

April 2, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you!! Thank you for showing up and helping with Work Day! Everything looks beautiful! Thank you for making your way up the hill- by foot or by car, in the cold, for Palm Sunday in the Park! Thank you for all the wonderful food, set-up, and clean-up for our Palm Sunday brunch. Everything was yummy! And thank you for all the ways you love and support one another! It is such a blessing to be part of First Presbyterian ~ Martinsville.

Please join us Thursday at 6:00 pm, for a potluck dinner before our 7:00 Maundy Thursday – Tenebrae Service. And if you can't make it for dinner, please come to the service. During this service we will journey with Jesus from the Upper Room to the Tomb. The service ends in darkness as we sit in loss, until Easter morning. Once Jesus was in the tomb, all seemed to be lost. It is different for us. We know Easter is coming. But Good Friday gives us the opportunity to ponder what it may have felt like, to think that the death of Jesus was the end of everything known to be Good.

And please don't forget to send me your God sighting stories! I need them before Monday, April 13th. Thanks!

With Holy Week blessings,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 28:1-10 and Colossians 3:1-4

Liturgist: Taylor Shank

Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell

2nd Cup: Joe and Susan Smith

Liturgist Schedule

April

5 Taylor Shank *Easter*

12 Joe DeVault

19 Barbara Duncan

26 Martha Rollins

May

3 Pearl Minter

10 Joan Montgomery

17 Mary Linker

24 Nancy Moore

31 Susan Pilson

June

7 Ashby Pinkard

14 Lynn Pritchett

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.



Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service on April 2nd will begin with a potluck dinner at 6PM. At 7PM we will move to the sanctuary for the service.

The Church office will be closed Monday, April 6th for Easter. The Weekday School will be on Spring break this week, April 6th-10th

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 as soon as possible.

FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, April 13th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Lynn Pritchett will be leading the lesson.

Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, April 14th at 9:00 AM

Spring Carnival and Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 18th 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.

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

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley) Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Liz Jackman (daughter of Nancy Davis), 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 Canned Beefaroni,
Spaghetti/meatballs, Ravioli, Chili**



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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We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor



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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

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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

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Class of 2028

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