

August 10, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for participating in the Think Tank Update after worship on Sunday. I'm grateful for your presence, open hearts and minds, questions and responses. The Think Tank, in their work together, has done their best to cherish and honor our past and present as they look toward our future. While the Think Tank has been working for months, I realize that the presentation on Sunday was full of new information for our faith family. Thank you for receiving so many new ideas and understandings with grace and support.

As we noted in the meeting, this is not "really real." We are asking questions and discerning from every possible angle, as we continue to seek the best way forward. In the meantime, we are **not** yet deciding where things go and what needs to be "downsized." If God creates the path forward and we need to move things around, there will be a team to make sure that the church needs, facilities and equipment are cared for in a decent and orderly process. In the meantime, please be patient.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday at Forest Hills Presbyterian at 11:00. Rev. Cheryl Peebles, Pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian, sent some accessibility information:

Our church building is handicap accessible. Handicap parking is found in the lot behind the church, and an elevator is available inside the building off the back parking lot to take you up to the Sanctuary, Common Ground Chapel, Offices,

and Classrooms. A parking lot is located beside the church, and parking is allowed on the street in front.

If you have members who need to join us online in worship, we have options.

We open our online Zoom worship beginning at 10:50 using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86107001055?>

[pwd=Q0g4Q29pUDZyeGI1OFFwMk5QcEUyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86107001055?pwd=Q0g4Q29pUDZyeGI1OFFwMk5QcEUyZz09)

Meeting ID: 861 [0700 1055](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86107001055?)

Passcode: WorshipFH

Online worship (Video separate from our Zoom meeting) is uploaded to YouTube following morning worship and is available from our website, Facebook, and YouTube usually by mid-afternoon on Sunday, depending on local internet speeds.

website: www.foresthillspcMVA.org (THIS WEBSITE ADDRESS IS NEW)

Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/fhpcmva/>

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@foresthillspresbyterianchu7354>

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

P.S. And a huge thank you for all of you who are continuing to help with the Weekday School move! Y'all are the best!



Please join us for worship this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost at **11:00 am** at
Forest Hills First Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday and by appointment if necessary.
Voicemail will be monitored.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13 - Community worship at Forest Hills PC

August 19 - **Community Breakfast** - Bill and Suzan Kirby are leaders

August 26 - **Presbytery of the Peaks meeting** Zoom only meeting.

August 28 from 1-6 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive in FH

August 28 - 2 PM Think Tank Meeting

Directory Pictures - Has your family changed? Kids gotten older? New family members? If you would like your Instant Church Directory picture updated, please send a suitable picture to the office. Pictures may be emailed or given to

a staff member.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Janet Fentress has agreed to be the Chair of Presbyterian Women for the coming year. Nancy Davis will continue as Historian. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023** at King's Grant. More information to follow.

Summer Community Worship schedule:

Aug 13 - 11:00 AM at Forest Hills Presbyterian
Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville



First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville is seeking the following positions for its Weekday School:

Teacher for Two year olds
Teacher's Aides (2)

Purpose: The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church Weekday School is to help each individual child grow to his or her full potential at her/her own rate of development in a Christian setting.

Qualifications: A high school diploma, some college preferred. Experience with young children helpful.

Hours of Weekday School: Monday-Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

How to Apply: Contact Carol Carter at
1stpresbyterianwdsmartinsville@gmail.com or call the church office at



The July Community Breakfast was another success. After cooking 300 eggs, 9 boxes of sausage, 2 gallons of sausage gravy, 18 cans of biscuits, lots of pancakes, a very large bowl of fresh mixed fruit, we filled 140 plates with about 65 guests eating in house. Thank you to all volunteers and especially Sharon & Caroline Kirby as team leaders.

The breakfast is like a theater production and I would like to introduce you to the cast at the July showing:

Sharon Kirby: Team Leader
Caroline Kirby: Leader in Training
Ashby Pritchett: Biscuit Attendant
Lynne Pritchett: Floater
Milt Davis: Sausage Master
Shane Pinkston: Griddle & egg King
Sue Legg: Fruit Carver
Gale Legg: Pancake Flipper
Jerri DeVault: Faithful Server
Pearl Minter: Smiling Server
Ron Rebman: Beverage manager & greeter
Nancy Moore: Set-up queen
Ashby Pinkard: Guest Services
Janet Fentress: Clothing Clerk

Many in this cast play multiple roles especially with serving and clean-up. It is a real team effort. Even though the team leaders change each month a large part of the cast stays the same. **If you have never attended or volunteered, please join us for the August breakfast, which will be led by Bill and Suzan Kirby.**



First Presbyterian Church will host a bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall Monday, **August 28 from 1-6**. Donors are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nancy Baker at nbaker08@comcast.net or [\(276\) 638-7923](tel:(276)638-7923).

Liturgist Schedule

August

20 Kym Tatum
27 Milt Davis

September

3 Nancy Davis
10 **no liturgist needed**
17 Jerri DeVault
24 Joe DeVault



GRACE NETWORK PUMPKIN PATCH

Please consider serving by manning the patch for a shift or a day.

It's a great way to serve the community and support our mission. It's super easy and fun. Call Tracy Hinchcliff to schedule your day or shift ([276-403-4222](tel:276-403-4222)).

The pumpkins will arrive on **Friday, September 22 at 4pm** and if you have a youth or young adult team that would like to help unload, just let Tracy know.

August Birthdays

- 2 Dwight Christenbury, Lynne Beeler
- 3 Marjorie Dunn
- 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
- 22 Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
- 23 Anne Abercrombie
- 24 Nanette Smith





The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Connie Anderson**. Connie passed away on Sunday, August 6.

A funeral service will be held **September 8 at 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church** followed by a columbarium service for those who wish to attend. A reception will follow the columbarium service in the Fellowship Hall.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Connie Anderson, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Ruth Decker Chaney, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Randy Rollins, 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, Bob Wuestefield (husband of Barbara Duncan), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.





Gifts to the Church

In memory of Phillip Hudnall

given by Marge Dunn

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 4lb bag of sugar](#)



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
- *Toilet Paper
- *Deodorant
- *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 sent 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/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

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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Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

Class of 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

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Liz Ferrell: Worship

Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

TRUSTEES

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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