

October 29, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Trunk or Treat!

Halloween Fun on Sunday Afternoon

This Sunday is **Trunk or Treat**, rain or shine! If the weather is bad, we will move the fun indoors, although we still need 2 decorated trunks under the porte cochere (please let Leanna Blevins know if you are interested in being one of the trunks). If we move indoors, plan to decorate a table with your decorations. Costumes for all ages are always encouraged! A decision about trunk or treat will be made by Sunday morning. Call or text Leanna with questions: 224-3143. **The fun begins at 3:00 and lasts until 5:00 PM.** Children are encouraged to bring friends!



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What's Happening This Week

Through Monday, October 30

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch, 11:00 AM–7:00 PM

Mondays–Fridays, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM Saturdays, 1:30–5:00

PM Sundays, on Mulberry Road next to First Baptist Church parking lot



Thursday, October 26

Church Development and Transformation Conference, 9:30–3:00 PM, Presbytery office, 1022 Floyd St, Lynchburg.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the canteen after they finish donating blood. If you can help, please contact Nancy

Baker: 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net.

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel (Note change back to regular time)

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, 500th Anniversary

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

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: Neil Tatum, Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Denny Casey

Trunk or Treat, 3:00–5:00 PM, parking lot (Fellowship Hall if raining)

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the 11:00 service after the Time with Young Disciples.

The Service for the Lord's Day, October 29, 2017

21st Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Making Life Better for Our Children"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1

Matthew 22:34-46

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=165>

Monday, October 30

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch, 11:00 AM–7:00 PM, Mulberry Road beside First Baptist Church parking lot

GPS, 3:00–5:00 PM, music and Christian education for children K-8th grade

Session meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Tuesday, Oct. 31, All Hallows Eve

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

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day

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

are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need.

***Please note change of day for November!

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!

COOKS WHO CARE



Thursday, Nov. 2

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel (Note change back to regular time)

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5

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

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Clark, Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Nancy Davis

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

Wednesday

Cooks Who Care is November 1

Cooks Who Care has been changed just for this month from the first Tuesday to **Wednesday, November 1**, at **9:45 AM** for the morning session and **5:30 PM** for the afternoon session. Please come help prepare and package tasty meals for people in our congregation who need one.



Fundraiser

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

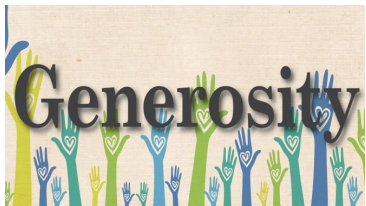
Final Days through Oct. 30

There are still lots of beautiful pumpkins of all sizes, from \$1 mini-pumpkins and gourds to enormous jack o'lantern pumpkins. It's not too late to buy a pumpkin and help our partner Grace Network. Yes, the big pumpkins are more expensive than supermarket pumpkins, but this is for a great cause! Several FPC members volunteered at the patch last Saturday: (left to right) Victoria Esarey, Anne Abercrombie, Jane & George Townsend, and John Abercrombie. See [calendar](#) above for hours.



Call to Action

Please respond to our Stewardship Campaign



Stewardship Commitment Sunday is **November 12**, when we will dedicate our gifts and pledges toward God's work through our congregation in 2018. We need to have all bags returned before that Sunday, so please respond when you receive your bag. Many thanks to all who have already done so!

Looking Ahead

All Saints Sunday November 5

Next Sunday, we will be calling the roll of those of our church who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. If you would like to add a loved one from outside our congregation to the list, please give their name to Rita by **12:00 noon Wednesday, Nov. 1**: 632-3431, office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org,



Mission Project

Presbyterian Women's Circle Monday, November 6, 10:30 AM

Every woman is invited to our circle fellowship on the first Monday of each month (except when it falls on a holiday). This month we will be assembling a **gift basket** to donate to the Smart Beginnings basket auction. The basket's

focus is books and games for kids ages 4 to 6 years. Suggestions for the basket include books, fat pencils, puzzles, games, flash cards, washable markers, crayons, stickers, art paper, blank cards, etc. For more information, contact Nancy Davis, davistwo@comcast.net, 634-1403, or Betty Hudson, bchmhudson@gmail.com, 638-0467. After enjoying refreshments, we will continue our Bible study of Hebrews using chapter 3 in our study guide. Contact Betty Hudson if you need a copy of the book.



Reformed, Always Reforming **Celebrating Reformation Sunday**

From PC(USA) Mission:

Five hundred years ago (October 31, 1517), Martin Luther presented his 95 theses about the church and its need for reform. Five centuries on is an exciting time to reflect on what we bring forward from the past that strengthens us and future generations for the coming 500 years of ministry of the gospel of Christ.



Why reform? Although the phrase "*ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei*" ("the church reformed, always being reformed, according to the word of God") does not originate in the Reformation, we return to it as a watchword because it is accurate to that watershed moment. In times of crisis, challenge, and conflict—then and now—God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helps us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

God's ongoing sanctification of us is a gift for how we live together as the church, responding to God. This is why serious study of scripture for all people is an ongoing practice, in addition to communal worship and celebration of the sacraments. This is why we place such a high value on communal discernment in committees and sessions and decision-making. And while we have so much to learn, it is why our habits of conversation push us to listen to every single voice God brings into our midst.... *For the rest of the story, click here:*

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Jack Beane (M. Stevens), Sonny Benfield, Frances Bledsoe, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Chad Bryson, Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Charles Byrd (B. Lawson), Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Rebecca Coffey (Smith Chaney's great-niece), Virginia Coley (D. Bryson's sister), Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Jim Ford, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), Courtney Johnson (K. Kropp), Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Shirley Oliver (L. Blevins), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Barbara Regen, Posey Riedel (A. Pinkard's sister), Darla Ritter, Betty and Gene Stanley, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), 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).

Please remember

Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

Muffin mix is our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry. **Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper** are also distributed to food pantry clients. These personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.



Our Mission

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

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