

October 26, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

By now you should have received our session's excellent stewardship letter. We have a strong session planning our future. Thanks be to God!

And we are blessed with a strong, solid core of people who are engaged and committed to our future by giving of their time, talents, prayers, and treasures. Thank you! We are, also, fortunate to have members who care for our future with prayer and other gifts both locally and from a distance. Thank you! We are richly blessed, and scripture reminds us that, like Abraham, we are blessed to be a blessing to each other and to our community.

Stewardship -- all the ways we support the work of our church -- is thanking God from whom all blessings flow. We give only what we have been blessed to receive. We give our very lives to God through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.

Thanks be to God for our 2023 pledge income, of \$176,970, which increased from 2022! And this year's giving has exceeded pledges! Go God!

Our session has a goal of raising \$250,000 in pledges for 2024! We believe that reaching our goal of \$250,000 in pledged income is attainable. Whether you have been consistently faithful in your giving or you have fallen out of the habit of giving, we ask that each of you take the time to prayerfully and joyfully consider God's blessings to you and the commitment you are led to make to God's church and our life together. And for those who are not normally here on

Sunday, please consider sending your financial offerings in by mail or with a friend ~ and if you are able, please worship with us in person. It takes all of us to be God's church! We are blessed to be together in mission and ministry with God on Patrick Henry Avenue!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea based upon 1 John 3:1-3**

**Liturgist:** Billy Kirby

**Ushers/Greeters:** Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### October

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

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**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.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

Voicemail will be monitored.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** & UPCOMING EVENTS

## All Saints' Sunday - October 29

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**Session Meeting** - Monday, October 30 at 6 PM

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**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.

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**Commitment Sunday is November 19** when we offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year. **A potluck will follow the service** so please bring your favorite dish to share and join us for food and fellowship.

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## Community Breakfast Update

The best description of the October breakfast is "WOW". It was a blessing to see the fellowship full of guests enjoying a delicious breakfast and socializing with their neighbors. We served over 140 plates. Thank you to Sharon and Billy Kirby for being team leaders and switching months, Milt Davis and Johnny

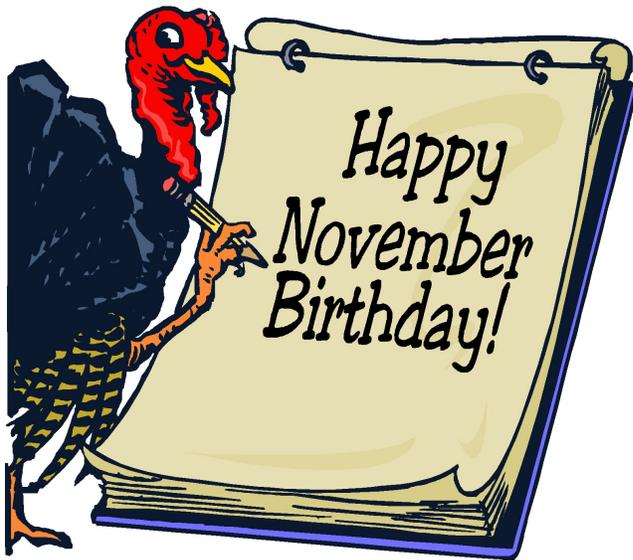


Pinkard for cooking 300 sausage patties, Shane Pinkston for cooking approximately 300 eggs, Bill Kirby for flipping pancakes, Ashby Pritchett for managing biscuits and gravy, Pearl Minter, Lynn Pritchett and Suzan Kirby for cutting up all the fruit and serving.

Thank you Ron Rebman and Ashby Pritchett for working the fellowship hall, serving the beverages, keeping silverware on the tables and talking to the guests. A special thanks to Barbara Duncan for entertaining with her guitar and singing. The word is out that **First Presbyterian Church** is a safe and inviting place to be the third Saturday of each month.



## ***Happy November Birthdays!***



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

*Our Deepest Sympathy*

*October 23, 1928 - October 20, 2023*



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Nancy Brown**.  
Nancy passed away on Friday, October 20.  
Arrangements are pending.

The obituary can be found at <https://www.norrisfuneral.com/obituaries/Nancy-Mabes-Brown?obId=29642808#/celebrationWall>

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**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.



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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).

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## ***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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com). For time sensitive announcements, please send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

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

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*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](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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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](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

### **Useful Links**

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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### **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

### **Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

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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