

**August 15, 2024**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner**

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This week a small group of church leaders began working with Rooted Good: Good Futures Accelerator ([rootedgood.org](https://rootedgood.org)). We will call this group the Good Futures Team (Liz Ferrell, Judy King, Joan Montgomery, Monica Stevens). The Good Futures program, approved by our Session, is designed to support us, walking with us into our future. Rooted Good is on a mission to equip leaders with the resources and processes they need to help the church imagine and become something new for the glory of God and the good of the surrounding community. The Good Futures Team will work alongside the Think Tank and Session, ensuring we cover all the necessary details and create a sustainable future.

Our Good Futures Team wants us to remember that God has blessed us abundantly. We have a strong congregation that is engaged and active. Our congregation shows up and cares about the future of our church. Almost 90% of our pledging units increased their pledges in 2024 ~ we are all committed to our future.

And we like each other. We visit and hug during the passing of the peace. We stick around after church, sharing our lives.

We have great people! Our volunteers are dedicated and come whenever called. We care about each other ~ reaching out, sharing rides, sharing meals.

We have a small and mighty music department that blesses us every Sunday.

Our Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers provide wondrous music, helping us breathe in God with every note.

We have a good, dedicated, hardworking staff. God bless them!

We have a beautiful building that was built to the glory of God ~ and is filled with God's possibilities. We have property and lots of parking. We have an incredible kitchen and pantry. We have a great location. Our columbarium is a beautiful blessing. And our endowment is a gift of stability.

And we have a Weekday School that is respected and appreciated. The teachers and children are a blessing to our campus.

God has given us so much! There is more abundance than this note names and more than we can ask or imagine. All we need do is join God, where the Holy Spirit is already igniting transformation ~ allowing God to transform us.

May the Peace of Christ guide us,

Pastor Bea

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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111

**Liturgist:** Duke Ferrell

**Ushers/Greeters:** Monty Montgomery and Betty Hudson

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**Liturgist Schedule**

**August**

18 Duke Ferrell

25 Billy Kirby

**September**

1 Liz Ferrell

8 **\*no liturgist needed\***

15 Jack Kirby

22 Sharon Kirby

29 Ione Linker

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**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.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30-3pm

Friday Closed

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment ([276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). Voicemail will be monitored.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**CANCELED - Red Cross Blood Drive** is canceled due to a staffing shortage.

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**Handbell rehearsal resumes Wednesday, August 21** at 5:30 PM

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**Choir rehearsal resumes Wednesday, August 21** at 6:30 PM

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**Session Meeting** - Monday, August 26 at 6PM

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

📍 Fayette Street between Dunlap & Market

- ✓ FREE Food & Clothing
- ✓ FREE Access to Community Services
- ✓ Fellowship & More!

  
bit.ly/crd-2024

Vendor Sign-up!  
Register by Sept. 10!

Grace Presbyterian Church | 218 Fayette St. | Martinsville, VA 24112  
kgperry1988@gmail.com | (276) 632-5783

\* Rain Date: Sept. 28, 2024 \*

Join us again this summer for

**COMMUNITY**

**WORSHIP**

**June 9 - Grace Presbyterian @ 11 am**

218 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA

**July 14 - First Presbyterian Martinsville @ 10 am**

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville, VA

**August 11 - Forest Hills Presbyterian @ 11 am**

725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA

**September 8 - First Presbyterian Collinsville @ 11 am**

4500 King's Mountain Road. Collinsville, VA

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Light refreshments will be served  
following each service.

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# EXPLORE

*Richmond VA*  
...AND BE TRANSFORMED...!

## OCT 10-12

**RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
and the  
**JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION**  
are committed to exploring and responding to the intersectionality of structural racism, systemic poverty, and Church vitality in America.

Join other members of **PEAKS PRESBYTERY** on a three-day, two-night pilgrimage to Richmond VA to learn of its involvement in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the Civil War and broader VA history

**VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE**

American Civil War Museum



\*Total cost (includes lodging, meals, and transportation while in Richmond) and three-day itinerary **coming soon!**

In Richmond, travelers will lodge in the historic **RICHMOND HILL Christian Fellowship Retreat Center**, followed by days of touring, learning, and meals



for further information:  
**Vernie Bolden**, [vernies@peaks-presbytery.org](mailto:vernies@peaks-presbytery.org)



## Community Breakfast

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- August 17 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
  - September 21 **Brooke & Chuck Cundiff**
  - October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
  - November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
  - December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
  - January 18 **NEED LEADER**
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## Lemonade on the Lawn



Will be the following Sundays:

Aug 18

Sep 15

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Carolyn and Tyler Price on the birth of their daughter. **Mateline Ellen Price** was born Thursday, August 8 in Christiansburg, VA. Grandparents are Bonnie and David Price.

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- 2** Dwight Christenbury, Lynne Beeler
  - 3** Marjorie Dunn
  - 4** Rita Bateman
  - 5** Bob Richeson
  - 6** Walt, Jr. Flythe
  - 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
  - 10** Frances Bledsoe
  - 11** Melissa Wingfield
  - 12** Beth Lawson
  - 13** Chuck Cundiff
  - 17** Maggie Pilson
  - 21** Bill Stone
  - 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
  - 23** Anne Abercrombie
  - 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard
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Updates on Rev. Cheryl Peoples' grandson Asa's illness can be found at CaringBridge, web address <https://www.caringbridge.org>. Put Asa Peoples' name in the search bar and create a free account, if you do not already have one. His account is the one with the picture of him on it.

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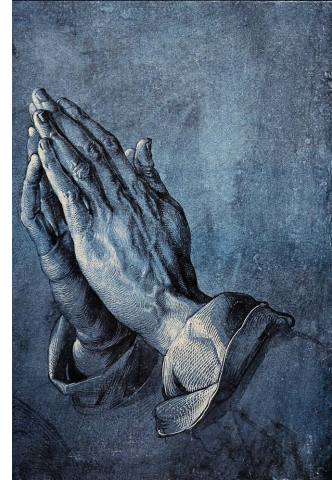
The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Harold Lamm** on his passing, Tuesday, July 30, 2024 in Martinsville, VA. Details regarding the arrangements will be provided once they become available.

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Harold Lamm, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Teri Ferguson, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Jennifer Holland (N. Davis), Marvin Hudson, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



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**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 Pearl Minter.

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 Pearl at [276 340-3476](tel:276-340-3476).

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## **Grace Network Donations**

### **3rd quarter food donation item is Toothpaste**



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

#### **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. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday evening.

If you have information you want included in Steeple Views, **PLEASE SEND TO:** [fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com). For time sensitive announcements, please send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

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/>

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## Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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**Printed copies of *Steeple Views*** are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

## Useful Links

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

**Church Office Phone:** [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)

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Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

**Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

**Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

**Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

**TRUSTEES**

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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