

August 31, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

It has been a wonder-filled year! As of Monday, I have been among you for a year, so I'd like to take a moment to celebrate **SOME** of what we have done together:

- Adaptive Change Workshop and Purpose Labs
- Hired Vickie as our new bookkeeper
- Celebrated all that is important and joyful about being First Presbyterian
- Talked openly and honestly about our financial issues
- Introduced *Glory to God* hymnals
- All-Saints service of wholeness as we gave all we are grieving to God, allowing it to dissolve before our eyes
- Enjoyed an adventure in Narnia with chili and popcorn
- Purchased a church cell phone to support the congregation
- Became Kintsugi ~ allowing God's light to shine, as the adhesive bond transforming our broken pieces into wholeness
- Participated in a Budget Forum
- Heard Sam's first sermon
- Formed a Think Tank and heard their first update
- Participated in three Presbyterian Community Worship services with three other area congregations ~ we have one more to go
- And much, much more: worship, time with young disciples, special music, Advent Tunes at Noon, organ repairs, Community Breakfast, provided lunch and snacks for Patrick Henry Elementary teachers and supported their food pantry, Maundy Thursday pot-luck and worship, moving the

Weekday School and play ground, etc., etc., etc.

Thank you for being you, for caring about First Presbyterian, for showing up, for being heard and for listening, for taking care of each other and of me, for living into God's future for First Presbyterian, and for being God's people!! I'm grateful to have been among you! And I'm grateful that this week your Session signed me up for another year!

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost at **10:00 am**

Sermon by Pastor Bea

**based upon Exodus 3:1-15 and Romans 12:9-21**

**Liturgist:** Nancy Davis

**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

September

3 Nancy Davis

10 **\*\*no liturgist needed\*\***

17 Jerri DeVault

24 Joe DeVault

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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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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

10 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday and by appointment if necessary.  
Voicemail will be monitored.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The church office** will be closed Monday, September 4 to observe Labor Day.

**The Weekday School** will be back in session on Tuesday, September 5  
**NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN** - Please remember that the ENTRANCE and EXIT has changed for the preschool. You will see signs to indicate each. Stay safe and watch for children.

**September 11 - 2 PM** Think Tank Meeting

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**Directory Pictures** - Has your family changed? Kids gotten older? New family members? If you would like your Instant Church Directory picture updated, please send a suitable picture to the office. Pictures may be emailed or given to a staff member.

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### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Janet Fentress has agreed to be the Chair of Presbyterian Women for the coming year. Nancy Davis will continue as Historian. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023** at King's Grant. Please meet in the private dining room. If you would like to eat lunch, please pay at the front desk when you check in. The cost is \$11.

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**Summer Community Worship schedule:**  
Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville

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### **Community Breakfast Update**

The Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank Suzan and Bill Kirby for being team leaders this month. Our numbers were down slightly due to limiting To Go Plates but there was so much positive, spiritual energy in the kitchen and fellowship hall. It was great having Barbara Duncan back entertaining the guests. Thank you to all the volunteers for another successful month. Thank you to Joe Devault for getting new signs with correct time and having the banner redone.



Let us explain the To Go Plate situation. To Go Plates were started during covid when no guests were allowed to eat in house and all meals were to go only. Now we are encouraging our guests to eat in the fellowship hall and enjoy socializing with us and their fellow neighbors.

Thank you to Brook and Chuck Cundiff for agreeing to take Rob and Shanna's place for September. Please give Brook a call and volunteer for Saturday, September 16. It takes a village to prepare and serve over 100 breakfast plates.

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### **GRACE NETWORK PUMPKIN PATCH**

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

**First Presbyterian will work on Sunday October 1 from 1-5.** The workers that afternoon will be Milt and Nancy, Monty and Joan, Joe and Jerri and Johnny and Ashby.

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

The pumpkins will arrive on **Friday, September 22 at 4pm** and if you have a youth or young adult team that would like to help unload, just let Tracy know.

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### **August Birthdays**

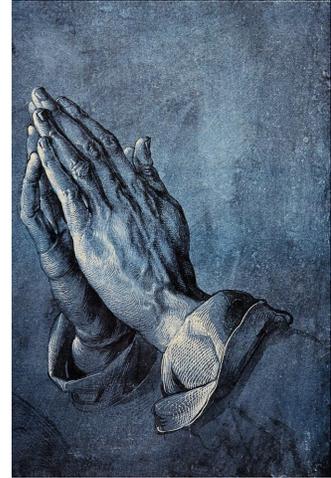
- 1** Monty Montgomery, Virginia R. King
- 4** Nancy Davis
- 8** Suzan Kirby
- 10** Autumn Sanders
- 11** Victoria Esarey
- 15** Gwendolyn Seamon, Langhorne Mauck
- 16** Judy King
- 20** Jean Williams
- 25** Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Connie Anderson, Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Ruth Decker Chaney, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), 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, Randy Rollins, 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, Bob Wuestefeld (husband of Barbara Duncan), 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**

**3rd quarter food donation item is 4lb bag of sugar**



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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#### Our Mission

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

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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/)

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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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