

**November 7, 2024**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner** **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Commitment Sunday our liturgy will be your words. During our last potluck, many of you participated in our "Yes And" activity. The general idea of "Yes And" is that one person has an idea, and the next person builds on that idea. At the potluck prompts for different elements of worship were given and each person was asked to ADD their words of reflection to the prompts. Everyone's responses were collected and then distilled into our liturgy for Sunday. Please join us as we lift up the fruits of your labor in prayer and praise!

And keep those gratitude stories coming. Once again, your words will be part of our worship. On November 24th I will combine and share your gratitude stories as we all bask in the goodness that is First Presbyterian Martinsville. Please send your stories by November 10th, so I have time to compile them.

On a personal note, I was installed as the 2025 Moderator of the Presbytery of the Peaks on Halloween. (Do you think that was a trick or a treat?) I will miss seeing you on Sunday, November 17th because I will be attending the Moderators' Conference in Louisville. I'm looking forward to meeting the other Moderators from across the country.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us this twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Sermon based upon 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 119:1-8

**Liturgist:** Ron Rebman

**Ushers/Greeters:** Judy King, Montgomery

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## Liturgist Schedule

### **November**

10 Ron Rebman

17 Lynn Pritchett

24 Monty Montgomery

### **December**

1 Martha Rollins

8 Joe Williams

15 Gale Buck

22 Sam Smith

29 Joe DeVault

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**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.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wanted:** Faithful Elders to share our Lord's Supper with members who are not able to attend services. This is an opportunity to visit and share with other members by extending our Lord's Supper to all who want to be served and you may serve them any day of communion week. Training is provided for anyone interested in serving as part of First Presbyterian's Extended Table. Reach out to Nancy Davis ([276-634-1403](tel:276-634-1403) or [davistwo@comcast.net](mailto:davistwo@comcast.net)) for more information on how you can serve others through this vital ministry.

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**The Think Tank will meet Monday, November 11** at 2:00 PM in the session

room.

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**Commitment Sunday** is November 10th when we offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year.

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**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, November 16th** with team leaders Henry and Nancy Moore. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. If you are willing to help cook, serve, or clean up contact Nancy ([276-732-3400](tel:276-732-3400)). Thanks to all the volunteers that make this event a success each month.

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**A THANK YOU from the Office Manager, Rita Bateman:** I was overwhelmed by the outpour of love, encouraging words, and wonderful gifts from the congregation at FPC! As I read each card, my heart was overflowing with gratitude; some made me laugh and some made me cry. I have been blessed to serve this church for ten years; working with you and beside you and I look forward to spending more time with you if it is God's plan for me. Thanks for celebrating with me and for making me feel valued and appreciated.

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- 2** Colton Sanders
- 3** Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris
- 5** Neil Tatum
- 6** Brooke Cundiff
- 8** Donna Lawhon
- 15** Steven Minter
- 18** Donna King
- 21** Henry Grady III Moore
- 23** Sue Benfield
- 27** Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins

## **COOKS WHO CARE**



Cooks Who Care will meet in the Marge Dunn Kitchen on **Tuesday, November 12** to prepare delicious meals for our members in need. Please come join the fun at **9:00 am** to cook or **4:00 pm** to pack the meals for delivery. If you can't attend either session but would like to deliver a meal or two please contact Susan Pilson [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288). All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

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## **Community Breakfast**

### **Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year**

- November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
  - December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
  - January 18 **NEED LEADER**
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## **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).

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Teri Ferguson, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Martin Ford, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Jennifer Holland (N. Davis), Dr. Mervyn King, Marvin Hudson, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, C.J. Swinney (great-grandson of Pearl Minter), 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. Areas and families affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.



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## ***Grace Network Donations***

**4th quarter food donation item is  
Canned Fruit**



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*

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## 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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com). For time sensitive announcements, please send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

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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#### Our Mission

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

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**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](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

## **Useful Links**

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Treasurer: Henry Moore

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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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