

October 10, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Gratitude is our thankfulness for the good in our lives. Being a part of First Presbyterian is a great big good in our lives! I have heard many stories about support and care received in the turmoil of life and the joy of working together for the common good of our faith family and of Martinsville.

From now until November 10, I am collecting your stories of gratitude for our life together as First Presbyterian ~ Martinsville. Please write them down for me and send them my way. You can send an email ([rev.millerb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.millerb@gmail.com)) or put your paper in my box in Rita's office, on my desk, or in the collection plate on Sunday morning. And as my grandmother would have said, you can always put it in "my little hot hands."

My plan is to weave these stories together and share them during our worship service on Sunday, November 24th ~ the Sunday before Thanksgiving. I will not use any names, unless you explicitly give me permission.

Hearing all the wonders that have been lived together will be inspiring. I look forward to receiving your stories and to the gift of sharing them on November 24th.

Peace be with you,

Bea

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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Mark 10:17-31 and Psalm 90:12-17

**Liturgist:** Pearl Minter

**Ushers/Greeters:** Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson

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## Liturgist Schedule

**October**

13 Pearl Minter

20 Joan Montgomery

27 Monty Montgomery

**November**

3 Nancy Moore

10 Ashby Pinkard

17 Lynn Pritchett

24 Ron Rebman

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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

**Cooks Who Care is back!** Are you passionate about cooking and giving back to your community? Join the Cooks Who Care Program and make a difference in the lives of those who need it. There will be an organizational meeting **Monday, October 28, 2025, 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If you enjoy fellowship with others and can chop or slice vegetables, crack an egg, measure liquid in a measuring cup, stir, mix, bake, pack baked goods in a container or even tie a ribbon in a bow, please come join us in this fun filled event. We will create delicious and nutritious meals for our members and share our love and kindness with those in need. If you have any questions, please call or

text **Susan Pilson** ([276-340-7288](tel:276-340-7288)).

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**MISSING**

We are missing approximately 10 white tablecloths from the fellowship hall. They were last seen during our recent potluck on September 29. Please contact **Pearl Minter** ([276 340-3476](tel:276-340-3476)) with any information as to their whereabouts.

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**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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## **New College Institute Presents: Cyber Security for Seniors**



This class is free to attend! **Location: 191 Fayette Street Martinsville, VA 24112**

To Register call [276 734-7213](tel:276-734-7213) or visit <https://newcollegeinstitute.org/event/cyber-awareness-program-for-seniors-caps/>

Topics Covered:

- Identifying Scams
- Password Managers
- Virus Protection
- Identity Protection
- Banking & Financial Security

Lunch is provided, and community experts will be onsite to answer your questions!

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**Presbytery Meeting - Thursday, October 24 at** Raleigh Court PC, Roanoke. This will be an all day meeting. REGISTRATION is REQUIRED so they can plan for lunch. Registration is now open and will close October 22 at 4:00 PM

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## Community Breakfast

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

- October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
  - November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
  - December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
  - January 18 **NEED LEADER**
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- 1** Shane Pinkston
  - 5** John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker
  - 6** Jane Ford
  - 9** Cole Tatum
  - 11** Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
  - 15** Joe Smith
  - 16** Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
  - 26** Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup
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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**

Family of A. Robert Chapman (Organist/Director of Music at Broad Street Christian Church), 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, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utle, 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 Hurricane Helene.



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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*



*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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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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[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](https://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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Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2024**

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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