

December 4, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Deadline Dec. 5

Order Sanctuary Poinsettias

Now is the time to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Cost is \$10 each. The **deadline** to order is **Monday, December 5**, to have them in the Sanctuary by December 11. Place an order form and check in the offering plate on Sunday, or call the church office, (276)-632-3431. There will be no early service on Dec. 11 or 25, so everyone will be able to enjoy them.



Congregational Care

Help Deliver Poinsettias

The Congregational Care Committee wants to extend loving thoughts with the beauty of a Christmas poinsettia to members of our church who have lost a loved one during the year or who can no longer drive. To help us spread the love from our church family, please sign up to deliver one or more poinsettias. The plants will be available for delivery on **Sunday, December 4**. The list of recipients and flowers will be on a table outside the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name next to the person to whom you will deliver.

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday

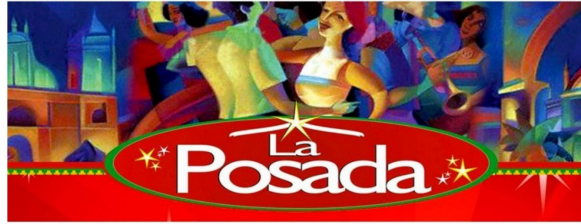
Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

La Posada Rehearsal: Instrumentalists at 6:00 PM, Singers at 7:00 PM,
Chapel

Praise Band, 8:00 PM, Chapel

Friday

La Posada, 5:30 PM, Martinsville Municipal Building, 55 W. Church St.



The Journey to Bethlehem

Friday December 2, 2016

Sunday

Communion Sunday, Prep/cleanup team: Davis/Pritchett

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

G.P.S. Rehearsal, 10:15 AM, to sing in the 11:00 service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Nancy Davis

Communion Servers: Nancy Baker, Manly Boyd, Smith Chaney, David Garland, Bill Kirby, Dru Rothrock, Barb Tatum, Judy Ware

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, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-6; Romans 15:4-13

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Out of the Solid Root Springs New Life!"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Matthew 3:1-12

[Full text of lectionary readings](#)

Monday 5

Circle 1, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

G.P.S. 3:00-5:00 PM, Christmas party (last session until January 9)

Worship Committee, 6:00 PM, El Norteno Restaurant (Patrick Henry Mall)
Smith River Singers Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Tuesday 6

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need. Cindy Edgerton and Virginia King are in charge.

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

steeplevIEWS@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Circle 2, 6:30 PM, covered-dish supper at Gael Chaney's, 55 General Longstreet Ct. Open to any woman; call 276-340-8081 for more information.



Wednesday 7

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

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

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

Thursday 8

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday 10

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:00 AM, Sanctuary

Chancel Choir, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary

Smith River Singers Rehearsal, 1:00 PM, Sanctuary

Blue Christmas Service, 3:00 PM, Smith Memorial United Methodist Church, for those who have suffered loss, sponsored by New Century Hospice

Sunday 11

Angel Tree Gifts Due

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

Christmas Music Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #3: Monty Montgomery (Captain), Buck Flythe, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Jerri DeVault

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

Call to Action

Cooks Who Care Needs You!

Cooks Who Care meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Marge Dunn Kitchen to prepare meals to be frozen and delivered to congregational members and others who may appreciate a meal due to illness, death in the family, birth of a baby, or other need. Cooking together provides fun, fellowship, new recipes, and, most important, a meaningful way to nurture each other within the cooking group and the congregation.



We begin with a **devotional at 9:45 AM, cooking at 10:00 AM, and packing the food at 5:30 PM.** You may sign up for one or both sessions. Please contact Judy Ware (666-2269 or je_ware@yahoo.com) for more information.

Christmas Music

Holiday Pops

Sunday, December 4, 7:00 PM. Piedmont Arts Association presents the Roanoke Symphony at Martinsville High School Auditorium. Piedmont Arts will be collecting canned goods for Grace Network during the symphony's performance. All non-perishable items will be collected in the lobby by Grace Network volunteers. Lobby doors will open at 6:00 PM for donations. Tickets: \$25 Reserved • \$15 Adult • \$5 Student



Christmas Music Worship Service

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Presented by the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers, with flutist Lynn Pritchett and violinist Virginia King, under the direction of Cynthia Dobrinski.

Smith River Singers Christmas Concert

Monday, December 12, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. A wide variety of choral music of the season presented by nearly 60 singers under the direction of Dr. Pamela Randall. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Admission free; an offering will be collected.

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church. Several of our Sanctuary Ringers will take part. Admission free; an offering will be collected.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers:

Walter Anderson, Sue Benfield, 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 Leanna Blevins' mother Phyllis Blevins

by John and Judith Matthews

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

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FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

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

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