

April 27, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

While I missed you, I'm grateful for my time at Sacred Heart Monastery with the Women at the Wellspring. We began the retreat with a gardening theme. We were asked to describe what has been happening in our gardens over the last six months. Here is the outline I used to describe our garden:

Planting seeds, planting seeds, still planting seeds
and the soil is surprisingly rich
Boulders have been removed ~ grief ~ hard truths
and the soil is surprisingly rich
New seeds are being cultivated ~ New ways of being a Garden
The Garden is Open ~ Alive ~ and finding New Life
and the soil is surprisingly rich

Together we are enriching the soil, planting seeds, and growing into the new life God is giving us. We have named our financial obstacles and the grief we share in letting go of who we were as we live into all that God is calling us to be. We are living abundantly; attendance is increasing, new faces are among us, ministries are flourishing. Our Think Tank is leading the way, developing new seeds that will grow our life in new ways. The soil is rich, and God is richer still! First Presbyterian is a loving, faithful group of disciples living into God's possibilities!

Growing together,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Rev. Bea Miller

based upon Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:1-10

Liturgist: Cindy Edgerton

Ushers/Greeters: Rob King, Monty Montgomery



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.



The Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting is **Monday, May 1 at 11AM** at King's Grant. Lunch can be purchased for \$11. Please pay at the front desk.

The Smith River Singers spring concert "Give My Regards to Broadway" featuring the Bassett High School Band of Distinction and the First United Methodist Youth Choir is **Monday, May 1, 7:00 PM at the Galilean House of Worship** (5078 A L Philpott Highway (US 58), Martinsville). Admission is free however a free-will offering will be collected at intermission.

The Weekday School will be having their art show in the fellowship hall on **Friday, May 5 at 6PM** and their last day of school is Friday, May 12.

Presbytery Meeting - **Saturday, May 6** at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Vinton, VA.

We are looking for a current or past elder to attend this meeting. If you are interested, please let Rita know and complete the online registration: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/may-6th-presbytery-meeting/>



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@gracenetworkmhc.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@gracenetworkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.

Liturgist Schedule

April

30 Cindy Edgerton

May

7 Duke Ferrell

14 Rob King

21 Jerri DeVault

28 Billy Kirby

June

4 Jack Kirby

11 **no liturgist needed**

18 Pearl Minter

25 Sharon Kirby

May Birthdays

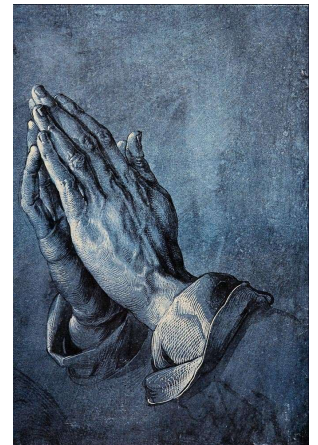


- 1** Janet Fentress
- 3** Georgette "Jerry" Bishop
- 5** Amy Mason
- 8** Gavin Luther
- 10** Sandra Shank
- 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
- 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
- 17** Heath Russell
- 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Judy King, 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:276-340-3476).

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*



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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

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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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2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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