

November 24, 2019



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Advent Luncheons

Please join us at **12 noon** on the following Tuesdays in December as we gather to reflect on the season of Christ's birth. A light lunch will be served at each location.

Tuesday, December 3

Christ Episcopal Church in the Undercroft (311 E. Church Street, Martinsville)

Tuesday, December 10

First Presbyterian Church (1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)

Tuesday, December 17

First Baptist Church (23 Starling Avenue, Martinsville)

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Hanging of the Greens will take place on **Sunday, December 1** during the 11:00 AM worship service. If you would like for your children to participate, please contact Sam Smith at (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811).

Christmas Poinsettia order forms are available in each pew. The **DEADLINE** to order and pay is **Sunday, December 1**.



Angel Tree selections are available. Grace Network will use



the money collected to buy toys for children identified through the public schools. Make checks payable to FPC and **mark the memo line Angel Tree Project.**

What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, November 21

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 12:00–6:00 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. Contact Nancy Baker, 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net to volunteer.

Praise Band practice, 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 24



Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Unlock/Lockup: Ed Pace/Dru Rothrock

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)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Advent Workshops, 12 NOON - 2:00 PM

Ushers: *Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Sienna King

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 traditional worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.

Services at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

The Service for the Lord's Day, November 24, 2019

Last Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Luke 23:33-43 and Luke 1:68-79

Sermon by March Hinchcliff

"Oh For the Grace of God"

Full text of lectionary readings

www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

More Happenings

Monday, November 25

Session Meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Wednesday, November 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join, and we will even teach you how to knit! Contact Joan Montgomery, 632-1157, joanmontgo@gmail.com, for more information.

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

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Thursday, November 28



Church Office closed

Praise Band practice, 7:00 PM

Friday, November 29

Church Office closed

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

Hanging of the Greens, 11:00 AM Service

Communion Sunday, both services

Unlock/Lockup: Neil Tatum/Joe DeVault

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Advent Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall; hosted by Christian Education and Fellowship committees

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Advent Wreath: Cooks Who Care

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

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

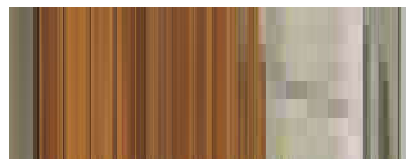
Communion Servers: *Neil Tatum, +Duke Ferrell, Liz Ferrell, Victoria Esarey, Denny Casey, Paul Cannaday, Kym Tatum



Monday, December 2

Presbyterian Women, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 3



Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need. Contact Judy Ware, 336 601-2316, je_ware@yahoo.com, for more information.



Advent Luncheon, 12:00 NOON, Christ Episcopal Church in the Undercroft (311 E. Church Street, Martinsville)

Wednesday, December 4

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

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, David Chittum, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Ron Ferrill (Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Betty Hudson, Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Jordan Penn (B. Tatum), Anne Peterson, Don Richman, Walt Seamon, Wayne Simmons (Marge Dunn), C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-grandson of Pearl Minter), Brenda Williams, 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.

***Smith River Singers invite you to our
Choral Concert***

***"Carols & Cheer!"
Monday, December 9, 2019
7:00 PM***

Doors open at 6:30 PM



Galilean House of Worship

[5078 A. L. Philpott Highway](#)

Martinsville, VA 24112

Dr. Pamela Randall, Director

Beth Chapman, Accompanist

Featuring Special Guest Soloists

Jill Bowen Gardner and Jake Gardner

Accompaniment by

Full orchestra of professional and local musicians

Also featuring

American Sign Language interpretation by Joan Joyce

Free Admission

An offering will be collected.

Up Coming Family Events



Thursday, December 5 - Sunday, December 8

Several of our youth (**Gates DeVault (grandson of Joe and Jerry DeVault), Caroline Kirby, and Jack Kirby**) will be performing in the **Christmas Spectacular** at PHCC. Additional details are forthcoming.

Please contact Sam Smith at (sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu or 276-224-2811) if you are interested or need more information.

Please remember

Corn Bread Mix for Grace Network

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for October, November and December, is **CORN BREAD MIX (i.e. Jiffy)**. Please include plastic grocery

bags with your donation. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. 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

Printed copies of *Steeple Views* are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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

Useful Links

FPC website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care

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Ron Rebman: Administration
Kym Tatum: Fellowship

Class of 2021

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Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship
Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2020: Milton Davis, Duke Ferrell
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