

January 4, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us! Happy New Year! My prayer this year is good health for all!

Thank you for a wonderful Advent and Christmas season!!! The decorations, flowers and music were spectacular. Spencer, the choir, bell choir, and soloists enlivened many services! Several of you were willing to try something different at 10:00 am on Christmas Eve, and I'm grateful for your participation. And many of you enjoyed all the Christmas traditions at 5:00. All our ushers and liturgists were stellar! And we were blessed with great attendance including visitors, the faithful, extended family, and those who returned for all the celebrations! It has been a blessed season at First Presbyterian.

Please join us Sunday for a special financial minute for mission from Billy Kirby, our Administration Chair. Our financial news is a blessing to be celebrated!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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

**Sermon By Pastor Bea**  
**based upon Isaiah 60:1-6 and Genesis 1:1-5**

**Liturgist:** Joe Williams  
**Usher/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **January**

7 Joe Williams  
14 Milt Davis  
21 Nancy Davis  
28 Jerri DeVault

### **February**

4 Joe DeVault  
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\*\*

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**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.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Church officers for the Class of 2026** will be installed on Sunday, January 7th.

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**The FPC Women's Circle Meeting is Monday, January 8th** at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Lynn Pritchett will be leading the lesson. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$11 upon arrival.

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**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. Additional details to follow.

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## ***Happy January Birthdays!***



- 7** Elena King
  - 10** Dr. James Beard
  - 16** Billy Kirby, Wendy Luther
  - 17** Grace Ann Crimmins
  - 18** Mary Elizabeth Pilson-Bazemore
  - 19** Helen Flythe
  - 21** Bonny Pace
  - 23** Milt Davis
  - 28** David Garland
  - 29** Jack Kirby, Rusty Reaser
  - 31** Mattie Wingfield
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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Bill Vaughan, Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Charles & Frances Gray (Kym Tatum's parents), Juanita Griffin (B & J Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), 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.

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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 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).

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## *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](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/images/2020\\_Peaks\\_Postings/PP\\_Aug18\\_2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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### Our Mission

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

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[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](https://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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## **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

### **Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

## **TRUSTEES**

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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