

February 22, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

PRESBYTERIANS RISE AGAINST HUNGER ~ IMPORTANT NOTICE

I know that many of you signed up after worship for this meaningful, wonderful, fun, important event. AND we need you to sign up again, please. Please use the link below to officially sign up with the organizers for our Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, March 9th in our Fellowship Hall:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville>

Registering via the link will give you information helpful in preparing for the event. As part of the registration process, you will see a request for donations. Donations are NOT necessary. Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger is FULLY FUNDED.

I apologize for the need to sign up again and I'm grateful for your patience with this process.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Romans 4:13-25 and Psalm 22:23-31

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell

Ushers/Greeters: Neil Tatum, Monty Montgomery

Liturgist Schedule

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

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

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting is **Monday, March 4th** at King's Grant. We will gather at 10:30 AM for this meeting. Olive Mahabir, the author of Sacred Encounters, will be leading lesson seven on Zoom.

[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!

Reminder, everyone who plans to attend this packing event is encouraged to **register online** as soon as possible, no later than **Monday, February 26**. Online registration helps us know how many more people we need to recruit and significantly simplify activities the day of the event. Links for Informational videos will be available soon.

To Register: [HTTP://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville)

*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.



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



Community Breakfast



The February breakfast was another "WOW". This month we served over 150 plates and we had to set up more chairs. It was such a joyous site to see the Fellowship Hall full of people eating and enjoying being in God's house. We had several guests that got up and sang with Barbara and on their own therefore there was extra entertainment.

Thank you to the team leaders, Jerri and Joe DeVault, and the 20 volunteers who showed up to cook, serve, clean up and entertain. These volunteers are so faithful and dedicated to this mission.

A shout out to Joe Williams who joined us for the first time and was there over three hours cooking and cleaning up. Thank you Joe and we hope to see you there every month. We have a new gravy server in training named Jack Kirby. Thank you Jack. A special thank you to Joe DeVault who puts the signs up and takes them down every month in all kinds of weather especially this month in rainy cold weather. Thank you again for the chicken owners who donated all the eggs. A large thank you to Barbara Duncan and Bob Wuestefeld, they both gave time on Friday to clean eggs and set up for Saturday. Bob now knows how to test the freshness of a farm fresh egg. God continues to provide everything needed for this mission to be successful. We are blessed!

The **March 23** breakfast captains are Kym and Neil Tatum. If you are able to help serve, clean up, or fellowship with our friends and neighbors, please reach out to Kym or Neil.

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!

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS



Family of Helen Flythe, 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 Pruett, 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



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 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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