

**August 14, 2025**



**Steeple Views**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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**Pastor's Corner**

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

We have so much to celebrate! Last week's worship at Forest Hills Presbyterian was a blessing. This Sunday we have a fellowship filled pool party and cook-out at Forest Park County Club from 4 to 6:00. And as a new school year begins, we have seniors to keep in prayer as they look to their future: Elena King, Will Kirby, Cole Tatum, and Connor Wotring.

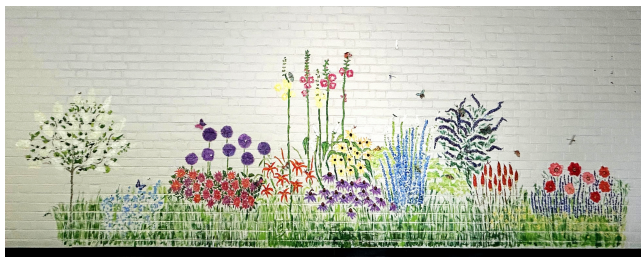
If any youth are ready for Confirmation, January 30 – February 1, 2026 is the date for the Massanetta Springs Confirmation Retreat. Please let me know if you need more information.

Speaking of education, mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 24th at 11:30! Plan on bringing your lunch money to Hugo's back room for an Adult Education Planning Forum. All adults in the congregation are encouraged to attend as we plan future programming, with your interests and needs in mind.

And remember, August 31st is our next Music Fest Sunday. You can submit hymn requests in the offering plate Sunday morning or contact the church office ~ or contact me. Oh, and my neighbor, who always has a corny joke, is going to play for us on the 31st. In addition to being funny he is a professional violinist.

As so much excitement is in bloom, please take time to see the new sights on the walls of the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Seeking to make our church home even more warm and welcoming, with the gift of paint from the Presbyterian Women, Liz Ferrell created a beautiful pollinator

garden bringing life to our hallway. It is a peaceful, refreshing stroll. Please take the time to enjoy.



P.S.

If you know of any High School or College Seniors that I missed, please call the church office. Thanks!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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



### **Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Luke 12:49-56 and Hebrews 11:29—12:2

**Liturgist:** Sharon Kirby

**Ushers/Greeters:** Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **August**

17 Sharon Kirby

24 Mary Linker

31 Liz Ferrell

### **September**

7 Ione Linker

14 \*\*no liturgist needed\*\*

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 3pm

Friday CLOSED

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

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**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.



**Community Breakfast this Saturday.** If you can help, please contact Mary ([919 548-2452](tel:9195482452)) or Ione Linker.

**The Food-Fun-Fellowship Committee invites you to a Presbyterian Pool Party and Cookout, this Sunday from 4-6:00 PM at Forest Park Country Club** (1821 Mulberry Road). This is a catered event and is open to all members from our four congregations. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside.

**August 31st will be a Music-Fest service.** If anyone would like to provide special music for this service, please reach out to Pastor Bea, or Rita, and give them the details. Children and grandchildren are always welcomed to share their musical talents with us.

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\*\*\* We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact **Janet Fentress** ([276 618-0153](tel:2766180153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:2763408101)). \*\*\*

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### Community Worship:

**September 14** Grace

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## ***Happy Birthday in August!***

- 3** Marjorie Dunn
  - 4** Rita Bateman
  - 5** Bob Richeson
  - 6** Walt Flythe, Jr.
  - 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
  - 10** Frances Bledsoe
  - 11** Melissa Wingfield
  - 12** Beth Lawson
  - 13** Chuck Cundiff
  - 17** Maggie Pilson
  - 21** Bill Stone, Cindy Franck
  - 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
  - 23** Anne Abercrombie
  - 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard
  - 30** Josie Louise Crimmins
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## **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 **Susan Pilson**.

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 **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utey, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.



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***Grace Network Donations***

**3rd quarter 2025 food donation item is**  
**Applesauce 24 - 32oz OR 6 count, 4oz cups**



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important



than ever.

**ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (dozen size). These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex**

**Hygiene Items are always needed** (optional)

- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Bath Soap
- \*Dish Detergent
- \*Feminine Products
- \*Deodorant
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Laundry Detergent

*\*Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*



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FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Clerk: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

### **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

### **Class of 2027**

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

**TRUSTEES**

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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