

March 7, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

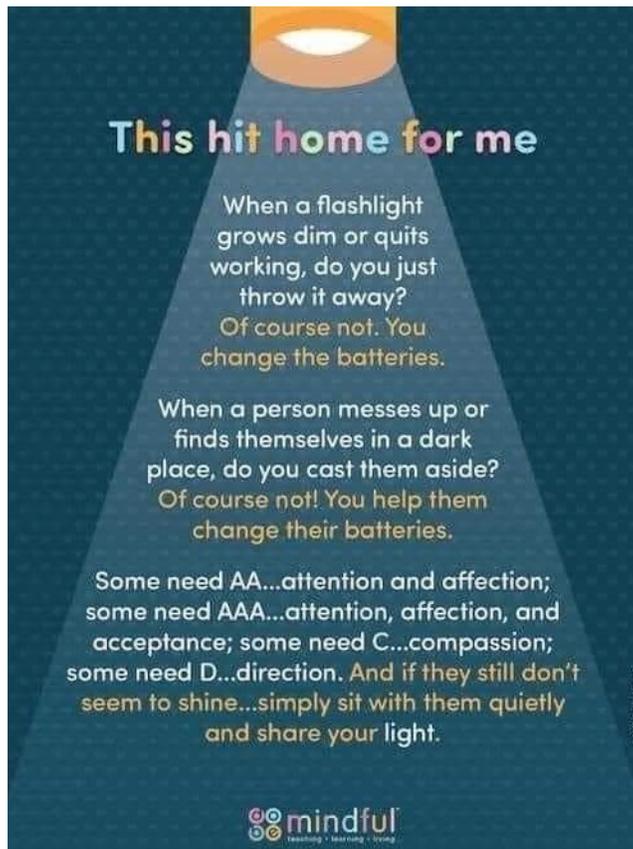
Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Monday the Presbyterian Women met to continue their study of "Sacred Encounters." And Olive, the study author, reminded us that we meet Jesus in everyday, ordinary events ~ in the hugs and smiles of life, in the times when a door is held open or an extra hand helps carry. When the Divine in any one of us meets the Divine in another; it is a sacred encounter.

At the close of the meeting, Patty showed me a graphic:



May we supply the batteries of sacred encounters for each other,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Fourth Sunday in Lent at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea Miller

based upon John 3:14-21 and Numbers 21:4-9

Liturgist: Billy Kirby
Ushers/Greeters: Betty Hudson and Neil Tatum

Liturgist Schedule

March

10 Billy Kirby

17 Jack Kirby

24 Sharon Kirby **Palm Sunday**

31 Sam Smith **Easter**

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Rise Against Hunger! We are nearing our target of 60 people registering online. People who signed up for setup should arrive by 8:50 AM. People who signed up for meal packing should check in by 9:40 AM. If you plan to help pack meals for the Rise Against Hunger event, please register online at [HTTP://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville) . Check your email confirmation from Rise Against Hunger for video links of what to expect at the event. There is also a link with more information about the Rise Against Hunger program.

Think Tank Meeting - Monday, March 18th at 2 PM in the session room.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, March 23. Team leaders are Neil and Kym Tatum.

Palm Sunday in the Park - March 24. Please park at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church across from the park and walk over or catch the bus. There will be seating for 50 people. Palm leaves will be available to everyone in attendance. **If it rains the service will be moved indoors to the Lutheran Church.** Following the service, breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall. Please leave your breakfast items in the kitchen.(ham biscuits, muffins, etc.) Coffee and juice will be provided.

[Lenten Lunch Series](#)

Every Thursday at noon during lent, congregations in our community will come together, welcoming you to our Lenten Lunch series. Join us as we gather for food and fellowship, plus a devotional message. The event is free and open to all!

- February 15: First Baptist Church of Martinsville (Libby Grammer, Devotional)
- February 22: Christ Episcopal Church (John Adams, Devotional)
- February 29: First United Methodist Church (Faith Weedling, Devotional)
- March 7: Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional)
- March 14: First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peeples of FHPC, Devotional)
- March 21: Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional)



SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024

Presbyterians RISE against HUNGER Project

At

1st Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Fellowship Hall, 10 am to Noon



Come and help pack 10,000 meals!

For those registered: Please check your email confirmation from Rise Against Hunger for the links to videos for overview of what to expect at event.

***Let's help give children hope
RISE against Hunger!***

HUNGER IMPACTS EVERYTHING

- Malnutrition accounts for nearly half of all childhood deaths
- Hope thrives alongside nutrition
- Malnutrition stunts development
- Nutrition strengthens growth
- Learning increases with stability
- 80% of meals are distributed through schools
- Parents keep their children in school when they know they are being fed

Where they work through schools:

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, India, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Somali- land, South Africa, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

Charity Navigator 4 Stars

Lenten Luncheon Help Needed

First Presbyterian will host the Lenten Service followed by lunch on **Thursday, March 14 at noon**. We will need several volunteers to help in the kitchen with cooking, set up, serving and clean up. Please see Pearl Minter or Liz Ferrell if you can help with this luncheon.



Community Breakfast

Don't forget to join us on **March 23** for our next breakfast! Captains are Neil and Kym Tatum, If you wish to help in any capacity, please contact Neil or Kym. Please see the schedule below for the remainder of the year.

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- April 20 **Sharon & Billy Kirby**

- May 18 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- June 15 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
- 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**



Guatemala Mission Trip Opportunity

We had 10 travelers ready to experience an 8 day trip - April 15 to April 22 to Guatemala but 2 travelers dropped out because of family medical problems.

April is an outstanding time to visit and travel in Guatemala. Warm weather, low humidity, and it is not the rainy season. From the Atlanta airport, it is a 3 1/2 hour flight to Guatemala City. The accommodations are very comfortable for our travelers in Guatemala.

If you are open to participate in global mission adventures, then we want to invite you to consider this trip. The cost for the 8 day trip is \$1,120 plus airfare. The presbytery can offer a \$800 stipend for first time participants in this Mission Partnership Trip.

Contact Bob Fiedler (rev.rafiedler@gmail.com) or cell [540 797-3109](tel:5407973109)) of our presbytery's CEDEPCA Mission Partnership Committee with any questions.

Happy March Birthdays!

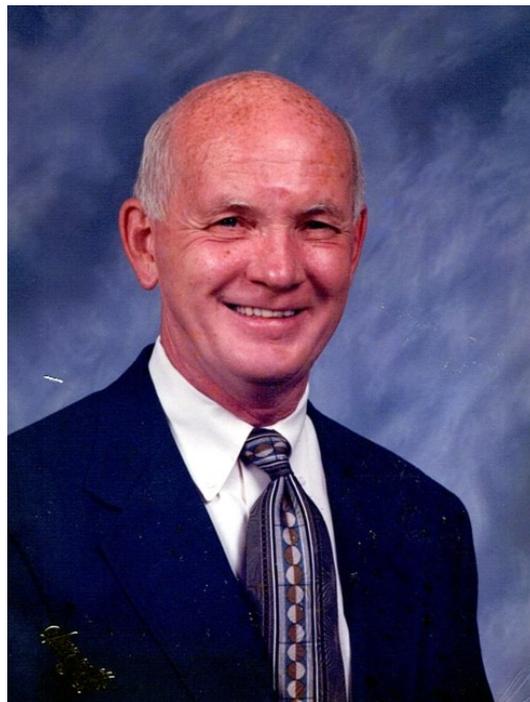
- 2** Peter Marshall
- 6** Jerry Wood
- 9** Tyler Price
- 18** Steve Edgerton



21 Emma Wilson
21 Evan Wilson
22 Martha Rollins



George W. Townsend
May 31, 1935 – March 5, 2024



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jane Townsend on the death of her husband, **George Townsend** on March 5. The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/martinsville-va/george-townsend-11696757>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of George Townsend, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel



Christman (B. Stanley), Beau Coughlen (great-grandson of M & N Davis), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, 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



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

[1st quarter food donation item is Spaghetti Sauce \(24\)](#)



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. For time sensitive announcements, please send to 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:

https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

Our Mission

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

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

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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Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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