

June 15, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Wow! Sunday at Grace Presbyterian was a spirit-filled blessing. Worship began with the song, "We Have Come Into This House." Yes, we were all together in one house, all the Presbyterians in the area. And our voices filled the House of God. But what was even better, the space was filled with conversation before worship. We knew each other. We were remembering together. We were greeting and greeted, welcoming and welcomed. Thank you! Thank you for gathering with our fellow Presbyterians! We filled many pews and enjoyed many cookies, along with grand fellowship. God is so good!

Rev. Kelvin Perry's sermon was a grand proclamation of "Love your neighbor." He preached love, reminding us that everyone who has breath is loved by God and made to be held in love by us too.

The service was filled with music: We Have Come Into This House, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Your Grace and Mercy, Jesus is All the World to Me, Oh How I love Jesus, You Can't Beat God Giving, Love Lifted Me, and of course, the Doxology. The titles of the hymns and praising God from whom all blessings flow, were almost sermon enough. Music is often the buoy that keeps our head above water, and the melody of all our worship. After all, St. Augustine said, "the one who sings prays twice."

Please mark your calendar for our next Presbyterian gathering, which we will host on Sunday, July 9th!

BTW, I feel truly blessed to be serving God with y'all. You are engaged with our church and ministry. You show up. Thirty of you attended worship at Grace! And you show up for all that the church does! Thank you for your commitment to God, each other, our church and community.

Peace,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
Based upon Genesis 18:1-15 and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Liturgist: Pearl Minter
Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman & Nancy Baker

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.

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



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.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, June 17.

Congregational Meeting, immediately after worship - Sunday, June 18 to:

- 1) Elect a nominating committee to recruit elders and trustees
- 2) Vote to increase the session size to 9 members.

Think Tank - Next meeting is Monday, June 19 at 2 PM in the session room.

June 18 & July 9 Lemonade on the lawn

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

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

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.

Community Breakfast this Saturday



The Community Breakfast is this Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and we are moving forward without Team Leaders this month. Thank you to everyone that agreed to cook or serve on Saturday. The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to invite all church family to come to the breakfast to eat and socialize with other church members and guests. We hope to see you Saturday with a smile and an appetite!

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 or [\(276\) 638-7923](tel:(276)638-7923).

Liturgist Schedule

June

18 Pearl Minter
25 Sharon Kirby

July

2 Ashby Pinkard
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

June Birthdays



- 1 Gage Lawson, Reid Lawson
- 3 Riley Wood
- 8 Shanna King
- 9 Susan Smith
- 10 Betty Hudson, Cindy Edgerton
- 12 Lt. Col. David King
- 16 Ainsley Russell
- 18 Susan Pilson
- 23 Basil Boyd, David Price
- 24 Dr. Denny Casey
- 26 Ann Reaser
- 29 Caroline Kirby



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Nancy Davis and family on the passing of Nancy's brother, **Jim Brunt**, Saturday, June 3, 2023 in Aberdeen, NC.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim Brunt Family (Nancy Davis' brother), 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, Judy King, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, David Seamon, 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.



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

The 2nd quarter food donation is canned greens (turnips, collards, etc.)

For the month of March, the food pantry at Grace Network served 121 clients which means we were quite busy most every day and a lot of food went out the door.

For this 2nd quarter, our church has been assigned greens: spinach, mixed, collards, etc. This is a popular item and we often don't have any. In this same area we could also use canned potatoes, beets and tomatoes. Most of these items are fairly inexpensive and all would be greatly appreciated.

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 church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there.
Alternatively, you may drop 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:**
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skirbycwj@gmail.com

We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor



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Our Mission

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

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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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Class of 2025

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TRUSTEES

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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