

October 19, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

In a few days we will celebrate Laity Sunday. Please come and support Duke Ferrell, our preacher for the day. And Liz will be the liturgist, so it is all in the family. I am looking forward to the blessing of worshipping with you.

Next Sunday (October 29th) will be our All-Saints service. We will call the roll and incorporate many elements of a Service for Wholeness ~ much like we did last year. Once again, we will have an opportunity to give our grief and concerns to God. We will have the special paper that dissolves in water and when we write our concerns on the paper and allow it to dissolve in the water of creation, God will recreate all that we release ~ giving us and the world new life. Rituals like this and the blessing of our hands, renew us in life and service.

On November , 1st I will return to Sacred Heart Monastery for a week of renewal with the Sisters and the cohort of 16 female pastors that have been part of this semi-annual gathering. I will come back renewed and ready for all the ways God is leading us into our future. While I'm away Rev. John Wiederholt will lead worship on November 5th. Many of you remember that John was once an Interim here too.

And stewardship season is upon us. Please keep an eye of anticipation on your mailbox, for our annual stewardship letter.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

P.S. Dear Presbyterian Women's Circle, If you have not already done so, please bring a note for Olive ~ the author of our study. I will see her on Nov. 1. I'll be here to pick-up your notes, until Oct. 31. Thanks so much!!



Please join us for worship this Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00
AM

Laity Sunday

Message by Duke Ferrell

based upon 1 Peter 4:10-11 and Psalm 24

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Ushers/Greeters: Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

Welcome New Members!



Liturgist Schedule

October

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

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.

All Saints' Sunday - next week, October 29

Session Meeting - Monday, October 30 at 6 PM

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 **Ron Rebman** 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:276-806-9709) 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

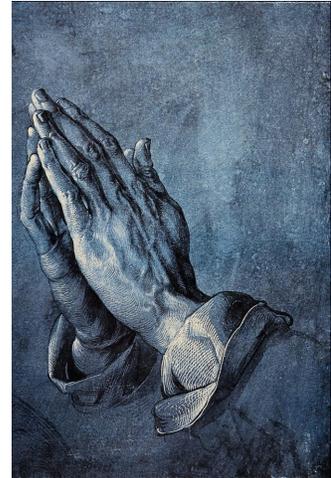


- 15** Joe Smith
- 16** Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
- 19** Mike Ware
- 23** Nancy Brown
- 26** Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Steve Edgerton, 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, Larry Stanley (P. Stanley's brother in-law), 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

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/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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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

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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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