

August 22, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

The first part of our Good Futures process is to explore who we are as a congregation – what makes us, us. Good Futures asks four questions to help us name and give shape to what our hearts already know to be our identity, passions, and interests. The four questions are:

- 1) What inspires you about our congregation's engagement in our wider community and neighborhood – either currently or in the past?
- 2) In the last few years, what moment stands out as being an example of our congregation at its best?
- 3) What is different about us, compared to other congregations, in a positive sense?
- 4) What about us gives you hope for our future as a congregation?

We will focus on one question a week for the next 5 weeks ~ taking our week at First Collinsville off from this conversation. And then on September 29th, following worship, we will have a pot-luck lunch and discuss all our answers to the questions.

So, this week's question is: What inspires you about our congregation's engagement in our wider community and neighborhood – either currently or in the past? Please email me your response (rev.millerb@gmail.com). (I will forward your responses to the Good Futures Team who will compile them.) There will also be an opportunity to submit answers on Sunday. All the responses will be gathered and on September 29th at the pot-luck lunch, we

will reflect on all the responses. (We will not share the names associated with each response.)

As you reflect on this week's question, remember that we are an innovative people: Breakfast in Schools, Adult Day Care, Grace Network, Weekday School, and the list goes on.

This promises to be a thought-provoking and exciting process. I look forward to hearing what everyone has to say!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon John 6:56-69 and Psalm 34:15-22

Liturgist: Billy Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Joe and Jerri DeVault

Liturgist Schedule

September

1 Liz Ferrell

8 ***no liturgist needed***

15 Jack Kirby

22 Sharon Kirby

29 Ione Linker

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.

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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS**

Session Meeting - Monday, August 26th at 6:00 PM in the session room.

A tree will be removed from the parking lot Thursday, August 29th. Please use caution if you come to the church.

The Weekday School will be back in session beginning Tuesday, September 3rd.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings - Monday, September 9th at 11:00 AM. Meetings will be at King's Grant. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk upon your arrival and lunch can be purchased for \$12. If you have not already picked up your book, they are available in the narthex. Look for your name.

Lemonade on the Lawn, September 15

Facilities Fall Clean-Up Day is Saturday, September 28th from 8:00 AM to Noon. Bring your shovels, rakes, weed-eaters, wheelbarrows, paint brushes and lots of energy. Contact Dru Rothrock at [276-732-0495](tel:276-732-0495) if you have any questions.

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.

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, vernied@peaks-presbytery.org



Community Breakfast

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- 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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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.



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 Peeples' grandson Asa's illness can be found at CaringBridge, web address <https://www.caringbridge.org>. Put Asa Peeples' 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.

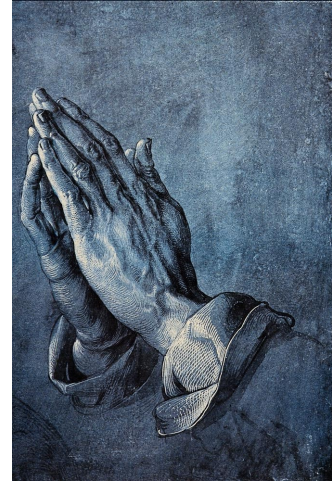


The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Harold Lamm** on his passing, Tuesday, July 30, 2024 in Martinsville, VA. Details regarding the arrangements will be provided once they become available.

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), Dr. Mervyn King, 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.



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:2763403476).

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.

ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (any 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. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday evening.

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

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](#)

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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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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