

July 22, 2021



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

The Church is Open for In-Person Worship Service!

If you **have not** been fully vaccinated please wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing.

The church office will open for limited appointments. Please call to schedule. **If you are not fully vaccinated PLEASE WEAR A MASK.** Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. Please enter at the narthex for Sunday worship and during the week use the back door at the portico.

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Please join us for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost either **in person** or via **Facebook live** at 10:00 AM

Giving With Abundance (Grace and Forgiveness)

Based upon John 6:1-21 and 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff



1. The next session meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 26 at 7:00 PM.**
2. There will be no Steeple Views issue next week as the editor will be on vacation.
3. The BIG EVENT for the back2school program will be held on **August 7.**

back2school

It's hard to believe but **Back2School** is once again upon us and we are excited to bring this mission to the kids of Martinsville!

The last year has been such a challenge for all of us, but for our kids in the community, even more so. The **Back2School** event for the city cluster will be at Albert Harris again with a curbside event like last year. We are looking forward to getting back to the foot washing next year, but out of an abundance of precautions for the community and for the volunteers, we are going to do it like last year as an outside curbside event.

The first date to register and get feet measured has passed. The second date for kids to register is **July 20** and the **Big Event will be on August 7, 2021.**

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, you can do that for \$20.00 by check made out to the First Presbyterian Church, with Back2School in the memo.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can do that by contacting Tracy Hinchcliff at 409-330-0847 or tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org

We are looking forward to serving the kiddos of our community and with your help, we will see great joy to so many!



Compassion Camp 2021: The Sequel is Coming Soon! Register NOW!

We will once again be offering a virtual at-home Vacation Bible School program this summer. Although we are sad to not have an in-person VBS or Camp Peaks program this year, we look forward to those returning next summer.

Who's Invited? Compassion Camp 2021: The Sequel will be available to participants, preschoolers-rising 6th graders, **July 26-30**. While each day's session will be sent out via email each morning, you will be able to complete each session at your leisure. This event is FREE so invite your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Materials & Supplies: The supplies you will need are items you will likely have readily available in your household. A list of supplies will be available soon & help with supplies will be available to anyone who requests.

Registration: You can find more information & register your children [HERE](#) or please contact VBS co-directors Sam Smith at sam@peaksprebytery.org or Debbie Norton at dnorto02@leeu.edu if you have any questions.



What can we pick up for you? Contact **Victoria Esarey** **276 732-9110** or email vesarey@gmail.com. These items will be broken down into parts, making them more valuable as recyclables.

Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting Lynn Pritchett at [276 252-6068](tel:2762526068).



Dr. Robert Polk Linker

January 17, 1933 - July 16, 2021



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Ed Linker on the passing of his brother, Dr. Robert Polk Linker. Dr. Linker passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021 in Charleston, SC.

The full obituary can be found
at: <https://obits.postandcourier.com/us/obituaries/charleston/name/robert-linker-obituary?pid=199493502>

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Dr. Robert Linker (Ed Linker's brother), Carl and Georgette Bishop, Ernest and Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Kimberly Bryson, Laura Buffkin, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Sandra and Mark Dobrinski (brother and sister in-law of Cynthia), Daniel Handy, Leonard Kelley (Monica Stevens' brother), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Anne Peterson, Gene and Betty Stanley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski (Susan Pilson), 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

Potato Products



The 3rd quarter food donation item is **Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)**

Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Hygiene Items - We are always in need of these items!

**Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*

Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf



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

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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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