

October 3, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

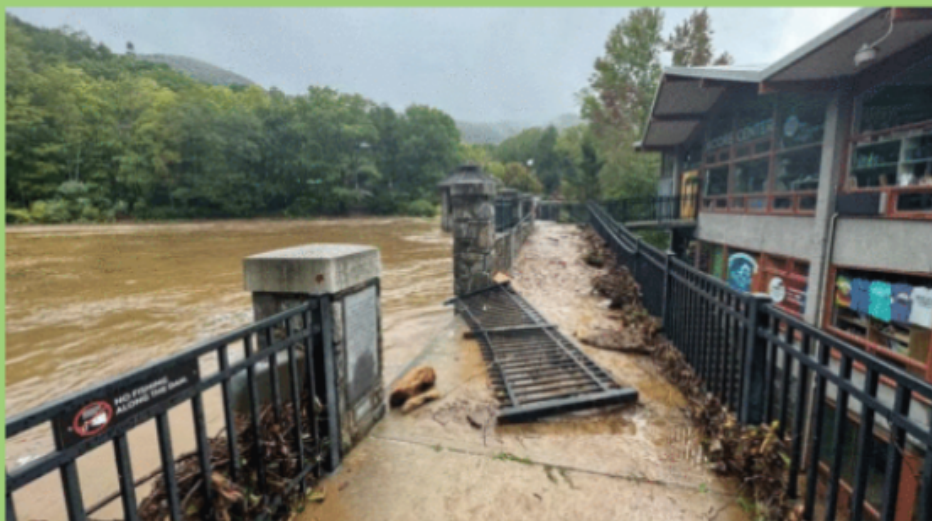
Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

The picture below is from Montreat and following is an update:

On Friday, September 27, Lake Susan and Flat Creek swelled to historic levels following heavy rainfall brought on by Hurricane Helene. High water levels caused catastrophic flooding throughout the town of Montreat. In addition, high winds brought down trees and power lines, contributing to widespread outages of power and water. At this time, communication with staff and guests who remain onsite is limited due to regional phone outages. We can, however, report that everyone on site is safe, and that conference center buildings and structures, including the Lake Susan Dam, remain intact. There is currently no timeline for restoration of power, water, or other infrastructure. As such, all conferences and retreats are postponed until further notice. Montreat staff will be in touch with group leaders in the coming days as we are able. Communications in and out of Montreat are difficult at this time. Montreat guests and residents are urged to continue sheltering in place until roadways are deemed safe for travel. Many bridges and roadways within town limits and beyond have sustained extensive damage and may be compromised.

If you would like to make a donation, make checks out to **Presbytery of the Peaks**, put in the offering plate and we will forward them to the Presbytery office.



Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26th as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement. PDA is in communication with affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. We have approved several initial assistance grant requests and are anticipating additional requests from affected presbyteries to help respond to needs in their communities. Please join us in praying for everyone affected by Hurricane Helene.

To support our response, designate gifts to DR000169

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Please join us this twentieth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Genesis 2:185-24 and Psalm 8

Liturgist: Sharon Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

October

6 Sharon Kirby

13 Pearl Minter

20 Joan Montgomery

27 Monty Montgomery

November

3 Nancy Moore

10 Ashby Pinkard

17 Lynn Pritchett

24 Ron Rebman

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

PW Circle Meeting - Monday, October 7th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Joan Montgomery will be leading lesson 2. 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.

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!



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).

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), Family of Drema Austin, Brooke Cundiff and family on the passing of Brooke's stepfather, 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 Hurricane Helene.



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

Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

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

Our Mission

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

Printed copies of Steeple Views are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

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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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