

June 4, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

June 4

Pentecost

Happy Birthday to the Church!

Fifty days after the beginning of Passover, Jewish people celebrated Pentecost ("fiftieth day"), a festival of first fruits which marked the end of the Passover season. On the first Day of Pentecost after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit came in a mighty way to the disciples who were gathered in the upper room ([Acts 2:1-21](#)), appearing as tongues of fire above their heads. From that time on, they forgot all their fears and boldly proclaimed God's salvation through Jesus Christ. We remember this as the birthday of the church and will celebrate with **Birthday Cake and Lemonade on the Lawn** after the 11 o'clock service this Sunday. Be sure to wear **RED** to church!



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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, June 1

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Thursday–Sunday, June 1–4

Family Service Retreat at Massanetta Springs

Sunday 4 Day of Pentecost

Pentecost Offering, both services

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 class, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #4: *Monty Montgomery, Steve Edgerton, Lang Mauck, Bill Manning

Liturgist: Milt Davis

Communion Servers: Pearl Minter, Lang Mauck, Cindy Edgerton, Anne

Vipperman Madonia, Joe DeVault, Jerri DeVault, Denise Unterbrink

Birthday Cake and Lemonade on the Lawn, 12:00 Noon

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship for age 4 through 2nd grade is provided during the Traditional Worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.

The Service for the Lord's Day, June 4, 2017

Day of Pentecost

Scripture Lessons

John 20:18-22; Acts 2:1-18

Sermon by Rev. Burton Newman

"Possessed by God"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=47>

Monday, June 5

G.P.S. is on summer break.

Tuesday 6

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need.

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org.

Wednesday 7

Sanctuary Ringers is on summer break.

Chancel Choir is on summer break.

Thursday 8

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday 10

Dinner & Silent Auction, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, to raise funds for the trip to Heifer Village in Maryland.

Sunday 11

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 class, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #5: *Dennis Casey, Rob King, Denise Unterbrink, Tom Unterbrink
Liturgist: Victoria Esarey

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

Time to Register

VBS is right around the corner!

It's June, and VBS will be here before you know it, June 26-30. Registration forms are in the church office, the Sanctuary pews, and on the Chapel hallway table. Bring friends! The more the merrier!



VBS will take place at Forest Hills church this year, but our congregation is just as much involved as ever. We need adults and teens as volunteers, and especially we need kids to "discover your strength in God!"

Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Saturday, June 10, 6:00 PM

Make plans now to donate items for our silent auction on **June 10** and attend the dinner that evening. Proceeds will help defray the expenses of the trip to Heifer Village in Maryland. Please leave auction donations in the upstairs Youth Room by **June 9**.

Trip to Heifer Village in Maryland

Monday–Friday, July 3–7

Youth (middle school and up) and adults are invited to participate in the adventure at Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, Maryland this summer.

The program is complete with international homes, gardens, and livestock that represent the living conditions for developing nations in which Heifer International works. This 5-day experience is open to all who would like to learn how to meet the challenges of global hunger. Forest Hills Presbyterian and Christ Episcopal churches are partnering with us to make the trip. The cost is



\$300 per participant, and the **deadline to register is June 18**. Brochures are available at church.

Call to Action

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering, one of four special offerings during the year, is focused on programs for children and young people. One of the recipients is the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. YAVs are ages 19-30 years, who want to explore opportunities for service for one year. Please give generously this Sunday!



One YAV site is Boston, Massachusetts. Beverly Shank, a member of that church and friend of the Chaney family, writes about the program:

"It is officially called the Boston Food Justice YAV Program because all of the worksites are engaged in food security, access or sustainability. We are going into our fifth year in September and will welcome three more volunteers for an eleven-month term here. That will make seventeen alumni of the Boston program.



"Our model is a church partnering with a community non-profit that works in food justice. First United Presbyterian Church in Cambridge will host its second YAV this fall. He is a recent graduate of William and Mary College and is from the Richmond area. The church, the non-profit partner and the volunteer all contribute funds to the program support. Our YAV will be working with various meal programs in Cambridge shelters, the food rescue program in the city and certain food pantries. A goal of the program is encouraging congregations to become involved in local food missions. Bennett may have mentioned cooking for Youth on Fire, the local homeless teen day program. Our first YAV, back in 2013-14 got us serving with this program.

"The YAVs themselves live in intentional community in a local apartment. They learn a great deal about local food sourcing and cooking and food justice work in Boston. Their chaplain guides their spiritual growth and vocational discernment. It is often a gap year after college that allows YAVs to think about careers, graduate school, etc.

"This opportunity to mentor young people and encourage young leaders in the church has been very rewarding for me. About half of the two dozen churches

in the Presbytery of Boston have some involvement with the program. The Board hopes to see it become a regular mission of the whole Presbytery."

Children's Worship Continues through the Summer

Many thanks to Brooke Cundiff for volunteering to lead Children's Worship through the summer months. Children ages 4 through 2nd grade will leave the Sanctuary after the Time for Young Disciples for their own special worship and activities.



Grace Network

Thank You

Grace Network would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for the contributions made to the 2¢ A Meal effort. Presbytery of the Peaks through this effort awarded Grace Network a grant for \$1500 for the food pantry. We are very grateful for the partnership of this congregation.

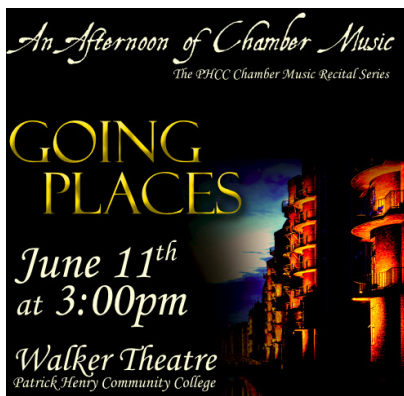
Food Pantry Needs

Please remember to get items for the food pantry when you do your shopping. They need nearly everything right now. Our assignments are

- 4-pound bags of sugar
 - 5-ounce cans of tuna, chicken, etc.
 - 12- to 15-ounce cans of entrees that contain meat such as spaghetti-o's with meatballs, ravioli, chili, etc.
 - They are also running low on spaghetti *sauce* (not pasta).
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Two Concerts

Sunday, June 11



Lovers of small ensemble music will have a hard choice on **Sunday, June 11**. At **3:00 PM**, in the Walker Auditorium at **Patrick Henry Community College**, Deborah Burgess and **The Chamber Music Ensemble**—a company of professional, collegiate, and community musicians—will present "Going Places" celebrating distant lands, different cultures, and daring adventures. They will perform traditional folk songs and cultural classics from Ireland, Brazil, Hungary, Armenia,

and more.

At **4:00 PM**, the **Heritage Winds**, the woodwind quintet component of the **United States Air Force Heritage of America Band**, will perform at **First Baptist Church**, 23 Starling Ave., Martinsville. As professional Airmen-musicians, the members of Heritage Winds are dedicated to using the power of

music to honor our veterans, inspire patriotism, communicate the Air Force story, and recruit those who are interested in serving our nation. They offer innovative programming covering a wide array of musical styles and embrace the full range of the quintet repertoire, while also exploring various instrument combinations. Anne Epperly (center), who grew up in Martinsville and is the daughter of Judy Epperly, is the flutist for the ensemble.



Wedding

Best wishes and congratulations

to Charlotte Anderson and Jim Beard who were married on Saturday, May 27, in Ridgeway.



Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Catherine Bridges, Deborah Brooks (Marshall family), Dot Bryson, Kelly Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Jim Ford, Clara Hartley, Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Dewey Milton, Jr. (Laura Stevens' future father-in-law), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Dr. Dan Prince, Louise Mauck Rawls, Ann Reaser, Barbara Regen, Darla Ritter, Doris Rogers (D. Bryson), Geneva Turner (Susan Smith's mother), Sarah V. Wells, 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).

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Nurture Each Other***

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