

December 18, 2016



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Calls to Action

Free Community Breakfast Dec. 17

Your help is needed this **Saturday, December 17** as we welcome our neighbors to our monthly breakfast. Volunteers are needed beginning at **7:00 AM** to cook, set up, serve, clean up, and make our guests feel welcome. We serve from **8:00 until 9:30 AM**. Nancy Moore is in charge this month, (276)732-3400, nbmoore@comcast.net.



Facilities Work Session after Breakfast



Got a minute or an hour you can spare to help keep our beautiful building and grounds in good order? Join us after Community Breakfast, **Saturday, December 17**, for some fellowship and service—no experience necessary. Come and have some breakfast then join in the fun! We'll start at **9:30 AM** and end around noon; lunch will be provided. Not sure what to bring? Don't worry, we'll have all the tools needed. Contact Denny Casey at (276)632-8306, d.a.casey@comcast.net if you have questions.

Cottage Place Dinner Dec. 19

The Mission Committee will host residents and staff of Cottage Place group home on Monday, December 19, for a yummy Christmas dinner, crafts and gifts for all in the Fellowship Hall. Help is needed beginning at **5:00 PM** to prepare the meal. If you can help with the meal or activities, please contact Contact Jerri DeVault at jerride@embarqmail.com, (276)666-3024. Cottage Place is our neighbor on Church Street Extension, just up the hill from the Lutheran Church.



What's Happening This Week

Thursday 15

Agape Ministry, 6:00 PM

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Saturday 17

Free Community Breakfast, Volunteers needed beginning at **7:00 AM**, serving **8:00–9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Nancy Moore, 732-3400, nbmoore@comcast.net, is in charge this month.

Facilities Work Session, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon, lunch provided. Contact Denny Casey, 632-8306, d.a.casey@comcast.net.

Sunday 18

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

Traditional Worship with Confirmation, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #4: Monty Montgomery (Captain), Jerri & Joe DeVault, Lang Mauck, Bill Stone

Liturgist: Victoria Esarey

Christmas Handbell Concert "Sleigh Ride," 4:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church. Several members of our congregation play with the Martinsville Handbell Ensemble.



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 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-16

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"God With Us and For Us"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=4>

Monday 19

Cottage Place Outreach Dinner, 5:00–7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed: contact Jerri DeVault, (276)666-3024, if you can help.

Tuesday 20

Steeple Views Deadline for combined Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 issue, 5:00 PM.

Please email information to Gael Chaney,
steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday 21

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

Christmas pageant practice, 5:00 PM, for the Christmas Eve service

?Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room.

Thursday 22

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00–6:00 PM, 1081 Spruce St. (Druid Hills Centre). Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the canteen after they finish donating blood. If you can help, please contact Nancy Baker: (276)638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net.

Saturday 24 Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Children's Pageant, 5:45 PM prelude, 6:00 PM service. Sanctuary



Sunday 25 Christmas Day

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Worship with Communion, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #5: Denny Casey, Denise Unterbrink, Tom Unterbrink

Liturgist: Tracy Hinchcliff

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

Sleigh Ride

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

4:00 PM



Christmas Music

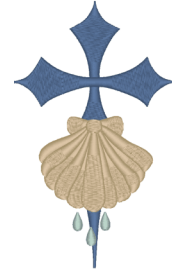
Handbell Concert Dec. 18

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble, including several members of our congregation, invite you to "Sleigh Ride," a delightful program of Christmas music, on **Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 PM**, at Broad Street Christian Church, Martinsville.

11 o'clock service

Confirmation Dec. 18

Several of our young members have been studying in the Confirmation Class on Sunday mornings this fall. This **Sunday, December 18**, during the **11:00** o'clock service, three of them will make their confession of faith and confirm the baptism they received as infants. Grayson Russell, Briana Tatum, and Kellene Wotring will then become full voting members of the congregation.



Community Breakfast

A Cheerful, Willing Helper

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)



There is a new face in the kitchen for the monthly Community Breakfasts, and not JUST a face; it comes with willing hands, lots of energy and a cheerful, happy attitude that brightens the entire kitchen.

It all began last February when Bill Kirby, a regular in the kitchen and that month's "chef," was asked if he could bring his granddaughter, who was nine years old at the time. Permission given, he and Suzan appeared with Caroline at 7:00 AM on that cold, dark, wintery morning, and she was given the task of wrapping silver and helping Sue-Sue (Suzan) set up the tables. Soon it was "Caroline...this," and "Caroline...that" as everyone learned that she was capable and willing.

By the time the first guests arrived, Bill had found a sturdy stool for her to stand on, a much-too-big apron had been tied around her waist, and she brought that same great smile and attitude to the serving line. All of the regulars were charmed and such comments as "training the next generation, are you?" and "well, this is a nice surprise" were heard.

Caroline, the daughter of Sharon and Billy Kirby, is now a frequent volunteer when she is not busy with swim team, two soccer teams, voice lessons and helping her mom with younger brothers Jack and Will. When asked why she

first volunteered, she replied "I just wanted to help."

Community Breakfasts are prepared every third Saturday beginning at 7:00 AM in the Marge Dunn Kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prep, cook, serve, wash dishes, serve as runners, and especially to greet our guests and visit with them. As Caroline says, "Come and help. It will make you feel really good. It's fun!"

—Jo Dykes

Holiday



Combined Steeple Views Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Please submit all information for the first week of January for *Steeple Views* by the end of the day **Tuesday, December 20**. There will be a combined issue covering the weeks after Christmas and New Year's Day. Email steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

One Service

New Year's Day

There will be only one worship service on **Sunday, January 1, at 11:00 AM**, in the Sanctuary. As usual on the first Sunday of the month, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.



Prayer Concerns



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

Walter Anderson, Sue Benfield, Ami Bryson Peck, Dot Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Jim Ford, Clara Hartley, Clyde Hill, Ann King, Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Diane Pruesner (Pastor Mark's Aunt), Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Lilian Turman, Martha and Joe Valentine, Sarah Wells, 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 Phyllis Blevins (Leanna Blevins' mother)

William and Frances Hensley

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

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