

December 18, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Wednesday, December 24th is Craig's last day with us as Interim Music Director. We are grateful for his four months of service. Craig helped us understand new possibilities with the organ's MIDI capabilities, updated the music library, and moved the choir to the "sweet spot" in the sanctuary, enhancing their already sweet sound. We have learned so much. We are also grateful that he and Beth Chapman are a team, working together to make beautiful music. We wish Craig all the best, wherever God may lead him.

On Christmas Eve at 5:00 we will celebrate Christ's birth during our candlelight and communion service. And on Sunday, December 28th at 10:00, Marion Miller will be our accompanist for Lessons and Carols. Remember, Christmas is a season, not a day. We get to sing and celebrate until Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas.

I pray that everyone has a Joy filled, safe and healthy Christmas season!

May the Peace of the baby in Bethlehem be with us all,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

Some have reported strange emails, seemingly from me. If something seems out of character; it is out of character. Please call me ([276-734-8830](tel:276-734-8830)), do not reply to these emails.



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

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

Liturgist: Martha Rollins

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

December

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

March

1 Duke Ferrell

8 Liz Ferrell

15 Billy Kirby

22 Sharon Kirby

29 no liturgist needed if we participate in Palm Sunday in the park

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.

The office will be closed 12/29 - 1/2

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.**



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 [919 548-2452](tel:9195482452) 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.

The Community Christmas Music Program - Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 PM at the Heritage Center & Museum, the Historic Henry County Courthouse (1 E Main St, Martinsville). Participants include Beth Chapman, Kat Walker and Virginia King. The building is handicap accessible and admission is free.

Sunday, December 28th will be a service of Lessons and Carols at 10 AM.

From the Weekday School

Hello Everyone! It is our last few days of school before Christmas break! The kids have been busy learning about the birth of Jesus, doing Christmas crafts, making presents for their parents, practicing for our program, and of course playing hard!



Don't forget that our Christmas program is tonight -Thursday December 18th at 6pm! There will be a performance, a silent auction fundraiser, and cookies! We hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who submitted donations for our silent auction!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Weekday School!

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

January Birthdays

7 Elena King
10 Dr. James Beard
11 Cathy Martin
16 Billy Kirby, Wendy Luther
17 Grace Ann Crimmins
18 Mary Elizabeth Pilson-Bazemore
21 Bonny Pace
23 Milt Davis
26 Bud Buffkin
28 David Garland
29 Jack Kirby
29 Rusty Reaser
31 Mattie Wingfield

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:

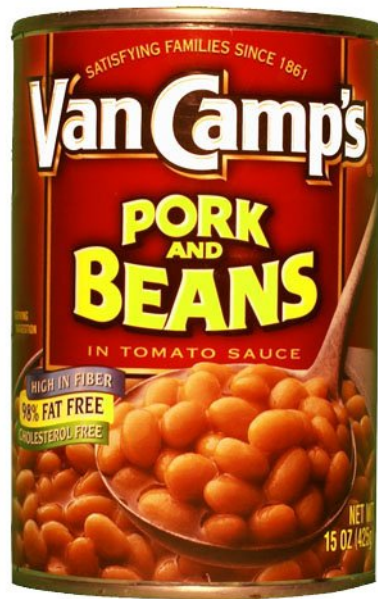
PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Trooper Steven Ball, 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



1st Quarter 2026 Food Donation Items is Creamed Corn, 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*



Steeple Views Reminder

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Steeple Views is published weekly on Thursdays, unless the Church office is closed. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday afternoon by 3 PM

If you have information you want included in Steeple Views, **PLEASE SEND**
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send to skirbycwj@gmail.com **and text** [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709)

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



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<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

Our Mission

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

Useful Links

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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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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