

July 13, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Have you seen all the pictures from Sunday on our Facebook page???? If not, please take the time to look us up. The pictures are great! Rita made a large print of the group photo for my office. I can't stop looking at it and smiling.

It was indeed a blessing to worship together, to be the area Presbyterians together. It will be amazing to see what God can do in Martinsville, when we are all working together. Our first opportunity for mission will be October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00 at Grace Presbyterian for Community Resource Day. Please mark your calendar as we plan to be Presbyterian in mission together!

Our next opportunity for joint worship is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Forest Hills Presbyterians. I look forward to seeing you there.

Peace,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this seventh Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**based upon Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and Psalm 65:9-13**

**Liturgist:** Nancy Moore

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

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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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#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

10 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday and by appointment if necessary. Voicemail will be monitored.

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**We are the host site for the M-HC After 3 Summer Program** through P&HCC again this year. Students will be using the fellowship hall and kitchen areas from 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM Monday - Friday now through July 21. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

**If you have a suggestion for Elder or Trustee (Class of 2026)**, nominations are being accepted. Please submit them to the office by Monday, July 17.

**Community Breakfast, Saturday, July 15** - Billy and Sharon Kirby are team leaders. If you are able to help cook, serve, or clean up, please contact Sharon at [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709).

**Youth Meeting - Sunday, July 16** immediately following worship in the Youth Room to begin discussion on Youth in Mission. The first step is deciding on how to use our share of the Pentecost Offering to serve children in crisis within our community.

FPC will host a bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall Monday, **August 28 from 1-6**. Donors are needed.

**Directory Pictures** - Has your family changed? Kids gotten older? New family members? If you would like your Instant Church Directory picture updated, please send a suitable picture to the office. Pictures may be emailed or given to a staff member.

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**Summer Community Worship schedule:**

Aug 13 - 11:00 AM at Forest Hills Presbyterian  
Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville

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**FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE**



**The June community breakfast** was a huge success. We pulled it off even without team leaders. The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank all the devoted volunteers that cooked, served and worked overtime. We filled over 140 plates with about 60 guests eating in. We are very happy to have Shane Pinkston as a regular griddle master. It is amazing the number of eggs he can cook at one time! Thank you, Shane, for coming on board with us. Thank you again to Therese Craddock for donating eggs and Barbara Duncan for serving and entertaining. Starting in August we will be making some minor changes to time and carry out procedures.

The team leaders for **July** are Sharon and Billy Kirby. We hope you will volunteer as extra help is needed.

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**Help is Needed!** The Weekday School needs to move into rooms under the sanctuary. Hands are needed to help move the old furniture out so that these little ones can move in before the start of the school year. **Please meet at the church at 5:30 this Tuesday.** If enough of us pitch in, we can have it all done within an hour!

# back2school

*Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!"*

*For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"*

**Matthew 19:14**

It is time to celebrate the 17th year of the **back2school** outreach event that has served over 36,000 kids with the efforts of over 20+ churches across our communities and beyond!

Won't you join us in serving these students and making a difference in their lives?

For questions call Tracy Hinchcliff  
276-403-4222  
Or email

[Tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org](mailto:Tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org)

# back2school

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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

### Registration

- Saturday, July 15 (noon– 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 25 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

### Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 21-23 . Shifts TBD

### Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship  
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville  
Tuesday, August 1 (6:00 pm)

### The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)  
Saturday, August 5 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff  
[tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org](mailto:tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org) or call 276-403-4222.



First Presbyterian Church will host a bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall Monday, **August 28 from 1-6**. Donors are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nancy Baker at [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net) or (276) 638-7923.

## Liturgist Schedule

### July

16 Nancy Moore  
23 Briana Tatum  
30 Lynn Pritchett

### August

6 Joan Montgomery  
13 **\*\*no liturgist needed\*\***  
20 Kym Tatum  
27 Milt Davis

### September

3 Nancy Davis  
10 **\*\*no liturgist needed\*\***  
17 Jerri DeVault  
24 Joe DeVault

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## *July Birthdays*



2 William Seamon  
4 Ben Pinkston  
5 Paul Cannaday, Samuel Smith  
12 Betty Stanley  
12 Betty Carol Lamm, 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**

Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Ruth Decker Chaney, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Beth Sibbick (N. Moore), 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 4lb bag of sugar](#)**



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 sent to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto: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:

## 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](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: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

### 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

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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