

December 8, 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.

We are in need of sandwiches for this Tuesday's luncheon at First Presbyterian. If you can help, please contact Susan Pilson at 276 340-7288.

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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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.**



The Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers Christmas program will be presented Sunday, **December 15 during the 11:00 AM Service.** Please join us as we celebrate the gift of the Christ child.



Please note, there will be no 8:30 AM service.



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]

What's Happening at FPC

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

Facilities Work Day

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

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 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13

Sermon by March Hinchcliff

"New Life From Established Roots"

Full text of lectionary readings

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

More Happenings

Monday, December 9

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Smith River Singers, 7:00 pm, Galilean House of Worship

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

Thursday, December 12

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, December 14

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble and Still Water, 7:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15

Unlock/Lockup: Ed Pace/Rob King

NO Early 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

Advent Wreath: Cooks Who Care

*Ushers: *Monty Montgomery, Jerri DeVault, Joe DeVault*

Tuesday, December 17

Agape Ministry, 12:00 NOON, Session Room

Advent Luncheon, 12:00 NOON, First Baptist Church

Christmas Open House, 6 - 8:30 PM, Home of Pastor Mark and Tracy

Wednesday, December 18

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
- 27 Gael Chaney, Cathy Stone, Nancy B. Moore
- 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, 7:00 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

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

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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 2020

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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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