

April 30, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

WOW!!! The Spring Carnival was wonderful in so many ways. It was a peaceful, happy experience for all ages. There were activities for everyone. People lingered, talked, participated. It was a great gathering of church families (Grace and First), Weekday School families, neighborhood families and more. Thank you for all the planning, setting up, cleaning up, leadership and participation! The God sightings were everywhere!

And please keep your God sightings coming. I read a prayer today written by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, here are some of her words:

Dear God,

Not sure if you've noticed, but the world feels pretty unhinged at the moment.

Reading the news makes me feel powerless, angry, and terrified. ...

... Could you help me to see where you ARE knitting together what I've unraveled, where you ARE ushering in reconciliation between people who have disappointed each other again, where you ARE quietly loving us into tomorrow?

And please let me know what I can do down here, even if it's small. (And make it obvious please, because I tend to miss the subtle stuff.)

Like what kindness I can offer that might not fix the world, but at least help another person survive this day on your Earth? And forgive me for not noticing how often other people are doing the same for me, because I'm too busy freaking out.

And if it's not too much to ask, a few more good TV shows soon?

Amen.

Rev. Bolz-Weber is asking for God sightings. God sightings are even better than good TV. We've got this. We can help each other see God's knitting and God's reconciliation as we share our God sightings. Thanks be to God and thanks be to you as you share the ways God has touched your life.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon John 14:1-14 and Psalm 119:9-32

Liturgist: Nancy Moore

Ushers/Greeters: Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

2nd Cup: Joe and Susan Smith

Liturgist Schedule

May

10 Joan Montgomery

17 Mary Linker

24 Pearl Minter

31 Susan Dilsen

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.

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***

Patrick Henry Elementary school staff and parents will be parking at FPC to allow Field Day activities for their students on **Friday, May 15th**.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, May 16th. Contact Mary Linker at [919-548-2452](tel:919-548-2452) (text or call).

2nd Cup Schedule April/May

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



1 Janet Fentress
5 Amy Mason
8 Gavin Luther
10 Sandra Shank
11 Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
12 Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
13 Jane Fitzgerald
14 Farrell Pace
17 Heath Russell
19 Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank, Will Franck
20 Christal Kelly
22 Elizabeth Pritchett
22 Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
27 Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon
29 Edward M. Linker
30 Ronald Rebman



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:276-340-7288).

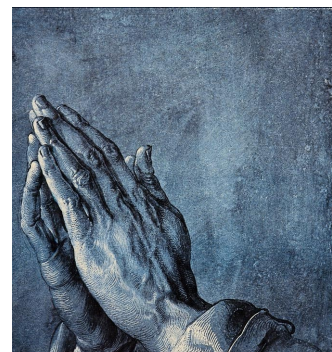


The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Rusty Reaser** on his passing Tuesday evening. Arrangements are being made and details will be provided once they are available.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, 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, Marion Miller, 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:

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbvterv of the Peaks: www.deakspresbvterv.org/

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

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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