

May 16, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Remember some of what I wrote to you last Pentecost:

Pentecost is our season. The wind and fire of the Spirit are making us and everything new. The Spirit brings the gift of what seemed impossible and unimaginable. We are in the midst of becoming the First Presbyterian family that God is calling us to be.

And Wow, look at us now. We are a strong worshipping community with great giving that has added years to our future. We are alive with the vitality of mission and ministry. Last week we read about the meals we provided through Rise Against Hunger. In the next few weeks, we will receive a report from last year's Pentecost offering. And the Community Breakfast feels like it did before the pandemic ~ friends are gathering for food and fellowship. Go Spirit of the Living God! You have fallen afresh on us in glorious ways!

As the Think Tank and Session prepare to hear reports of possibilities from a Think Tank sub-committee working on repurposing our building, may we remember all the good that God is doing. And may we follow where the Spirit leads.

May the wind and fire of the Spirit be all that moves us forward,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Day of Pentecost at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist: Ashby Pinkard

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker

Liturgist Schedule

May

19 Ashby Pinkard

26 Lynn Pritchett

June

2 Ron Rebman

9 *none*

16 Joe Williams

23 Gale Buck

30 Milt Davis

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 9:30-3pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

Summer office hours will begin the week of May 20th. Office hours will be **9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday – Thursday**. The office will be **closed on Friday**. If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment ([276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). Voicemail will be monitored.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday is our community breakfast and we are in need of volunteers to help cook, clean, serve or just spend time with our community guests. If you are available to help, please contact team leader **Suzan**

Kirby at [276 358-0075](tel:2763580075) or [276 638-2587](tel:2766382587).

Join us on Pentecost Sunday when we will recognize our **2024 Graduates Sienna King and Caroline Kirby**. Sienna graduates from Bassett HS and will attend UVA as a political science major. Caroline graduates from Magna Vista HS and will attend the University of South Carolina to major in history. Both Sienna and Caroline also received Associates in General Studies from Patrick & Henry Community College. Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** following Sunday's service and wish our graduates well.

Monday, May 20 at 3 pm - Think Tank meeting; Session Meeting at 6 pm

Monday, May 20 at 6 pm - **Session** meeting

Join us again this summer for

COMMUNITY

WORSHIP

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.

Pentecost Offering 2024



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the

needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Special Pentecost Offering envelopes will be in pews for three Sundays beginning May 12. Look for additional information in future issues of Steeple Views and the Church Bulletin starting May 12.

PENTECOST OFFERING TO BE COLLECTED SUNDAY MAY 12, 19, 26.



Community Breakfast

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

- 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**

Mission Spotlight: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our church partners with Patrick Henry Elementary School as part of our Mission: Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, and Nurture Each Other? Mission Committee members provide snacks for monthly faculty meetings as our way of supporting the teachers and staff. Joan Montgomery, Barbara Duncan, and Judy King served ice cream with all the toppings (including whipped cream!) at their last meeting of the year on May 7. Living our church Mission is put into action each month as we embrace our neighbors across the street from our church.



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

The Big Event

- 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:

May 19

June 16

July 14

Aug 18

Sep 16



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Betty Carol Lamm** on her passing, Wednesday, May 15.



A memorial service will be held at King's Grant on Saturday, May 18th at 1pm.
Norris Funeral service is handling the arrangements.

Happy May Birthdays!

- 1** Janet Fentress
- 3** Georgette "Jerry" Bishop
- 5** Amy Mason
- 8** Gavin Luther
- 10** Sandra Shank
- 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
- 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
- 17** Heath Russell
- 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank
- 20** Christal Kelly
- 22** Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
- 27** Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon
- 29** Ed Linker - **98 years young!!!!**
- 30** Ron Rebman



These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Betty Carol Lamm, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), 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, 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

[2nd quarter food donation item is Potato products \(boxed mashed, scalloped\)](#)



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*



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



For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

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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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

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

TRUSTEES

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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