

July 20, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Tuesday night was a huge success. Thank you! Many hands made light work. Furniture was moved, a trailer load was taken to the dump, the VBS supplies were well cared for, and the boy scouts will have an opportunity to get their camping gear. Many thanks to all the hands that made this possible and to Joan for coordination and Dru for organization. And thank you, to all who helped with the Community Breakfast, worked outside and struggled with the door on Saturday! Thank you for showing up, working hard and caring deeply about our facility and our ministries! Y'all are the church!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship. The Think Tank has been working for four months and it is time for an update to the congregation. The Think Tank will make a presentation in the sanctuary, following worship. The presentation will **not** be part of our Facebook feed that morning. **Please join us on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship for the Think Tank update.**

Peace,

Pastor Bea

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

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**based upon Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24**

**Liturgist:** Briana Tatum

**Ushers/Greeters:** Neil Tatum, David Price

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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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**Uptown Partnership is proud to sponsor the first TGIF event in Martinsville on Friday, July 21 in memory of Rob King.** Prior to the event, we will be hosting a small dedication at 6pm with Rob's family and friends to celebrate his memory and contributions to our organization and Uptown Martinsville revitalization efforts.

Join us Uptown this Friday at one or both events to celebrate our friend Rob King.



Come join Uptown Partnership as we dedicate the Wallstreet Alleyway to Rob King and celebrate his life and legacy.

\*Light refreshments will be served\*



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**Think Tank Meeting** July 31 at 2 PM

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**Session Meeting** July 31 at 6 PM

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**Community Meal on Thursday, August 3.** Please sign up soon to serve at our Community Meal for persons living with intellectual disabilities. Contact Ron Rebman at [ronreb85@gmail.com](mailto:ronreb85@gmail.com) or [540 842-4698](tel:5408424698).

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

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**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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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Janet Fentress has agreed to be the Chair of Presbyterian Women for the coming year. Nancy Davis will continue as Historian. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023** at King's Grant. More information to follow.

**Summer Community Worship schedule:**

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

# 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

# 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 or call 276-403-4222.



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## Liturgist Schedule

### July

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

Family of Hazel Montgomery (Monty's mother), 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, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Randy Rollins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett),, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Bob Wuestefield (husband of Barbara Duncan), 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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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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