

October 29, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Wow! Thanks be to God for our Session and all their work in presenting "The Strategically Small Church." We were blessed to hear that our church is reflecting an abundance of ministry in ways that are authentic ..., intergenerational and life giving. After the new year, the Session will continue working to discern God's vision for our future together. Please keep them and our whole church in prayer as we seek the road that God has already placed before us.

When you have a moment, please look in the Columbarium. The Columbarium Committee was formed (Anne Madonia, Liz Ferrell, Whitney Melton, Johnny Pickard) and has been hard at work. The complete bloom of all that they are doing will be evident in the spring, but the transformation is already well underway. Thank you, Columbarium Committee!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable All Hallows' Eve before we gather for All Saints' Day on Sunday.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea





Please join us for worship this twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based on 1 John 3:1-3 and Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Liturgist: Joan Montgomery

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

2nd Cup: Gale and Christy Buck

Liturgist Schedule

November

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

As of October 27th, 34 pledge cards have been submitted totaling \$224,665.

In the Book of Revelations, the location of New Jerusalem will be marked with a Tree of Life. This single tree produces fruit of the season every month of the

year. Stewardship is using the "Tree of Life" as its theme this year. **On November 8th, Gale Buck will present a narrative** exploring what might be a "Tree of Life" which you can enjoy today.

FPC Circle Meeting - Monday, November 2nd, 11 AM at King's Grant. Lesson 3 will be led by Cindy Edgerton.

The new Harvest Youth Board online portal for Volunteer Registration for the Community Thanksgiving Table is now OPEN!



To register, click this link below, or go to the HYB website:

<https://theharvestfoundation.jotform.com/262773861253160>

Please note the following points:

1. All volunteers must register with Harvest Youth Board at the link above. (Even if you registered before with the Grace PC link.)
2. Our event is at the venue of Albert Harris Elementary School, on November 25th.
3. If you experience any problems with registering, or need assistance with registering, please let Kelvin Perry know as soon as possible, at kgperry1988@gmail.com.

Registration through Harvest is an important part of this process, so please go to their site to register as soon as possible.

AND - please **mark your calendar for our next All-Volunteer meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Grace PC.** The purpose of this meeting is for committees to meet briefly to discuss their responsibilities.



As part of his Sophomore 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](tel:2767347460) or email at kirbyjack@carliseschool.org to schedule an appointment. *Please briefly summarize your issue so that he may come prepared to solve your issue!*

November Birthdays

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



These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Besty Ham, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Jennifer Holland (M & N Davis), Elizabeth Jackman (M. & D. Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Skyler Oaks (P. Minter), 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](tel:2763407288).

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

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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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship

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