam (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811), deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4.

Sunday, November 17, 12-2 PM, Advent Workshop and Sandwich Luncheon

Please contact Sam Smith at (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811) if you are interested or need more information.

Volunteer Opportunities!



The Martinsville Community Collaborative is a wonderful annual event that is sponsored by Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Averett University, Virginia Dental Foundation and many community partners. This event provides a day of medical, dental and resource services for anyone in our community that is underserved. This is the 5th year of helping our community connect with medical and dental services and to provide the ability to connect them to a medical home with many insurance options. This particular day, all of the services are free of charge and anyone is welcome to come. No appointment needed

The event will take place **on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Uptown Ministry Center behind Rania's Restaurant from 8-3pm**. There will be over 100 medical, nursing and dental students and

faculty to provide these free services. We are looking for friendly people to serve by escorting our clients throughout the clinic. These individuals will be our **navigators** and they will work in two shifts. One shift will be **6:30am – 12 noon** and the second will be **11am- 5pm**. We will also need **Lead Navigators** that stay all day to help manage the volunteers throughout the day. Lead Navigators will be provided a free meal at lunchtime.

This is such a great way to serve our community and you will be able to document community hours if needed.

If you are interested in being a navigator or a lead navigator, please contact Tracy Hinchcliff at **403-4222** or tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetnetworkmhc.org.

You don't have to have a medical background, just a friendly smile and servant heart!

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, David Chittum, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Ron Ferrill (Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Jordan Penn (B. Tatum), Anne Peterson, Walt Seamon, C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-grandson of Pearl Minter), Brenda Williams, 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.

Happenings Beyond our Community

RENEW
CONFERENCE 2019

FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE
Father's Affection

Featuring Wm. Paul Young
Author of *The Shack*

Saturday » November 2 » 9am – 2pm
108 Melinda Drive, Lynchburg

Tickets are \$18
Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch
Register online at [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)
Sponsored by Altavista Presbyterian Church

Session topics include

- *Wholeness*
- ▲ *The Trinity*
- *Reconciliation*

SAVE THE DATE

November 21, 2019

Presbytery Meeting at Covenant PC, Roanoke

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please remember

Corn Bread Mix for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for October, November and December, is **CORN BREAD MIX (i.e. Jiffy)**. 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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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care

Class of 2020

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Ron Rebman: Administration

Kym Tatum: Fellowship

Class of 2021

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Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank Jr

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