June 27, 2024



Pastor's Corner Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday, during the Time with Young Disciples, I shared phrases used in common language and asked if folks knew where the phrases were from. Of course, the answer was always the bible. Several of you have asked for the phrases and references, so here goes:

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

While Abraham Lincoln used this phrase, he got it from Jesus. It can be found in Matthew 12:25. Jesus is talking to the Pharisees after casting out demons.

A drop in the bucket

"The nations are like a drop in a bucket, they are considered as a speck of dust in the scales." Isaiah 40:15

Scapegoat

The scapegoat carries away our sins. I can't help but feel sorry for the goat. You can read about the goat's role in releasing us from the bondage of sin in Leviticus 16.

Writing is on the wall

In Daniel 5 you can read about a hand, just a hand, that comes to a royal gathering and writes on the wall.

Eat, drink, be merry

"'And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years: relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.'" Luke 12:19-20a

Escaping by the skin of your teeth, is from Job 19.

Gird your loins, is from Job 38.

And the Patience of Job....he really was not patient.

I've got tons of these. Maybe you'll hear some more soon!

Peace,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Mark 5:21-43 and Psalm 130

Liturgist: Janet Fentress

Ushers/Greeters: Monty and Joan Montgomery

Liturgist Schedule

<u>June</u>

30 Janet Fentress

July

7 Pearl Minter

14 Jerri DeVault21 Joe DeVault28 Janet Fentress

<u>August</u>

4 Cindy Edgerton
11 *no liturgist needed*

18 Duke Ferrell25 Billy Kirby

<u>September</u>

1 Liz Ferrell

8 *no liturgist needed*

15 Jack Kirby 22 Sharon Kirby 29 Ione Linker



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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). Voicemail will be monitored.

The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4



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





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

<u>Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year</u>

- 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**



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!

The Big Event

(City Cluster back pack filling Wed. 31 at 5pm)

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, 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

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

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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

Look who received a prayer shawl!



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.

Grace Network Donations

<u>2nd quarter food donation item is</u> <u>Potato products (boxed mashed, scalloped)</u>



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

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<u>www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter</u>

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FPC website:

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

FPC online directory: <u>members.instantchurchdirectory.com/</u> FPC Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA</u>

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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