

August 28, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

God is so good!!! By the grace of God and with the approval of Session we now have an Interim Music Ministry. Craig Campeau, a talented, gifted, sweet spirit, will serve as our Interim Music Director. A letter of introduction from Craig follows this letter. Marion Miller, had graciously agreed to share her talents accompanying the choir. (Y'all already know Marion is a talented, gifted, sweet spirit.) Marion is also our pianist this Sunday for Musicfest. Thanks be to God for both Craig and Marion.

This blessing will allow us to continue programs without losing any momentum as the Call Committee for a Music Director forms and begins their work. The prayer is that having an Interim program in place will enliven both choir and handbell choir members as it allows the Call Committee to discern without pressure. This is truly a Go God! God Provides!!!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Craig's greeting and introduction:

I was a young man in the mid-1980's when I landed as the tenor soloist at Mount Baker Park United Presbyterian Church back home in Seattle. My dear friend, Steve Kuntz, a gifted concert pianist and church organist led the music

program there. Steve and I knew each other from the Seattle Men's chorus as well as several other music venues and he asked if I would join his 16-voice adult choir of trained singers.

I was a Presbyterian in need of a welcoming church so I jumped at the opportunity! I attended my first mid-week choir rehearsal then arrived early the following Sunday for group warm-up before church. Steve passed out the bulletin then one-by-one we each began to chuckle. The church bulletin read...

"This morning we welcome Craig Campeau, a professional sinner, to the chancel choir and music program."

Church chat like that simply cannot be contained, so of course news reached the pastor in time for him to read the announcement from the pulpit, exactly as mis-typed! Without skipping a beat I jumped up and belted "who told!"

All these years later I'm not much of a singer, but I am a sinner. A sinner guided by the Holy Spirit to lead the FPC family of faith so that we may explore our musical gifts together and raise them to the glory of God! To that end the Session recently voted to bring me onboard as the Interim Director of Music Ministries.

It is with a full heart that I say this... our music ministry is open and welcoming to all God's children. Anyone who can carry a tune is invited to join the Chancel Choir; rehearsals will commence September 3rd at 6:30 PM, then every Wednesday thereafter. Anyone with some ability to read music, and who can ring a couple of bells is encouraged to join the handbell choir; rehearsals will commence Wednesday September 3rd at 5:30 PM, then every Wednesday thereafter.

If you are hesitant about joining a choir and need to talk to someone first, please reach out to me, or to pastor Bea; we are here to help in any way we can.

May the blessings of our Lord and Savior continue to be with each and every one of you.

---Craig

p.s. I bake. 😊



Please join us for worship this twelfth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM for a Music-fest Service

Liturgist Schedule

August

31 Liz Ferrell

September

7 Ione Linker

14 **no liturgist needed**

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

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.

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.



Parking Lot - Teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School will be using the church parking lot as the school's parking lot is undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete.

August 31 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.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

The Weekday School will be back in session beginning **Tuesday, September 2nd** under the direction of Niki Grogg.

The Community Breakfast is Saturday, September 20 led by Mary Linker. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Mary ([919-548-2452](tel:919-548-2452) or yogilinker@gmail.com) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.



The Worship Committee would like to thank **Susan Pilson** for the donation of an apartment size refrigerator to be used in the Sacristy. Now the communion elements can be in one location.

REVISED DATE - Adult Education Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st 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.

*** 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:276-618-0153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)). ***

Community Worship:

September 14 Grace

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

September

1 Monty Montgomery, Virginia R. King
4 Nancy Davis
8 Suzan Kirby
10 Autumn Sanders
11 Victoria Esarey
15 Gwendolyn Seamon
16 Judy King
20 Jean Williams
25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell

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).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Angela Calaman Troxell Family (niece of Felicia Childress), 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), 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, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , 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.



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

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