

May 15, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pentecost and Youth Sunday May 15

This Sunday is both Youth Sunday and Pentecost. There will be a combined service at **11:00 AM**—no early service. All aspects of worship will be led by our young people. Grey Ferguson will deliver a spiritual message, Mattie Wingfield and Briana Tatum will sing, Will Seamon will provide instrumental music, and many other youth will take part. Please come and give them your support!



Pentecost, an ancient Jewish festival, is celebrated as the "Birthday of the Church." On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples with a loud rushing wind and tongues of fire above each of them (Acts 2). They burst out of hiding and began to preach the Good News throughout the known world. Immediately after the worship service Sunday, there will be a **reception** featuring red birthday cake in the Fellowship Hall. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, and we encourage everyone to **wear red this Sunday**.

Our congregation will receive the **Pentecost Offering** again this Sunday. Your gifts help the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Our congregation will keep 40% of the Pentecost offering for youth programs. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth, and Children-at-Risk. For more information, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost>

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, May 12

Weekday School Art Show & Program, 11:30 AM. Come early if you would like to see the art but not stay for the program.

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

Sunday 15

Youth Sunday & Pentecost

NO Contemporary Worship

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. This service will be led by our youth.

Pentecost Birthday Reception, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall, featuring red birthday cake to celebrate "the birthday of the Church."

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

Monday 16

DEADLINE to register for Massanetta retreat, for info see:

<http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/news.cfm?ID=543>

Smith River Singers Concert, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Martinsville, 23 Starling Ave. Free concert with an offering collected for Grace Network.

Wednesday 18

Steeple Views Deadline, 10:00 AM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room

Thursday 19

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

Friday 20

Film Night, 6:00 PM, New College Institute, Fayette & Market.

Saturday 21

Free Community Breakfast, 8:00–9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed beginning at **7:00 AM.** Breakfast leader is Jo Dykes (276-632-8664) this month.

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 15

Day of Pentecost/Youth Sunday

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

Spiritual Message by Grey Ferguson

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27



Carol Cooper and Brooke Cundiff

On Sunday, May 8, our congregation welcomed into membership Carol Cooper and Brooke Cundiff. Carol, who transferred membership from First Presbyterian Church of Danville, is singing with our church choir. Brooke has been very active in our congregation ever since she and her husband Chuck, who grew up in our congregation, moved back here. Brooke joined by confession of faith and baptism. We are richly blessed to have Carol and Brooke in our church family!



Music Department Notes 

Many Thanks to Many Volunteers!

A big thank-you for a job well done goes to all the volunteers who have helped with the **Grow, Praise, Sing!** children's program during this past school year.

Many people helped with G.P.S. in many ways. A special thank-you goes to Janet Fentress, Sarah Robertson, Cindy Edgerton, and Cathy Stone, who took turns leading the music classes through January, before working with the children became part of the Director of Music's weekly duties. Thank you to JoAnne Sanders for teaching Bible stories and crafts. Thank you to Sam Smith and Janet Fentress for assisting every week in many ways, and to those who helped with snack time or in other ways. Each one of you has made an important contribution to the lives of our children.

Eighteen children participated in various musical activities. They made a lot of progress in learning how to read music. G.P.S. II, the older children's choir, learned to ring the chimes. Both G.P.S. I and G.P.S. II participated in the 11 o'clock worship service on Mother's Day and now will be enjoying their summer break.

Another big thank you goes also to the **Sanctuary Ringers** for all the times they have provided music for the 11 o'clock service. They will be ringing the prelude on May 22 before they go on summer break. Their hard work and special contributions to worship have been appreciated.

Cynthia Dobrinski, Music Director

Smith River Singers Concert Monday, May 16, 7:00 PM

Mike Ware, Betty Stanley, Ed Linker, Jim Beard, and Gael and Smith Chaney invite our church family to the Smith River Singers Spring Concert on Monday, May 16, at 7:00 PM, at First Baptist Church, 23 Starling Avenue, Martinsville.

The program will feature a variety of styles, from classical to folk to jazzy spirituals, both sacred and secular choral music. Included is Mozart's "Lacrimosa" and "Gloria in Excelsis," John Rutter's "When the Saints Go Marching In," and René Clausen's setting of Robert Burns' "Oh, My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose." A special piece is "Creator of the Stars of Night" by Clausen commissioned in honor of the late music director O. Randolph Minter.

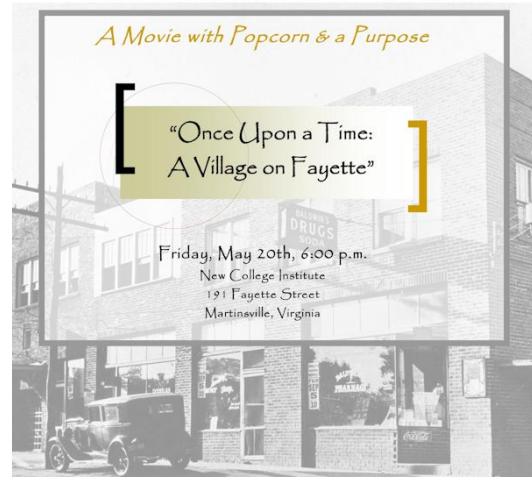
Smith River Singers is directed by Dr. Pamela Randall and accompanied by Beth Chapman, with A. Robert Chapman on the organ, Sarah Wardle-Jones on flute, plus other guest musicians.



Film Night Friday May 20

You are invited to a special film night hosted by Grace and First Presbyterian Churches on **Friday, May 20, at 6:00 PM**, at New College Institute's Building on Baldwin on Fayette Street.

Over the course of two years, area residents shared their memories of the heyday of the old Baldwin block and Fayette Street, the historic heart and soul of African American life in Martinsville and Henry County. Their recollections of the facets of daily life—from church to school, work to social life, and more—form the basis for a 30-minute documentary. This evening discussion will center on communities of faith in action: past, present, and future. The film has been produced for the New College Foundation (NCF) through partnership with the Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI). Free to attend. For more information, please call Grace Presbyterian Church at (276) 632-5783.



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

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