

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church  
Martinsville, Virginia

**Alcohol Policy**

Endorsed by Session [2/18/13]  
Re-endorsed by Session [5/16/16]

**General Policy Statement:**

NO ALCOHOLIC beverages will be purchased or served by the Congregational Care/Fellowship Ministry, or any other Ministry of the church, for any church function at or away from the church.

**Policy Details:**

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:23, "'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up." While Forest Hills Presbyterian Church does not condemn the responsible use of alcohol in moderation, the church recognizes that some may struggle with alcohol, either through abuse or by judging others who drink in moderation. Therefore, in order to unite in our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will encourage abstaining from alcohol while participating in church events so that we may focus on building each other up.

All church events will be planned with our church's commitment to building stronger personal connections, building life transforming ministries, and to lead others to Christ.

**Notes:** Revised by Congregational Care/Fellowship Ministry [5/3/16]