

July 11, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday, reflecting on our Presbyterian beginnings as a nation, I mentioned that our Presbyterian form of government was a model used in creating our national government. Our church session is similar to local governments. The Presbytery operates like a county government. Synods are regional geographical groupings, like state governments. And the Presbyterian General Assembly (GA) is much like our national government. GA is a representative democracy, like our nation. And GA conducts business in much the same way as the national legislature. Our 226th General Assembly wrapped up its business earlier in July. Below I have included some GA highlights and links that you may enjoy. As you delve into the work of the GA, you will quickly notice how much it has in common with our legislature ~ except at GA there are also opportunities for worship and fun. The next GA will be hosted by the Presbytery of Milwaukee in 2026.

I hope you enjoy the following links,

Pastor Bea

### **226th General Assembly is now one for the ages**

Commissioners approve two financial items of business, then celebrate their good work

Mike Ferguson | General Assembly News - July 4, 2024

## SALT LAKE CITY

Commissioners made quick work of their final agenda, turning back a process motion to reconsider [GAEC-24](#), Wednesday's disapproval of an item that would have recognized the National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches as a caucus of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Larson took a moment to point out that with [Wednesday's adoption of new Standing Rules](#), "this will be the last Assembly with Mission Advisory Delegates. We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that, to thank the Mission Advisory Delegates for advising this Assembly and for the faithful work they've done over the years."

By a count of 319-6, commissioners approved [FIN-14](#), setting per capita rates of \$10.84 for 2025 and \$11.26 for 2026. Those figures include 64 cents during each of those years for items with financial implications approved by the Assembly. By approving 14 items of business with financial implications for 2025 and 10 items for 2026, commissioners added about \$625,000 to the 2025 budget and about \$607,000 to the 2026 budget.

They also approved [FIN-13](#), the 2025-2026 unifying budget by a vote of 340-2. Ian Hall, the chief financial officer and chief operating officer of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, said revenues in 2025 are forecast to be about \$94.9 million, with expenses of about \$91.8 million.

Those anticipated figures for 2026 are revenues of about \$95 million and expenses of about \$94.4 million.

This article can be read in its entirety at

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/7/4/226th-general-assembly-is-now-one-for-the-ages/>



Please join us for **Community** worship this eighth Sunday after Pentecost at  
10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Ephesians 1:3-14 and Psalm 85:8-13

**Liturgist:** Jerri DeVault

**Ushers/Greeters:** Randy and Martha Rollins

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## Liturgist Schedule

### July

14 Jerri DeVault  
21 Joe DeVault  
28 Janet Fentress

### August

4 Cindy Edgerton  
11 **\*no liturgist needed\***  
18 Duke Ferrell  
25 Billy Kirby

### September

1 Liz Ferrell  
8 **\*no liturgist needed\***  
15 Jack Kirby  
22 Sharon Kirby  
29 Ione Linker

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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 9:30-3pm

Friday Closed

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment ([276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). Voicemail will be monitored.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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**The Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp**, sponsored by P & HCC, will run **Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, June 2-28 and July 8-19** (no camp July 1-5). They will use the fellowship hall and kitchen areas so please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

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FPC will be hosting the **American Red Cross** in the Fellowship Hall for a blood

**GIVE BLOOD**

*You can make a difference.*



**American  
Red Cross**

drive, **Monday, August 26 from 1 - 6 PM.**

Please contact Nancy Baker for additional information or to volunteer.

**Join us again this summer for**

**COMMUNITY**

**WORSHIP**

**June 9 - Grace Presbyterian @ 11 am**

218 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA

**July 14 - First Presbyterian Martinsville @ 10 am**

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville, VA

**August 11 - Forest Hills Presbyterian @ 11 am**

725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA

**September 8 - First Presbyterian Collinsville @ 11 am**

4500 King's Mountain Road. Collinsville, VA

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Light refreshments will be served  
following each service.



## Community Breakfast

**The mission/outreach team** will be the leaders for the breakfast scheduled for **Saturday, July 20th**. Please contact Ron Rebman, Joan

Montgomery, Barbara Duncan, Joe DeVault or Judy King if you are willing to cook, serve, or clean up. We need about 15 total volunteers.

Thank you to Jerri and Joe DeVault for being team leaders for the June breakfast. We filled about 100 plates. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event a success. Please consider helping with the July breakfast or come and enjoy eating with our guests.

### **Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year**

- July 20 **Mission/Outreach Committee**
  - 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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# back2school

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

### Registration

- Saturday, July 13 (noon – 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 23 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

### Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 19-21 . Shifts TBD  
(City Cluster's supplies are from Holy Trinity Lutheran)

### Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship  
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville  
Tuesday, July 30 (6:00 pm) All are welcome!  
(City Cluster back pack filling Wed. 31 at 5pm)

### The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)  
Saturday, August 3 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff  
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.

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Lemonade on the Lawn



Will be the following Sundays:

July 14

Aug 18

Sep 15

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## *Happy Birthday!*



**2** William Seamon

**4** Ben Pinkston

**5** Paul Cannaday, Samuel Smith

**12** Betty Stanley, Heidi Pinkston

**15** Dick Pilson

**17** Jerri DeVault

**18** Ashby Pinkard, Duke Ferrell

**20** Connor Wotring

**21** Sienna King

**22** Lil Wall

**23** Anne M. Lackey, Chris Beeler

**27** Laura Stevens

**28** Madison Sanders

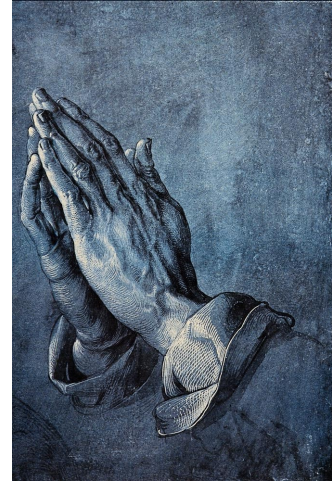
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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Heath Russell, 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:276-340-3476).

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## ***Grace Network Donations***

### **3rd quarter food donation item is Toothpaste**



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
- \*Deodorant
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Laundry Detergent

*\*Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday  
- Friday, 9-2 PM*

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## 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/)

**Church Office Phone:** [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)

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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

## **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

## **TRUSTEES**

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis  
2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg  
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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