

August 3, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Please plan to attend the **Think Tank update on Sunday, August 6th** immediately following worship. If you have not already done so, please read last week's Steeple Views in preparation for the update. On Monday, our session gave the Think Tank permission to further investigate a particular option. Please come and hear the information regarding this option. The Think Tank update will **not** be available on Facebook, so your attendance is vital.

The members of the Think Tank are: Nancy Baker, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Cindy Edgerton, Duke Ferrell, Judy King, Rob King, Suzan Kirby, Spencer Koger, Anne Madonia, Pearl Minter, Joan Montgomery, Nancy Moore, Ashby Pinkard, Lynn Pritchett, Dru Rothrock, Monica Stevens.

Also, our next community worship gathering is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The past two gatherings have been so much fun!! Please plan to attend at **Forest Hills Presbyterian on August 13<sup>th</sup>** so we can continue to enjoy our Presbyterian fellowship. And do not forget that Forest Hills worships at 11:00. In the months and years to come, it will be exciting to see all the ways God continues to help us be Presbyterians together.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**based upon Genesis 32:22-31 and Matthew 14:13-21**

**Liturgist:** Joan Montgomery

**Ushers/Greeters:** Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson

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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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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

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

Voicemail will be monitored.

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**August 6, following worship** - Update from the Think Tank

**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

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**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.

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### **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.

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### **Summer Community Worship schedule:**

Aug 13 - 11:00 AM at Forest Hills Presbyterian

Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville

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# back2school

### **UPDATE from Tracy Hinchcliff:**

We are still needing approximately 25 more volunteers that are willing to serve the little ones on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. Our appointments will start (first child) at 8:30 am and our last appointments will be at 2:30pm.

Still in need of:

1. Resources to provide breakfast and lunch. However, we don't really have a budget for this, so I am open to any ideas anyone may have. **Would any of your churches be available to make sandwich platters?** Something simple. We would look to serve about 50 people and would need to arrive by 11am Saturday.
2. If someone cannot stay the whole time, we can break it up into 2 shifts. ***First shift: 8 - 12pm and 12 pm - 3 pm.*** However, that will require a lot more volunteers. So I am hoping that many of you will hang in there and stay the whole day. There is quite a bit of downtime between batches of kids, so that helps. Wear comfortable shoes and if you have a T-shirt for Back2School, new or old, please wear as that distinguishes us as volunteers. **Very important.**

Let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you where you can serve.

**Friday Aug. 4/ City Cluster Uptown Ministry Center setup event at 5pm. Need anyone available to setup the tables and washing stations for the Saturday.**

**Saturday Aug. 5/ BIG EVENT!! volunteers are asked to get to the ministry center no later than 8am. Kids will start arriving at 8:30.**



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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](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net) or [\(276\) 638-](tel:2766387923)

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## Liturgist Schedule

August

6 Joan Montgomery

13 **\*\*no liturgist needed\*\***

20 Kym Tatum

27 Milt Davis

September

3 Nancy Davis

10 **\*\*no liturgist needed\*\***

17 Jerri DeVault

24 Joe DeVault

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## ***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

**29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard



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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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),, 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.



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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:2763403476).

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## 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*



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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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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/)

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Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

### **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

### **TRUSTEES**

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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