

January 8, 2017

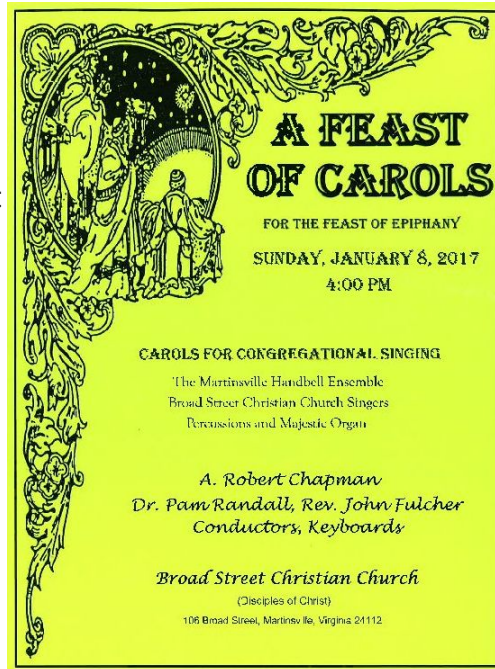


Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

A Feast of Carols Sunday, January 8

Several of our own church members who are part of the Martinsville Handbell Ensemble, along with Robert Chapman, Dr. Pamela Randall, Rev. John Fulcher, and the choir of Broad Street Christian Church, invite you to a concert and congregational carol singing on **Sunday, January 8, at 4:00 PM**, at Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street, Martinsville. This is a wonderful way to close out the Christmas season and celebrate the Feast of Epiphany!



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What's Happening This Week

Thursday, Jan. 5, Twelfth Night

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday 6 Epiphany

Lectionary Readings

[Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Saturday 7

Marie Thompson's 95th Birthday Celebration, 2:30 PM,

King's Grant Multi-purpose Room. Stop by and wish Marie "Happy Birthday."



Sunday 8 Baptism of the Lord

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, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

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

Liturgist: Grey Ferguson

Congregational Meeting, 12:00 PM, Sanctuary

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, January 8, 2017

Baptism of the Lord

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Showing the Way and Declaring New Things"

Additional Lectionary Reading for Sunday

Psalm 29

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=13>

Monday 9

Circle 1, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall, open to all interested women

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

Congregational Supper, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. The Facilities Committee invites everyone for spaghetti, salad, and French bread.

Committee Meetings, 7:00 PM



Tuesday 10

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

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday 11

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

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

Thursday 12

Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday 14

Trip to Liberty Mountain Snowflex Centre, 9:00 AM, meet at the church to travel to Lynchburg.

Sunday 15

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, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ordination & Installation of New Ruling Elders

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

Liturgist: Cindy Edgerton

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

Family Outing

Trip to Snowflex Centre Jan. 14

Everyone is invited to travel to the Liberty Mountain Snowflex Centre, **Saturday, January 14**. We'll leave from FPC at **9:00 AM**. Tickets are \$13 for the first hour and \$8 for every additional hour. You'll also need money for lunch/snacks. Please confirm your participation by calling the church office (632-3431) or Pastor Mark (210-273-2813). Check out liberty.edu/snowflex for more information.



Pastor's Corner

God's Love

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:4-7

This wonderful piece of Scripture from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth describes God's greatest expression of love to the world in Jesus Christ.

Jesus as our role model is God's desire for each one of us to follow. To conform ourselves to such lofty goals as described in this Scripture can only be accomplished by giving ourselves to God the way God has already given to each one of us. Nothing we ourselves consider to be "our accomplishments" truly belongs to us without the gift of life itself coming from our Creator.



To be patient, kind, or never envious or rude without exception are not achievable goals without God's help. Even Jesus himself lost his temper with the vendors in Temple, but the Holy Spirit's presence can draw us closer to God's plan. Not to insist on your own way, not to be irritable or resentful, ever, is not a part of who we are as humans. But seeking God's presence in all things can draw us ever closer to God's plans for everyone.

In this New Year, our lives will be faced with countless numbers of temptations, distractions, and wrong choices. But with God's help and the Community of Faith's support and cooperation, 2017 can witness of each one of us being drawn closer to God's heart. Celebrate the love of God in community today.
Pastor Mark

Call to Action

Cooks Who Care, Jan. 10

Please note change of date. Cooks Who Care would like you to join them at **9:45 AM or 5:30 PM** (or both) on **Tuesday, January 10**, 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.

COOKS WHO CARE



Looking Ahead

January 15, Ordination and Installation of new Ruling Elders

January 21, Free Community Breakfast, 8:00–9:30 AM

Facilities Work Session, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon

Officer Training/Retreat, 12:00 Noon–5:00 PM

January 25, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM

February 12, Valentine Cookie Project

New Members

Confirmation Class Received Dec. 18



Kellene Wotring, Grayson Russell, and Briana Tatum were received into full membership in our congregation with their confession of faith and confirmation.

Valentine Cookies

College Student Addresses Needed

Parents of college students, please give your child's *address for receiving packages* to the church office no later than **Friday, February 10**, so the Presbyterian Women can send Valentine cookie boxes. We will also send cookies to college students who live at home. If there is anyone in the service who is able to receive a cookie box, please send their address as well.

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, Marie-Bernice Downey, Jim Ford, Clara Hartley, Clyde Hill, Ann King, Rachael Chaney McDaniels, Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Vanessa Simmons (our custodian Louis' wife), 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).

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In Memory of Frank and Peg Foard
by Neil and Ann Fowser

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Neighbors, Nurture Each Other***

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