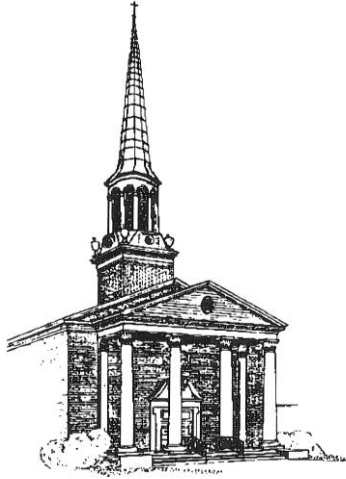


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Our Mission is to:

Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.



Our Summer Sunday Schedule:

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Fellowship Reception

(join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall)

9:45 Adult Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

Presbyterian Web Sites:

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic: www.synatlantic.org

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org

Pby. Disaster Assistance: www.pcusa.org/pda/

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Presbytery of the Peaks Presents

Traveling Day Camp

Camp Peaks Day Camp is coming **July 22-26**. First Presbyterian, along with Forest Hills Presbyterian, is offering this exciting program in partnership with the Presbytery of the Peaks Camp Committee. The camp will be held at Bill Martin's Stables in Axton (note change in location). Participants will meet at the church each day and be transported by bus to the farm. The camp will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All children entering grades 1-5 can enjoy this taste of camp. Bible stories, worship, games, arts and crafts, music, fellowship, making new friends, nature study, a cookout, field trips and much more will be included in the day camp program!

A director and counselors will come from the Presbytery of the Peaks Camps Committee to run the program. We are seeking places for the counselors to stay among members of the congregation. There are three college students (two females and one male) who will need housing for the week. All of their meals will be provided for them.

The cost for the week is \$75. There are scholarships available if needed. Each camper is to bring a sack lunch each day. All drinks and snacks will be provided (including smores each afternoon!). Brochures are available in the church office. The deadline for registrations is Tuesday, July 9. If you would like to volunteer, please contact JoAnne Sanders (340-6913).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where God's World Comes Together

JULY 8 – 12, 2013



Building on the Foundation

Our mission team from FPC traveled up to Harrisonburg, VA the week of June 16-21, to participate in the Mission@Massanetta program. Our team included **Stuart Beard, Grey Ferguson, Mattie Wingfield, Tyler Price, Johnny and Ashby Pinkard, and Jenny and Eleanor Spivey**. We partnered with the chapter of Rebuilding Together of Greater Augusta County to build a handicap ramp at the home of an elderly gentleman.

Our task was to complete building the ramp that had been begun by a mission team the week before. We were touched by the need we encountered, for the need was not simply for a ramp to address physical limitation. We saw also the greater financial, relationship and spiritual needs of this man and his family. During one of our evening devotions we read from 1 Corinthians 3, *"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid, that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

We reflected that the work that we did during the week was much more than digging holes, laying boards, and driving screws. And we realized the work we did was relatively small in the great scheme of things. The time we spent, building the ramp and building relationships, is an important part in the ongoing work of building the kingdom of God. Each of us is called to be a part of building that kingdom, and none of us do that alone. Our team did a great job of working together: one holding a level while another drove screws, one sawing boards while another held the end steady. These are lessons not simply for a mission team, but for our church family as well. We are all building on the foundation that is Jesus Christ, and we each can give our time, talents, energy and skills in working together to build the kingdom of God in this place.

- Jenny



Congratulations to our 2013 College Grads!

University of Virginia

William Waid Lester, Bachelor of Arts, History

Vanderbilt University

Ruth Decker Chaney

and

Our High School Graduates

Carlisle School

Claire Marie Atkins

Virginia Hancock Zentmeyer

Martinsville High School

Michael Wayne Mason

Benjamin Parks Pinkston

McMichael High School

Jacob Ashbrook Wingfield



Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes

to Alexandria Hope Michael and Marshall Groves Chaney on the occasion of their marriage May 4, 2013, in the sanctuary.

Congratulations and best wishes to

Mandy Lynn Pritchett and Arthur Davis Muse on the occasion of their marriage, May 11, 2013, in Stuart, Virginia.

Congratulations and best wishes to

Lindsey Marie Unterbrink and Matthew Murphy Herr on the occasion of their marriage May 25, 2013, in the sanctuary.

Congratulations and best wishes to

David and Gwendolyn (Gwen) Seamon, who were married on April 4, 2013, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



Congratulations to

Melissa Seamon, who was recently accepted to North Carolina State School of Veterinary Medicine. She graduated with honors in Biology from James Madison University in 2012 and is employed at Henry County Animal Clinic in Martinsville. She was one of only 20 out-of-state students selected by NC State from a field of over 600 applicants.



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ralph, Sandra, and Taylor Shank on the death of their father and grandfather, Ralph Shank, Sr. Ralph, a member of First Presbyterian since March 29, 1953, joined the Church Triumphant on April 30, 2013.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mildred Bishop on her death June 22, 2013 in Martinsville. Mildred a member of First Presbyterian since 1993, joined the Church Triumphant on June 22, 2012



Reaching out in Relationship

Residents of Cottage Place (the group home beside Holy Trinity Lutheran) enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship recently at First Presbyterian Church. Representatives from the Mission, Evangelism and Outreach, and Fellowship committees provided dinner and a time for the group to visit with us and to play Bingo. It was uplifting to hear these women with special needs talk about their jobs at Marc Workshop. They seem to enjoy their work and recognized the value in what they did. In addition, it was impressive to see how polite they were to each other and how appreciative they were for the time spent with us.



Happy Birthday in July to . . .

- 2 William Seamon
- 4 Ben Pinkston
- 5 Paul Cannaday, Sam Smith
- 6 Barbara Stanley
- 7 Clara Hartley
- 8 Dyer Pace
- 10 Mildred Bishop
- 12 Betty Carol Lamm, Betty Stanley, Heidi Pinkston
- 15 Dick Pilson, Kimberly Seamon, Jim Stegall
- 17 Jerri DeVault
- 18 Duke Ferrell, Buck Kester, Ashby Pinkard, Johnathan Phillips, Ainsley Phillips
- 19 Lee Eden
- 20 Nancy Betz, Connor Wotring
- 21 Bill Brown, Sienna King

- 22 Chuck Marshall, Lil Wall, Jessica Showalter
- 23 Carl Bishop, Anne Lackey, Chris Beeler
- 25 Teri Ferguson
- 26 Tommy Martin
- 27 Laura Stevens
- 29 Bill Franck
- 31 Capers Zentmeyer, Laura Chiudioni

and in August to.....

- 1 David Chittum, Anne Peterson
- 2 Lynne Beeler
- 3 Marge Dunn
- 5 Bob Richeson
- 6 Elizabeth Chapman
- 8 Elizabeth Clark
- 9 Liz Ferrell
- 10 Frances Bledsoe
- 11 Melissa Wingfield
- 12 Beth Lawson, Carrie Buffkin
- 13 Chuck Cundiff
- 15 Caroline Harris
- 17 Maggie Pilson, Martha Pilson, Elizabeth Walsh
- 18 Cindy Nease, Madison Powell
- 19 Bill Plonk
- 21 Ron Fentress, Bill Stone
- 22 Laura Buffkin, Johnny Pinkard, Troy Rakes, Kym Tatum
- 23 Anne Abercrombie, Carol Ann Mahoney
- 24 Nan Smith
- 25 Margaret Lester
- 26 Gentry Zentmeyer
- 28 Bob Bledsoe
- 29 Stuart Beard
- 31 Dot Bryson, Bill Nease

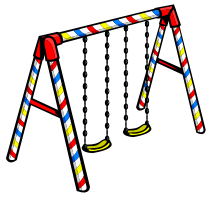
Session Highlights

June 24, 2013

- Jenny Spivey moderated the meeting which began at 7 pm.
- Nancy Baker gave the devotion and opened with prayer.
- The request from Susan and John Hatchett to have their son Evan William Hatchett baptized during the Early Worship service on July 28, 2013 was approved.
- The Session approved the Facilities Committee recommendation to accept a

proposal from Piedmont Mechanical Systems to resolve drainage issues on the church's smaller playground.

- The Administration Committee was charged with bringing a policy recommendation to the Session in July that addresses the requirement for obtaining multiple bids when contracts are expected to exceed a certain dollar value or when dealing with bids from church members.
- The Playground Committee presented proposals and pictures for the new playground equipment scheduled to be installed by the beginning of the 2013-14 school year. Additional information will be provided for review and consideration at the upcoming Weekend Retreat.
- The Session approved taking proposed New Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor to the congregation for a vote. The Session voted to call a Congregational Meeting for July 14 after the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of voting on Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor. These new Terms of Call would take effect the day after the Interim Pastor's departure.
- In order to comply with the Book of Order mandate that the church rolls be reviewed annually, the Session approved drafting a letter to facilitate the review process. The letter will be sent to the church membership no later than August 2.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee's Ministry Information Form (MIF) was reviewed with no action taken. The Session will discuss the MIF further at the upcoming Weekend Retreat.
- The next Session meeting will be on July 29, 2013 in the Session room. Any church member who is interested in the work of the Session is invited to attend.
- The Session's Summer Planning and Training retreat will be held in the Session room on Friday, June 28 from 6-9 pm, Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, June 30 from 1-5 pm.



New Playground Equipment on the Horizon!

Most of you are aware that it has become necessary to replace our current playground equipment. We have been blessed with the equipment we have had for many years, and it has been well used! For the safety of all the children who use our playground, we are going to replace what we currently have. We hope to be able to have the new equipment in place by the start of school in September. To that end, we need to remove the current structures from the playground. We have decided that, if anyone is interested in any of the pieces, it can be yours, as long as you can remove and relocate it. This should be done soon in order for us to begin the preparation work on the grounds. If you are interested, please call JoAnne Sanders (340-6913) or the church office (632-3431) for further details.



Adult Summer Opportunities

The adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet on Sunday mornings over the summertime and invite everyone to join one of them.

The class led by Lang Mauck, which meets in the Session Room, will finish "The Jesus Creed" on July 7 and begin a new study on July 14. The new study will be based on "A Geography of God: Exploring the Christian Journey" by Michael L. Lindvall. "Compass firmly in hand, Michael Lindvall leads us on a journey across the wild, unpredictable and finally joyful landscape of the Christian life." If you are not already established in a class, it would be a perfect time to join!

The class studying "Living the Questions," led by Jenny Spivey, will continue the study through the summer in the Youth Fellowship room.

Joe Reggin will continue to lead a study of the Apostles and Nicene Creeds in the Irby Classroom.

Church Library News

Our Church Library is in great need of renovation and upgrading. No new books or materials have been added in over two years. We want to make the library a place where young and old want to come. In order to make this happen we need the congregation's input. What kinds of materials do you want to see in our library to make it a place that would be exciting and useful to you? Some suggestions are:

- Books and materials for children
- (DVD's, computer games, board games)
- Bible study materials
- Parenting guides
- Marriage enrichment

We also need to upgrade our audio visual equipment and computers. Does anyone have a machine which can convert VHS format to DVD format? Please check any of the above suggestions that you think are important and add others that you feel would be of value to the enrichment of our church library. Thank you for your help.

Your Church Library Committee:

- Nancy Moore, Monica Stevens
- Ashby Pinkard, Betty Hudson
- Suzan Kirby, Nancy Davis

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