

November 18 & 25, 2018



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Update

Keep the blessings flowing!

We are happy to report that we have passed the \$200,000 mark, and we are two-thirds of the way to our goal! We hope to wrap up the Stewardship Campaign in the next week. Your pledges are graciously welcome and greatly appreciated. Many thanks to everyone who has already turned in your pledge card!



Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
The Stewardship Committee



Thursday

Weekday School Fall Celebration

The Weekday School children (ages 2, 3, and 4) would love for everyone to come hear them sing this **Thursday, November 15, at 6:00 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall.

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What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, Nov. 15

Presbytery of the Peaks meeting has been postponed until Thursday, Nov. 29.

Weekday School Fall Program, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, Nov. 17

Free Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

7:00 AM, Volunteers begin preparing.

8:00–9:30 AM, Serving

Contact Sharon Kirby, skirbycwj@gmail.com, 806-9709, or Paul Cannaday, pcannaday@comcast.net, 252-8191, for more information about helping.

Facilities Work Session, 9:30–11:00 AM. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects around the building and grounds. Contact Denny Casey, 224-3906, d.a.casey@comcast.net.



Sunday, Nov. 18

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Monty Montgomery

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, warm up for service

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

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

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Community Pre-Thanksgiving Service, 4:00

PM, at **Greater Love Ministries, 906 E. Church St.**,

Martinsville, sponsored by Martinsville-Henry County Ministerial Association. Canned food and dry goods will be collected and donated to Grace Network.



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.

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Service for the Lord's Day, November 18, 2018
26th Sunday after Pentecost/33rd in Ordinary Time

Scripture Lessons

Hebrews 10:11-25; 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Encouraging One Another"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20; Mark 13:1-8

Full text of lectionary readings

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

Calendar

Monday, Nov. 19

No GPS, Thanksgiving week off

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Agape Ministry, 12:00 Noon, Session Room

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information for this email update to stepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room. *Note change of day for this week.*

Wednesday, 21

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 10:00 AM-2:00 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, if you can help. *Note change of day for this week.*

No Chancel Choir, Thanksgiving week off

Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day

Church Office closed



Friday, Nov. 23

Church office closed

Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 25

Two Cents a Meal Offering, for hunger projects in our presbytery and beyond

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Milt Davis

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

Ushers: *Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Tracy Hinchcliff

Monday, Nov. 26

GPS, 3:00 PM, "Rahab Helps the Spies," Music and Christian education for children K-8th grade.

Session Meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas, 1:00 PM. Contact Teri Ferguson,

teriferguson@comcast.net, 956-1441, if you can help.

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information for this two-week print edition to steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room. 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.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Thursday, Nov. 29

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday, Nov. 30

***La Posada, 5:30 PM**, Uptown Martinsville, beginning at the Christmas Tree Lighting in front of Martinsville Municipal Building.

First Sunday of Advent, December 2

Hanging of the Greens

Communion Sunday, both services

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Ferguson/Edgerton

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Victoria Esarey

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 Wreath: Cooks Who Care

Ushers: *Monty Montgomery, Jeri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Bob Clark

Liturgist: Sienna King

Communion Servers: *Teri Ferguson, +Nancy Baker, Dru Rothrock, David Garland, Manly Boyd, Judy Ware, Bill Kirby, Sharon Kirby

Congregational Meeting, 12:00 Noon (at end of worship service), to elect Lynn Pritchett as Ruling Elder for the class of 2021.



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

Coming Soon

La Posada

Friday, November 30, 5:30 PM

La Posada, which means "Inn," is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico that commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. At 5:30 PM, join us for the Uptown Christmas tree lighting in front of the Martinsville Municipal Building, 55 W. Church St. Then cross the street to the large parking lot to begin the journey. Enjoy the re-enactments with story, music and song as you process to each of the five stations around Uptown. The journey ends at the Historic Henry County Courthouse Museum, where you may enjoy some traditional Mexican hot chocolate, and the children can partake in the breaking of the piñata! Any singers and instrumentalists wishing to be performers should contact Deborah Burgess, 647-1914, burgessd@ntelos.net, by **Monday, November 26**.



Order Now

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



It's time to order memorial/honorary poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary this Advent and Christmas, December 9-25. Forms can be found in the pews. Each poinsettia is \$10; make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" clearly noted "poinsettia" on the memo line. Put the form and check in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **Deadline to order is Monday, December 3.**

Looking Ahead

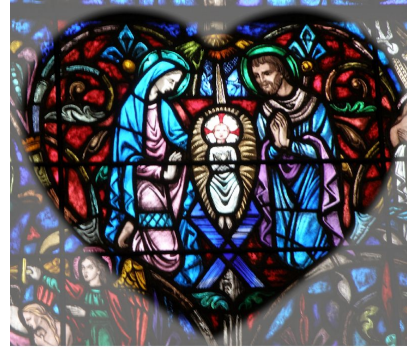
Advent/Christmas Events

Sunday, December 9

Christmas Music Worship Service, 11:00 AM, presented by the Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Ringers, and special musicians. *NO 8:30 service this Sunday.*

Friday, December 14

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad St. Several of our Sanctuary Ringers are part of this group.

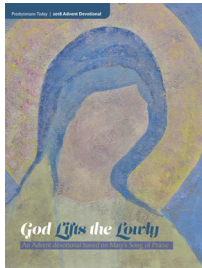


Monday, December 17

Smith River Singers Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, Galilean House of Worship, 5078 A. L. Philpott Hwy, Martinsville. Several of our members sing in this 70-member choir. Concert features choral music for the season with guest musicians and a children's choir. There is plenty of parking in a well-lighted lot.

Monday, December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM, for the whole family



For Advent

"God Lifts the Lowly"

The Christian Education Committee is providing an Advent devotional booklet for everyone. "God Lifts the Lowly" is based on the song of Mary, often called "The Magnificat," found in Luke 1:46-53. We pray this will enrich your personal faith journey to welcome the Christ Child. Booklets may be picked up at church.

Mission

Angel Trees are here!

Angel Trees are now in the hallways outside the Sanctuary and Chapel. Instead of each of us having to shop for toys or clothes, we will contribute to Grace Network, who will use the money to buy toys for children identified through the public schools. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and mark the memo line "Angel Tree Project." You may place your check in the angel envelope and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for your participation!



Angel Tree

Weekday School

Busy Fall for Preschoolers

The Weekday School here at First Presbyterian has been very busy since school began! Visitors from the fire and police departments have presented safety programs for the children. The 3-year-olds visited Edwards Adult Day Care. and one 4-year-old class visited King's Grant. Both 4-year-old classes went to the Virginia Museum of

Natural History for Dinosaur Days. The entire school took a field trip to Owen Farm and had a fabulous time! Each class is now practicing songs to perform for their families at our Fall Celebration which will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, November 15, at 6:00 PM**. The school will then enjoy Thanksgiving Break November 19–22.



For news from Presbytery of the Peaks, read *Peaks Postings*:

www.peakspresbytery.org/images/Peaks_Postings/Peaks_Nov.%2013%202018.pdf



Hildegard "Hilde" K. Furst Chappell
September 11, 1927–October 24, 2018

Our dear friend Hilde Chappell entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, October 24, in Yadkinville, NC. A memorial service was held in our Sanctuary on Thursday, November 1, with Rev. Mark Hinchcliff officiating. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Hilde's family and friends. The obituary may be found here: www.wrightfuneralservices.net/obituaries/Hilde-Chappell/#!/Obituary

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers: Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Georgette Bishop, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Holli Cox and her Family, Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Audrey Davis (Teri Ferguson), Judy Garland, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Joye Hughes, Ricky Johnson (Sandra Ford), Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Lauren Prince (N. Moore), Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, Lil Wall, 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. Also, please let us know if someone can be removed from the list.

Thank You

Gifts to the Church
In Memory of Hilde Chappell
Carolyn Kanoy

Please remember

Beef Stew for Grace Network

Our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry is BEEF STEW, 15-20 ounce cans.

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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2018: Monty Montgomery, Henry Moore

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