

**February 20, 2025**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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**Pastor's Corner**  
**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I totally forgot it was Wednesday! And I am writing this, long after the Steeple Views deadline. If you are reading it, thank Sharon!

I'm not the only one struggling with days this week. The weeks of storms have gotten many of us out of kilter. (I'm probably dating myself by using that phrase.) Our days and schedules are a mess. And every time I put my boots away, I must get them out again. (Remember I chose this winter to get a puppy.....)

And maybe all of this is good. Helping us remember that our schedules do not run the world, or our lives. The beauty and stillness of ice and snow, while dangerous, do give us a moment of pause and awe. In the gym this morning, just before the snow began, someone remarked, "I'm not cut out for this Little House on the Prairie life." (I grew up on those books. Again dating myself.) But it is good to remember that we are having first world struggles with the weather and its effects. We are blessed to have power and running water. We are blessed by the response from other states to help us get comforts back. We are blessed with neighbors who check on us and help us shovel. We are blessed!

May we use this different kind of time to share with those who are not cut out for these changes in life, and count our blessings.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for the Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Genesis 45:3-11 and Luke 6:27-38

**Liturgist:** Ione Linker

**Ushers/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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**Liturgist Schedule**

**February**

23 Ione Linker

**March**

2 Pearl Minter

9 Mary Linker

16 Joan Montgomery

23 Nancy Moore

30 Sharon Kirby

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm

**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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*\*ELEVATOR IS BACK IN SERVICE\*\*\***

**As repairs are being made to the slate roof** please refrain from parking on the chapel side of the parking lot until the work is completed.

**Due to inclement weather conditions,** the February 20th Presbytery Meeting has been postponed to March 6th at QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Lynchburg. You will need to register for the March meeting EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED for the February meeting. Click this link to [Register for the March 6th meeting](#) or visit <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>

Dear Peaks Earth Care friends,

I'm excited to share an opportunity to deepen our commitment to Earth care

and stewardship. The National Faith and Climate Forum is gathering faith leaders and congregations to explore how we can work together to address the pressing challenges of climate change through our shared values. The link below will take you to more information, how you can register, and how your church can be a host.

[National Faith + Climate Forum 2025](#)

Also, we are now accepting 2025 mini-grant applications:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Updated-Mini-grant-Application.docx>

Denny,  
Peaks Earth Care Team

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## Cookie Care Packages for College Students



The Presbyterian Women's Circle packed 9 boxes on Sunday for these college students who are certain to be grateful for our church family!

*Caroline Kirby  
Brianna Tatum  
Jamie McAuliffe  
Sam Smith  
Sienna King  
Kellene Wotring  
Grayson Russell  
Ainsley Russell  
Anna Kate Jennings*

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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Thanks to everyone who signed up to participate in our **March 1** event. You should have received an email confirming your participation.

We are expecting at least 75 people to help pack 14,000 meals. Some members of our church participated in this event last fall and they packed 10,000 meals in 1 HOUR and 40 minutes. World Hunger is Real; thanks again for doing what we can to help those in need.

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

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 **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

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**Robert "Bob" Chapman**, former Director of Music at FPC, passed on Monday, February, 17. Arrangements are pending.

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

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Bob Chapman, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Betty Stanley, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, C.J. Swinney (great-grandson of P. Minter), Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and wildfires in California.



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## ***Grace Network Donations***

**1st quarter 2025 food donation item is**  
**Juice 40-64 oz**



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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com)**. For time sensitive announcements, please send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor

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*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/>

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Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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**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](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

### **Useful Links**

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](http://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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Clerk: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

### **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

### **Class of 2027**

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities



Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

**TRUSTEES**

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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