

December 11, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Sunday's Movie Matinee was amazing! Thank you! Thank you for soup, sandwiches, popcorn and treats! And a special thanks to our young grilled cheese team! (Check out the pictures.) We are truly blessed to have Susan and her Fellowship/Congregational Care Team, taking care of us. Thank you, Susan! Thank you, Susan! Thank you, Susan!



And thanks be to God that the snow melted in time for a perfect Sunday together! Sunday was the only day, since Friday, that my dog did not come in

looking like she had white boots on. (Y'all remember go-go boots?) When I got to church on Sunday, the snow was still on the roof and hood of my car ~ after driving for an hour. As I write, I know I need to go dig my car out, again...

I pray that everyone is safe, warm and dry. And while Bridget, my dog, loves the snow; I know it is also problematic. I pray for those who are struggling with the effects of the storm ~ the cold, the ice, the isolation.

Cooks Who Care ~ they are warming bellies this week. And many will be serving and ushering on Friday at Forest Hills. We come together and take care of each other ~ and our great big each other beyond our walls, because that is who we are. Thanks for being you!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this third Sunday of Advent at 10:00AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 1:18-25 and Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Liturgist: Ron Rebman

Ushers/Greeters: Randy and Martha Rollins

Liturgist Schedule

December

21 Martha Rollins
24 (Wednesday, Christmas Eve) Sam Smith – if needed
28 Sam Smith

January

4 Randy Rollins
11 Taylor Shank
18 Joe Williams
25 Gale Buck

February

1 Joe DeVault
8 Barbara Duncan
15 Cindy Edgerton
22 Janet Fentress

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm
Friday 9:30am – 2pm

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.



The Christmas Joy Offering supports retired ministers and church workers and their families through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions as they face medical and emergency costs. The Offering also supports students in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the church and the world. Look for Christmas Joy Offering envelopes in the church pews **now through December 24.**



CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SMITH RIVER SINGERS present *Merry & Bright The Gift of Presence, the Pure Joy of Music* featuring the select ensemble Still Water, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Randall accompanied by Beth Chapman, piano, plus strings and percussion orchestra, on **Monday, December 15th at 7:00 PM** at the Galilean House of Worship (5078 A L Philpott Hwy, Martinsville). Doors open at 6:15 PM. FREE ADMISSION. An offering will be collected.

The Community Breakfast is **Saturday, December 20**, serving from 8:00 - 9:30. Cooking begins promptly at 7:00. **Mary Linker** is team leader. Please contact her at [910 548-2452](tel:9105482452) if you are available to cook, serve or clean up. If you are not available for Saturday, please consider coming Friday morning to help set up and prepare fresh fruit.



If you aren't available to help, come eat. We have some fun surprises for this breakfast.

From the Weekday School

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast in the fellowship hall before Thanksgiving! Now, we are getting ready for our Christmas program. It will be Thursday December 18th at 6pm, and all are welcome! The kids preform a few songs and there will be light refreshments. We will be doing a silent auction as a fundraiser during the program. If anyone would like to donate an item or help contribute to a Gourmet Food themed basket we would appreciate it!



Happy Birthday in December

- 1** Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2** Carol Belcher
- 3** Dru Rothrock
- 4** Ashby Pritchett
- 9** Chris Wingfield, Joan Montgomery

- 10** Marion Miller
 - 11** K.J. Joyce
 - 14** Dr. Mervyn R. King
 - 15** Helen "Pat" Baumann, Kim Boyd
 - 17** Matthew Mason
 - 18** Bill Kirby
 - 21** Vickie Blair
 - 22** Grayson Russell
 - 24** Jackie McLachlan
 - 26** Smith Chaney
 - 27** Cathy Stone, Gael Chaney
 - 27** Nancy B. Moore
 - 28** Brenda Williams
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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:276-340-7288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Erica Walker (niece of Janet Fentress), Family of John Peeples, Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), 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

4th quarter 2025 food donation item is
Pork and Beans 15 oz



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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We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor

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Our Mission

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

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