

May 1, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

All Church Family Retreat June 2–5 at Massanetta Springs

Sign up now to join our church family at Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Conference Center near Harrisonburg this June for First Presbyterian Church's "Living into God's Plan for You" Congregation Service Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life and open ourselves to growing together as brothers and sisters in Christ in the grace of God through service, reflection, worship, fellowship, sharing, and fun. Join us as we exercise our bodies, minds, and spirits to be strengthened, renewed, and transformed. All the details are in a brochure on our website:

http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/library/documents/doc_160423_090411_5589.pdf

Printed copies are also available at church.



Fun and service at last year's retreat!

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Printed copies are available at church in the rack across from the office.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, May 1

Communion Sunday, both services

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult Bible study, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #1: Neil Tatum (Captain), Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby
Liturgist: Gael Chaney

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary.

Monday 2

Presbyterian Women, 11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall. General meeting with **potluck salad luncheon**.

All women are invited.

G.P.S., 3:00 PM, Youth Music Room, music and Bible study for children from kindergarten through middle school

Tuesday 3

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen

Circle 3, 6:30 PM, Home of Janet Fentress, 906 Corn Tassel Trail, Martinsville, 276-638-3840, **potluck salad supper**. All women are invited.

Wednesday 4

Steeple Views Deadline, 10:00 AM. Please email information to Gael

Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org (fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com).

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room

Thursday 5

National Day of Prayer ([see article below for details](#))

Presbytery Meeting, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta.

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel. New singers and musicians always welcome!

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm>.

The Service for the Lord's Day, May 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture Lessons

1 Peter 2:1-9; Joshua 3:1-6, 15-17

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Burton Newman

"Believing is Seeing"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Call to Action

Cooks Who Care Tuesday, May 3

Cooks Who Care will be meeting in the Marge Dunn Kitchen on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Devotional is at 9:45, Cooking Session is at 10:00 and Wrap and Pack is at 5:30. Please join us for fellowship as we help prepare meals for members of our congregation who need a hot meal.



Congregational Care Committee



Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

If you have a sweet tooth and enjoy fellowship with others, please join our Sunday morning Coffee Time at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Help would be appreciated for providing coffee cake, donuts, or other breakfast sweets. The sign up sheet for Coffee Time is in the Marge Dunn Kitchen. Thank you for your support!

Pearl Minter, Fellowship

A Look Ahead

Mother's Day, May 8

The G.P.S. children will sing and ring chimes at the 11 o'clock service on May 8. Two new members will join the church on that day.

Youth Sunday & Pentecost May 15

Youth Sunday will be held on May 15 this year, which is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church. The 11 o'clock service will be led by members of the Youth Fellowship, and three seniors will speak. A **reception** will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be **no 8:30 service** that morning so that our whole congregation can support our young people.



With Deepest Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bud and Laura Buffkin and their daughter Carrie on the death of Bud's father, Chester H. Buffkin, on April 18, in Martinsville. Sympathy is also extended to Melissa Wingfield, Mr. Buffkin's granddaughter, and to Chris, Jacob, and Mattie Wingfield.



National Day of Prayer Events Thursday, May 5

National Day of Prayer is held every year on the first Thursday of May. Local events include an all-day Drop-in Prayer from **9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at New College Institute** and Prayer Walks at **12 Noon at Jack Dalton Park and the Historic Henry County Courthouse**. The day will conclude with a prayer service at 6:00 PM at New College Institute. Please join in prayer for our area and our nation in this critical election year.

From the National Day of Prayer [website](#):

The 65th annual National Day of Prayer, **May 5, 2016**, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.

Our theme for 2016 is **Wake Up America**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of our Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year: *"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."*

For the May 5 observances, Dr. Tony Evans, the 2016 Honorary Chairman, wrote a special prayer to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at 12:00 Noon (ET). This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. The text may be found here:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/national-prayer>

If you can't join an event at noon, please pray the prayer on your own.

Session Actions, April 25

- Carol Cooper was welcomed as a member of FPC pending receipt of a letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA. She and Brooke Cundiff will be received at the 11:00 worship service May 8.
- Treasurer's Report: Checking account: \$15,855.70 with pledges running at about 72% at this time.
- Approval was given to have consistent email for all employees at FPC that will forward to each personal email.

- The Session approved providing support for the Back to School Project along with four other churches by serving as a registration site.

Nancy Baker, Clerk of Session

A Request

Church members are asked to please inform the church office when a death occurs in the family and to include information about all of the survivors who are in our church family. We don't always know the family relationships and may miss extending sympathy inadvertently.

Gifts to the Church

In memory of Carolyn Franck

In memory of Ron Fentress

In memory of Augustus Horace Deudney, Heidi Pinkston's father

Chris and Lynne Beeler

Our Mission

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

Useful Links

FPC website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/>

FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

Presbytery of the Peaks: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

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