

October 12, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Sunday will be an exciting day! On Sunday morning we will receive new members into our faith family. And after worship we can get to know our new members during Lemonade on the Lawn. Please plan to attend Sunday so you can help us welcome those who are joining: Gale and Christy Buck, Barbara Duncan and Bob Wuetefeld, and Randy and Martha Rollins. All their contact information is already in the online church directory.

On Monday we will have a Think Tank meeting and a Session planning retreat. This coming year will be filled with meaningful, transformative work as we look to our future. So please keep both events in your prayers.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

P.S.

Some of you have been asking about Doug. He has been doing all kinds of motorcycle stuff, including a camping trip. But also remember, coming to church with me is a four-and-a-half-hour commitment, at least. And he must get up early too. I'm always surprised when he makes the trip.



Please join us for worship this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea based upon Philippians 4:1-9 and Psalm 23

Liturgist: Janet Fentress

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

October

15 Janet Fentress

22 Liz Ferrell

29 Billy Kirby

November

5 Jack Kirby

12 Sharon Kirby

19 Pearl Minter

26 Joan Montgomery

December

3 Monty Montgomery

10 Nancy Moore

17 Ashby Pinkard

24 Sam Smith

31 Lynn Pritchett

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 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

Voicemail will be monitored.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Justice and Mercy Commission of the Peaks Presbytery is pleased to offer a learning workshop entitled "Let's Talk About It: Facing Racism." Using biblical scripture and engaging dialogue, the workshop is designed to facilitate introductory conversations on the topic of systemic racism while empowering clergy and lay leaders to spread the "good news" of community to the broader Church. **The workshop is Saturday, October 14 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) at Grace Presbyterian Church (218 Fayette St., Martinsville).** For more information and to register go

to <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/facing-racism-workshop-southside-neighborhood/>

Think Tank meeting - Monday, October 16 at 2:00 PM .

Officer Training for active session members and elders elect will be **October 16 at 5:30 PM.**

October 22 is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service.

We will be hosting a dinner on Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for people living with developmental disabilities. Our guests are residents from three group homes in our community. We have received generous contributions to support this effort. The meal will have limited seating to include our guests and those willing to serve our guests. If you would like to participate, please see Joan Montgomery in the Narthex after worship.



Community Breakfast

Breakfast is Saturday, **October 21**. Team leaders are Sharon and Billy Kirby. If you are able to help cook, serve or fellowship, please contact Sharon at [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709) or skirbycwj@gmail.com.

Breakfast is served from **from 8 am - 9:30.**



GRACE NETWORK PUMPKIN PATCH

Please consider serving by manning the patch for a shift or a day.

Please call Tracy Hinchcliff to schedule your day or shift ([276-403-4222](tel:276-403-4222)).

Happy October Birthdays!



- 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
- 19** Mike Ware
- 23** Nancy Brown
- 26** Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Edgerton, Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, 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.

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).

Grace Network Donations

[4th quarter food donation item is Jelly \(28-32oz\)](#)



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products
- *Toilet Paper
- *Deodorant
- *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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https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

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

TRUSTEES

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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