

September 26, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Even as the rain feels dreary, we have blessing upon blessing. On Sunday we rejoiced that we too are Baptized as we celebrated with Leo and his family. This coming Sunday we will celebrate those who have agreed to serve on the Session and the Board of Trustees. And then, we will gather to embrace the picture that your words have been painting of who we are ~ as the answers to our four questions are revealed. It is a blessing to worship, serve, and reflect on our identity and mission as God's people. I'm excited for all that is ahead for us.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Bea

Mark your calendar for the big reveal during our potluck lunch after worship on Sunday, September 29th.





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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon James 5:13-20 and Psalm 19:7-14

Liturgist: Jack Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Randy and Martha Rollins

Liturgist Schedule

September

29 Jack Kirby

October

6 Sharon Kirby

13 Pearl Minter

20 Joan Montgomery

27 Monty Montgomery

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



THE SEPT 28TH Fall Cleanup Day IS CANCELLED. A reschedule date will be announced soon.

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.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, September 29, following the worship service, to elect officers for the Class of 2027.

Potluck Lunch - Sunday, September 29 following the congregational meeting where we will discuss responses to questions from Good Futures.

Session Meeting - Monday, September 30th

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

The fellowship hall this past Saturday was filled with hungry guests enjoying a delicious breakfast. We served about 70 plates in house and 72 to go plates. The kitchen team was hustling as we were a little short on volunteers but we were ready to start serving at 8:00.





Thank you to Brooke and Chuck Cundiff, team leaders, and all the volunteers, for another successful breakfast. Thank you to Louise Lindsey from Forest Hills Presbyterian for joining and lending a helpful hand and indicating desire to help every month. Thank you to Barbara Tatum for rolling silverware ahead of time. Thank you to Ron Rebman for inviting Vicar Andy from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to observe this outreach mission. This is such a worthwhile mission that it draws those that are not church members to help and we truly appreciate Jamie Walker, Bill Moorfield and Valinda Dyer. This mission touches everyone involved in a special, spiritual way and God continues to provide. Many people left First Presbyterian Church Saturday morning with a huge smile while saying "Thank you".

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**



- 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

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 Beal

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 Drema Austin, Brooke Cundiff and family on the passing of Brooke's stepfather, Family of Brad (Amanda) Russell, 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.



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*



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



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

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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 2025

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Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

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