

January 8, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday, January 18th we will have a congregational meeting to consider incorporating our church. About 20 years ago the PC(USA) encouraged all churches to incorporate. For many reasons, our congregation chose not to incorporate.

With the advent of the Community Office Wing, the topic of incorporation resurfaced. As we become landlords, incorporation seems to make more sense. Our tenants would be doing business with the corporation that is First Presbyterian, as opposed to a list of church officers. The corporation that is First Presbyterian would also hold our assets ~ property and financial. The Treasurer of our church, would become the treasurer of the corporation. The Clerk of Session, would become the secretary of the corporation. And the Session would serve as the Board of Directors. These are all legal distinctions. Some think incorporation is not necessary, but most agree that many processes would be eased by incorporating. Incorporation is seen, by most, as a way to keep our officers from being personally liable in the event of an issue with the Community Office Wing. The Session voted unanimously to move forward with incorporating.

You may have noticed that we have not elected a new class of Trustees. If we incorporate, the office of Trustee will evaporate and the Session, as the Board of Directors of the corporation, will serve the functions of the Trustees. However, the financial management needs will remain. The function of financial management will shift to a new group, yet to be determined, who will report

directly to the Session.

I invite you to bring your questions about incorporation to Second Cup this Sunday (January 11), where we will have an open conversation. The hope is to answer most questions prior to the congregational meeting on January 18.

And on a musical note..... This Sunday will be an all MIDI Sunday. Come and experience the MIDI. We will talk about it during the Time with Young Disciples.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17

Liturgist: Ione Linker
Ushers/Greeters: Bill Iand Suzan Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

January

18 Joe Williams
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.





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.***



From the Weekday School

Hi Everyone!

We are back after a wonderful break! I know that the holidays have passed but I wanted to let you know about our last couple of days before break! On the 18th, we had a wonderful Christmas program and the silent auction was a big hit! We made over \$550. We absolutely couldn't have raised that much without help and I want to thank everyone who helped and donated! We had Santa come visit on Friday and each class had a Christmas party.



Our first day back was Wednesday and everyone was excited to be back! We have 2 new one year olds starting this month as well.

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).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 Stone 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

4th quarter 2025 food donation item is
Pork and Beans 15 oz



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

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Our Mission

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

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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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Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock
2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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