

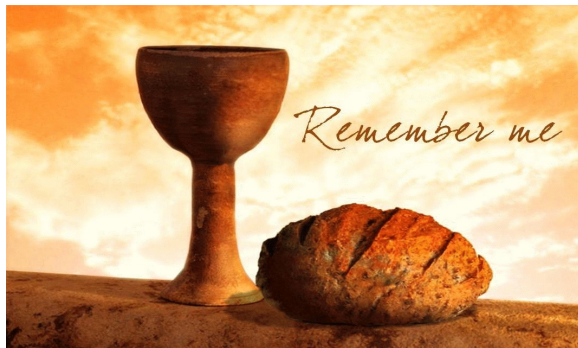


Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

April 2015

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM Communion & Tenebrae Services



Gather in the Fellowship Hall for a reenactment of the Last Supper and communion service. Pastor Mark will guide us through a Passover Seder as Jesus and the disciples would have celebrated it. (Instead of a meal, there will be only fruit and cheese.) Afterward we will go to the Sanctuary for Tenebrae, a service of darkness recalling the crucifixion; although traditionally held on Good Friday, our service will be on Thursday.

Resurrection Sunday, April 5

The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

Easter Sunrise Service

with Forest Hills Presbyterian and
Holy Trinity Lutheran churches
6:30 AM at Lake Lanier off Root Trail
across the lake from the boathouse

Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM

One Worship Service

with Communion
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary



One Great Hour of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing is an ecumenical effort to alleviate suffering of people around the globe. The PC(USA) offering will be distributed through three agencies: Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. Special envelopes will be in the pews the first two Sundays in April for your convenience.

Pastor's Corner

Like a Little Child

He called a little child, whom he had placed among them. And he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:2-3



Maybe you're like many of us that consider acting like a child to be a bad thing. Maybe bringing up your childhood stirs up unpleasant memories. But for me, remembering my childhood just puts a smile on my face no matter how tough my adult life seems to be at the time. I remember the excitement of discovering new things and the never-ending questions I bombarded my parents with.

In a lot of ways I'm still just a big kid who loves exploring and experiencing new things. In my exploration I may have discovered that I really don't like certain things, but the experience was worth the risk. Stepping out and trying new things has opened whole new worlds to me, some of which have enriched my life beyond understanding.

Coming to know the Lord is a lot like exploring new worlds as a child. It's risky opening your heart to God! You might be called into a lifestyle very different from the one you lead now. You might be called to lead when you're more comfortable as a follower. You might be called to put someone else's wants, needs, and dreams before your own.

Being open to a new life in Christ can be scary, but the thrill of the journey can be absolutely invigorating! Do you remember your first ride on a roller coaster as a child? I remember the fear of taking those first steps and being strapped into the seat. I remember my stomach being in my chest during the first drop on the track. Then what I remember was the excitement of boarding again and again, looking for new thrills to come!

Let the Spirit of the Lord lead you to new and exciting places in your lives. Look at traditions you hold dear as only a few of the ways the Lord has blessed you. But when you approach the Lord as a child pure, fresh, and untainted, you will approach every new day with excitement! The Kingdom of Heaven awaits you not only in the afterlife but here and now. With Christ in your life, you are a new creation fresh every morning.

Blessings on your days,

Pastor Mark



Tracy Hinchcliff, wife of pastor Mark Hinchcliff, was received into membership in our congregation on Sunday, March 22. We extend to her our warmest welcome!

Mission Focus**Congregational Retreat at Massanetta Springs****Sign up now for June 4–June 7**

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our church family has the opportunity to go to Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center again this June for a time of worship, mission work, fun, and fellowship. Last year, we had a GREAT TIME!

All are invited: singles, families with young children, couples, teens, empty nesters and full nesters, seniors. There will be something for everyone!

For mission work this year we will help make improvements at the camp and return to the Volunteer Farm to help in any way they need us. At the camp, we are going to remove downed trees and brush on the ropes course to prepare it for summer campers. The Center staff also requests our help with some small plumbing repairs, painting (low altitude!) and even some tile work. If you have even a little



experience with these handyman projects, we need YOU! In addition, we hope to go out into the community and help service organizations serve those in need.

Each morning and evening, we will have devotions and some activities. In addition, we have heard that there will be S'MORES available at the evening campfires!

Lodging will be available suitable to your wishes: camping, rustic cabins, cottages, or motel type rooms.

Mark your calendars and SIGN UP with Johnny Pinkard (957-5674, ajpinkard@embarqmail.com) or Denny Casey (224-3906, d.a.casey@comcast.net). Go to <http://www.massanettasprings.org> to get a quick glimpse of fun at camp! Let's show forth the light of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Remember Grace Network and CAFV

Our congregation supplies pasta and spaghetti sauce for Grace Network's food bank. Citizens Against Family Violence needs all kinds of household products and toiletries for their shelter. Collection boxes are in the Narthex, in the hall outside the Sanctuary near the top of the stairs, and on the lowest level near the restrooms. Please put these agencies on your shopping list each week.

Session Actions

At its stated meeting on February 23, the Session agreed to allow congregation church members to audit a Session meeting except during a closed session. The motion of reestablishing Care Groups that include an elder for each group was not approved.

Soles for Paco Shoe Collection Extended to April 5



For several weeks, we have been collecting gently used shoes for a fund-raising project with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Axton, and will continue through April 5. The shoes will raise money to bring a special-needs Haitian orphan named Paco to live with Pastor Michael Jordan and family, who are adopting him. Men's, women's and children's shoes of all sizes can be donated. Shoes will be sold to an agency and redistributed to developing countries around the world. You can drop off your shoes at one of the "Soles for Paco" containers in the narthex or outside the chapel. Or contact Denny Casey at 276-634-4184, 276-224-3906, or d.a.casey@comcast.net for pick up. Thank you for helping bring Paco home.

Spring Break Youth Trips

High School Youth are going to the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC, on Monday, April 6. We will leave from the church at 8:00 AM. Bring \$25.00 with you. The church will pay any additional costs. Get ready for a day of adventure!

Middle School Youth are heading to Celebration Station in Greensboro, NC, on Tuesday, April 7. We plan to leave from the church at 9:30 AM. Bring \$15.00 with you and be prepared for a fun filled day!

Kuhn Scholarship Offered

Vera Jane Kuhn will continue a tradition that she and her late husband John started a number of years ago of donating a \$1000 scholarship to a church member seeking undergraduate education or vocational training.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from March 1 through April 15. Applications may be downloaded from the church website (www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org) or a printed copy may be picked up from the church office. Current recipients need to reapply.

Vacation Bible School

July 13-17

9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Wanted:

Kids and Volunteers!



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William F. "Bill" Franck
July 29, 1917–March 18, 2015

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to Carolyn Franck and her family on the death of her husband Bill on March 18. Please keep the Franck family in your thoughts and prayers.

Autism Awareness Events, April 2 & 18

Brooke Cundiff is helping with a special event at the Smith River Sports Complex (1000 Irisburg Road, Axton) on **April 18, 10 AM–5 PM**, for Autism Awareness. She invites families to come have fun and learn. There will be animal exhibits, vendors, food, ticketed games, prizes, a silent auction, social and fun activities. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (\$7 and \$5 at the gate). Game tickets are 2 for \$1 and are available ahead of time or at the event. All proceeds benefit autism awareness. Call Brooke at 340-6124 for tickets and more information.



All day on **April 2**, Chick-fil-A® Martinsville, 400 Liberty Street, will donate \$1 to autism awareness for every chocolate chunk cookie sold.

Recurring Events to Remember in April

- 6 Mon. **Circle #3**, 7 PM, Parlor
- 7 Tues. **Cooks Who Care**, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen
Praise Band, 7 PM, Chapel
- 13 Mon. **Circle #5**, 10 AM, Parlor
Congregational Supper, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall, everyone invited!
Committee Meetings, 7 PM, various rooms around the church
- 15 Tues. **Steeple Views Deadline**, email fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com
- 18 Sat. **Free Community Breakfast**, serving 8:00–9:30 AM, volunteers needed 7–10 AM
- 20 Mon. **Cottage Place** outreach dinner and fellowship, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, volunteers needed to prepare dinner and help with activities
- 21 Tues. **Praise Band**, 7 PM, Chapel
- 23 Thurs. **Red Cross Bloodmobile**, 12 NOON–6 PM, Holiday Shopping Center
- 26 Sun. **2-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering**
- 27 Mon. **Session meeting**, 7 PM, Session Room
- 29 Wed. **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 5:30 PM, Session Room, light supper provided, knitting instruction available

April Events, continued

Every Sunday **Contemporary Worship**, 8:30 AM, Chapel
Fellowship Reception, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 9:45 AM, for all ages, various rooms
Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
(Except 4/5) **Youth Fellowship**, 2:00 PM
Every Monday (Except 4/6) **G.P.S.** (children's music), 3 PM, Youth Music Room
Every Wednesday **Sanctuary Ringers**, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room
Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room

3 Claude Young
4 Max Pinkston
5 Kate Judson
7 Bob Davis, Kisean Adams
8 Troy Lee Rakes
9 Marty Davis
12 Tom Unterbrink
14 Judy Garland
15 Briana Tatum
16 Reed Moore
17 Glenna Harmeyer, Barbara
Tatum
18 Mary Manning, Meredith Seamon



19 Jean Linker
20 Manly Boyd
21 Patrick Edgerton
22 Matthew Price
23 Gene Stanley, Forrest Truitt
24 Ed Porter
25 Ethan Jessup
26 Patrice Newnam
27 Margaret Gunter
30 Lynn Pritchett, Evelyn Clark,
Will Kirby

Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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

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