

July 8, 2021



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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**Pastor's Corner**  
**Rev. Mark Hinchcliff**  
**July 7, 2021**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

I heard a story that was written in the Des Moines Register about a famous Iowan named Alvin Straight. Straight, a 73-year-old who had limited vision and no driver's license, wanted desperately to see his brother in Wisconsin 240 miles away. Strait's brother had suffered a serious stroke and was unable to communicate by phone or other means.

For whatever reason, Straight didn't trust public transportation so decided to make the trip via his John Deere riding lawnmower. Determined as he was, he loaded a ten-foot trailer full of gas and camping equipment and set off on his journey. His trip took six weeks enduring harsh weather and a breakdown along the way but never giving up until his mission of love was complete.

Straight's commitment and devotion finally paid off; he cared for and prayed daily for his brother until almost total recovery happened months later. As a result, his story caught national attention and besides celebrity appearances, Straight's story was eventually made into a movie and is still available today.

I wonder how the world would be changed if other Christians everywhere demonstrated the same kind of persistence, commitment, and devotion that he did? To serve the world without waiver like Christ did and does today. Have you ever dreamed of how you would like to serve the Lord but decided before you ever got started that the hurdles before you would be too high to overcome? I sure have!

I know that more lives could be changed for Christ if people worried less about the practicality of their dreams and instead decided to take them on courageously. So how about today we ask God to give us that courage and convict our hearts to follow through. Be our inspiration and encouragement to take on whatever life sends our way.

Be grace filled in your days to come,

Pastor Mark

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***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 seventh Sunday after Pentecost either **in person** or via **Facebook live** at 10 am.

***Dance Before the Lord Like Nobody's Watching***

Based upon 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

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**Presbyterian Men**

**The Presbyterian Men Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Conference is Saturday, July 17** and will be via Zoom beginning at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person or a max of \$75 for 3 or more.

**Information on how to register will be available soon.**

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### ***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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sam@peaksprebytery.org) or Debbie Norton at [dnorto02@leeu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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).



Ronald Lee Cannaday  
June 5, 1946 - June 28, 2021



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Paul Cannaday and his family on the passing of Paul's brother, Ronald Cannaday. Ronald passed away on June 28, 2021. The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/martinsvillebulletin/name/ronald-cannaday-obituary?pid=199208609>

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### Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

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](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

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*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*

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**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](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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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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Monica Stevens: Worship

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Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

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Billy Kirby: Administration

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