

April 3, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Transition Team Update

Dear First Presbyterian Congregation,

At its stated meeting on March 24, the Session extended a provisional Call to Bea Miller, our current Interim Pastor, to be our next Called and Installed Pastor, which she accepted.

The Call is provisional because of the approval process that is necessary. In the PC (USA) all calls are 3-way Calls. Bea must feel Called. The church has to feel Called to the relationship – so a Congregational Meeting will be required. Then, the Presbytery has to acknowledge the Call between us. Some steps, more than usual, are required because this action is seen as an exception in our polity.

These are the steps, as we understand them:

1. The Session must draft a letter to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) describing why this is an exceptional circumstance (exceptional meaning beyond the scope of polity that includes electing a Pastor Nominating Committee and the process that follows in finding a new pastor);
2. The next COM meeting is April 10 when the letter will be discussed;
3. If approved by COM a Congregational meeting is required;
4. Should the Congregational Meeting and vote be 100% the request will go to the floor of the full Presbytery where it will need a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote, because it is an exception; incidentally, the next Presbytery meeting is at our church; and
5. Should the Presbytery approve the request there will be a service of installation at our church sometime after the June Presbytery meeting.

The Transition Team completed the Terms of Call and the Session designated a

member to draft the Exception Letter. Both will be sent to the COM next week in time for them to review at their April 10 meeting.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

In Christ,

The Transition Team

Billy Kirby

Monica Stevens

Joan Montgomery



Please join us for the fifth Sunday in Lent at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon John 12:1-8 and Psalm 126

Liturgist: Billy Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Randy and Martha Rollins

Liturgist Schedule

April

8 Billy Kirby

13 no liturgist needed - Palm Sunday in the park, followed by potluck brunch

20 Sam Smith (Easter)

27 Susan Pilson

May

4 Ashby Pinkard
11 Lynn Pritchett
18 Ron Rebman
25 Martha Rollins

June

8 Randy Rollins
15 Gale Buck
22 Joe Williams
29 Taylor Shank

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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



Please reach out to **Susan Pilson** ([276 340-7288](tel:2763407288)) if you are able to provide food or help with the reception for Betty Stanley on Sunday, April 6. We need sandwiches, sweets (cookies, brownies), nuts and fruit.

Lenten Lunches will be held on Thursdays at 12 Noon and will include a light meal and a short devotional. These are the locations for each week:

- **April 3** at First Presbyterian; devotional – Andrew Taminger from Holy Trinity Lutheran
- **April 10** at First Baptist East (1043 Church St.); devotional by Charles Whitfield

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service of Darkness - Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM preceded by a potluck meal at 6:00 PM. Additional details are forthcoming.



Job Opportunity: Preschool Director. First Presbyterian Church Martinsville is seeking a dedicated Preschool Director for our program serving children ages 1-4. This part-time position requires a BA/BS degree and offers a wonderful opportunity to lead and inspire young learners in a nurturing environment. Early drop-off and late pickup options are available for our families. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest detailing your qualifications to ritaofficefpc@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our church website. Join us in making a difference in the lives of our youngest members of the community! If you know of anyone whom you think may be interested, please share this opportunity with them.

Palm Sunday in the Park - Sunday, April 13th at 9:00 AM at the J. Frank Wilson Park. Angela Zimmerman of Starling Avenue Baptist Church will be the speaker. Park at First Presbyterian if you want to walk. Buses will be available at First Baptist for those who prefer to ride. A potluck bunch will follow the service in the FPC fellowship hall. There will be no 10:00 AM worship service.

Community Worship:

June 8 FPC Martinsville

July 13 FPC Collinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

March 2025 Community Breakfast Update

A huge thank you to **Susan Pilson** and **Liz Knighten** for stepping up and being first time team leaders for the March Community Breakfast. If you talk to either, I think they will verify that the work involved was worth the gratification. There were lots of volunteers with a couple ones from Forest Hills Presbyterian. There was lots of energy in the kitchen and the fellowship hall with us filling our usual number (approximately 120 plates). All the eggs were bought and donated by a church member. Thank you so much for this generosity as everyone knows eggs are like gold right now. The cost of the breakfast continues to rise but the Mission/Outreach team feels that this important mission of our church needs to continue. A big shout out to **Marge Dunn** for doing a beautiful job rolling all the silverware!

We do not have team leaders for the April breakfast. We would very much appreciate someone stepping up to lead the breakfast. We will be glad to share the responsibility of this job and help in any way needed. Please contact Judy King at [276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101) or jpk1944@gmail.com if you are interested and I will share all that is involved.

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).

Happy Birthday in April!

- 4** Max Pinkston
 - 5** Kathryn Judson
 - 7** Bob Davis
 - 9** Pastor Bea Miller
 - 14** Judy Garland
 - 15** Briana Tatum
 - 17** Barbara Tatum
 - 20** Manly Boyd
 - 22** Matthew Price
 - 30** Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby
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Betty Murphy Stanley

July 12, 1947 - March 29, 2025



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Betty Stanley** on her passing on March 29.

A visitation will be held **Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at First Presbyterian Church.

A celebration of life with a reception after the service, will be held **Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 2:00 PM**, also at FPC.

The full obituary can be found at:

<https://www.wrightfuneralservices.net/obituaries/Betty-Murphy-Stanley?obId=40256239>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Betty Stanley, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.



Grace Network Donations

2nd quarter 2025 food donation item 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 (any 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 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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Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

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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