

June 4, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

If you missed the Sunday's Music Fest, please take the time to watch the recording on FaceBook. It was a grand celebration.

My gratitude, and the gratitude of all those in attendance, is extended to Whitney and all the musicians. As I've heard Whitney say, "There were many God moments during the planning of the service." And it was clear that God was in all of it! We are truly grateful for those who shared their talents during the service: Maxine, Lynn, Virginia, Janet, and the congregation. Yes, you the congregation led us in the Benediction Response; as well as, so much singing and liturgy! The Music Fest, and all of our worship together, glorifies God when we all participate!

On Sunday, please plan to come help pray our graduates into a new chapter of their lives!

And on Sunday June 14th we will gather at Grace Presbyterian for the beginning of Summer Community Worship.

It is an exciting time to be together!

Peace,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 9:9-13 and Psalm 50:7-15

Liturgist: Ashby Pinkard

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Wuetefeld and Barbara Duncan

*****Lemonade on the Lawn*****

Liturgist Schedule

June

14 **Community worship at Grace Presbyterian**

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

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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!

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.





Our 2026 Graduates will be recognized during Sunday's worship service.

Cooks Who Care - Tuesday, June 9th at 9 AM in the Marge Dunn Kitchen.

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. Usually there is a suggested donation (~\$10) and/or entry requires bringing canned goods or school supplies to support local community initiatives. 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 Kirh



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

Family of Jeff Gareau (Maxine Edwards), Family of Pat Pearl Dole, Family of Cecil Robbins, Family of Marvin Hudson (Betty's husband), Family of Sarah Altizer, Family of Neil Fine, Family of Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), 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





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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