

October 24, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Minute for Mission from Administration Chair, Billy Kirby

Greetings!

I hope everyone is enjoying the crisp autumn weather. Recently, I did a minute-for-mission as part of our ongoing efforts to keep the congregation up to date on our financial picture. For those who missed it the gist of my report (minus my charming personality) was...

The last time we discussed the 2024 budget we spent some time on our income, the sources of that income and our expenses.

As a brief reminder... and speaking in round numbers...

- Our projected expenses were \$500,000.
- Pledges were projected to be roughly \$221,000
- Misc. Income (the bulk of which was ERTC) was projected to be \$109,000. ERTC is money we have been granted by the government for keeping our staff employed during the pandemic.

To balance the budget then we anticipated taking just over \$160,000 from our endowment.

So, at the end of the 3rd Quarter where do we stand? Well, I'm glad you asked.

Again, for the year we projected pledges to be \$221,000. YTD, through your generosity we have collected almost \$202,000... so \$19,000 short of goal. I want to pause here and say a big thank you!

Misc. Income – again we projected around \$109,000 almost 100% of which was that ERTC money. Well, we still have not received that yet. We knew that the process would take a long time and that has proven to be the case here.

As for the endowment... YTD we have taken \$100,000 of the projected \$160,000. I think that is exceptional given it is mid-October and we have not received the ERTC money. More on the endowment below.

Turning to expenses... At the end of Q3 our expenses totaled \$319,000. Now, in the budgeting world it is often said that it is pure folly to annualize income or expenses and one does so at their own peril...

So, I'm going to do it anyway...

If one were to annualize our expenses based on 3 quarters worth of data, our year-end expenses would total roughly \$425,000. So, about \$75,000 less than the \$500,000 we budgeted for. I probably just jinxed us and there is some seasonality in our budget so please keep up the good work.

Turning back to the endowment briefly. The next time you see a trustee be sure to thank them for their stewardship. A little more than a year ago, we had a much gloomier conversation about the long-term sustainability of the endowment given the fact that we were now balancing our budget with ever-increasing amounts from that endowment. I am happy to report that for now the increase in our investments has been greater than what we have taken out. In other words, the value of the endowment is more now than it was at the beginning of the year even though we have taken \$100,000 from it. Yay!

I would like to close by again saying thank you to each and every one of you. It has taken a team effort but I can say that the administration committee and Session feel more confident than we did a year ago at this time... and that is a testament to all of you. Thank you!



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Mark 10:46-52 and Psalm 126

Liturgist: Ashby Pinkard

Ushers/Greeters: Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

Liturgist Schedule

October

27 Ashby Pinkard

November

3 Nancy Moore

10 Ron Rebman

17 Lynn Pritchett

24 Monty Montgomery

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**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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm
Friday 9:30am - 2pm



The Presbytery meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled. More information will be provided via email to those that registered for the meeting.

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:2763407288)).



We are missing approximately 10 white tablecloths from the fellowship hall. **They were last seen during a reception we had in April.** Please contact Pearl Minter ([276 340-3476](tel:2763403476)) with any information as to their whereabouts.

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) for more information on how you can serve others through this vital ministry.

RESCHEDULED! Facilities Fall Clean-Up Day - Saturday, October

26th from 8:00 AM to Noon. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex listing various needs.

The memorial service for A. Robert Chapman, former music director and organist at Broad Street Christian Church, is **Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 AM at Broad Street Christian**. Read the full obituary

here: <https://www.bassettfuneralservice.com/obituary/a-chapman>

Covered dish lunch - Sunday, October 27th after the worship service with a follow up regarding the congregational identity.

Session Meeting, Monday, October 28 at 6:00 PM

To support the Presbytery flood disaster relief efforts you may send a check to Presbytery of the Peaks and designate your gift to DR000169. Checks may be placed in with the offering and we will get them to the Presbytery office for you.

PW Circle Meeting is Monday, November 4th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Gael Chaney will be leading lesson 3. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

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



Community Breakfast Update

First Presbyterian Church was "overflowing with gratitude" this past Saturday. If you were not present, try to use your imagination and picture nine tables filled with people enjoying delicious food and being entertained by the sound of bagpipes and the

sounds of gospel being sang and played on guitar. There were volunteers cooking, preparing, and serving eggs, sausage and gravy, pancakes, biscuits, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. This was the setting for 85 people being served in the hall and about 70 to go plates.

Gratitude can be expressed in many ways. Let us share some gratitude:

1. Thank you to Kroger's for having 10 boxes of sausage
2. Thank you to Aldi for having 25 dozen eggs, fresh fruit, orange juice, chocolate milk, and biscuits
3. Thank you to Sharon Kirby for giving her time as team leader and keeping the kitchen organized. Thank you to Barbara Duncan and Nancy Moore for helping set up on Friday (this is a great help). Thank you to Barbara Tatum for rolling silverware ahead of time. Thank you to Barbara Duncan and Gale Buck for providing entertainment. Thank you to Pearl Minter for picking up supplies at Sam's.
4. Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up early Saturday with a smile and desire to serve others. It was truly a team effort.
5. Thank you to God for always providing our needs.

How can this abundance be shared with people in less fortunate countries? Stay tuned until next month.

The Mission/Outreach Team

Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year

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



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).

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, 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.



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**. For time sensitive announcements, please send to skirbycwj@gmail.com

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



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

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

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Anne Madonia: Think Tank

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2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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