

March 20, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Excitement is in bloom! 🌸 🌻

As part of a meeting of the four Martinsville-Henry County Presbyterian Churches, we have a schedule for Summer

Community Worship:

June 8 FPC Martinsville

July 13 FPC Collinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

The four congregations will also be hosting a Presbytery meeting this summer. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th and the location is First-Martinsville. This meeting will be Rev. Dr. Carl Utley's last Presbytery meeting before he retires as our General Presbyter. So while there is business to do, we will be celebrating Carl. We have three months to put this together. Volunteers are needed! Please contact me or Rita if you are ready to help.

And there is more! Please come or tune in for the Minute for Mission on Sunday. We will be doing even more together as Martinsville-Henry County Presbyterians! Go God!

The Spirit is on the move and so are we,
Pastor Bea



Please join us for the third Sunday in Lent at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Luke 13:1-9 and Psalm 63:1-8

Liturgist: Nancy Moore

Usher/Greeters: Bill and Suzan Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

March

23 Nancy Moore

30 Sharon Kirby

April

8 Billy Kirby

13 no liturgist needed - Palm Sunday in the park, followed by potluck brunch

20 Sam Smith (Easter)

27 Susan Pilson

May

4 Ashby Pinkard

11 Lynn Pritchett

18 Ron Rebman

25 Martha Rollins

June

8 Randy Rollins

15 no liturgist needed

22 Joe Williams

29 Taylor Shank

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Lunches will be held on Thursdays at 12 Noon and will include a light meal and a short devotional. These are the locations for each week:

- **March 20** at First Baptist (23 Starling Ave.); devotional by Steve Zimmerman
- **March 27** at Calvary Christian (515 Mulberry Road); devotional by Adam Herod
- **April 3** at First Presbyterian; devotional – Andrew Taminger from Holy Trinity Lutheran
- **April 10** at First Baptist East (1043 Church St.); devotional by Charles Whitfield

Session Meeting - *****Monday, March 24th at 4 PM.***** changed from March 31.

Job Opportunity: Preschool Director. First Presbyterian Church Martinsville is seeking a dedicated Preschool Director for our program serving children ages 1-4. This part-time position requires a BA/BS degree and offers a wonderful opportunity to lead and inspire young learners in a nurturing environment. Early drop-off and late pickup options are available for our families. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest detailing your qualifications to ritaofficefpc@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our church website. Join us in making a difference in the lives of our youngest members of the community!

A Celebration of Life for Bob Chapman, former Adult Music Director at FPC, will be held Saturday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 146 E. Main Street, Martinsville. Smith River Singers small group, Still Water, and other special musicians will provide music. The prelude will begin at 1:30 PM.



Dear Church Family,

As I mentioned last Sunday during the Minute for Mission, the Worship Committee is excited to try something new for months that have a **5th Sunday**. If you missed that announcement, you can find it on the church Facebook page under Live Services.

The purpose of this initiative is to showcase musical talent within our congregation during these special Sundays. As we embark on our first 5th Sunday worship experience on March 30, 2025, we hope everyone is excited and interested in this new approach!

I would love to invite anyone who would like to volunteer their time and talents to participate in the service. This is a wonderful opportunity for congregation members of all ages to share their musical gifts. I already have a few things in the works, but I'm eager to encourage broader participation from the church family.

If you or a family member would like to be part of this special service, please let me know by **Sunday, March 16, 2025**, so we can plan accordingly. If you'd like to chat about what we're doing, feel free to see me after church or reach out to me via phone or email.

Thank you all for your time, and I look forward to celebrating this special Sunday together!

Blessings,
Spencer Koger

Happy Birthday in March!!

2 Peter Marshall
6 Jerry Wood
9 Tyler Price
18 Steve Edgerton
21 Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson
22 Martha Rollins

Congregational Care and Fellowship

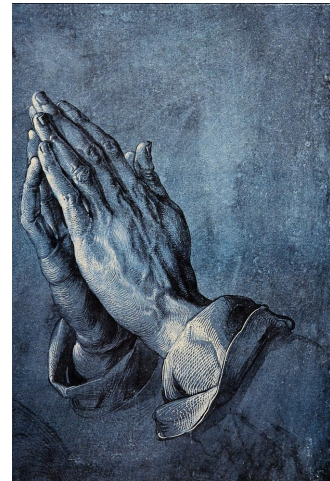
If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

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 **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Daniel Handy (Pearl Minter's son in-law), Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Family of Betty Lou Pigg, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Betty Stanley, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, C.J. Swinney (great-grandson of P. Minter), Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, wildfires in California and tornados in the south.



Grace Network Donations

**2nd quarter 2025 food donation item is
Creamed corn 15 oz**



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

**ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (any size).
These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex**

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



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Our Mission

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

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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 2026

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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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