November 12, 2026

Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Monty Montgomery is celebrating 50 years of service as usher extraordinaire. He quietly takes care of details that create a meaningful worship environment ~ details that few of us think about. He is steady and true, and his conscientiousness is felt in our worship.

I know I have thrown curve balls his way. (Laugh here, at the baseball humor.) But as a calm non-anxious presence, he simply asks me questions, making sure I'm not forgetting all that needs to be done. I try new things and he keeps everything from going off track. Thank you, Monty! And thanks to his patience, resilience and flexibility we have done things like returning to candles on Christmas Eve and starting our Easter service in darkness. He has been a great "sport" trying new things. (Again, sports humor.)

Rumor has it that Monty thinks 50 years is enough. But it's not. Please take time to thank him for his service, and to remind him that we need his quiet, reliable presence continuing to lead us in worship ~ even more now than ever before. Monty has been, is, and I pray will continue to be the one who orders our worship space, enhancing our worship together.

God bless Monty!

Pastor Bea

P.S. Please remind him that as long as he's playing golf, he still has the energy to light candles. And remind him that we love him and we are grateful for his service to God in our sanctuary.

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Matthew 25:14-30 and Psalm 123

Liturgist: Lynn Pritchett
Ushers/Greeters: Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan
2nd Cup: NONE - A Stewardship Luncheon will take its place

Liturgist Schedule

November
22 Martha Rollins
29 Ron Rebman

December
6 Randy Rollins
13 Taylor Shank
20 Ashby Pinkard
24 TBD
27 Gale Buck

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4 PM
Friday - 9:30 AM - 2 PM

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

Thanksgiving Schedule - The church office will be closed November 25-27. The Weekday School will be on fall break November 23-27.

BEWARE: Two members of our congregation recently received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!





This Sunday is Commitment Sunday. A Stewardship Luncheon will follow the worship service.

Community Thanksgiving Table - November 25



To register, click this link below, or go to the HYB website:
https://theharvestfoundation.jotform.com/262773861253160

Please note the following points:

1. All volunteers must register with Harvest Youth Board at the link above. (Even if you registered before with the Grace PC link.)
2. **Our event is at the venue of Albert Harris Elementary School, on November 25th.**
3. If you experience any problems with registering, or need assistance with registering, please let Kelvin Perry know as soon as possible, at kgperry1988@gmail.com.

Registration through Harvest is an important part of this process, so please go to their site to register as soon as possible.

Church Work Day - Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Help us prepare our grounds and building for the upcoming holidays.

Volunteer tasks will include cleaning the church grounds, cleaning interior walls and doors and deep cleaning the kitchen. Your help is appreciated. Reach out to Johnny Pinkard for more information.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, November 21st.

Session Meeting - Monday, November 23rd at 4:00 PM in the session room.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This year's Advent devotional is entitled ***Night Watch.*** Devotions will be emailed on the schedule below and will include a pdf. If you would like a printed copy of the entire devotion please contact the church office.

Week 1 - November 28th
Week 2 - December 3rd
Week 3 - December 12th
Week 4 - December 17th

November Birthdays

2 Colton Sanders
3 Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris
5 Neil Tatum
6 Brooke Cundiff
8 Donna Lawhon
11 Ione Linker
15 Steven Minter
18 Donna King
21 Henry Grady III Moore
27 Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
28 Norah Cundiff



These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS



Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Besty Ham, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Jennifer Holland (M & N Davis), Elizabeth Jackman (M. & D. Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Skyler Oaks (P. Minter)



Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Skyler Oaks (P. Minter), Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Rebecca Smith (P. Stanley), Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

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.

Grace Network Donations

4th Quarter Food Donation Item is Pancake Mix



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

(dozen 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, unless the Church office is closed. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday afternoon by 3 PM

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 **and text** 276 806-9709

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:

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

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