

December 25, 2016, & January 1, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Christmas & New Year's Services

Everyone is invited to our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24, with special music at 5:45, service at 6:00 PM**, in the Sanctuary. The service will feature a children's pageant, scripture readings, carols, and a brief meditation. There will not be communion on Christmas Eve so the service will be shorter to accommodate family plans.



Communion will be served on **Sundays December 25 and January 1**. On both Sundays, we will have only one service at **11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will not meet on Christmas Day.

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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, Dec. 22 & Friday 23

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.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Friday 23

Church office closed

Saturday 24 Christmas Eve

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

Sunday 25 Christmas Day

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Worship with Communion, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Communion prep/clean-up team: Chaney/Pritchett

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

Liturgist: Tracy Hinchcliff

Children's Worship will not be held on Christmas Day, but young children are more than welcome to sit with their families through the service.

Services for the Nativity of the Lord

December 24, Christmas Eve

Scripture Lessons

Luke 2:10-20 and Isaiah 9:2-7

Meditation by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Starstruck"

Lectionary Readings for Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

December 25, Christmas Day

Meditation by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"There for Us Always"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lectionary Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20 (dawn)

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Full text of lectionary readings at

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Monday, Dec. 26

Church office closed

Wednesday 28

No Prayer Shawl Ministry, No Sanctuary Ringers, No Chancel Choir

Thursday 29

No Disciple Bible Study, No Praise Band

Sunday, January 1, 2017 New Year's Day

Communion Sunday, prep/clean-up team: Ferguson

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, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #6: Monty Montgomery (Captain), Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Liturgist: Janet Fentress

Communion Servers: *Neil Tatum, +Duke Ferrell, Liz Ferrell, Victoria Esarey, Denny Casey, Paul Cannaday, Bill Manning

Monday 2

Church office closed

Circle 2, 7:00 PM, Location TBD

Tuesday 3

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need.

Steeple Views Deadline. Please email articles to steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org by the end of the day.

Session meeting, 7:00 PM, Session Room

COOKS WHO CARE



Wednesday 4

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room

Thursday 5 Twelfth Night

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday 6 Epiphany

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website:

<http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm>.



A Look Ahead

Sunday, January 8

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the 11 o'clock service.

Call to Action

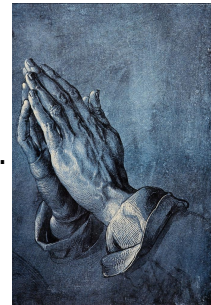
Cooks Who Care Jan. 3

Cooks Who Care would like you to join them at **9:34 AM or 5:30 PM** (or both) on **Tuesday, January 3**, in the Marge Dunn Kitchen. We are preparing a delicious meal under the direction of Marge Dunn herself to be packaged and delivered to anyone who needs one because of illness, bereavement, or other difficult circumstances.



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, Colleen Dallas, Jim Ford, Clara Hartley, Clyde Hill, Ann King, Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, 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 Clark and Lee Eden

by Jared and Jamie Eden Peck

In honor of Smith & Gael Chaney's birthdays (Dec. 26 & 27)

Irving M. Groves

Facilities use

Please Note

No one is allowed to use the church building on a holiday when the church office is closed. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mark.

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

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<http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/>

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

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

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

Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/>

Revised Common Lectionary: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

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