

December 22, 2019



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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**Candlelight Service**

**Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 PM**



Come worship with us and celebrate the birth of Jesus during our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

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### ***Help is Needed!***

If you have not done so already, please stop by and pick up a Poinsettia for delivery to our congregation members. The Poinsettias, along with a list of recipients, can be found in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall.

A visit to someone who cannot get out this time of year is a gift not only them, but to you as well!

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## Smith River Singers

**Thursday, December 19, 6:00 PM**

**First United Methodist Church  
(146 East Main St, Martinsville)**

A **Blue Christmas** service is one of remembrance and comfort for anyone who is grieving a loss over the holidays, when everyone else is in a festive mood. Our select small group, Still Water, will be singing for this service, and everyone is invited to attend.

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Our community breakfast is **Saturday, December 21**. If you are available to help, please contact [Sharon Kirby](#) at 276 806-9709 or [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com).

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## What's Happening at FPC

### Thursday, December 19

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### Saturday, December 21

**Free Community Breakfast**, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

**7:00 AM**, Volunteers begin preparing.

**8:00–9:30 AM**, Serving

Contact Paul Cannaday, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net), 252-8191, for more information.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

#### Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

*Unlock/Lockup:* Johnny Pinkard/Monty Montgomery

**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:* Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Ushers:* \*Denny Casey, Billy Kirby, Rob King

*Liturgist:* Nancy Moore



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 & 11:00 AM**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day, December 22, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Lessons

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and Matthew 1:18-25**

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"Seeing God's Face In A Child"**

Full text of lectionary readings

[www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/)

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## More Happenings

### **Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24**

**Church office closed**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion,  
6:00 PM**

*Advent Wreath:* Ushers

*Liturgist:* Liz Ferrell



### **Wednesday, December 25**

**Christmas Day, Church Office closed**

### **Thursday, December 26**

**Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 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, [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net), 6387923, if you can help.

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### **First Sunday After Christmas, December 29**

*Unlock/Lockup:* Neil Tatum/Denny Casey

**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

*Ushers:* \*Monty Montgomery, David Garland, Dru Rothrock

*Liturgist:* Joan Montgomery

**Monday, December 30**

**Session Meeting, 7:00 PM,** Session Room

**Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve**

**Church Office closed**

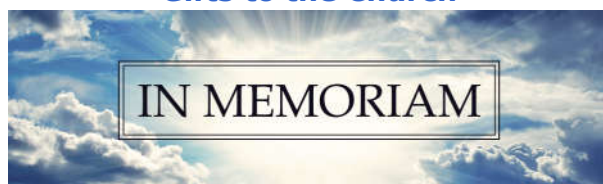
**Wednesday, January 1, 2020, New Year's Day**

**Church Office closed**

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

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### Gifts to the Church



**In memory of Rev. Randall Stevens**

Mr. and Mrs. William Garrett

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### 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), Lyn Davis, 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), 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](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

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## Up Coming Family Events



### 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](mailto:sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu) or 276-224-2811) if you are interested or need more information.

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### *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.

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#### Our Mission

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

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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

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FPC website: [www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care

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Kym Tatum: Fellowship

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Lynn Pritchett: Stewardship  
Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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