

July 6, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I ask that you prayerfully consider your Call to leadership at First Presbyterian. During this transitional time, it is especially important for our leadership to be caring and engaged. And all of you, everyone I know, is caring and engaged. It is time to support and encourage each other as we prepare for the work of the Think Tank and our next Called Pastor.

While all decisions rest with the Ruling Elders and Trustees, they will not be alone. There are 14 committed members of the Think Tank helping to define and support our next transitions. So, as you consider serving on the Session or the Board of Trustees, please know that you will be part of a vital team committed to our future. And while meetings take time, I promise it will be meaningful work.

This next year will be about implementing new ideas and we will begin searching for new pastoral leadership. It is an exciting time of change. And we remember from our Adaptive Change work, that while we do not fear change, we do struggle with loss. Our new future will see much change, but the losses we feel will be outweighed by the new life in our building and worship! It is time for all of us to engage in our transition to a new future! Please overwhelm the Nominations Committee with recommendations of those who will guide us in into our new life together. Our Nominations Committee is prayerfully awaiting your response.

With much prayer for our Nominations Committee and you,

Pastor Bea

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

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**based upon Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and Romans 7:15-25a**

**Liturgist:** Monty Montgomery

**Ushers/Greeters:** Ron Rebman, Joan Montgomery

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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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**July 9 After the service, Group photo** in the sanctuary of those in attendance and **Lemonade on the Lawn** outside after the photo shoot.

**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.

**Think Tank Meeting** - Monday, July 10 at 2 PM

**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:**

July 9 - 10:00 AM at First Presbyterian Martinsville

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.

# 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@gracenetworkmhc.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@gracenetworkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.



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## Liturgist Schedule

### July

9 Monty Montgomery  
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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**Gifts Given in Memory of Rob King**

Joe, Susan and Sam Smith  
Bill and Fran Hensley  
Karen Doyle  
Donald and Amy Lampe  
Jane Koumparakis  
Dean and Mary Johnson  
Carol and Greg Darnell, Benjamin Smith and Elizabeth Wotring  
Nancy Baker

**Gifts Given in Memory of Phillip Hudnall**

Joe, Susan and Sam Smith

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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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