

September 4, 2016



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

## "Grow, Praise, Sing!" begins Monday, Sept. 12

It's time to sign up for G.P.S.—"Grow, Praise, Sing! Mapping a Life That Follows Christ." Our children's music and Christian education program will begin on **Monday, September 12, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. We are excited to begin our fifth year of G.P.S.!

All children ages **Kindergarten through 8th grade** are invited to join us after school for music, Bible stories, snacks and fun. The children will be divided by age into two groups and will receive age-appropriate music instruction, including learning to read music as well as learning to play bells or chimes. They will also have Bible story lessons with activities and crafts. Adult volunteers will escort children from Patrick Henry Elementary to the church. Children from other schools may come directly to the church at 3:00. Friends are welcome, too! For more information or for an application, call the church office, (276) 632-3431, or JoAnne Sanders, (276) 340-6913.



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## What's Happening This Week

### Thursday, Sept. 1

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### Sunday, Sept. 4

**Communion Sunday, both services.** Communion prep/clean-up team:  
Davis/Pritchett

**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: Lang Mauck

Communion Servers: Pearl Minter, Lang Mauck, Monica Stevens, Anne

Vipperman Madonia, Joe DeVault, Jerri DeVault, Denise Unterbrink

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

**The Service for the Lord's Day, September 4, 2016**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)**

Scripture Lessons

**Luke 14:25-33; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me"**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Additional [Lectionary Readings](#) for Sunday

**Jeremiah 18:1-11; Philemon 1:1-21**

## Monday 5

**Labor Day**, church office closed.

## Tuesday 6

**FPC Weekday School begins, 9:00 AM**

**Cooks Who Care will meet Sept. 13.**

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM.** Please email information to Gael Chaney, [steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org](mailto:steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

**Circle 2 (formerly 3), 7:00 PM**, Parlor with hostess Barbara Tatum.

## Wednesday 7

**Steeple Views mailing, 4:00 PM**, copier room. Volunteers appreciated.

**Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM**, handbell room. New ringers welcome!

**Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM**, Choir Room

## Thursday 8

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

## Sunday 11

**Rally Day**

**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 #2: Ralph Shank, Jr. (Captain), Bob Davis, Bob Clark, Harold

Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Joan Montgomery

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

### **Lemonade on the Lawn, 12 Noon**

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

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## **September Circle Meetings**

Circle 2 (former Circle 3) will meet on **Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 PM**, in the Parlor with hostess Barbara Tatum. This circle will meet on first Tuesday evenings each month.

Circle 1 (joined by former Circle 5) will meet on **Monday, September 12, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please note this meeting is the second Monday to avoid Labor Day. Most meetings will be on the first Monday of the month.

Please join us as we study the Bible, pray for each other and the church, carry out God's mission, and enjoy the fellowship of **Presbyterian Women!**

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## **Fall Session**

### **Da Capo Virginia now enrolling**

#### **Tuesdays, September 20–November 29**

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

#### **Animato 4:30–6:00 PM**

students grades 2–6, \$185

#### **Cantare 6:15–7:45 PM**

students grades 7–10, \$185

Scholarships available.

<http://www.dacapova.org/howtojoin/howtojoin/register.html>

For more information, contact [info@dacapova.org](mailto:info@dacapova.org)

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## **Weekday School Begins Sept. 6**

The Weekday School will be in full swing on Tuesday, September 6! We have 51 children, with the 3- and 4-year-old classes at full capacity. Please welcome two new teachers, Jessica Wulff in the 4-year-old class and Sarah Cantley in the 2-year-old class. Classes meet Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM–12 Noon. As always, come visit!

—Mary Lewis Johnston, WDS Director

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**Gift to the Church**  
**In Honor of Cooks Who Care**  
by Kenneth and Nanette Smith

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**A Tribute to Cynthia**

At a luncheon on Sunday, August 21, we honored our organist and music director Cynthia Dobrinski for serving our congregation for the past 15 years. Sandra Ford gave this presentation, along with a gift from the choirs:

"All who help with the ministries of this church are special to us, but for those of us who love sacred music, Cynthia Dobrinski holds a unique place in our hearts. As church members, we look forward to her wonderful preludes, offertories and postludes on the organ, appreciate the handbell choirs that she directs (often using her own compositions), and her skillful conducting of the Chancel Choir while accompanying them on piano or organ.



"But, there is another side of Cynthia. Google her name in your computer and you will get pages of information about this famous lady. For instance, Wikipedia tells us that this Kansas native is among the leading composers and arrangers of handbell music in the country. She has more than 175 works in print and has conducted about 350 handbell workshops and festivals internationally!

"She earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Christian University and her Master of Music degree in organ performance from Northwestern University. She was a Fulbright Scholar and taught for 15 years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Choir members know her for her professionalism and her patience. All of us who are fortunate to be a part of her choirs are grateful for the musical knowledge that she imparts and all look upon her as a friend. Cynthia, we are thankful for the 15 years of wonderful music that you have given us and hope that there will be many, many more."

The congregation also recognized Pastor Mark Hinchcliff's 2nd anniversary serving our congregation. More photos of the luncheon are on website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/photoalbums.cfm?ID=311>.

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

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<http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter>

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<http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.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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