

July 24, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Robert L. Bledsoe

August 28, 1930–July 18, 2016

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of our dear friend Bob Bledsoe on Monday, July 18. The funeral will be **Thursday, July 19, at 11:00 AM**, at Collins-McKee-Stone Chapel, 109 Broad Street, Martinsville. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today, **July 20, 6:00–8:00 PM**.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Frances and all the family. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Martinsville Bulletin obituary is available online:

http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/obituaries/bledsoe-robert-lipscomb/article_43ea0787-a7e2-5a0e-b93c-8d48800f714c.html

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Printed copies are available at church in the rack across from the office, the Narthex, and the Chapel hallway.

What's Happening This Week

Thursday, July 21

Funeral Service for Robert L. Bledsoe, 11:00 AM, Collins-McKee-Stone Chapel, 109 Broad Street, Martinsville

Agape Ministry, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel. New singers and musicians always welcome.

Sunday 24

We welcome Dr. Dwight Christenbury to our pulpit this morning.

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

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 Bible study, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #1: Neil Tatum (Captain), Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary.

4 Sundays @ 4 Concert, 4:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church. Peter Ramsey, Recorder; John Fulcher, Piano; Kevin Lewis, Trumpet; David Dunham, Tenor Sax; Kat Walker, Flute; Tim Loman, Clarinet; A. Robert Chapman, Organ

Monday 25

No Session Meeting

Monday–Friday 25–29

Camp Peaks in Martinsville

Tuesday 26

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Back-to-School Project Registration, 6:00–8:00 PM, Wilson Park. Parents must bring their children to register them for free backpacks and school supplies. Volunteers are needed beginning at **5:00 PM**.

Wednesday 27

Steeple Views mailing, 3:00 PM, copier room. Volunteers appreciated.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:30 PM, Session Room. [See article below](#).

Thursday 28

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00–6:00 PM. Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve donors at the canteen after they finish donating blood. If you can help, please contact Nancy Baker at [276-638-7923](tel:276-638-7923) or email nbaker08@comcast.net.

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel. New singers and musicians always welcome.

Sunday 31

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Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult Bible study, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #2: Ralph Shank, Jr. (Captain), Bob Davis, Bob Clark, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary.

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

The Service for the Lord's Day, July 24
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 14:13-21 and Psalm 145:1-13

Sermon by Dr. Dwight Christenbury

"Never say We Don't Have Enough"

Revised Common [Lectionary Readings](#) for Sunday

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Call to Action

Nominating Committee Needs Suggestions

All members of the congregation are invited to submit suggestions to the Nominating Committee for the slate of ruling elders and trustees. Forms will be available in church on Sundays through July 24. If you will not be here, you may contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee listed below.

Cindy Edgerton, Chair (steveandcindy@earthlink.net, 276-732-2784)

Duke Ferrell (dukeferrell@activwall.com, 864-934-6559)

Rob King (rking@piedmontmechanical.biz, 276-340-2263)

Cathy Stone (bncstone@comcast.net, 540-330-9944)

All active members of First Presbyterian Church are eligible to hold office. Current members of the Session and Trustees are listed at the [end of this email](#).

Discerning God's Call

As we seek to identify those who are called to serve, consider the following characteristics, skills and commitments to the life of faith and the ministry of the church:

- Regularly attends in worship
- Participates in church activities
- Cooperates in the working with others
- Is willing to learn and be open to new ideas
- Is conscientious with the ability to follow through on tasks
- Demonstrates Christian spirit in dealing with others
- Commits to the government and discipline of the PCUSA

Ruling Elders

Elders should be "persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having

demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit.” (Book of Order G-2.0301). We are seeking three persons to serve a full three-year term. The year of the term runs from January through December.

Trustees

Trustees exercise responsibility “to receive, hold encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation.” (Book of Order G-4.0101). We are seeking two persons to serve full three-year terms, the year of the term runs from January to December.

Back-to-School Project

Our congregation is a partner church with Community Fellowship to provide backpacks filled with school supplies and other necessities for area school children. Families will need to register their children ahead of time for the **August 6** distribution. **Volunteers** are needed to help with registration at Wilson Park on **Tuesday, July 26, 6:00–8:00 PM**. Please be present an hour prior to the event. Contact Jerri DeVault (276-666-3024) if you can help.

You may make monetary donations to buy the supplies by writing a check to our church and marking it for the Back-to-School Project.



back2school
AUGUST 6TH

REGISTRATION DATES
SATURDAY JULY 16TH 9-12 TUESDAY JULY 26TH 6-8
STUDENTS **MUST** REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE NEW SOCKS AND SHOES, BACKPACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES, GENTLY-USED CLOTHES, AND IF DESIRED, A HAIRCUT (NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL SITES) ON **AUGUST 6TH**.

STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT TO REGISTER

5 REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
2674 VIRGINIA AVE
COLLINGSVILLE, VIRGINIA
- J. Frank Wilson Park
502 E. church ext
Martinsville, Virginia
- Star Theater
318 Patrick Ave.
Stuart, Virginia
- FAIRWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
9427 FAIRSTONE PARK HWY
BOSETT, VIRGINIA
- MERCY CROSSING
1978 JOSEPH MARTIN HWY
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

FOR MORE INFO CALL 276-565-8234 OR
EMAIL: EMAILBACK2SCHOOL@GMAIL.COM
PLEASE CALL FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Meeting July 27, 4:30 PM

New Prayer Shawls Available



The Prayer Shawl Ministry dedicated a number of lovely new prayer shawls on July 3, and they are available to be taken to anyone in need of comfort. They may also be given on a happy occasion, such as the birth of a baby. Any member of the congregation may deliver one to anyone, whether or not they are a member of our congregation. Please sign the form on the table in the Parlor before taking a shawl.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Wednesday, July 27, at 4:30 PM**, in the Session Room. We welcome new members to our group and would be glad

to teach you if you would like to learn to knit or crochet. Contact Joan Montgomery (276-632-1157, joanmontgo@gmail.com) for more information.

A Look Ahead

Coming in August

Sunday, August 14

Blessing our college students (11 o'clock service) and Lemonade on the Lawn

Sunday, August 21

Potluck/covered dish luncheon honoring Cynthia Dobrinski's 15th anniversary and Mark Hinchcliff's 2nd anniversary serving our congregation

Gift to the Church

For Cooks Who Care

In memory of Harry Lee Dunn on his birthday

Marge Dunn

Our Mission
Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

Useful Links

FPC website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/>

FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

Presbytery of the Peaks: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

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