

June 11, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

It's a busy week at First Presbyterian. On Saturday we have a workday, beginning at 8:00 am. And Sunday is our first Summer Community Worship at Grace Presbyterian. It will be so fun to be together as a Martinsville-Henry County Presbyterian family!

Regrettably, I will miss the workday on Saturday. I am a part of a group of 16 female pastors, who gather initially by a Lilly Grant, who have become sisters of the heart. We refer to ourselves as the Women at the Wellspring. Anyway, one of our number will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and Seventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia on Saturday morning. And I get to be part of the vested group that will be there in support of her ~ in my Presbyterian robes. This is so exciting! Please keep the Reverend Karin Lee MacPhail in your prayers as she lives into her new role in Christ's church!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea





Please join us for worship this third Sunday after Pentecost at **Grace
Presbyterian Church at 11 AM**

Liturgist Schedule

June

21 Ron Rebman
28 Ione Linker

July

5 Martha Rollins
12 *Community Worship at First Presb. Collinsville*
19 Lynn Pritchett
26 Randy Rollins

August

2 Taylor Shank
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

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.

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!



Congratulations to The Class of 2026!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Elena King, daughter of Shanna King and the late Rob King and granddaughter of Judy King, graduated from Bassett High School and also earned an associate degree from P&HCC. Elena plans to major in neuroscience at Virginia Tech.

Will Kirby, son of Billy and Sharon Kirby and grandson of Bill and Suzan Kirby, graduated from Carlisle School. Will plans to attend Hampden-Sydney College this fall.

Fletcher Ann Richards, daughter of Leighton (Kirby) and Mike Richards.

graduated from Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines, IA. and plans to attend Texas Christian University. She is also the granddaughter of Bill and Suzan Kirby and niece of Billy and Sharon Kirby.

Heath Russell, son of Gavin Russell and Dr. Leanna Blevins, graduated from Glenvar High School. Heath plans to attend Virginia Tech this fall.

Cole Tatum, son of Neil and Kym Tatum and grandson of Barbara Tatum, graduated from Magna Vista High School and the Career Academy. Cole plans to attend P&HCC to study to become an electrician.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Mary Hunter Millet, granddaughter of Randy and Martha Rollins, graduated from the University of South Carolina with honors with a B.S. in Mathematics.

She was a member of the equestrian team which became 2026 National Equestrian Champions. Mary plans to take the state actuarial exam and also continue competitive riding.

Grayson Russell, daughter of Gavin Russell and Dr. Leanna Blevins, graduated from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Public Health. Grayson plans to work for one year before attending graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant.

Sam Smith graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Christian Education. Sam is currently enrolled in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Wake Forest Baptist and is completing a chaplaincy internship. Sam's parents are Joe and Susan Smith.



Community Breakfast - Saturday, June 20th. Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. If you can help on Saturday, please contact Mary Linker at [919-548-2452](tel:919-548-2452) (text or call).

Facilities will have a church Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 AM – Noon. Reach out to Johnny Pinkard if you are available to help trim tree limbs, weed-eat or assist with moving some heavy items out of storage.

Please support our local Juneteenth event on Friday, June 19th!

Naomi Hodge-Muse of our community partnership church, Grace Presbyterian, and FPC's Mission & Outreach Committee, are asking for your support of this event! Naomi writes:

"Juneteenth originated on June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that the Civil War had ended, and enslaved people were free. This was more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. It became an official U.S. federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth had been celebrated by my people for over a hundred years.

The 89-year-old lady Opal Lee walked 1,400-mile walk from Fort Worth, Texas. The Goal: To get Juneteenth (celebrated on June 19th) officially recognized as a federal holiday. The Route: She zigzagged across the South to bring awareness to the cause. The 2.5 Miles: Each day, she walked 2.5 miles. This distance is symbolic of the 2.5 years it took for enslaved people in Texas to finally receive the news that they were emancipated. The Result: Her relentless grassroots efforts (which included gathering over 1.5 million petition signatures) culminated in President Biden officially signing Juneteenth into a federal holiday in 2021.

July 4th is an empty holiday to my people as we were not freed after the revolutionary war. In fact, slavery became more codified and breeding farms were established across the south after the importing of slaves from Africa was made illegal. Locally our own Henry County is the site of one of the biggest breeding plantations in the south.

The Martinsville Henry NAACP sponsors a Juneteenth celebration at NCI to celebrate our freedom and to praise God from whom all our blessings flow. The Martinsville-Henry County NAACP hosts the annual **Juneteenth Youth Expo & Gospel Music Extravaganza** at the **New College Institute (NCI)**, 191 Fayette St., Martinsville. Held in observance of Freedom Day, the event features an evening of youth expression, praise, and musical performances. Festivities kick off at 6:00 p.m and **tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.** For the most up-to-date details, you can check the [NAACP Martinsville Henry Facebook Page](#) or the New College Institute Calendar. Let's all turn out to support and enjoy this event!

June Birthdays.

- 1** Christopher Crimmins, Gage Lawson, Reid Lawson
 - 3** Riley Wood
 - 8** Shanna King
 - 9** Susan Smith
 - 10** Betty Hudson, Cindy Edgerton
 - 12**, Lt. Col. David King
 - 16** Ainsley Russell
 - 18** Susan Pilson
 - 23** Basil Boyd David Price
 - 24** Dr. Denny Casey
 - 26** Ann Reaser
 - 29** Caroline Kirby
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Congregational Care and Fellowship

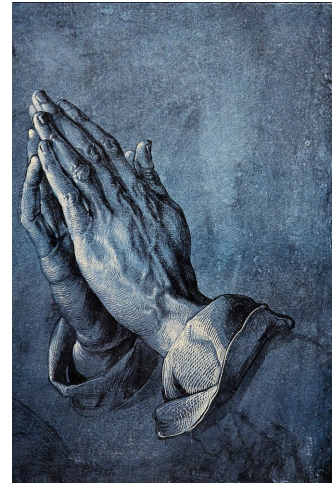
If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

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).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Gale Buck, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, 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.



Grace Network Donations

2nd Quarter Food Donation Item is Grits



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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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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

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