

February 25, 2018



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

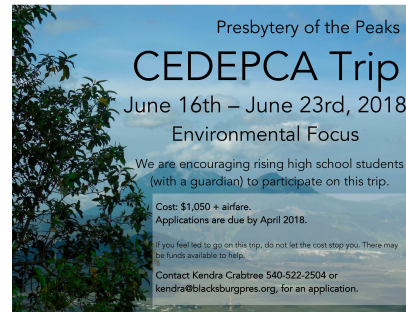
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## Presbytery Mission

### Trip to Guatemala

June 16–23

Presbytery of the Peaks is a partner of CEDEPCA, The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, and is planning another Intercultural Encounters trip to Guatemala this June 16–23. You may have seen posters around the church and wondered, "What is CEDEPCA?" CEDEPCA is an educational institution whose programs include a theological and biblical seminary, disaster ministry, women's ministry, and intercultural encounters. Intercultural Encounters is "a program that designs and facilitates experiences of encounter, reflection, dialogue, and mutual service between people of the United States and Canada with Central American communities in search of a more just, tolerant and equitable world." Elder Denny Casey took part in the 2017 trip. This year, high school students (with a parent or adult guardian) are encouraged to come. Help may be available with the cost. Contact Kendra Crabtree (540-522-2504, [kendra@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:kendra@blacksburgpres.org)) for more information or to get an application form.



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## What's Happening at FPC

### Thursday, Feb. 22

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM**, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. For more information, contact Nancy Baker (638-7923, [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net)).

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### Saturday, Feb. 24

**Conference on Vital and Viable Congregations, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**, Forest Hills P.C., 725 Beechnut Lane. Lunch is \$7 for pre-registered participants. If you haven't registered but would like to attend, contact Betsy Haskins (434-770-0104, [iluvpiano.emh@gmail.com](mailto:iluvpiano.emh@gmail.com)).

**Pregnancy Care Center Open House, 2:00–4:00 PM**, 314-E Fairy Street Ext.

## Sunday, Feb. 25

### Two Cents a Meal Offering

*Unlock:* Neil Tatum

**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 (Room 134, upper level)

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

**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

*Ushers:* Monty Montgomery, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

*Liturgist:* Brianna Tatum

*Lock up:* Victoria Esarey

**Trip to Caverns at Natural Bridge, 12:30 PM**, meet in church parking lot, bring a bag lunch and money for admission: Children 6 and under, free; Ages 7-17 (and college students), \$12; 18 and older, \$18.

*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, February 25, 2018

### Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lessons

**Mark 8:31-38; Psalm 22:23-31**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

### "Take Up Your Cross"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25**

Full text of lectionary readings

[lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=72](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=72)

[www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/)

## Next Week at FPC

### Monday, Feb. 26

**GPS, 3:00 PM**, Music and Christian Education for grades K-8

**Session Meeting, 7:00 PM**, Session Room

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

**Lenten Lunch and Devotional, 12:00 Noon**, First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Devotional by Rev. Ashley Harrington or Rev. Brian Harrington of Starling Ave. Baptist.

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM**. Please email information to Gael Chaney, [stepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:stepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

### Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM**, Session Room. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Joan Montgomery (632-1157, [joanmontgo@gmail.com](mailto:joanmontgo@gmail.com)) for more information.



**Cottage Place Outreach Dinner, 5:00 PM** (meal prep begins), Fellowship Hall.  
Contact Sharon Kirby (806-9709) or Paul Cannaday (252-8191) if you can help.  
**Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM**, Handbell Room  
**Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM**, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!

### Thursday, March 1

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM**, Elks Lodge. There will not be a bloodmobile on the last three Thursdays of March.  
**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### Communion Sunday, March 4

*Unlock/Lock up:* Johnny Pinkard/Duke Ferrell  
*Communion Setup/Cleanup:* Davis/Pritchett  
**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 (Room 134, upper level)  
**Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM**, Choir Room, warm-up before service  
**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary  
*Ushers:* Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby  
*Liturgist:* Kellene Wotring  
*Communion Servers:* Neil Tatum, Duke Ferrell, Liz Ferrell, Victoria Esarey, Denny Casey, Paul Cannaday, Bill Manning, Kym Tatum

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

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### Mission

#### Cottage Place Outreach Dinner

The Mission Committee is hosting the residents and caregivers of Cottage Place group home for dinner and fun activities on **Wednesday, February 28, at 5:30 PM**. Help is needed to set up and prepare the meal and help with activities. Meal preparation will begin at **5:00 PM**. Contact Sharon Kirby (806-9709, [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)) or Paul Cannaday (252-8191, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net)) if you can volunteer.

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#### Lenten Lunches and Devotions

##### Tuesdays, 12:00 Noon

The devotions will be brief, and we should be finished by 1:00. Lunch will be soup and bread.

**February 27**, at First Presbyterian, devotional by Rev. Ashley Harrington or Rev. Brian Harrington of Starling Ave. Baptist

**March 6**, at Calvary Christian Church, devotional by Rev. Keith Ritchie of First United Methodist

**March 13**, at Broad Street Christian Church, devotional by Rev. Mike Carrow of Calvary Christian

**March 20**, at First United Methodist Church, devotional by Fr. Nick Hull of Christ Episcopal



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***Offered by Presbytery***

**Church Transformation Workshops**

Where is your congregation in its lifecycle? Are you a disciple-making congregation? What is God calling you to be and do? These questions and others are being raised by our Church Transformation Workshops. Workshops scheduled for December 8 were postponed because of weather. In March, we are offering these choices:

**Saturday, March 3, 9:30–12:30** at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, led by Rev. Jim Slate, interim pastor at FPC, Covington.

**Saturday, March 17, 9:30–12:30** at Northside Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, led by Rev. Jane Johnson, pastor at Grace PC, Martinsville.

**Sunday, March 11, 2:30–5:30** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, led by Rev. Kim Steinhorst, a member at large in the Peaks.

The word from the Presbytery office is that you are not required to register in advance, just show up.

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***Looking Ahead***

**Holy Week  
Worship Services**



**Palm Sunday, March 25**

**Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM**, Chapel

**Palm Sunday in the Park, 9:45 AM**, Wilson Park (If inclement weather at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)

**Traditional Service, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

**Maundy Thursday Communion/Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 6:00 PM**, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary, communion by intinction

**Good Friday, March 30**

**Good Friday Service, 6:00 PM**, at Grace Presbyterian, 218 Fayette Street, led by Rev. Hinchcliff

**Resurrection Sunday/Easter, April 1**

**Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 AM**, at Lake Lanier

**Easter Breakfast, 9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School, 10:00 AM**

**Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM**, playground (indoors if inclement weather)

**Easter Worship Service with Communion, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

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***Oakwood Cemetery***

**For Sale**

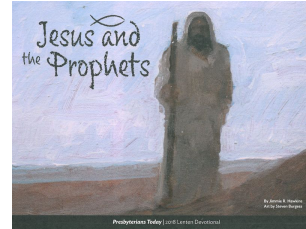
7 Burial plots at Oakwood Cemetery owned by First Presbyterian Church, \$1500 each plus recording fee. Contact Henry Moore (732-3296, [hgmoore3@gmail.com](mailto:hgmoore3@gmail.com)).

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## For Lent

### Devotional Booklets Available

Copies of the Lenten devotional booklet "Jesus and the Prophets" are available for anyone to pick up in the church office. The Christian Education committee hopes that having the whole congregation read the same devotional will bring us together.



## In March

### Happy Birthday!

2 Peter Marshall  
6 Jerry Wood  
11 Don Richman  
17 Alanna Ferguson  
18 Steve Edgerton  
19 Carol Rebman



These birthdays were copied from the church directory. If you didn't put your birthday on the form for the directory, we don't have it. If you would like yours added to the list, contact the church office (632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org))



**Our Deepest Sympathy** is extended to Mary Page and her family on the death of her nephew, Rev. James H. Purks, on February 19, in Albany, Georgia.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Elder Denny Casey who was awarded the 2018 Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science Education by the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation. Denny is chair of our Facilities Committee.

### Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Sonny and Sue Benfield, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Grant Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Elaine Button, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Lynn and Gene Daugherty (C. Kropp), Victoria Esarey, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Barbara Regen, Ralph Shank, Jr., Betty and Gene Stanley, Jane Townsend, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.





## Presbytery Prayer Focus

**Bethlehem Presbyterian Church**, Charlotte Court House, led by **Rev. William Strong** (26 members)

**Collinsville First Presbyterian Church**, led by **Rev. John Wiederholt** (38 members)

**Cool Spring Presbyterian Church**, Thaxton, led by **Rev. Geoff Hubbard** (26 members)

**Rev. Amanda Hayes-Bowman**, Chaplain at New Century Hospice in Farmville

Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, [office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org)).

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### *Please remember*

#### Saltine Crackers for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for January through March is **saltine crackers in the 16-ounce box**. 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.



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### Our Mission

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

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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

#### Useful Links

FPC website: [www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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#### **THE SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

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Sharon Kirby: Mission/Outreach  
Nancy Moore: Stewardship/Communications  
Monica Stevens: Christian Education

**Class of 2019**

Bill Manning: Administration  
Teri Ferguson: Worship  
Paul Cannaday: Mission

**Class of 2020**

Denny Casey: Facilities  
Ron Rebman, Congregational Care  
Fellowship, Kym Tatum

**TRUSTEES**

2018: Monty Montgomery, Henry Moore  
2019: Reed Moore, Ralph Shank  
2020: Milton Davis, Duke Ferrell

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