

January 15, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Last Sunday was an event filled morning. MIDI madness opened our eyes to new learnings. It was a success, because of all that we learned. Thank you, Taylor, for being our MIDI maestro. I think Janet knows how to operate the MIDI too. And thank you Randy, for walking us through all the information regarding possible incorporation. Billy and Duke were a great help too.

This Sunday, in a Congregational meeting following worship, we will consider incorporation and have an opportunity to vote on several resolutions. Please plan on participating in this important decision. Duke will present the incorporation resolutions and Joan will present your pastor's terms of call.

And please mark your calendars for 11:00 am, Sunday February 1st at Forest Hills Presbyterian. We will join with our Presbyterian family throughout the county to celebrate all the good that Forest Hills has accomplished, send Rev. Cheryl Peeples off to a healthy and happy retirement, and participate as part of the worshiping congregation for Forest Hills' last service. I pray God's peace and blessings surround the day!

Also, please mark your calendar for Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, March 7th. Once again, our Presbyterian family will come together in mission, along with others from our community. It is a fun event that creates thousands of meals for those in need. Registration begins Sunday, January

25th.

God has given us much good and important work to do! Thanks be to God!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

My mother is unpacking boxes at Kings Grant. As of this writing, the most critical missing belonging is the power cord for the television. Peace be with mother too.



Please join us for worship this second Sunday after the Epiphany at 10:00AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and Psalm 40:1-11

Liturgist: Joe Williams

Usher/Greeters: Joe and Jerri DeVault

Liturgist Schedule

January

25 Gale Buck

February

1 Joe DeVault
8 Barbara Duncan
15 Cindy Edgerton
22 Janet Fentress

March

1 Duke Ferrell
8 Liz Ferrell
15 Billy Kirby
22 Sharon Kirby

29 no liturgist needed if we participate in Palm Sunday in the park

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm
Friday 9:30am – 2pm

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

BEWARE: Just today, two members of our congregation received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!

Be Aware!

Protect yourself from scammers!

Watch for emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and do not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.

You will NEVER get an email from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, January 17 serving from 8:00 - 9:30. Cooking begins promptly at 7:00. **Mary Linker** is team leader. Please contact her at [919 548-2452](tel:9195482452) if you are available to cook, serve or clean up.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 18th. Members will be voting on incorporation of the church and Pastor Bea's terms of call for 2026. The meeting will take place immediately after worship.

CLOSED - The church office will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

More information to come as registration begins **Sunday, January 25th**.



January Birthdays

- 7** Elena King
- 10** Dr. James Beard
- 11** Cathy Martin
- 16** Billy Kirby, Wendy Luther
- 17** Grace Ann Crimmins
- 18** Mary Elizabeth Pilson-Bazemore
- 21** Bonny Pace
- 23** Milt Davis
- 26** Bud Buffkin
- 28** David Garland
- 29** Jack Kirby
- 29** Rusty Reaser
- 31** Mattie Wingfield

Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of a **prayer shawl**, or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Kathryn Judson** who passed on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The full obituary can be found at this link:

[https://www.norrisfuneral.com/obituaries/Kathryn-Alice-Myers-Judson?
obId=46908411](https://www.norrisfuneral.com/obituaries/Kathryn-Alice-Myers-Judson?obId=46908411)



Kathryn Campbell Tuggle Neil, former adult music director at FPC, died Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in Black Mountain, NC.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Kathryn Campbell Tuggle Neil, Family of Kathryn Judson, Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Ston Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.



Grace Network Donations

1st Quarter 2026 Food Donation Items is Creamed Corn, 15 oz.



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (dozen size). These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Laundry Detergent

**Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*



Steeple Views Reminder

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Steeple Views is published weekly on Thursdays, unless the Church office is

closed. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday afternoon by 3 PM

If you have information you want included in Steeple Views, **PLEASE SEND TO:** fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com. For time sensitive announcements, please send to skirbycwj@gmail.com **and text** [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709)

We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor

Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

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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Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship

Class of 2028

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Nancy Davis: Christian Education

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