October 15, 2026

Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Sunday's indoor picnic was great fun! Thank you to everyone who helped move the picnic indoors. The addition of a Noah's Ark theme brought a smile to faces as we came in from the rain. It was wonderful to hang out with our brothers and sisters from Grace Presbyterian, eat good food, listen to great music, play games with the kids, and just relax and have fun! Thanks be to God for all the Presbyterian family events we have had: Rise Against Hunger, Carnival on the Grounds, Pool Party and Picnic.

And thank you for all the ways you are engaging "The Strategically Small Church." We have two more presentations to come. And if you can, take the time to read, at least, chapter one.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

Please join us for worship this twentieth day after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Matthew 22:15-22 and Psalm 96:1-9

Liturgist: Mary Linker
Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell
2nd Cup: Ione and Mary Linker

Liturgist Schedule

October
25 Pearl Minter

November
1 Joan Montgomery
8 Nancy Moore
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.

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 Update

As of September 28, we have received 16 Pledge Cards for a total of $146,890. Please feel free to reach out to Nancy Moore if you have questions or need a pledge card!

Community Breakfast - Saturday, October 17th

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Called Congregational Meeting is Sunday October 18th following worship to elect elders for the Class of 2029: Joan Montgomery as Chair of Administration, Anne Madonia, as Chair of Community Office Wing for a second term, and Lynn Pritchett, Chair of Congregational Care. Also, Jerri DeVault, Christian Education, to fill the seat vacated by Nancy Davis, class of 2028.

Presbytery Meeting - October 22nd, 2026 at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church (1837 Grandin Rd., SW, Roanoke). Registration opens at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:35 a.m. The meeting portion of the day will adjourn around 12:10 with small group discussions held from 12:15- 1:00 p.m. Lunch is not provided at the meeting.

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 can come prepared!*

Call for Volunteers! The FPC Mission Committee is participating with Grace PC and other local churches to put on a Community Thanksgiving Meal. The meal event will be on Wed. Nov 25, 1-4 pm. Go to https://forms.gle/ThBsPawUTfbcAZ5X7 to complete the volunteer form. Questions, text **Ione** (310) 951-5138

October Birthdays

1 Shane Pinkston
5 John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker
6 Jane Ford, Mary Linker
9 Cole Tatum
11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
15 Joe Smith
16 Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
26 Dwight Christenbury, Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup
28 Gwendolyn B. Sowdon

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, 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

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

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

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Class of 2026
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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship
Anne Madonia: Think Tank
Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship
Johnny Pinkard: Facilities
Judy King: Worship
Class of 2028
Ione Linker/Taylor Shank: Mission/Outreach
Nancy Davis: Christian Education

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