

December 14, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Please do me a favor. If you have not already done so, please program the church cell phone into your phone: [276-734-8830](tel:276-734-8830). The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. If you have a pastoral care concern during that time, or any time after church hours, please use the church cell phone. Leave a message and I, or the Elder on call, will return your call. Thank you.

As you plan your Christmas Eve, please note that we will have two services. The 10 am service will be a simple service with prayer, discussion (like our Time with Young Disciples), piano music and communion. The 5pm service will be a kid friendly service with candlelight, communion, and a mini lesson and carols. Please choose the service that is the best fit with your family ~ and you are welcome to come to both! And don't forget, Sunday, December 31st is a service of lessons and carols.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Third Sunday of Advent at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea based upon Luke 1:39-56 and 1 Thessalonians
5:16-24**

Liturgist: Ashby Pinkard

Ushers/Greeters: Rob Rebman, Nancy Baker

Liturgist Schedule

December

17 Ashby Pinkard

24 Sam Smith

31 Lynn Pritchett

January

7 Joe Williams

14 Milt Davis

21 Nancy Davis

28 Jerri DeVault

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 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

The church office will be closed December 25-29, 2023 for Christmas and January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day. If you need pastoral care, call the church cell phone ([276-734-8830](tel:276-734-8830)) and leave a message.

Merry Christmas from the Weekday School!



🎵 **Toons At Noon: Yuletide Keys** 🎄

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

I am delighted to announce that I will once again be playing the *Tunes At Noon* Advent Concerts. I want to extend a warm invitation to you to attend. It is my hope that everyone will embrace the festive spirit that the holiday season brings each Wednesday during Advent from 12:00 noon to approximately 12:30. Join me in this joyous celebration of the holiday season through music.

Throughout the concerts we will embrace the holidays through a blended selection of sacred and secular music for the season. It is my goal to create a

magical atmosphere that resonates with the true essence of Christmas.

One Wednesday will be dedicated to exploring the rich musical traditions of different countries. Expect to hear music from Germany, France, Finland, and even Ireland.

Save the date for this special music event:

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

May the melodies of Yuletide Keys fill your hearts with peace and joy!

In love,

Spencer Koger
Music Director



Look for Christmas Joy Offering envelopes in the church pews beginning **December 10 through December 24.**

Think Tank Meeting - Monday, **Dec 18 at 2 PM**

Community Breakfast - **Saturday, December 16.** Team leaders are Brooke and Chuck Cundiff

LINK to ADVENT

Devotionals: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/advent_devotionals_2023.pdf

Tunes at Noon with Spencer. Come enjoy Christmas music on December 20

(Wednesday).

There will be two services on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. 10:00 AM** – Will be a quiet, prayerful service with communion served by intinction, and piano music.

5:00 PM – Will be a candlelight celebration with communion and music. Preservice music with the chancel choir will begin at 4:45 PM.

Sunday, December 31 will be a **10 AM** service of Lessons and Carols.

Community Breakfast



December is now a time of waiting and preparing. The breakfast will **December 16 with Brooke & Chuck Cundiff** as team leaders. Please call Brooke at [276 340-6124](tel:276340-6124) if you are available to help.

We will be working on filling the schedule for 2024. If you are contacted to be a team leader please consider sharing your time and talents in a blessed way of serving our community.

Happy December Birthdays!



26 Smith Chaney

- 1** Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2** Carol Belcher
- 3** Dru Rothrock
- 4** Ashby Pritchett
- 9** Chris Wingfield, Joan Montgomery
- 10** Marion Miller
- 11** K.J. Joyce
- 14** Dr. Mervyn R. King
- 15** Helen "Pat" Baumann, Kim Boyd
- 17** Matthew Mason
- 18** Bill Kirby
- 22** Grayson Russell
- 24** Jackie McLachlan

27 Cathy Stone, Gael Chaney, Nancy B. Moore

28 Brenda Williams

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J.& B. Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Bill Vaughan (N. Davis), 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

4th quarter food donation item is Jelly (28-32oz)



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 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/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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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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