

September 21, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Breaking News!!! Get your calendar ready! This whole letter is filled with details for upcoming events:

Community Day at Grace Presbyterian is Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The street in front of Grace Presbyterian will be blocked. Local residents will be able to come pick up food boxes, clothes and receive a free meal during the event.

Grace Presbyterian has team leaders for all the volunteer activities, but they need extra hands to help. The volunteer shifts are 9:30 am – 11:30 am and 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Grace will need volunteers to help with the food bank, clothing give away, hot dog and drink station, and bouncy house. Please contact Rev. Kelvin Perry (kgperry1988@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer. Let him know which area you'd like to help with and the shift time you'd prefer to work.

Do you have clothes that are gathering dust in your closet? We are collecting clothes for the clothing give away during Community Day at Grace. Bring your ~ extra, wrong size, just don't wear any more ~ clothes to the back door stairs at First Presbyterian. If you have boxes or bags of clothes, place them under the stairs. If you have hanging clothes, you can hang them on the hanging rack at the back door. Please bring everything you want to donate

by **Sunday, October 1st**, and we will take the clothes to Grace.

After a great summer of worship, the area Presbyterian clergy have decided to do it again! During the Summer of 2024 from June through September, on the second Sunday of each month, we will gather together as area Presbyterians for worship and fellowship with light refreshments. And for these gatherings we will have name tags available.

In addition to our summer worship, we are planning a joint mid-day Ash Wednesday service, with food and fellowship following worship. Rev. John Wiederholt is taking the lead in planning this event, so we know it will be wonderful!

The area clergy have also covenanted to inform the other congregations when there are activities that can include all of us. We will advertise and participate in events at all four churches.

Thank you for all the comments and suggestions about this first year of Community Worship. The pastors had a great discussion. Hopefully we will be able to add more of your suggestions in the years to come.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

The Warming Shelter is moving to the Salvation Army.



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Matthew 20:1-16 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell
Ushers/Greeters: Neil Tatum, Monty Montgomery

Liturgist Schedule

September

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

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

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.

Session Meeting - Monday, September 25 at 6pm

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/>



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
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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), 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

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



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https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

Our Mission

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

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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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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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