

July 2, 2026



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner** **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday we prayed The Welcoming Prayer by Father Thomas Keating, and many of you requested a copy, so I will provide that in this letter. But first some reminders about The Welcoming Prayer.

The Welcoming Prayer is about "Letting Go." It can be prayed in a moment, in a breath, or in our quiet devotional time with God. It is about welcoming "what is" in our life. We may want or need to change "what is," but the prayer is about accepting "what is" and inviting God to sit with us in all of it. We welcome situations and our emotions around whatever is going on. We let go of control and let God guide us through, as we open to the presence of God in all things.

Here is the prayer:

*Welcome, welcome, welcome.*

*I welcome everything that comes to me today, because I know it is for my healing.*

*I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.*

*I let go of my desire for power and control.*

*I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval, and pleasure.*

*I let go of my desire for survival and security.*

*I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.*

*I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within me. Amen.*

While it is a difficult prayer to pray, each and every time we pray it, something inside us shifts ~ until one day, we are truly transformed.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this sixth Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Romans 7:15-25a and Psalm 145:8-145

**Liturgist:** Martha Rollins

**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

**2nd Cup:** Milt and Nancy Davis

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **July**

12 \*Community Worship at First Presb. Collinsville\*

19 Lynn Pritchett

26 Randy Rollins

### **August**

2 Taylor Shank

2 Taylor Stralik  
9 Joe Williams  
16 Gale Buck  
23 Barbara Duncan  
30 Cindy Edgerton

**September**

6 Janet Fentress  
13 Duke Ferrell  
20 Liz Ferrell  
27 Billy Kirby

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday** 9:30am - 3pm

**Friday** - Closed

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

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**BEWARE**: Two members of our congregation recently 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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Community Worship** - July 12th at Collinsville PC at 11am

**Session Meeting** - Monday, July 27th at 4pm

### *July Birthdays*

- 2** William Seamon
- 4** Ben Pinkston
- 5** Paul Cannaday, Samuel Smith
- 8** Dyer Pace
- 12** Heidi Pinkston
- 15** Dick Pilson
- 17** Jerri DeVault
- 18** Ashby Pinkard, Duke Ferrell
- 20** Connor Wotring
- 21** Sienna King
- 23** Anne M. Lackey
- 26** Tom Martin
- 27** Laura Stevens
- 28** Madison Sanders



**A Thank You ~ from Gale Buck.** "I would like to thank all for their prayers on my behalf over the past month. While recovering from surgery on my neck, I recently got knocked down by bronchitis morphing into pneumonia. There were times when I felt death would be an improvement, but I did feel your love and prayers. At this time the pneumonia is gone and I am actively

your love and prayers. At this time the pneumonia is gone and I am actively trying to recover from both surgery and pneumonia. One more prayer and I believe I will get there. Again, my sincere thank you."

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## 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).

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Debora "Debbie" Reutter Brown, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Gale Buck, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, 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.



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## Grace Network Donations

**3rd Quarter Food Donation Item is Juice 40-64 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*



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

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FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Treasurer: Henry Moore

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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

### **Class of 2027**

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship

### **Class of 2028**

Ione Linker/Taylor Shank: Mission/Outreach

Nancy Davis: Christian Education

### **TRUSTEES**

William Kirby, Gale Legg, Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock, Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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