

April 23, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Sunday was filled with heartwarming God sightings! Thank you to everyone who shared their God stories. When we share all the ways we see God (and there are so many ways) we enlarge everyone's ability to find Jesus in all things. So please keep sharing. Talk about all the ways you've seen God in your day, with anyone who will listen. In this overwhelming world, God connects us to Peace and to each other. Your stories enlarge the lives of all who hear them. And your experiences will connect to others who have known similar situations and feelings. The ripple effect of our stories brings healing to the world! Thanks be to God!

If you have a few hours on Saturday morning, please let Ione and Taylor know that you can help with the Spring Carnival that we are hosting in conjunction with Grace Presbyterian. There is a final organizational-planning meeting on Friday. It is not too late to join in all the fun. Regardless of your participation, please keep this event, those working and all who will be attending in your prayers!

Peace,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon John 10:1-10 and Psalm 23

Liturgist: Martha Rollins

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

2nd Cup: Gale and Christy Buck

Liturgist Schedule

May

3 Nancy Moore

10 Joan Montgomery

17 Mary Linker

24 Pearl Minter

31 Susan Pilson

June

7 Ashby Pinkard

14 **Community worship at Grace Presbyterian**

21 Ron Rebman

28 Ione Linker

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: 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.



2026 Graduates. If you have a child or grandchild that is graduating high school or college, we want to recognize them. Please send their information to the church office by **May 10th**, as they will be recognized in June.

The Spring Carnival and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 AM hosted by FPC and Grace PC. This is a community outreach event and we expect to have lots of families and children. **The event will be held at FPC**



****If you happen to have plastic eggs that you don't mind donating, please bring by the church by tomorrow and leave on the kitchen counter. Apologies for the late notice!****

Session Meeting - Monday, April 27th at 4pm

FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, May 4th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Cindy Edgerton will lead the lesson, "Road to Emmaus". If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

Weekday School Events:

Art Show - Thursday, May 7th at 6PM in the fellowship hall

Graduation - Thursday, May 14th at 6PM in the fellowship hall.

The Smith River Singers invite you to join us for our annual spring concert, America the Beautiful, a powerful musical celebration honoring the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. **May 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Galilean House of Worship, Martinsville**

2nd Cup Schedule April/May

May 3 - Joe and Susan Smith

May 10 - No 2nd Cup (having Lemonade on the Lawn)

May 17 - Janet Fentress, Judy King

May 24 - Joe and Brenda Williams

May 31 - Ione and Mary Linker

4 Max Pinkston
7 Bob Davis
9 Pastor Bea Miller
12 Robert (Bob) Sherwood
14 Judy Garland
15 Briana Tatum
17 Barbara Tatum
20 Manly Boyd
22 Matthew Price
30 Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby



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 Sue Benfield, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley) Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Johnny Pinkard, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, 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*



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

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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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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities
Judy King: Worship

Class of 2028

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Nancy Davis: Christian Education

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