

Nov. 26, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

In memory or in honor

Poinsettias for Our Sanctuary

Order forms for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary from Dec. 10 through 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.**



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What's Happening at FPC

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).
NO Chancel Choir this week



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

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 25:31-46 and Psalm 100

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"I Saw God Today When..."

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

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, for all current and incoming elders.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Steeple Views Deadline, 5:00 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 Green

Communion Sunday, both services

Prep/Clean-up: Pinkard & Davis/Pritchett

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

Communion Servers: Nancy Moore, Joan Montgomery, Henry Moore, Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Janet Fentress, Darla Main-Schneider



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

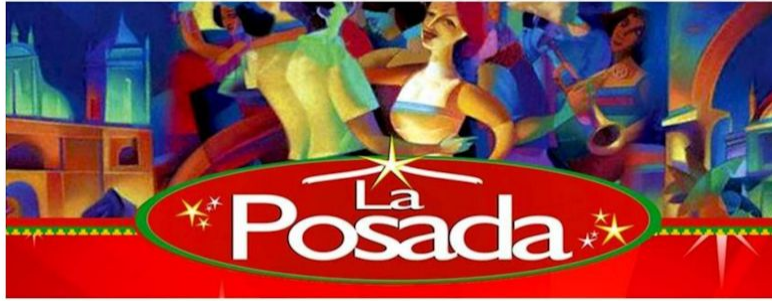
Call to Action

Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs New People

We are running out of prayer shawls! That's a good problem because it means that our members are taking comfort to people who need a little TLC. However, it also means that we need more people to be making prayer shawls, since we have lost some members. **We will teach you how to knit or crochet!** The shawls are very simple, just a large rectangle.



We have donated yarn and needles, so there's nothing to buy. To get started, either **come to our meeting on Wednesday, November 29, at 4:00 PM**, in the Session Room, or contact Joan Montgomery (joanmontgo@gmail.com, 632-1157). As you can see in the photo, we have a good time at our meetings!



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 & Musicians Needed

Our church is responsible for two of the stations, and we need more singers and musicians. Please contact Deborah Burgess (647-1914,) by Monday, November 27 if you can help.

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, and 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.

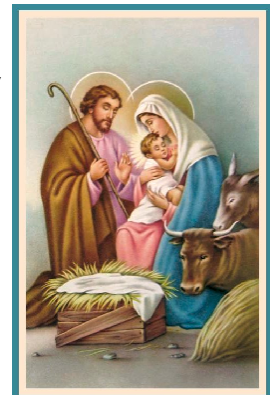
Sunday, December 17

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.

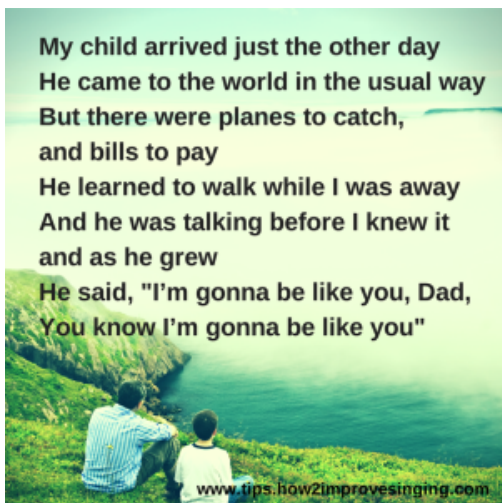
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 PM, for the whole family, with a Christmas pageant.



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

Mission

Angel Tree to Benefit Christmas Cheer & Toy Drive

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 requesting **monetary donations for Christmas Cheer and the Martinsville Speedway Toy Drive**, which benefits Grace Network. Donations should be turned in by **Sunday, December 10**. Angels are on the trees in the hallways



Angel Tree

and Narthex with instructions for making donations. For more information, contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191 or pcannaday@comcast.net).



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 (Monica Stevens), Sonny Benfield, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (Nancy Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (Marge Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Sandra B. Cox, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), John Luther, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy B. Peck, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Barbara Regen, Posey Riedel (Ashby Pinkard's sister), Doris Smith, Betty and Gene Stanley, Louann Spencer (John Luther's sister), Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (Victoria 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

Nancy Baker

Paulette Willard

William & Fran Hensley

James & Susan Reaghard

PHCC Foundation

Mr. & Mrs. William Garrett, Jr.

Dr. & Mrs. Scouras

Eliza & Jim Severt

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.



Happy Birthday in December!

- 1 Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2 Carol Belcher
- 3 Dru Rothrock
- 4 Ashby Pritchett
- 9 Joan Montgomery, Chris Wingfield
- 10 Marion Miller
- 11 K. J. Joyce
- 14 Mervin King
- 15 Pat Baumann, Kim Boyd
- 17 Matthew Mason
- 18 Bill Kirby
- 20 Evan Hatchett
- 22 Vera Jane Kuhn, Grayson Russell
- 24 Jackie McLachlan
- 26 Smith Chaney
- 27 Gael Chaney, Nancy Moore, Cathy Stone
- 28 Brenda Williams
- 29 Kenneth Smith, Denise Unterbrink



The list of birthdays is from our printed church directory, from the forms filled out when the directory was set up with Instant Church Directory. If you would like your birthday added, please email Gael Chaney (steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org) or call the church office (632-3431).

Our Mission

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

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