

July 3, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Happy Independence Day!

Our Presbyterian heritage has deep roots in the American Revolution. King George even called the insurrection in the Americas, "That Presbyterian Revolt."

Presbyterian churches provided sanctuary for revolutionaries while housing both meetings and supplies for the resisters. Our American forefathers, many of whom were Presbyterian, modeled the United States government, after the Presbyterian system of checks and balances as a model. And the only clergyperson to sign the Declaration of Independence was the Reverend John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian. (I once served with Witherspoon's in my congregation.)

In May of 1776, the Reverend John Witherspoon ended his sermon with this prayer for the nation:

God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable, and that the unjust attempts to destroy the one, may in the issue tend to the support and establishment of both. Amen.

May Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Mark 6:1-13 and Psalm 132

Liturgist: Pearl Minter

Usher/Greeters: Rob Rebman and Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

July

7 Pearl Minter
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

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.

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.

The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4



ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- July 20 **NEED LEADER**
 - 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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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.

Lemonade on the Lawn



Will be the following Sundays:

July 14

Aug 18

Sep 15

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

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), 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, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Heath Russell, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, 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.



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).

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*



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. For time sensitive announcements, please send to 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:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

Our Mission

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

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

Useful Links

FPC website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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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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