

June 8, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

### Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

You may remember that Billy Kirby, chair of the Administration Team, promised to do a Minute for Mission anytime we draw money from the Endowment. We can expect to hear from Billy soon. When the budget was presented, we noted that .57 cents of every dollar comes from the Endowment. As we are now halfway through the year, a withdrawal from the Endowment is inline with expectations.

I'd like to thank you for your pledged contributions to our mission and ministry. We have received 80% of our pledges!!! Given that it is just the beginning of June, our pledged income is outstanding. Thank you. And if you would be willing to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge, thank you.

However, our expenses are almost equal to our income. Using year-to-date numbers, our income is \$171,748.00, and our expenses are \$167,675.30, as of the third week of May. The bulk of our expenses are salaries, facilities, and operating expenses. None of these expenses are out of the ordinary. And while we talked about planned roof maintenance, those expenses have not yet occurred.

We give thanks to God for our Endowment and all who contributed! Because of the Endowment we have the opportunity to pray, discern and dream with God as we seek God's way forward. Our Think Tank views these issues as adaptive challenges and we are adapting. Please be in prayer for our Think Tank, that they may help us discern God's future for First Presbyterian.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this second Sunday after Pentecost at  
**11:00 am at Grace Presbyterian Church**

Please meet at the church at 10:30 if you wish to carpool

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Just a reminder:

You will NEVER get an email or text from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.

If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than an official church email address or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!

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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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**June 11** - Worship at Grace Presbyterian (218 Fayette St, Martinsville) at 11 AM. Remember that parking is limited so we encourage you to carpool.

Your pledges can be mailed to the church office or deposited in the mail slot at the back entrance of the church.

**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. We are still in need of team leaders. Contact Judy King if you are available.

**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.

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**Summer Community Worship schedule:**

June 11 - 11:00 AM at Grace Presbyterian  
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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# 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.



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](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net) or [\(276\) 638-7923](tel:(276)638-7923).

## Liturgist Schedule

June

11 \*\*no liturgist needed\*\*

18 Pearl Minter

25 Sharon Kirby

## 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

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Katheryn (Kaky) King Lewis and Family (Judy King), Family of Rob King, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, 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, 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.



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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:2763403476).

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## ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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*

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## 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

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### 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/images/2020\\_Peaks\\_Postings/PP\\_Aug18\\_2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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#### Our Mission

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

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**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](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](https://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/)

**Church Office Phone:** [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)

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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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