

February 15, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger will be great fun for all ages: 9 (and younger) to 99 (and older). If you have hands – or not – you can help pack 10,000 meals for hungry children. And yes, you can sit the whole time. Standing is not necessary to be part of the project and part of the fun. While the focus and goal is feeding hungry children, the event is great fun. Please let Ron Rebman know that you are ready, willing, and able to participate in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 am to noon!

Many of you joined our Ash Wednesday service at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church with the four Henry County Presbyterian churches. Thank you to those of you who attended in person and to those of you who worshipped online. The Rev. John Wiederholt took great time and care in crafting a meaningful service. Worship was a blessing.



Pastor Bea, Cheryl Peeples of Forest Hills and CRE Kim Wiederholt of First Collinsville, preparing the Ashes for the Ash Wednesday Service

It is a blessing that our four Henry County Presbyterian churches can do so much together. Like our Ash Wednesday service, the Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger event will include all four churches. And this summer we will have the same church worship rotation we did last summer. The Spirit is alive and well in Martinsville and Henry County.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this first Sunday in Lent at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Genesis 9:8-17 and Psalm 25:1-10

Liturgist: Janet Fentress

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker

Liturgist Schedule

February

25 Duke Ferrell

March

3 Liz Ferrell

10 Billy Kirby

17 Jack Kirby

24 Sharon Kirby **Palm Sunday**

31 Sam Smith **Easter**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, February 17th with team leaders Joe and Jerri DeVault. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Please contact Joe ([276-252-4252](tel:276-252-4252)) or Jerri ([276-252-2162](tel:276-252-2162)) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

Session Meeting - Monday, February 26 at 5:30 PM.

[Lenten Lunch Series](#)

Every Thursday at noon during lent, congregations in our community will come together, welcoming you to our Lenten Lunch series. Join us as we gather for food and fellowship, plus a devotional message. The event is free and open to all!

- February 15: First Baptist Church of Martinsville (Libby Grammer, Devotional)
- February 22: Christ Episcopal Church (John Adams, Devotional)
- February 29: First United Methodist Church (Faith Weedling, Devotional)
- March 7: Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional)
- March 14: First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peeples of FHPC, Devotional)
- March 21: Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional)



SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024

Presbyterians RISE against HUNGER Project

At

1st Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Fellowship Hall, 10 am to Noon



Come and help pack 10,000 meals!

***Let's help give children hope
RISE against Hunger!***

HUNGER IMPACTS EVERYTHING

- Malnutrition accounts for nearly half of all childhood deaths
- Hope thrives alongside nutrition
- Malnutrition stunts development
- Nutrition strengthens growth
- Learning increases with stability
- 80% of meals are distributed through schools
- Parents keep their children in school when they know they are being fed

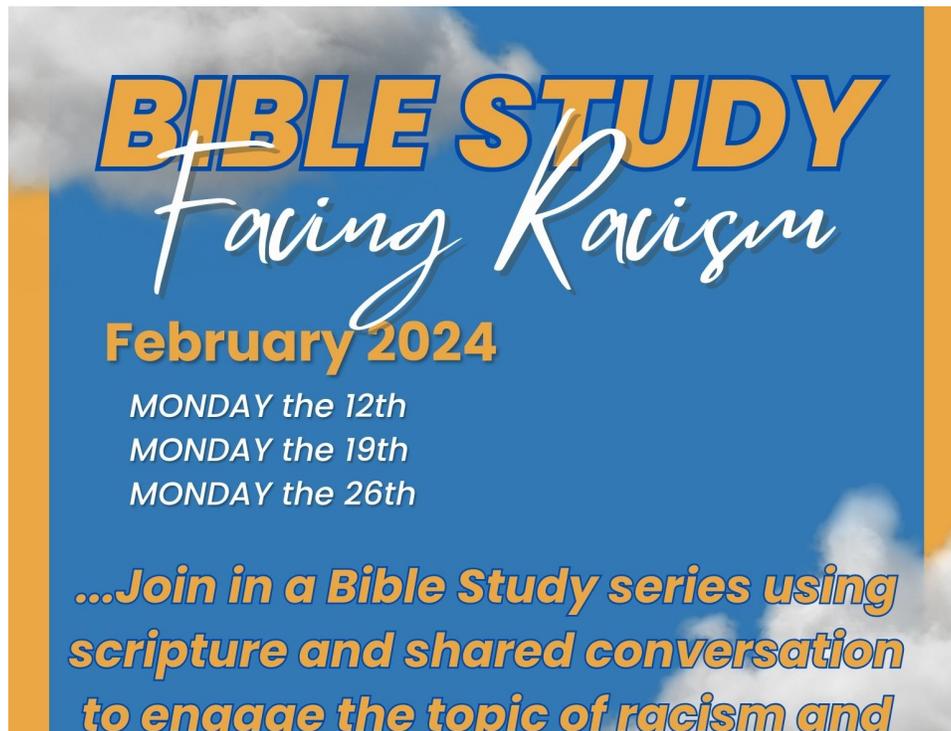
Where they work through schools:

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, India, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Somali- land, South Africa, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

Charity Navigator 4 Stars

Lenten Luncheon Help Needed

First Presbyterian will host the Lenten Service followed by lunch on **Thursday, March 14 at noon**. We will need several volunteers to help in the kitchen with cooking, set up, serving and clean up. Please see Pearl Minter or Liz Ferrell if you can help with this luncheon.



BIBLE STUDY
Facing Racism
February 2024
MONDAY the 12th
MONDAY the 19th
MONDAY the 26th

...Join in a Bible Study series using scripture and shared conversation to engage the topic of racism and

division...

Two Opportunities Each Day

12 pm - 1:15pm *OR* **6pm - 7:15pm**

ZOOM ID: 844 2443 7027 Passcode: 489354

Justice & Mercy Ministry
Forming Faith Bible Study



Happy February Birthdays!



- 2** Dr. David Seamon, Isla King
- 3** Charles R. Knighton, Harold Lamm
- 4** Pamela Rakes
- 7** Mason Wood
- 19** Sandra T. Ford, Evelyn Cannaday
- 21** Sharon Kirby
- 26** Spencer Koger

And a very special happy **100th birthday** to Paul Cannaday's mother, **Evelyn Cannaday**, on February 19!

100 YEARS

Happy Birthday!



Helen H Flythe

JANUARY 19, 1932 - FEBRUARY 8, 2024



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Helen Flythe** on her passing, Thursday, February 8, 2024.

A memorial service will be held **Saturday, February 24 at 2 PM** at FPC and a reception for the family will follow the service.

The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/martinsville-va/helen-flythe-11662025>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Helen Flythe, Family of Barbara Mitchell (KJ Joyce), Family of Robert Hubble (father of Melisa Renz), Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Beau Coughlen (great-grandson of M & N Davis), April Cox (B. Tatum), 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, Mary Manning, Maggie



Pilson, Ronnie & Marissa Pruet, 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

[1st quarter food donation item is Spaghetti Sauce \(24\)](#)



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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Liz Ferrell: Worship

Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

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

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