

December 10, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



An Abundance of Christmas Music!

Our church members are featured in four special Christmas music events in the coming week:

Sunday, December 10, 7:00 PM

"Holiday Pops" sponsored by Piedmont Arts

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra & Chorus will be joined by Smith River Singers
Martinsville High School Auditorium

Tickets \$15 adult, \$5 student, \$25 reserved, see <http://www.piedmontarts.org>;
canned food collected for Grace Network

Monday, December 11, 7:00 PM

Smith River Singers Choral Concert "Winter"

Includes a wide variety sacred and secular music for the season, followed by a
reception; Admission free, offering collected
First Baptist Church, 23 Starling Ave.

Smith River Singers includes these FPC members: Gael and Smith Chaney,
Pat Christenbury, Ned Linker, Darla Main-Schneider, Marion Miller, Gwen
Sowdon, Betty and Gene Stanley, and Mike Ware.

Friday, December 15, 6:00 PM

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble

"The Bells of Christmas"

Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street
Admission free, donations accepted

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble includes these FPC Sanctuary
Ringers: Wendy Luther, Marion Miller, Sam Smith, Janet Fentress, and Sarah
Robertson

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 AM

The Christmas story in music and scripture

Presented by our Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers
in the Sanctuary
No 8:30 service this morning

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What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, December 7

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 10

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Unlock: Gavin Russell

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

Advent Wreath: Cundiff family

Ushers: *Neil Tatum, Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Alanna Ferguson

Lock up: Denny Casey

Holiday Pops, 7:00 PM, Martinsville High School auditorium, Roanoke Symphony and Chorus joined by Smith River Singers



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, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"A Crooked Road We Travel"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=49>

Next Week at FPC

Monday, Dec. 11

GPS is on break until Jan. 8.

Smith River Singers Concert, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church, 23 Starling Ave., Reception following concert.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

No Praise Band until January 4

Friday, Dec. 15

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble Concert, 6:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad St.

Saturday, Dec. 16

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

Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17

Unlock: Johnny Pinkard

? (TBD) Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

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

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, rehearsal before service

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

The Christmas Story in Music and Scripture, 11:00 AM, presented by the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

Ushers: Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Clark, Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell

Lock up: Monty Montgomery

"Our Messiah" Christmas music program, 5:45 PM, Forest Hills P. C., 725 Beechnut Lane



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

More Music

Sunday, December 17, 5:45 PM

Our Messiah: A Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church invites everyone to a special Christmas music program led by Jeff Prillaman, Barbara Wilson and, Betsy Haskins, and

featuring the Chancel choir and soloists of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

An invitation

**Christmas Open House
at the Hinchcliffs**

**Tuesday, December 19
6:00–8:30 PM**

Pastor Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff invite the congregation to their home, 1009 Sam Lions Trail, for Christmas cheer and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Drop in any time between 6:00 and 8:30 PM on December 19.



Mission

**Last Sunday for Angel Tree
December 10**



This year's Angel Tree is a little different—the Mission Committee is requesting **monetary donations for Christmas Cheer and the Martinsville Speedway Toy Drive**, which benefits Grace Network. Donations should be made by **Sunday, December 10**, and can be placed in the offering plate. Angels are on the trees in the hallways and Narthex with instructions for making donations. For more information, contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191

or pcannaday@comcast.net).

Call to Action

Free Community Breakfast Needs You!

Saturday, December 16

Come to breakfast! Our free community breakfast needs helpers and cooks at **7:00 AM** on Saturday, December 16. We serve from **8:00 to 9:30 AM**. Clean-up helpers are also needed, or come just to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Last month, we served over 100 people!



Call to Action

Library Guild Forming

Our church library is a treasure trove of entertainment and information for everyone from the youngest among us to those who are “well-seasoned.” We are fortunate to have such a wonderful resource, but we need your help to keep the library growing and running smoothly. The Christian Education Committee would like to form a Library Guild made up of volunteers who would each oversee some facet of the library’s operation so that no one person would



have to do all of the work alone. The Library Guild members would help with cataloguing, processing, shelving books and media materials, suggesting new books, and advertising the books we have. If you are interested in ensuring that our library continues to be a resource for Christian growth for our church community, please contact Monica Stevens (632-8075, mlkstev@hotmail.com) or the

church office (632-3431).

Looking Ahead

Christmas Eve Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 PM

December 24 is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, making Advent as short as it can possibly be (the four Sundays *before* Christmas day). There will be no 8:30 service on that morning—we want everyone to worship together at **11:00 AM**.



At **6:00 PM**, our Candlelight Christmas Eve service will have something for the whole family with a Christmas pageant telling the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, scripture readings, and carols. We end the service by lighting candles and taking the light of Christ out into the world.

There will also be no 8:30 service on December 31, so plan to worship at 11:00 AM the morning of New Year's Eve as well.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to John and Wendy Luther on the death of John's sister, Louann Spencer, on November 22.

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), 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 (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

Gael and Smith Chaney
Marjorie Dunn
Arlene Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ronald Ferrill
Ann Hanes
Barbara Tatum
Elizabeth M. Walker

Please remember

Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

Breakfast muffin mix (in pouches, 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

Printed copies of Steeple Views are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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