

August 21, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On September 13th, during The Time with Young Disciples, our Session will begin sharing key concepts from the book "The Strategically Small Church." This book has been part of our visioning process. Over the course of the following eight weeks our Elders will help us engage these topics from the book: Embracing and Celebrating Who We Are, Being Resilient and Authentic, Living and Working Intergenerationally, and Ministry in Abundance. Through the lens of these topics we will come to understand that we are doing a lot of things right. The Session is convinced that embracing who we are as a strategically small church, will serve us well as we move forward into the future God is preparing for us.

Each of the different topics will be introduced during worship one week, and then there will be time for follow-up and questions regarding the same topic, the following week. This process (introduction one week, follow-up the next) will repeat, during the Time with Young Disciples, for each of the topics. Please ask questions. If you think of questions in-between the Sunday morning sessions, you may email questions to me: revmillerb@gmail.com I will make sure that the Elders who are presenting receive your questions.

Additionally, on September 13th, we have permission to distribute a printed copy of the first chapter of the book. Reading the first chapter will help us have a common vocabulary and understanding as we discuss these topics going forward. If you would like to read the whole book, like our Session did, we will have a limited number of copies of the book available for

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Please plan on joining us for all eight weeks of this important discussion!

And mark your calendar for a Music Fest, just around the corner, on August 30!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 16:21-28 and Romans 12:9-21

Liturgist: Barbara Duncan

Ushers/Greeters: Randy and Martha Rollins

Liturgist Schedule

August

30 Cindy Edgerton

September

6 Janet Fentress

13 Duke Ferrell

20 Liz Ferrell

27 Billy Kirby

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.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



UPDATE: Presbyterian Day of Service - Saturday, August 22, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, *Forest Presbyterian Church, 1226 Two Church Lane Road in Forest, VA*

From the Music Department

Harmonic Expressions from Whitney

There are so many distractions these days. Some are wonderful. But many of these distractions overwhelm us, sap our energy, or drag us down. During these times, find a song that relates to you that helps you look up to God our Sustainer and sing praises to Him:

*Oh Lord, my God,
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
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From the Mission Committee

People of faith and people of good will know that we are called to care for our neighbors, both on the individual and structural levels.

You are invited to join religious and lay leaders from around Martinsville and learn how beloved community leads us to the work of justice, inspired by faith.

- We will gather at Smith Memorial United Methodist Church (**2703 N Daniels Creek Rd, Collinsville**) on Thursday, August 27, 5:30-7:30.
- The gathering will start with a meal at 5:30 (dinner provided, but you are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share), and continue with a discussion of the challenges in our community, and how you can make a

difference.

All are welcome! This event is presented in partnership with the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and you can email sheila@virginiainterfaithcenter.org with any questions.

KYIV SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORUS PRESENTS

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Congratulations to Mark and Allison (Knighton) Zocchi on the birth of their daughter, Winifred Pearl “Winnie”, on August 5, 2026 in Cambridge, MA. Proud grandmother is **Liz “Gommy” Knighton**.

August Birthdays

- 3** Marjorie Dunn
 - 4** Rita Bateman
 - 6** Walt, Jr. Flythe
 - 8** Elizabeth (Betsy) Ham
 - 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
 - 11** Melissa Wingfield
 - 12** Beth Lawson
 - 13** Chuck Cundiff
 - 17** Maggie Pilson
 - 18** Louise Lindsay
 - 21** Bill Stone, Cindy Franck
 - 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
 - 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard
 - 30** Josie Louise Crimmins
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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 **Susan Pilson**.

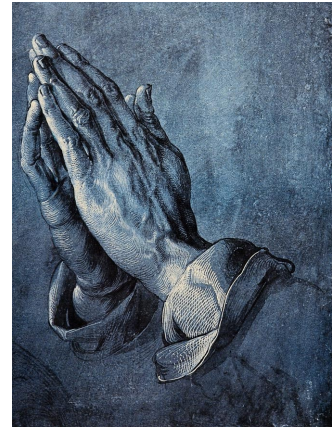
If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS



Family of Danny Russell (Gavin Russell's father), Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, 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

3rd Quarter Food Donation Item is Juice 40-64 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 (dozen size). These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex

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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



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<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

Our Mission

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

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

Useful Links

FPC website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

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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