

July 18, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Sunday was so much fun! Thank you for all you did to make it a special day: food, fellowship, clipboards and crayons, greeting, ushering, special music, flowers, picture-taking, and a great spirit of welcome! Pastor Kelvin commented that the folks riding with him really enjoy the time we are spending together. It is a blessing to come together and celebrate who we are as Presbyterians in Martinsville and Henry County.



And for those of you who want to have more fun at home ~ maybe even see what you might remember ~ here are the phrases we used during the time with young disciples:

By the Sweat of your Brow ~~ labor and hard work

Gen 3:19 ~ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.

A Man after My Own Heart ~~ a kindred spirit

Acts 13:22 ~ After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do. (Also 1 Sam 13:14)

Nothing but skin and bones ~~ extremely thin

Job 19:20 ~ I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.

Wits' end ~~ extreme worry or distress

Psalms 107: 27 ~ They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.

There's nothing new under the sun ~~ It has all been seen and done before

Ecc 1:9 ~ What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

Sign of the times ~~ underscores the current state of society – usually negative

Matt 16:3 ~ ..., 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' 'You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

Wash your hands of the matter ~~ not responsible ~ distancing from blame

Matt 27:24 ~ Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!

Peace,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this ninth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Ephesians 2:11-22 and Psalm 23

**Liturgist:** Joe DeVault

**Ushers/Greeters:** Betty Hudson and Neil Tatum

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## Liturgist Schedule

### July

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

**GIVE BLOOD**  
*You can make a difference.*



**American  
Red Cross**

FPC will be hosting the **American Red Cross** in the Fellowship Hall for a blood drive, **Monday, August 26 from 1 - 6 PM**. Please contact Nancy Baker for additional information or to volunteer.

**As a thanks for all donors who come to give blood Aug. 1-31, 2024, they'll**

**get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.**

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**Think Tank meeting scheduled for July 22 has been cancelled.**

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**Session Meeting** - Monday, July 29 at 6:00 PM

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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.

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## 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:

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

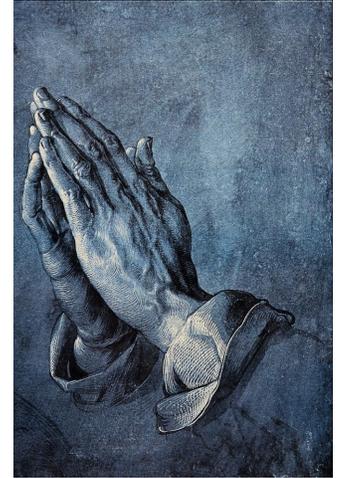
**28** Madison Sanders

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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, Regina Newman (P. Stanley), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, 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: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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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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