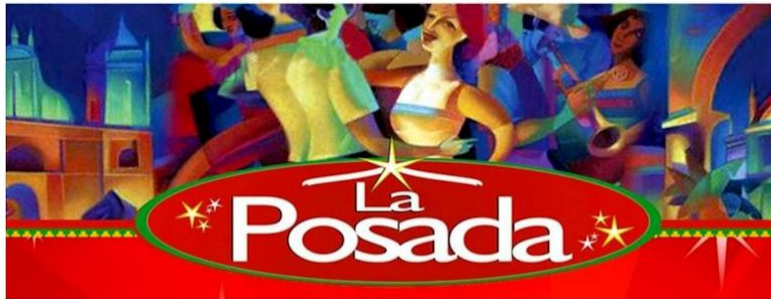


Nov. 19 & 26, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



Join *La Posada*, the Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, December 1, 5:30 PM, Uptown Martinsville

For the second year in a row, La Posada will bring diverse cultures in our community together to re-enact the journey Mary and Joseph took to find a safe refuge for Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Begin at the **Martinsville Municipal Building, 55 W. Church St.**, for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Continue across the street and around town to five stations of the journey. Enjoy the story, music and songs at each one, ending at the Historic Courthouse/Heritage Center & Museum, 1 E. Main St., where Mexican hot chocolate will be served and children can break a piñata.

Singers and musicians who would like to participate should contact Deborah Burgess (647-1914) by Monday, November 27.

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What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, Nov. 16

Presbytery of the Peaks meeting, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, for more information, visit <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, Nov. 18

Free Community Breakfast, 7:00 AM, volunteers begin preparing; **8:00–9:30 AM**, serving, Fellowship Hall



Correction: No Facilities work session

Sunday, Nov. 19

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, warm up to play prelude

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Jerri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Lang Mauck, Bill Stone

Liturgist: Cindy Edgerton

Pre-Thanksgiving Service, 4:00 PM, Vision Assembly Of God, 153 Oakland Drive, Collinsville, sponsored by M-HC Ministerial Association

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the 11:00 service after the Time with Young Disciples.

The Service for the Lord's Day, November 19, 2017
24th Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 25:14-30; Psalm 123

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"All Those Hiding Their Talents, Step into the Light"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Judges 4:1-7

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=169>

Monday, Nov. 20

No GPS this week

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Steeple Views Deadline, for email update. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org by the end of the day.

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Note different day this week, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, to be determined

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM, Note different day this week, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. 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 (638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net).



Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23

Church office closed

Friday, Nov. 24

Church office closed



Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering, Presbytery hunger initiative

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 class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: Dennis Casey, Rob King, Denise Unterbrink, Tom Unterbrink

Liturgist: Victoria Esarey

The Service for the Lord's Day, November 26, 2017

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=170>

Monday, Nov. 27

GPS, 3:00–5:00 PM, music and Christian education for children K-8th grade

Session Training and Planning Dinner, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 28

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

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room.

Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Joan Montgomery (632-1157, joanmontgo@gmail.com) for more information. We will teach you how to knit!

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!



Thursday, Nov. 30

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday, December 1

La Posada, 5:30 PM, beginning in front of Martinsville Municipal Bldg.

First Sunday of Advent, December 3

Hanging of the Greens

Communion Sunday, both services

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Advent Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

GPS Children will sing and ring handchimes.

Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Liturgist: Janet Fentress



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

Looking Ahead

Monday, December 11

Smith River Singers Concert, 7:00 PM, "Winter," choral music for the season, First Baptist Church, 23 Starling Ave., Martinsville. Admission is free; an offering will be collected. FPC singers participating include Gael & Smith Chaney, Pat Christenbury, Ned Linker, Darla Main-Schneider, Marion Miller, Gwen Sowdon, Betty & Gene Stanley, Mike Ware. The Singers will also perform on Dec. 1 for *La Posada* and with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra at Martinsville High School on Dec. 10.

Sunday, December 17

The Christmas Story in Music and Scripture, 11:00 AM, presented by the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers. No early service this day.

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship, 11:00 AM, No early service this day.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 PM, for the whole family.



For Advent & Christmas

Order Poinsettias Now



Order forms for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary Dec. 10–25 are now in the pews and the church office. The cost is \$10 each. Poinsettias may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Deadline to order is **Monday, Dec. 4**.

Community Event

M-HC Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 19, 4:00 PM

The Martinsville-Henry County Ministerial Association invites the surrounding community to a Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 PM at Vision Assembly Of God, 153 Oakland Drive in Collinsville. We are honored this year to have Virginia Delegate Delores McQuinn (D-Richmond) as our speaker. This community service is a great time for us as a people to come together in worship and fellowship. We are appreciative of Pastor Marla Moore and Vision Assembly of God's willingness to host such an occasion. We ask that you just come with a heart of thanksgiving and a desire to worship. Canned food and dry goods will be collected and donated to Grace Network.



Mission

Angel Tree with a Different Twist



Angel Tree

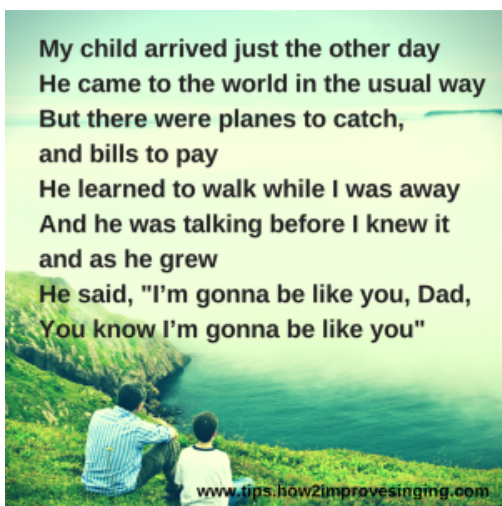
The Mission Committee is trying something different this year for the Angel Tree project due to the difficulty of getting family information from the schools. This year we are teaming up with Christmas Cheer and Toys for Tots and requesting monetary donations only, which should be turned in by **Sunday**,

December 10. For more information, contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191 or pcannaday@comcast.net).

Pastor's Corner

Sorry I Don't Have Time

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35



Back in the late 1970s, song writer and singer Harry Chapin wrote a song called "The Cat's In The Cradle," which told of a young boy's desperate attempt to gain a little of his father's attention and time. While the song alludes to the father's love for his son, his time is spent more on providing a living for the household and little time to be with the family.

Missed opportunities abounded for the father to be a "Dad" until the little boy grows into a man. The father, now retired and feeling alone, calls the son on the phone attempting to gain a little of the son's time, which results in the same excuses he gave in the earlier years. "I'd love to, Dad, if I could find the time, you see, my new job's a hassle, and the kid's got the flu but it's sure nice talking to you, Dad..." The song ends by saying, "...as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me, he'd grown up just like me. My boy was just like me!"

Every time I hear that song I start wondering if God must feel that way about us sometimes. God wants to spend time with us to form that close bond. God wants to hear about our day, our struggles and our joys, but are we too busy to pray? This Thanksgiving, take time to have that conversation with God as Jesus did in prayer. Give thanks, share your heart, ask for direction, and seek out that connection of time with God! Because after all, we have time if we take the time!

—Pastor Mark

Call to Action

Flower Committee Chair Needed

Many thanks to Liz Ferrell for heading up the Flower Committee! She is stepping down at the end of this year, and the committee needs someone to organize the flowers for the Sanctuary. Please contact Cindy Edgerton (steveandcindy@earthlink.net, 732-2784) if you can help.

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Jack Beane (M. Stevens), Sonny Benfield, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Sandra B. Cox, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy B. Peck, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Barbara Regen, Posey Riedel (A. Pinkard's sister), Doris Smith, Betty and Gene Stanley, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

Thank You

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of James H. Ford

Milt & Nancy Davis

James Benfield

W. Roscoe Reynolds

Anne Abercrombie

Karen Crowe

Melanie Hartley

William Flythe

Rayford Smith

Clarence & Sue Benfield

Martinsville Bulldog Booster Club

Please remember

Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

Breakfast Muffin mix (not cornbread) is our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry. **Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper** are also distributed to food pantry clients. These personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.

Our Mission

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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