

April 13, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for a wonder-filled Holy Week. I am truly grateful for the amazing attendance and for all who put in extra time and effort to make the services possible. I'd like to thank the Worship Committee for all the communion preparations as well as their spouses and Ron for helping with Maundy Thursday. And I'm grateful for all the wonderful music from our choir, Janet and Virginia. And yes, we are blessed to have Spencer. And Peter made sure microphones, music stands and all kinds of extras were managed. And a special thanks to Pearl for bringing in the light and to her committees for the outstanding pot luck and the cooks too!

As I write I'm drinking tea in the retreat center before my first full day at Sacred Heart Monastery. As always, you remain in my prayers. Please take care of each other while I'm away, and come out to support Sam on Sunday morning.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this second Sunday of Easter at 10:00 am

Sermon by Sam Smith

Sermon based upon Exodus 3:1-10 and Romans 12:9-21

Liturgist: Janet Fentress
Ushers/Greeters: Joe and Jerri DeVault

Just a reminder:

You will NEVER get an email or text from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.

If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than an official church email address or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!



OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The safety of our congregation and community are our highest priority. COVID-19 transmission rates are low in our area so you may wear a mask based on your personal preference, however, those who are not vaccinated should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while anywhere inside the church and sanctuary. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, should remain at home.



We now have three new listening devices for people who are hard-of-hearing. If you would like to use one during worship service, just ask an usher for assistance.



Pastor Bea will be away April 10-21. Monica Stevens will be on call for pastoral care ([276-734-8830](tel:276-734-8830)).

April 16 - Sam Smith will preach in Pastor Bea's absence.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, April 15 led by Chuck and Brooke Cundiff. If you are available to help serve in any capacity, please contact either Brooke or Chuck (chucknbrooke1@yahoo.com)
Chuck ([276 340-6129](tel:276-340-6129)), Brooke ([276 340-6124](tel:276-340-6124)).



First Presbyterian will be a host site for the bloodmobile Tuesday, **May 16 from 1-6**. We encourage folks to become donors! To make an appointment online, visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-resultsdt=WB:DR&ed=05%2F16%2F2023&order=DATE&range=10&sd=05%2F16%2F2023&zipSponsor=24112>

Whether you give blood at your local donation center or at an upcoming blood drive April 1-23, you'll also [get an exclusive American Red Cross and PEANUTS® T-shirt featuring Snoopy](#) as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last!

back2school

Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!"

For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"

Matthew 19:14

It is time to celebrate the 17th year of the **back2school** outreach event that has served over 36,000 kids with the efforts of over 20+ churches across our communities and beyond!

Won't you join us in serving these students and making a difference in their lives?

For questions call Tracy Hinchcliff
276-403-4222
Or email

Tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org

back2school

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

Registration

- Saturday, July 15 (noon– 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 25 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 21-23 . Shifts TBD

Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville
Tuesday, August 1 (6:00 pm)

The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)
Saturday, August 5 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.

Liturgist Schedule

April

16 Janet Fentress

23 Liz Ferrell

30 Cindy Edgerton

April birthdays



4 Max Pinkston

5 Kathryn Judson, Mark Hinchcliff

7 Bob Davis

14 Judy Garland

15 Briana Tatum

17 Barbara Tatum

20 Manly Boyd

22 Matthew Price

30 Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Marge Dunn and family on the passing of her nephew, **Tommy Cobb**. Tommy passed away on April 6 in Lynchburg, VA. The full obituary can be found here:

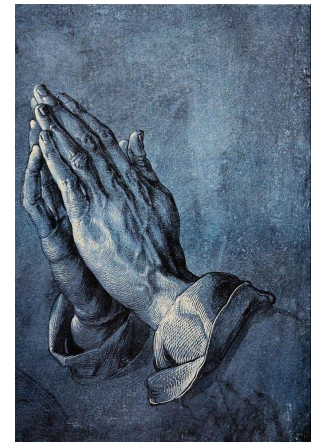
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/newsadvance/name/thomas-cobb-obituary?id=51589875>

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to K.J. Joyce on the passing of her brother **Mark Joyce**. Mark passed away on March 29 in S.C.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn's nephew), Family of Mark Joyce (K.J. Joyce's brother), Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Jane Rothrock, David Seamon, Beth Sibbick (N. Moore), 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

The 2nd quarter food donation is canned greens (turnips, collards, etc.).

For the month of March, the food pantry at Grace Network served 121 clients which means we were quite busy most every day and a lot of food went out the door.

For this 2nd quarter, our church has been assigned greens: spinach, mixed, collards, etc. This is a popular item and we often don't have any. In this same area we could also use canned potatoes, beets and tomatoes. Most of these items are fairly inexpensive and all would be greatly appreciated.

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 church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there.
Alternatively, you may drop 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:**
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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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Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

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