

November 27, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Advent Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 27

Our traditional Advent Breakfast is coming again on **Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 AM**. The breakfast is hosted by the Christian Education Committee and will feature biscuits with a variety of fillings to assemble to your taste. Help trim the tree with ornaments contributed over the years and new ones you may bring this year.



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What's Happening This Week

Thursday 24, Happy Thanksgiving!



Church office closed

Friday 25

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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.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 AM, Choir Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Milt Davis

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 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons

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

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Making Preparations"

Chancel Choir Anthem

"Advent Hymn" by Don Besig & Nancy Price

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14

[Full text of lectionary readings](#)

Monday, Nov. 28

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

Session meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

Tuesday 29, "Giving Tuesday"

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael

Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday 30

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

Volunteers appreciated.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:30 PM, Session Room

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

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

always welcome!



Thursday, Dec. 1

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday 2

La Posada, 5:30 PM, Martinsville Municipal Building. Christmas Tree lighting followed by procession to different stations ending at the Historic Henry County Courthouse. Story, music, song, piñata and refreshments! For the whole family! Volunteers needed: see article below.

Sunday 4

Communion Sunday, Prep/cleanup team: Davis/Pritchett; Serving team #3

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 Adult class, Session Room

Confirmation Class, 9:45 AM, Youth Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #2: Ralph Shank, Jr. (Captain), Bob Davis, Bob Clark, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

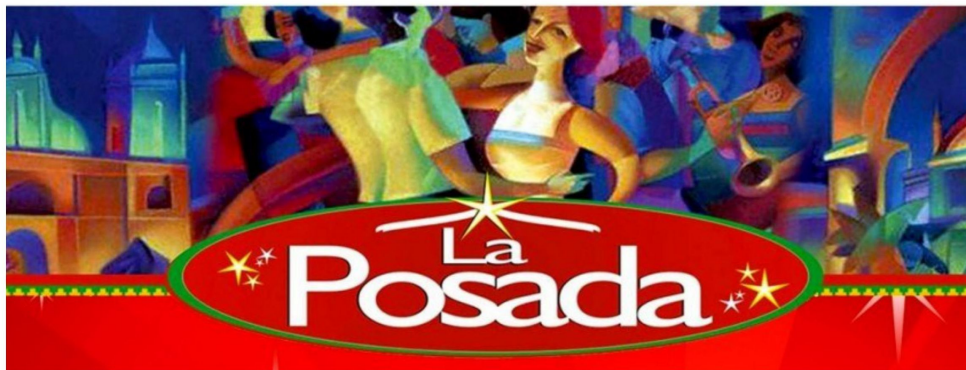
Liturgist: Nancy Davis

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

Volunteers Needed!

La Posada, Friday, Dec. 2, 5:30 PM beginning at the Municipal Building UPTOWN Martinsville

For our church commitment, we need 9 volunteers for roles in costume. They won't have any speaking parts but are very important to the overall production. We specifically need 6 people (men or women) who can be in the lodging at the Inn and 3 kings. If you are willing to participate in one of these roles, please call Pastor Mark at [210-273-2813](tel:210-273-2813).



The Journey to Bethlehem

Friday December 2, 2016

First, join us for the Christmas tree lighting in Uptown at **5:30 PM** at the **Martinsville Municipal Building at 55 W. Church Street**, followed by the journey that will begin in the parking lot across the street.

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. Enjoy the re-enactments with story, music and song as you process to each of the five stations that tells the story of this biblical journey. You will complete your journey 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!

Breaking News

Need Only Sauce for Grace Network

Right now, Grace Network has an abundance of pasta because they are this year's recipients of the Food Lion's "Holiday without Hunger" food boxes, which include spaghetti, that are purchased by customers when they shop at Food Lion. Until future notice, please pick up **spaghetti sauce only** for your Grace Network donations. In January, we will let you know when pasta donations can resume as needed. First Presbyterian has been a faithful partner to Grace Network and has helped with not only monetary donations but also pasta and sauce. Grace Network is very grateful for the faithful partnership with FPC, and the Board of Directors, staff, and clients thank you.



Call to Action

Angel Tree Project

Once again we will provide Christmas gifts and groceries to several needy families in our community through our Angel Tree Project. The trees are in the Narthex and hallways upstairs before and after services. 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.



Angel Tree

Music for Christmas

Christmas Music Worship Service

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 Dec. 12, and committees will meet at other times at their own convenience.

Weekday School News

Fall Fun

The Weekday School is moving right along! We have 56 children enrolled as of November 11 (four in the last week). Our 3- and 4-year-old classes are full, and Mother's Morning Out is close to full. What a great year! The children performed for their parents on November 17 at our Fall Festival. We sang four songs, and Pastor Mark lead them in two others. Everyone loved it! Before we blink it will be Christmas, and you can already feel the excitement. I'm hoping we have a special visitor come see us. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mary Lewis Johnston, Weekday School Director

Southside Survivor Response Center

New Name for CAFV



Citizens Against Family Violence has changed its name. It is now known as **Southside Survivor Response Center**. First Presbyterian has been a faithful partner with this wonderful organization for many years. Please continue to contribute to their efforts to empower women, children and families to live free from violence. Boxes for household and personal care items are in several spots around our church building. For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.cafv.info/info/history-and-mission.cfm>

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, 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 Chaney's), 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).

Gifts to the Church
In memory of Lee and Clark Eden
Jared and Jamie Eden Peck

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

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

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