

August 21, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Wow! The pool party cook-out was a blast! Someone said they thought the whole church was there! And Grace Presbyterian attended in great numbers too. We ate, talked, played Corn Hole and played in the water. Thank you, Taylor, Martha and Naomi, for arranging such a good time of Fun, Food and Fellowship! And thank you for attending and enjoying! It was hot and glorious!!





Please plan on attending our Music Fest on August 31st, and invite your friends. I'm excited to announce that Virginia King and Barbara Duncan will be playing! In addition to these wonderful women, my neighbor Rick and another member of Roanoke Baroque will play and explain an instrument that they are bringing, the theorbo. Yea, I don't know what it is either, but it will be fun to find out.

And this Sunday, we will recognize and thank the Community Breakfast ministry. Please plan on joining in as we pray for and in thanksgiving of the work of our friends.

God is so good!

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Luke 13:10-17 and Psalm 103:1-8

Liturgist: Mary Linker

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

August

24 Mary Linker

31 Liz Ferrell

September

7 Ione Linker

14 **no liturgist needed**

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 3pm

Friday CLOSED

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

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.



Congratulations to Cole Tatum on being named the Martinsville Bulletin's Boys Tennis Player of the Year! Cole, a senior at Magna Vista High School, is the son of Neil and Kym Tatum and the grandson of Barbara Tatum.

Parking Lot - Teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School will be using the church parking lot as the school's parking lot is undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete.

Session Meeting - Monday, August 25 at 4 PM

August 31 will be a Music-Fest service. If anyone would like to provide

special music for this service, please reach out to Pastor Bea, or Rita, and give them the details. Children and grandchildren are always welcomed to share their musical talents with us.

*** We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact **Janet Fentress** ([276 618-0153](tel:2766180153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:2763408101)). ***

Community Worship:

September 14 Grace

Happy Birthday in August!

- 3** Marjorie Dunn
- 4** Rita Bateman
- 5** Bob Richeson
- 6** Walt Flythe, Jr.
- 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
- 10** Frances Bledsoe
- 11** Melissa Wingfield
- 12** Beth Lawson
- 13** Chuck Cundiff
- 17** Maggie Pilson
- 21** Bill Stone, Cindy Franck
- 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
- 23** Anne Abercrombie
- 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard
- 30** Josie Louise Crimmins



AND September

- 1** Monty Montgomery, Virginia R. King
- 4** Nancy Davis
- 8** Suzan Kirby
- 10** Autumn Sanders
- 11** Victoria Esarey
- 15** Gwendolyn Seamon
- 16** Judy King

20 Jean Williams

25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell

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

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), 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, Richard Rkomorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F&F Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), 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

3rd quarter 2025 food donation item is
Applesauce 24 - 32oz OR 6 count, 4oz cups



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*



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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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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)

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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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