

December 1, 2019



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Cooks Who Care

Please join us in the Marge Dunn Kitchen on **Tuesday, December 3** for fun and fellowship as we prepare a delicious meal for congregation members in need.

Devotion and cooking start at 9:30 and wrap and pack at 5:30. Your help at either session would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Judy Ware at 336 601-2316 or je_ware@yahoo.com.

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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)



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).

Please also join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Advent breakfast at 9:30. We will be decorating the tree in the Fellowship Hall so please bring an ornament with you that represents your family to add to the tree.

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.**



A new 4 week **Sunday School class** for the advent season will start on **December 15** called *The Redemption of Scrooge*. We will be offering a class for adults **AND** a class for **YOUTH** (grades 6-12). If you are interested in this, please let Sam Smith know by **4 PM, December 9.**

[Note: Children's Sunday School is also offered in room 11-12 under sanctuary]



Special thanks to **Heidi Pinkston** and **Nancy Baker** for their help with the Two-cents-a-Meal Grant. We have received a grant for \$1,000 which will go to our community breakfast fund!

What's Happening at FPC

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: Johnny Pinkard/Duke Ferrell

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



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, December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 24:36-44 and Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon by March Hinchcliff

"Great Expectations"

Full text of lectionary readings

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

More Happenings

Monday, December 2

Presbyterian Women, 11:00 AM, King's Grant (Private Dining Room); cost of lunch is \$9. All ladies are invited to attend.

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

Thursday, December 5

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Patriot Players Christmas Spectacular, 7:00 PM, Walker Fine Arts Theater

Friday, December 6

Patriot Players Christmas Spectacular, 7:00 PM, Walker Fine Arts Theater

Saturday, December 7

Patriot Players Christmas Spectacular, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM, Walker Fine Arts Theater

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8

Unlock/Lockup: Neil Tatum/Joe DeVault

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

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: Sunday School Class

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

Patriot Players Christmas Spectacular, 2:00 PM, Walker Fine Arts Theater

Monday, December 9

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10

Library Committee, 10:00 AM, Library

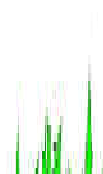
Advent Luncheon, 12:00 NOON, First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 11

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.



Happy Birthday in December!

- 1 Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2 Carol Belcher
- 3 Dru Rothrock
- 4 Ashby Pritchett
- 9 Joan Montgomery, Chris Wingfield
- 11 K.J. Joyce
- 14 Dr. Mervyn R. King
- 15 Helen "Pat" Baumann, Kim Boyd
- 17 Matthew Mason
- 18 Bill Kirby
- 20 Evan Hatchett
- 22 Grayson Russell, Vera Jane Kuhn
- 24 Jackie McLachlan
- 26 Smith Chaney
- 28 Brenda Williams



Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Jeffery Boyd (Drema), 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), Lyn Davis, Ron Ferrill (Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Rela Hankins (Drema), 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.

Christmas
Open House



Christmas Open House at Pastor Mark and Tracy's home at 1009 Sam Lions Trail on **Tuesday, December 17**. Drop by anytime from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.



December 14, 7 PM

The **Martinsville Handbell Ensemble and Still Water** (Smith River Singers small ensemble) A Christmas concert will take place at Broad Street Christian Church (several members of our Sanctuary Ringers and Chancel Choir participate in this).

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.

Christmas Eve

Due to the cancellation of La Posada, Pastor Mark is planning to organize an English version to be done in the sanctuary during the **Christmas Eve service**. Participants of all ages will be needed for this so please contact Sam Smith if you are interested. More details to follow.

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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Class of 2019

Paul Cannaday: Mission/Outreach

Teri Ferguson: Worship

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care

Class of 2020

Denny Casey: Communications

Ron Rebman: Administration

Kym Tatum: Fellowship

Class of 2021

Ed Pace: Facilities

Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2020: Milton Davis, Duke Ferrell

2021: David Garland, Ed Linker

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