

July 23, 2020



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## ***Pastor's Corner***

Rev. Mark Hinchcliff  
July 23

"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor."

### **Romans 12:10**

I often hear people describing Christian followers as being hard spirits. With what may seem to outside onlookers as lists of never ending "Thou shall nots", hard can be the only way to describe them. So before judging too quickly consider what hard things Christians are charged to do.

It's hard;  
To apologize  
To start over  
To take advice  
To be unselfish  
To admit when you're wrong  
To face a dreadful sneer  
To be charitable and kind hearted  
To be knocked down  
To get back up  
To keep on trying  
To be considerate and empathetic  
To avoid mistakes  
To endure success  
To profit by mistakes  
To forgive and forget  
To think first and then act  
To keep out of a rut or climb out of one  
To make the best of what you have  
To avoid losing your temper  
To ask for forgiveness when you do  
To shoulder the blame when deserved  
To always stay hopeful

But when Christians can rely on their faith in God to do these hard things, it always pays off! So next time someone describes me as "hard" and their referring to this list I only have one thing to say, "Thanks be to God. Amen"

By the love of Christ,

Pastor Mark

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## Rural King Church Week

For everyone who shops at Rural King, they will donate to FPC 10% of all purchases made between August 2 - August 15, 2020. Just choose **First Presbyterian** as the registered organization and upload receipts to Rural King by September 1, 2020. If you have any questions or need help with turning in receipts you can go to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) or call me at 276-732-3296.

Thanks,

Henry Moore, Treasurer

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# back2school

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

### **Filling Backpacks**

Tuesday, July 30 (6:00 pm): Future Home of Community Fellowship, 700 Commerce Court, Martinsville

### **Big Event training and setup**

Thursday August 1: Albert Harris (6:00 pm) for setup/training

### **The Big Event**

Saturday, August 3 (7:30 am, Shifts TBD): Albert Harris Elementary School

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff

[tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetnetworkmhc.org](mailto:tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetnetworkmhc.org) or call 409-330

Tracy Hinchcliff,  
Back2School City Cluster Coordinator  
(409) 330-0847

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Be sure to join the Facebook live worship service this Sunday at 10 AM. The info will be sent via text message and will include the link to the service. You may also join by navigating to our Facebook page, scrolling down to the "videos" section of the page and simply clicking on the video at 10 AM.

"Heirs to Carry on a Great Legacy"

Based upon Romans 8:26-39 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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### **Volunteers Needed for Reopening!**

As we prepare to reopen parts of the building we need your help. If you are healthy and are not at-risk, please consider volunteering. Below you will see brief descriptions of some of the main responsibilities:

1. Building Team - will prepare the building by posting signs, closing off open spaces and rooms; taping off some areas of the building; the sanctuary and restrooms will be marked for physical distancing
2. Cleaning Team - will remove all bibles, hymnals and other items from the pews; clean and disinfect before and after services; work with staff to make sure all the commonly touched surfaces and furnishings are cleaned regularly

3. Screeners - screen congregants as they enter the narthex; check temperature eblast using a digital thermometer; communicate health guidelines and best practices; facilitate use of hand sanitizer dispenser; provide masks and gloves as need
4. Ushers - welcome congregants and work with screeners on Sunday morning to assist with safe distancing and seating; prepare collection plates, count offerings, deposit collection; take names of everyone in the service

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please reach out to **Denny Casey, 276 224-3906.**

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# Vacation Bible School

## Vacation Bible School

### Compassion Camp: Coming Soon!

First Presbyterian, in partnership with other churches in Martinsville & Eden, will be offering a virtual at-home Vacation Bible School program this summer. Although we are sad to not have our in-person VBS or Camp Peaks programs this year, we are excited to offer this unique opportunity.

**Who's Invited?** Compassion Camp will be available to participants, preschoolers-rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, July 27-31. 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 can be found [HERE](#).

**Registration:** You can find more information & register your children [HERE](#) or please contact Sam at [sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu](mailto:sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu) or 276-224-2811 if you have any questions.



Presbytery of the Peaks has decided to publish a cookbook!! They are continuing to collect recipes from all over the Presbytery. Please email your recipes to **Theresa Underwood**, Peaks PW Treasurer. Her email address is: [tundwood@aol.com](mailto:tundwood@aol.com).

We have so many good cooks in our congregation. It would be lovely to have our church participate!!



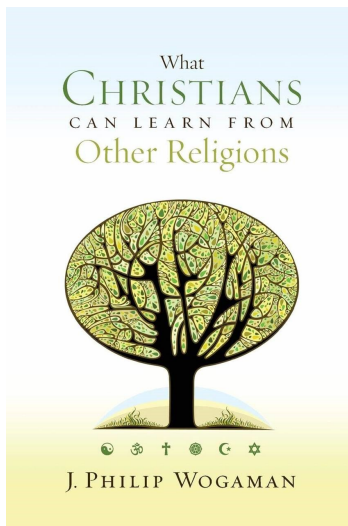
## August 20

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, Third Thursday of the month, 12:00–6:00 PM**, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street.

Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the canteen after they finish donating blood. Contact Nancy Baker, 638-7923, [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net), if you can help.

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## Adult Sunday School



This is the book we will be using for the next Sunday school class beginning on June 14 and will run for about 10 weeks. We will be offering the class by Zoom. Books are being ordered. Anyone interested in joining the class contact Denny Casey [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net) or (276) 224-3906. Denny will be creating a schedule and would like to encourage leaders or co-leaders to sign up to lead one (or more) classes.

Here's a blurb from the PCUSA bookstore:

"Examining other religions provides Christians the opportunity to more deeply understand their own beliefs. Learning about other religions is not the same as

learning *from* other religions, which can have great value to Christians who wish to strengthen their faith.

In this book's ten easy-to-read chapters, Wogaman shows readers what Christians can learn from different religions, such as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and even from atheism. From these religions, Christians can achieve insight into love, sin, ritual, the importance of myth to convey truth, the foundational roots of Christianity, the dark side of Christian history, and many other important ways to see and interpret the world and to understand God. The book concludes with a chapter on what other religions can learn from Christianity.

Perfect for church study groups, each chapter ends with questions for discussion."

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## Youth Sunday School

Youth Ministry – The Youth will now be meeting on **Monday evenings from 6-7pm** still on **Zoom**. For the next few weeks, we will be doing **Virtual Netta!** Massanetta's Youth Conference has moved online for this summer with video collections of energizers, games, theme skits, and keynotes!

If your middle or high school child would like to join us, now would be a great time to, please contact me for an invite link to the Zoom meeting.

Sam Smith  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries  
First Presbyterian Church  
Cell: 276-224-2811  
Church: 276-632-3431

Also, here's a link for July's

These Days: <https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Pages/Item/59264/These-Days.aspx>

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## Prayer Requests

**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Sandra Bryson Cox, Mallory Hall-DeSantis (B. Tatum), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Dot Jones (Denny Casey's mother-in-law), Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Mary Manning, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Anne Peterson, Gavin Russell, Gene Stanley, Charlotte Walker (JoAnne Sanders' mother), 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](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

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## *Please remember* **Assorted Canned Veggies (Veg-all)**

The new food item for First Presbyterian Church for the 3rd quarter is **canned assorted veggies**. Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Please stay safe, stay healthy and please keep us in your prayers as we navigate

these unchartered waters.

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

**JULY** Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

**AUGUST** Toilet Paper, Bath Soap, Toothpaste

**SEPTEMBER** Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

*\*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*

Blessings, Tracy

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**A Note from the the Editor**

Although regular church services have been cancelled and we are no longer meeting in person, I hope we all try to stay in touch with one another using any possible medium. Phone calls, face time, emails, etc. It is important that we look after one another during these difficult times and it's good to know we are not alone. While there are no regular happenings to report on, I would like to send out Steeple Views on a weekly basis so please feel free to share any news or updates with me and I will do my best to include them in the newsletter. [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com) or 276 806-9709.

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**Our Mission**

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

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FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Pamela Rakes: Communications

Betty Hudson: Congregational Care

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