

September 7, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday we will complete our summer of Presbyterian community worship services as we gather at First Presbyterian – Collinsville. And then October 7th we will help Grace Presbyterian with their Community Day.

I have truly enjoyed this time with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. It has been fun to be in different worship spaces, experience different styles and orders of worship, and see faces that we do not normally see on Sunday. I'd like to know:

What did you enjoy?

What did you find interesting?

What memories will you keep with you?

Should we do this again?

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

So, after Sunday please send me an email (rev.millerb@gmail.com) or drop me a note with your reflections on our summer gatherings. I'd like to share your thoughts (without names attached) with the other pastors as we debrief and plan for the future. I'd be grateful to hear from you.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost at First Presbyterian Church of Collinsville, **4500 Kings Mt. Rd at 11:00 am**

Liturgist Schedule

September

17 Jerri DeVault
24 Cindy Edgerton

October

1 Joe DeVault
8 Jane Fentress
15 Duke Ferrell
22 Liz Ferrell
29 Billy Kirby

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.



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.

Sunday, September 10 is worship at First Presbyterian Church of Collinsville at 11 am.

September 11 - 2 PM Think Tank Meeting

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.

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.

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

Community Breakfast



Our Team leaders for the September breakfast are Brook and Chuck Cundiff. 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 **Saturday, September 16th.**



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.



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

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, 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

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Class of 2024

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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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