

December 2 & 9, 2018



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Advent & Christmas Events

❁ La Posada ❁

Friday, November 30, 5:30 PM. Begin in front of the Martinsville Municipal Building, 55 West Church Street, for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Follow Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem by visiting 5 stations featuring music and story, ending at the Historic Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main Street, for hot chocolate and a piñata.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2

Advent is the beginning of a new church year. During this time, we prepare to celebrate God's Incarnation as the Christ Child. Both the **8:30** and **11:00 AM** services will include symbolic decorations in "Hanging of the Greens" and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The **GPS children will sing** at the **11:00 AM** service and should come at **10:00** to practice.



Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 2, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. Please join us for breakfast and help decorate the Christmas tree!



Christmas Music Worship

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 AM, enjoy the Christmas story told through music presented by the Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Ringers, and other musicians. There will be **no 8:30 service** this Sunday.

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble concert, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

Friday, December 14, 7:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street. Come hear six octaves of handbells and seven octaves of choir chimes ring in the Christmas season with familiar tunes in exciting arrangements. Several MHE ringers are members of our Sanctuary Ringers.

Smith River Singers concert, "Love and Joy Come to You"

Monday, December 17, 7:00 PM, Galilean House of Worship, 5078 A. L. Philpott Highway, Martinsville. Several of our members sing in this choir.

Christmas Open House at Pastor Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff's home

Tuesday, December 18, drop in between 6:00–8:30 PM, 1009 Sam Lions Trail. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and Christmas cheer.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary, for the whole family.

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What's Happening at FPC

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Thursday, Nov. 29

Presbytery Meeting, 12:00 Noon–4:00 PM, FPC Danville, 937 Main Street, rescheduled from Nov. 15. Parking is limited—please carpool.

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday, Nov. 30

La Posada, 5:30 PM, Uptown Martinsville

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Service for the Lord's Day, December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"The Time Has Come and Will Come Again"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Additional Lectionary Reading for Sunday

Luke 21:25-36

Full text of lectionary readings

www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

First Sunday of Advent, December 2

Hanging of the Greens

Communion Sunday, both services

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Ferguson/Edgerton

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Victoria Esarey

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Advent Breakfast, 9:15 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)

GPS Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, practice "Sing a Song of Christmas" for the traditional service at 11:00.

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

GPS Children will sing.

Advent Wreath: Cooks Who Care

Ushers: *Monty Montgomery, Jeri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Bob Clark



Liturgist: Sienna King

Communion Servers: *Teri Ferguson, +Nancy Baker, Dru Rothrock, David Garland, Manly Boyd, Judy Ware, Bill Kirby, Sharon Kirby

Congregational Meeting, 12:00 Noon (at end of worship service), to elect Lynn Pritchett as Ruling Elder for the class of 2021.

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.

Monday, December 3

DEADLINE to order poinsettias for the Sanctuary. Forms are in the pews.

Presbyterian Women, 10:30 AM, King's Grant private dining room, circle meeting and lunch. Stop at the welcome desk in the lobby of the main building to pay for your lunch (\$9.00).

Extended Table, 2:00 PM, King's Grant, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for anyone who was not able to get to church Sunday

GPS, 3:00 PM, Christmas Party—Happy Birthday Jesus!

Cottage Place Dinner, 5:00 (dinner served at 6:00), for our neighbors who live and work at the Cottage Place group home on Church Street Ext. Help is needed—contact Sharon Kirby, skirbycwj@gmail.com, 806-9709.



Tuesday, Dec. 4

DEADLINE to contribute to the Angel Tree. Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church, marked "Angel Tree Project" in the memo line.

Cooks Who Care, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, Marge Dunn Kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare and package meals for those in need. Contact Judy Ware, 666-2269, je_ware@yahoo.com, for more information.

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information for this email update to steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

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

Thursday, Dec. 6

NO Praise Band

Saturday, Dec. 8

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:00 AM, rehearse for Christmas program

Chancel Choir, 10:00 AM, rehearse for Christmas program

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9

Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Denny Casey

NO Contemporary Worship

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, warm-up for service

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the



Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

Christmas Music Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Advent Wreath: Agape Ministry

Ushers: *Dennis Casey, Billy Kirby, Rob King, Buck Flythe

Monday, Dec. 10

No GPS until January 7

No Committee Night Supper this month.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Library Committee, 10:00 AM, Library

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information for this two-week print edition to steeplevIEWS@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

Thursday, Dec. 13

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Friday, Dec. 14

Martinsville Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, Broad Street Christian Church, 106 Broad Street. Several of our members perform with this group.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Free Community Breakfast, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

7:00 AM, Volunteers begin preparing.

8:00–9:30 AM, Serving

Contact Sharon Kirby, skirbycwj@gmail.com, 806-9709, or Paul Cannaday, pcannaday@comcast.net, 252-8191, for more information.

Facilities Work Session, 9:30–11:00 AM. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects around the building and grounds. Contact Denny Casey, 224-3906, d.a.casey@comcast.net.



Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 16

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Duke Ferrell

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)

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Advent Wreath: Sunday School Class

Ushers: *Monty Montgomery, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Liturgist: Joan Montgomery



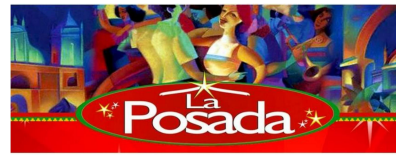
For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm.

This Friday

La Posada

Friday, November 30, 5:30 PM

La Posada, which means "The Inn," is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico that commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. At 5:30 PM, join us for the Uptown Christmas tree lighting in front of the Martinsville Municipal Building, 55 W. Church St. Then cross the street to the large parking lot to begin the journey. Enjoy the re-enactments with story, music and song as you process to each of the five stations around Uptown. The journey ends at the Historic Henry County Courthouse Museum, where you may enjoy some traditional Mexican hot chocolate, and the children can partake in the breaking of the piñata!



The Journey to Bethlehem

Congregational Care

Cooks Who Care

Tuesday, December 4, 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM

The chefs this month are Suzan and Sharon Kirby and Anne Lackey. Come help prepare food in the morning or wrap and pack in the afternoon. This group is so much fun, and it's not all women, either. Steve Minter and Dru Rothrock are very faithful cooks who care. The meals are delivered to members of our congregation who need a hot meal for various reasons. Some meals are frozen for future delivery.



Congregational Care

Help Deliver Poinsettias



The Congregational Care Committee wants to extend loving thoughts with a Christmas poinsettia to members of our church who have lost a loved one during the year and those who can no longer drive or get out. The list of recipients, flowers, and Christmas cards to include with the plant will be in the downstairs hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Please help us deliver them. Just sign your name next to the person to whom you deliver the poinsettia. Thank you for your help and Merry Christmas!

Happy Birthday in December!

- 1 Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2 Carol Belcher
- 3 Dru Rothrock
- 4 Ashby Pritchett
- 9 Joan Montgomery, Chris Wingfield
- 11 K.J. Joyce
- 14 Dr. Mervyn R. King
- 15 Helen "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 B. Moore, Cathy Stone
28 Brenda Williams
29 Kenneth Smith, Dr. Denise Unterbrink

Birthdays were copied from the online church directory. If you would like yours added, please contact Rita in the church office, office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org, 632-3431.

Mission

Free Breakfast Receives Grant

Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering of Presbytery of the Peaks. Our free community breakfast has received a grant of \$1500 from the offering. This offering makes grants to projects that address hunger issues in our region, in our country, and around the world.



Disaster Response

California Wildfires

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wildfires in California. PDA has deployed National Response Team members to the Presbytery of the Pacific to be embedded into the American Red Cross shelters in Pacific Palisades and San Fernando Valley, at the ARC's request, as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers. Grants will be disbursed as we receive requests from the presbyteries.

This disaster is still unfolding and more information will be coming soon. We are using our U.S. Wildfires account for this disaster--DR000165. Contributions to PDA may be made through Presbytery of the Peaks, or [PC\(USA\)](#), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Prayer Requests

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:
Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Georgette Bishop, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Holli Cox and her Family, Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Judy Garland, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Joye Hughes, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Lauren Prince (N. Moore), Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, Lil Wall, 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. Also, please let us know if someone can be taken off the list.

Presbytery Prayer Focus

Rough Creek Presbyterian Church, Phenix, led by **Rev. William Chrystal**, founded 1822

Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Canton, founded 1827, part of three-church Christ Presbyterian Parish; **CRE Joe Allmond** retired in October from serving this congregation.

Unity Presbyterian Church, Danville, led by **Rev. John Losee**, founded in 2001 from the merger of two other churches, plus a third added later, and just welcomed new members from the closing of Shelton Memorial.

From the Editor

A New Direction

Dear First Presbyterian Friends,

I have enjoyed editing *Steeple Views* over the past several years, but it is time for me to step down from this task. The issue that will be printed on December 12 will be the last one I will work on. Last summer, Smith and I joined the choir of Trinity Ecumenical Parish, in Moneta, and on November 11, we joined the Presbyterian congregation of TEP (it's Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian forming one church). This decision was not easy—I've been part of the FPC church family for over 60 years, Smith and I married here, and our children were baptized here. We're not going to be totally gone, however, just not here on Sunday mornings. We plan to take part in some church activities, but since we make our home at Smith Mountain Lake now, it seems like we're being called in a different direction.

May the God of Peace bless you all,
Gael Chaney

Peaks Postings

For news of the Presbytery of the Peaks, including announcements of lots of Christmas music concerts in the area, read this week's Peaks Postings:

http://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/Peaks_Postings/Peaks_Nov.%2027%202018.pdf

Please remember

Beef Stew for Grace Network

Our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry is BEEF STEW, 15-20 ounce cans.

Please include plastic grocery bags with your donation. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. 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

Useful Links

FPC website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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