

September 14, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for a wonderful Sunday at First Presbyterian, Collinsville. It was great to see so many of us in the gathering of area Presbyterians! Please send me a note (rev.millerb@gmail.com) with your reflections about our summer community worship services. I'll share your comments (without names) with the other pastors as we make plans for the future.

On Sunday we will elect the class of 2026 for both the Session and the Trustees. Unless the slate is amended during the congregational meeting, we will elect the following:

Trustees: Sharon Kirby and Dru Rothrock

Session: Billy Kirby, Anne Madonia, Susan Pilson

Sharon, Dru, Billy, Anne and Susan we are grateful for your willingness to serve and look forward to your leadership.

This next year will be an exciting time of change. From our Adaptive Change workshop days, we remember that we do not fear change; what we fear is loss. Our Session, Trustees, and Think Tank will work to ensure that any losses we feel are outweighed by the new life that comes to our building, worship and fellowship. We are living into the new life that Jesus promises every day!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Matthew 18:21-35 and Psalm 103:1-13

Liturgist: Jerri DeVault

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Betty Hudson

****Sunday - Congregational Meeting** to elect officers for the Class of 2026. The nominees for elder are Susan Pilson, Billy Kirby and Anne Madonia and for trustee Sharon Kirby and Dru Rothrock.**

Liturgist Schedule

September

17 Jerri DeVault

24 Duke Ferrell

October

1 Joe DeVault

8 Cindy Edgerton

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

A red rectangular graphic with a yellow banner in the top left corner that says "Be Aware!". The main text is white and reads "Protect yourself from scammers!". Below this, there are two paragraphs of white text: "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." and "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

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting **September 17** following worship to elect officers for Class of 2026

September 17 - Handbell program at 3:00 PM, First United Methodist Church

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/>

Community Breakfast



Saturday, September 16

Our Team leaders for the September breakfast are Brook and Chuck Cundiff. We are serving from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. If you are able to cook, serve, or clean, Please Call **Brook** at [276-340-6124](tel:276-340-6124) or **Chuck** at [276-340-6129](tel:276-340-6129) if you are available to help.

A grateful thank you to Brook and Chuck for agreeing to fill in this month as team leaders for Rob and Shanna.



Right now, we face a [national blood shortage](#). Fewer donors than needed have given blood this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals.

[Come to give your first blood donation by Sept. 30 and get a \\$20 e-gift card to the merchant of your choice.*](#) Consider it a small token of the unending gratitude that patients have for donors like you.

By donating for the first time, you can begin your incredible legacy of compassion and make a lasting difference for those in need. **Can patients count on you?**

P.S. Come [give blood Sept. 1-18 and get a NEW American Red Cross T-shirt](#), while supplies last.



Handbell Program

Please join us this Sunday, September 17 for a delightful program by The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble. **They will be performing at 3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church.**



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.

Happy September 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

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), 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, 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

[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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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

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 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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