

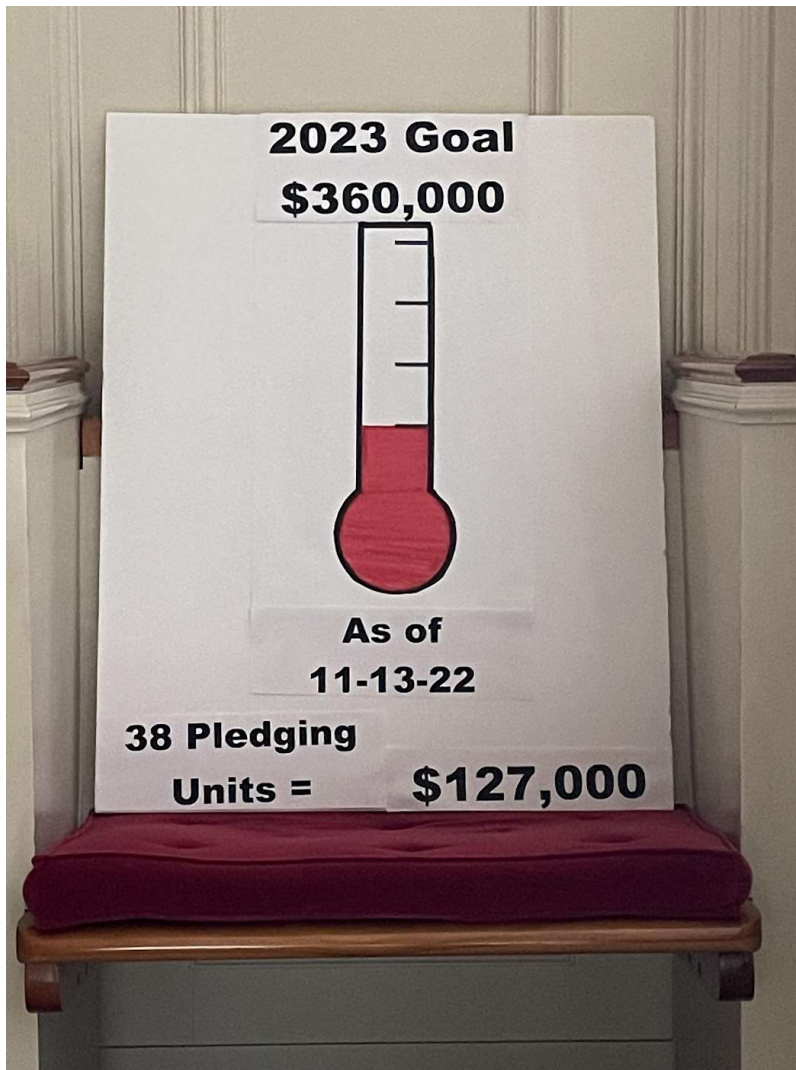
**December 1, 2022**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

I pray that everyone had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving! In my sermon this

past Sunday, I spoke about beginning the process of discovering what is essential for our life as God's people, and allowing God's light to illuminate our path forward. I quoted former Secretary General of the UN, Dag Hammarskjold, who said, "For all that we have been, thanks! To all that will be, yes!" We are called to thank God and each other for all that we are and have been together as we follow God's YES for our future.

In our process of praying and dreaming with God, it is now time to plan the next steps in our adaptive change. We will begin a four-part Zoom series designed to guide us in discovering who and what God is calling us to do and be in this time and place as we discern our purpose. This purpose will guide our life together as we grow in ministry.

This **four-part Zoom series** will take place at noon on alternating Mondays beginning January 16. These gatherings will take place only on Zoom and will last one hour each. Please feel free to enjoy your lunch in front of your computer as you participate in this important work. Everyone is invited because we need all voices to engage in this process! The Zoom links will be available soon, but please mark these dates for this four-part series on your calendar:

**January 16 at noon**

**January 30 at noon**

**February 13 at noon**

**February 27 at noon.**

And mark your calendar for **Chili and a Movie** night on **December 11 at 5:00**. Come ready to enjoy an evening of fellowship. Our movie will take us away to the land of Narnia, where it is always winter and never Christmas. We will decorate the Fellowship Hall tree. You are welcome to bring an ornament to add to the tree. And while the main course is tomato base beef chili, if you have dietary restrictions you can enjoy a white bean turkey chili – gluten free, lectin free, dairy free, alpha-gal friendly, with high protein bone broth. I hope to see you there.

With advent anticipation,  
Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this Second Sunday of Advent at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Based upon Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13**

**Liturgist:** Jack Kirby

**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

#### **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.

### **From the Music Minister**

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Music Minister,

Church family, it is once again that time of year when the hustle and bustle of the holidays is at our doorstep. To keep our lives calm and reflective during this time I extend an invitation to you all to come and listen to my weekly organ/piano meditation titled – '*An Afternoon of Merry Making*' – featuring Christmas works from all over the world.

During the Advent season the concert series begins on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 12:00-12:30 pm and will run weekly on Wednesdays at the same time until Wednesday, December 21, 2022.** However, there WILL NOT BE a concert on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022** as I will be out of the country in Germany. Please be advised that the concert series WILL NOT BE recorded or

livestreamed due to copyright infringement. If you wish to attend, you will need to be in-person.

The concert will start promptly at 12:00 and the doors will be open starting at 11:30. The concerts are meant to be a time of peaceful reflection. You are invited to listen, pray, and contemplate the meaning of Christmas through the music provided. My only request is that you hold your applause until the end of each concert.

It is my hope that the music throughout the holiday season will bless you and add to your holiday enjoyment!

With Great Tidings of Joy,  
Spencer

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## **Martinsville Handbell Ensemble**

under the direction of Dr. Pamela Randall

Presents:

**The Christmas Music of Cynthia Dobrinski**

**December 4th, 6:00pm**



**First United Methodist Church**

145 East Main Street

Martinsville, VA 24112

Free admission, an offering will be taken



**Dinner and a Movie on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.** A hearty meal of chili will be provided and we will gather *"at the lamppost where it is always winter but never Christmas"*. Can you guess the movie?

**Smith River Singers** Christmas concert "The Joy of Song" is Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Galilean House of Worship (5078 A L Philpott Hwy, Martinsville, VA). Admission is free.

### Liturgist Schedule

#### December

4 Jack Kirby

11 Sharon Kirby

18 Joan Montgomery

24 Sam Smith

25 Sam Smith



As you may be aware, **Maggie Pilson** was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. She is having surgery on December 1, where her surgeon, Dr. Friedman, will attempt to remove as much of the tumor as possible.



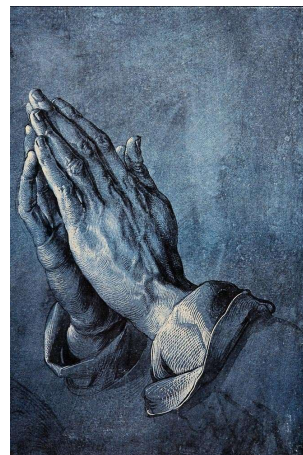
Maggie and Martha have created a Caring Bridge page so everyone can follow Maggie's journey. The internet link is: [caringbridge.org/maggiepilson](https://caringbridge.org/maggiepilson). *"We deeply appreciate the love and support of our church family. We ask that everyone please keep Maggie and her medical care providers in your prayers. Maggie's strength is remarkable!"*

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

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Tommy Cobb, Bobby Davis (M. Davis' son), Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Melanie Hardy, Marvin Hudson, Lindy Koger (Spencer's mother), Betty Carol Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), David Seamon, Virginia Seamon, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.




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### **Congregational Care and Fellowship**

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 Minter at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

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### ***Grace Network Donations***

#### **The 4th quarter 2022 food donation item is Jelly (28-32 oz)**

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

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FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

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

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

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