November 5, 2026

Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This Sunday, Gale Buck will share an original story that he wrote for our Stewardship season, entitled "The Tree of Life." It is a heartwarming story with a strong ending that you won't want to miss. Please tune in or better yet, come in person.

Our Stewardship season will culminate on Sunday, November 15th with a luncheon following worship. Randy gave us real numbers and much to think about in his Steeple Views article on September 10th and Minute for Mission on September 13th. Thank you, Randy. And we have all been in prayer about our Stewardship goals, both corporate and personal.

Stewardship of all that we have been given ~ time, talents, treasures ~ is a spiritual discipline based on gratitude for our many blessings. In 2 Corinthians chapter 9 we read, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

May God bless the culmination of our Stewardship season,

Pastor Bea



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

Stewardship Narrative by Gale Buck

Liturgist: Nancy Moore
Ushers/Greeters: Monty and Joan Montgomery
2nd Cup: Joe and Brenda Williams

Liturgist Schedule

November
15 Lynn Pritchett
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!





Stewardship

As of October 29th, 34 pledge cards have been submitted totaling $224,665.

On Sunday, November 8th, Gale Buck will present an original story exploring the importance and meaning of the "Tree of Life," this year's Stewardship theme. A church is planted in the shadows of a revered Dogwood Tree and a protective Oak. As the church and community grow, which becomes their "Tree of Life"? An answer explored through a narrative during service.

The new Harvest Youth Board online portal for Volunteer Registration for the Community Thanksgiving Table is now OPEN!



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.

AND - please **mark your calendar for our next All-Volunteer meeting** on **Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Grace PC**. The purpose of this meeting is for committees to meet briefly to discuss their responsibilities.

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.

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



As part of his Sophmore service project, Jack Kirby will be offering technical support in the coming weeks to any church member needing assistance with wireless phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc.

He will be available by appointment and does make house calls! Please message him at 276 734-7460 or email at **kirbyjack@carlisleschool.org** to schedule an appointment. *Please briefly summarize your issue so that he may come prepared to solve your issue!*

Harmonic Expressions from Whitney

Jesus says the Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12: 30, NIV). This comes from Deuteronomy 6: 5 NIV). According to the Bible, this is why we were created. Before anything else, we are to always worship and honor God. (See Isaiah 44: 7, Psalm 100: 2-3, Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14 to name a few). Jesus Christ also promises if we as believers and as the Church are obedient in worshipping Him, then Jesus Christ will build the Church and increase its numbers (Matthew 16: 18, 1 Corinthians 3: 6-7, Acts 2: 47, 1 Corinthians 12: 7, and Ephesians 4: 11-16).

So let us place our attention on God always being in worship of Him. Let us sing, rejoice, glorify, praise and honor Him in Church and throughout our daily lives.

A Pollinator Garden has been approved to be planted on the Sanctuary side parking lot where a tree had been removed. Since it will be in the area within the parking lot, only shorter plants will be planted.

Benefits of a Pollinator Garden ~ These special gardens normally consist of mostly native plants. Natives primarily are used because they are low

maintenance, they have stronger root systems, assist in providing the most amount of food for native pollinators, and help support our ecosystem.

These are just a few reasons. Please on the lookout for additional information. ~ Whitney

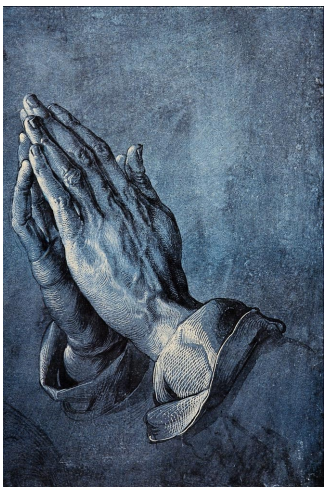
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November Birthdays

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), 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:

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

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

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA
Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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