

November 20, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Stewardship

Commitment Sunday, Nov. 20

Dedication of our stewardship pledges to the Lord's work in our congregation will be done after the sermon in each service this Sunday, November 20. Please make sure all bags are returned to the church office by **Friday, Nov. 18**. Thank you so much for your gifts and your efforts!



*We give Thee but Thine own
whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

William Walsham How, #428 PH

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, Nov. 17

Presbytery Meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main St., Christiansburg.

Weekday School Fall Celebration, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to see and hear what the children have been learning this fall.

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday 19

Free Community Breakfast, Volunteers needed beginning at **7:00 AM**, serving **8:00–9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Heidi Pinkston (732-0808, heidipinkston1@gmail.com) is in charge this month.

Sunday 20, Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary

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

Confirmation Class, 9:45 AM, Youth Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #6: Monty Montgomery (Captain), Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Liturgist: Gael Chaney

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, November 20

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Scripture Lessons

Luke 23:33-43; Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"I Remember You, Will You Remember Me?"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79

[Full text of lectionary readings](#)

Please note that Steeple Views will be published one day earlier this week due to the Thanksgiving Postal Service holiday.

Monday, Nov. 21

G.P.S. 3:00–5:00 PM, Music & Bible for children K-8

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

Cottage Place Outreach has been moved to December.

Tuesday 22

Note change of day:

Steeple Views mailing, 4:00 PM, copier room. Volunteers appreciated.

Sanctuary Ringers, 6:00 PM, handbell room.

Wednesday 23

Note change of day:

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00–6:00 PM, 1081 Spruce St. (Druid Hills Shopping Center). 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: (276) 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net.

No Chancel Choir

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Thursday 24, Thanksgiving Day

Church office closed

Friday 25

Church office closed

Sunday 27, First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Advent Breakfast, 9:30 AM, hosted by the Christian Education Committee, build-a-biscuit. Bring an ornament and help trim the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree.

?Confirmation Class, 9:45 AM, Youth Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #1: Neil Tatum (Captain), Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Milt Davis

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



Call to Action

Angel Tree Project begins Nov. 20

Once again we will provide gifts and groceries to several needy families in our community through our Angel Tree Project. The trees will be in the Narthex and hallways upstairs before and after services beginning this **Sunday, November 20**. Take one or more gift suggestions and bring the wrapped gifts back to church no later than **December 11**. Monetary gifts are also needed and may be turned in to the church office.

Christmas is coming!

Advent Breakfast Sunday, November 27

A long-standing tradition of our congregation is coming again! The Advent Breakfast will be **Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 AM**. Breakfast, hosted by the Christian Education Committee, will feature biscuits with a variety of fillings to build to your taste. We will trim the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree with ornaments contributed over the years, and we invite you to bring a new one to add to the collection.



Deadline Dec. 5



Order Sanctuary Poinsettias

Now is the time to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms will be available beginning this Sunday, Nov. 20, and the **deadline to order is Monday, December 5**, to have them by December 11. There will be no early service on Dec. 11 or 25, so everyone will be able to enjoy them.

Sign up now

Christmas Posada

Dec. 2, 5:20 PM Uptown Martinsville



A Posada is a reenactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, anxiously seeking a place to stay before Jesus is born. This Hispanic tradition was introduced in a small way to our congregation by Pastor Mark last year; this year, he is taking it to the whole community with a procession in Uptown Martinsville with actors, musicians, and singers. If you would like to take part, contact Deborah Burgess by **November 28** (burgessd@ntelos.net or 647-1914).

Looking Ahead

Special Christmas Music

Dec. 11, 11:00 AM

Our Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers, joined by violinist Virginia King and flutist Lynn Pritchett, will present a musical worship service for Advent and Christmas during the 11 o'clock worship hour on **Sunday, December 11**. There will be no early service that day so that our whole church family can worship together.



Smith River Singers Concert

Dec. 12, 7:00 PM in our Sanctuary

Smith River Singers, our area's all-volunteer community chorus, will present a Christmas concert in the FPC Sanctuary, on **Monday, December 12, at 7:00 PM**. Everyone is invited! A reception will follow the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is free; a voluntary offering will be collected.

Please note there will not be a congregational supper that evening, and committees will meet at other times at their own convenience.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Leanna Blevins and Gavin, Grayson, Ainsley, and Heath Russell on the death of Leanna's mother, Phyllis Blevins, on November 9, in Chilhowie.

2-Cents-a-Meal Grant Received

Our Free Community Breakfast has received a grant of \$1000 from the Presbytery of the Peaks 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering. Your contributions to this offering help fund feeding projects and food banks around our region and around the world. The next offering collection is **Sunday, November 27**, although offerings will be accepted any time. Our next breakfast is **Saturday, November 19**.



Congratulations to Frances Bledsoe on the birth of her great-granddaughter Abigail Rae, born Friday, October 21 in Rock Hill, SC. Proud grandmother is Frances' daughter Donna LaPrade, a regular visitor to our congregation.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers:

Walter Anderson, Deborah Brooks, Jim Brunt (Nancy Davis' brother), Ami Bryson Peck, Dot Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (Marge Dunn's brother-in-law), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Nancy Dawson (PoP General Presbyter), Jim Ford, Daniel Handy (Pearl Minter's son-in-law), Clara Hartley, Clyde Hill, Tracy Hinchcliff, Karl Kelly (Monica Steven's brother), Ann King, Myrtis Lester, Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Langdon Plaster (friend of the Chaneys), Dr. Dan Prince, Diane Pruesner (Pastor Mark's Aunt), Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Laura Stevens, Lilian Turman, Martha and Joe Valentine, Sarah Wells, Pat Wilson, and all our troops throughout the world.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).



New Century Hospice invites you to join us for
A Service of Hope and Love
For those experiencing loss, grief, conflict
or despair this holiday season
Saturday, December 10, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Smith Memorial United Methodist Church
2703 Daniels Creek Road
Collinsville, VA 24078
Refreshments will be served
R.s.v.p. 276-632-2231

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

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<http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/>

FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

Presbytery of the Peaks: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

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