

October 1, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This week in our continuing series covering the book "The Strategically Small Church," Taylor Shank will talk about resilience. On Monday night the Session heard a preview of what he will share, and they are excited about hearing him on Sunday. Please plan on attending, or watching, the service. These conversations are getting us ready for the future God has planned for us!

AND in less than 2 weeks, we will gather with our larger Presbyterian family for our Fall Church Partnership picnic at Jack Dalton Park on Sunday, October 11th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Please check out the announcement right here in Steeple Views for more information!

Thank you for all the ways you are involved in our life together,

Pastor Bea





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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Exodus 20:1-17 and Psalm 19

Liturgist: Sharon Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Bill and Suzan Kirby

2nd Cup: Janet Fentress and Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

October

11 Ione Linker

18 Mary Linker

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!



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.




ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

Rita, our office manager, will be out of the office Wednesday, September 30th – Tuesday, October 6th. Contact Vickie for any general needs, or Pastor Bea for any urgent matters.

FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, October 5th at Kings Grant. Lesson 2, Connected in Christ, will be led by Gael Chaney.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, October 17th

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.



Our **Fall Church Partnership** picnic will be on Sunday October 11th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at Jack Dalton Park. Join us for food, fellowship, fun and games, and live music! Members of FPC, Grace PC, and Collinsville PC are all invited! More details to come in the weeks ahead. Questions, text **Ione** ([\(310\) 951-5138](tel:3109515138)) or **Taylor** ([\(276\) 732-9525](tel:2767329525)).

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](tel:3109515138))

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
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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 **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](tel:2763407288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, 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.



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](tel:2768069709)

We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor



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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

Useful Links

FPC website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Class of 2026

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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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