

February 8, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

In about two months I'll be embarking on a Celtic history and spirituality pilgrimage in Ireland and Iona in Scotland. For eight days of the journey, we will be guided by Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell, a Celtic prophet. In Sacred Earth Sacred Soul, one of his many books, John Philip Newell describes Celtic spirituality this way, "The Celtic spiritual tradition is one that has long emphasized an awareness of the sacred essence of all things. This tradition is in fact part of our Western Christian inheritance, although it has been largely forgotten and at times suppressed. It is a way of seeing, a path of awareness, that can be traced through the centuries, forever unfolding, evolving, emerging again and again to serve a consciousness of the sacred at the heart of all life."

The Celts are first referred to historically around 500 BCE. Today we primarily think of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall as Celtic territory, but in 500 BCE that was only the fringe. The Celts spanned the whole of middle Europe, ranging from what is now Turkey at the eastern edge right through to the Atlantic coastline of present-day Spain.

Between now and mid-April, from time to time, I will share what I am learning both here, in Steeple Views, and in worship. My hope is that you can be part of the preparation and part of my journey.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this last Sunday after the Epiphany at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea Mark 9:2-9 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Liturgist: Cindy Edgerton

Ushers/Greeters: Milt Davis, Betty Hudson

Liturgist Schedule

February

11 Cindy Edgerton

18 Janet Fentress

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

HELP



Will Kirby will be offering technical support in the coming weeks to any church member needing assistance with wireless phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc.

He will be available in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 10, from 12:30 PM - 3 PM**

Ash Wednesday is almost here. John Wiederholt is putting the finishing

touches on the service. We will gather on **Wednesday, February 14th (Yes, it is on Valentine's Day this year) at noon at Forest Hills** Presbyterian for a joint service with all 4 Presbyterian congregations in our community.

Please mark your calendar! **If you cannot be with us in person, you can join us on Zoom** at 11:55 at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86107001055?pwd=Q0g4Q29pUDZyeGI1OFFwMk5QcEUyZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 0700 1055

Passcode: WorshipFH

or later on YouTube

at <https://www.youtube.com/@foresthillspresbyterianchu7354>



February 14 at 12 noon,
all area Presbyterian
congregations will gather
as one for our
Ash Wednesday service.

Forest Hills Presbyterian
Church
725 Beechnut Lane
Martinsville



[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

PRESBYTERIAN PACKING HOUSE
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!

Inclement Weather: in the event of weather that could impact our area you will be notified by TEXT and/or EMAIL if services are canceled. Make sure the church office has your email and cell phone number in the church directory so

you will receive notifications. Notifications will also be on local TV stations WSL-10, WDBJ-7 and FOX-27.

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.

Community Breakfast

We are still in need of leaders for July and January. If you would like to sign up, please reach out to Judy King.

See you on **February 17** for our next breakfast!

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- February 17 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
 - March 23 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
 - April 20 **Sharon & Billy Kirby**
 - May 18 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
 - June 15 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
 - July 20 **NEED LEADER**
 - August 17 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
 - September 21 **Brooke & Chuck Cundiff**
 - October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
 - November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
 - December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
 - January 18 **NEED LEADER**
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Community Meal with Residents of Group Homes

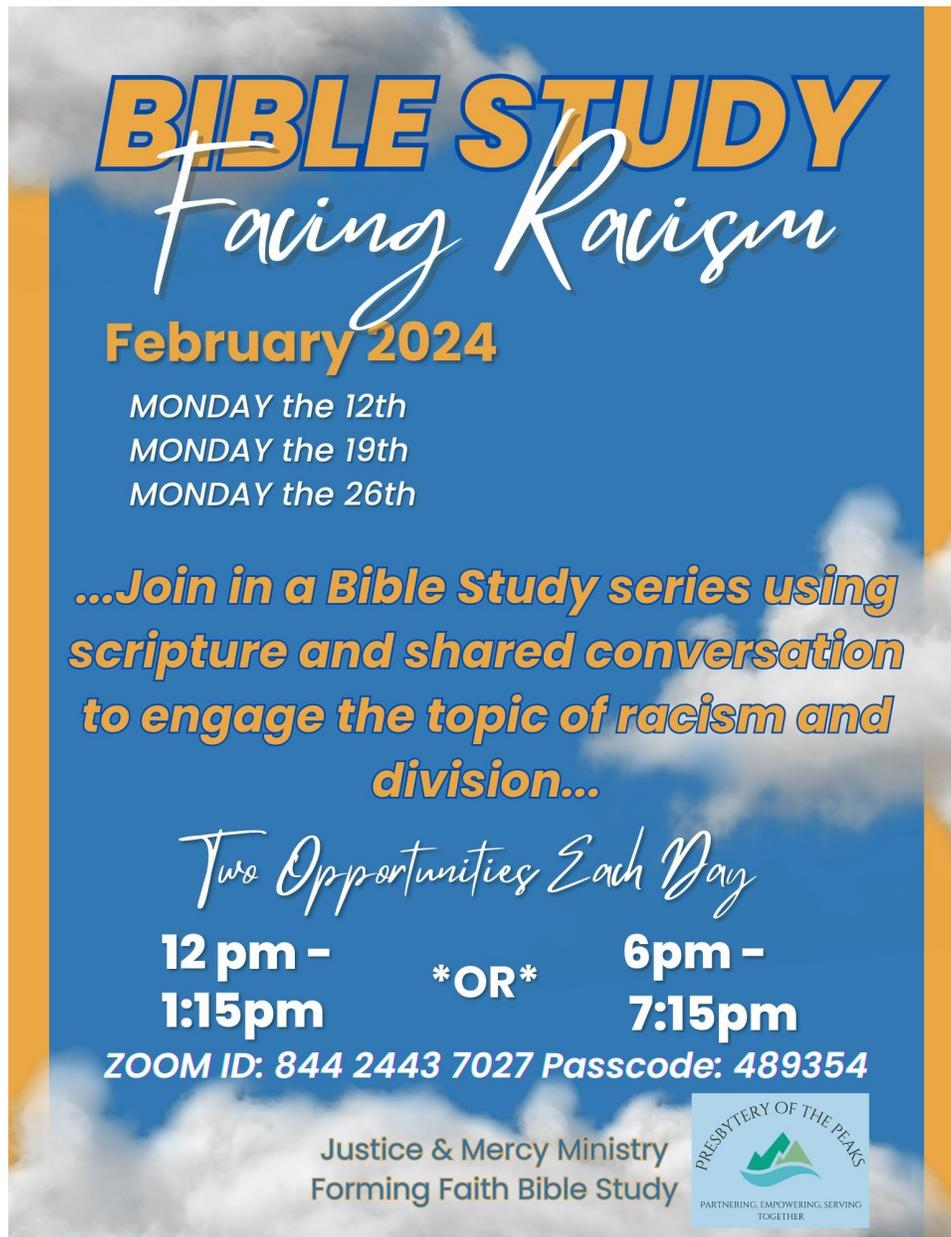
The purpose of the meal is a time of fellowship. The focus of our energy is sitting at the table with our guests. We have organized these meals so that our time away from the tables is minimal. This is why we have the meal catered. We will be asking people to sign up for one small task in addition to hosting our

guests:

- Table Host/Hostess (5) – always stay at table
- Food Servers (2) – put food on plate, including dessert
- Wait Servers (3) – serve dinner and dessert to guests
- Indicate your willingness to assist with cleanup

The committee members will be responsible for additional tasks

Please reach out to **Ron Rebman** ([540\) 842-4698](tel:5408424698) if you are interested in participating in this rewarding mission.



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!



With Deepest Sympathy



Robert Clarence Hubble

1938 - 2024



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Melissa Renz on the passing of her father, **Robert (Bob) Hubble**. Bob passed away peacefully

on Saturday, February 3. The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/search?firstName=&lastName=Hubble&dateRange=alltime>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Robert Hubble (father of Melissa Renz), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Beau Coughlen (great-grandson of N. Davis), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (B & J Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Barbara Mitchell (KJ Joyce), 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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