

December 22, 2022



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



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Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!



Pastor Bea, Spencer, Rita, Peter, & Vickie

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I pray that everyone has a blessed, safe, and healthy Christmas and New Year! I look forward to our Christmas Eve at 5:00, Christmas Day at 10:00 and New Year's Day at 10:00. We have much to celebrate together!

While I pray that all shall be well, if you have any pastoral support needs, please remember our new **pastoral support cell phone: 276-734-8830**. Please take a moment now to text your full name to the cell phone (276-734-8830), so we can start building our contact list. And whenever you call, please leave a message.

As you turn the calendar over to the new year, please add our Zoom meeting **Purpose Labs** to your schedule:

January 16, 12-1 pm
January 30, 12-1 pm
February 13, 12- 1 pm
February 27, 12- 1 pm

You can register for Purpose Labs on the presbytery website. Or you can find the registration link by clicking below:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/purpose-labs/>

It is a blessing to be part of First Presbyterian Martinsville. I'm grateful for each of you and I look forward to our time together as we prepare for your next called pastor.

With Christmas and New Year blessings,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm and Christmas Day at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

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.

2022 Virtual Poinsettias*



In Thanksgiving for:

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller (Milt and Nancy Davis)

Ruby Pace (Bonny, Farrell and Dyer Pace)

The Pilson Family (Bonny, Farrell and Dyer Pace)

Nanette Smith (Bonny, Farrell and Dyer Pace)

Susan Smith (Bonny Pace)

Rev. Bonnylee Witt (Cindy and Steve Edgerton)

In Loving Memory of:

All our friends who went to live with the Lord this year. (Johnny and Ashby Pinkard)

Jim Baker (Nancy Baker)

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. DeVault (Joe and Jerri DeVault)

Walter "Buck" Flythe (His Family)

Melissa S. McGrath (Joe and Jerri DeVault)

Ed Pace (Bonny, Farrell and Dyer Pace)

James and Ruth Richardson (Pearl Minter)

Kenneth Smith (Bonny, Farrell and Dyer Pace)

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snow (Joe and Jerri DeVault)

Troy and Inez Spencer (Pamela Rakes)

Randy Stevens (Milt and Nancy Davis)

The live poinsettias in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of H. Grady Moore, Sr., Hester Stone Moore, H. Grady Moore, Jr., and Reed Stone Moore, by Henry (III) and Nancy Moore, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The amaryllis in the narthex is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Colleen Dallas by Liz and Duke Ferrell.

***A total of \$895 was collected and will be sent to the Martinsville-Henry County Warming Shelter.**



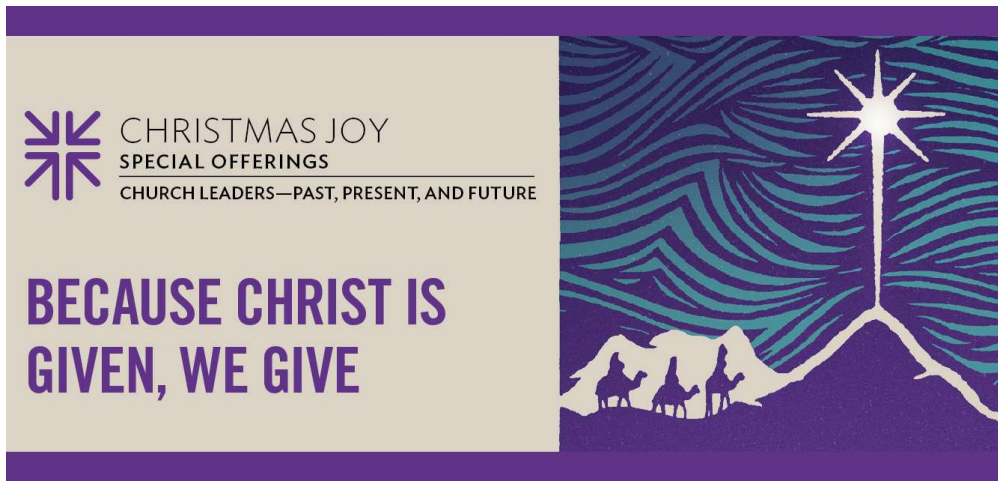
***Christmas Eve** at 5pm will be a mini Lessons and Carols with communion

***Christmas Day** at 10 am will be full version of Lessons and Carols

The office will be closed Dec 26-30 for Christmas and January 2 for New Years **(Steepleviews will not be published next week).**

***January 1** will be Scripture and Songs at 10 am (no communion)

***January 8** service will have communion and installation of new church officers



This special offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

As we gather together in Advent expectation, we know that the only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ — a perfect gift from a gracious God. Although we cannot give the perfect gift, we can give generously, knowing, as the New Testament letter of James says, "Every generous act of giving ... is from above."
(Envelopes are located in the pews.)

Liturgist Schedule

December

18 Jerri DeVault
24 Sam Smith
25 Sam Smith

January

8 Jack Kirby
15 Pearl Minter
22 Nancy Moore
29 Lynn Pritchett



As you may be aware, **Maggie Pilson** was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. She has undergone a successful surgery and updates on her progress are posted on a Caring Bridge page created by Maggie and Martha. The internet link is: 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!"*



William "Bill" Clarence Smith, Jr.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Henry Moore and Dee Moore Smith on the passing of Henry's stepfather and Dee's husband, Bill Smith. Bill passed away on Friday, December 16, 2022.

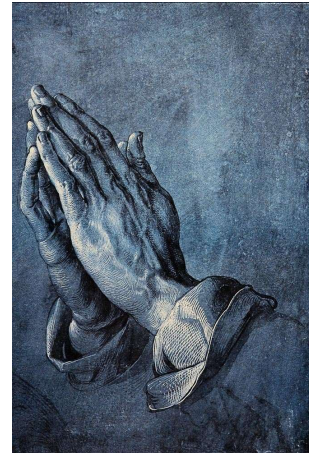
<https://www.norrisfuneral.com/obituaries/William--Bill-Clarence-Smith-Jr?obId=26677017#/celebrationWall>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Bill Smith (Dee Moore Smith's husband, Henry Moore's step-father),
Family of Karl Kelley (Monica Stevens' brother), Sue Benfield, Georgette

Bishop, Deborah Blankenship, 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, Michele Handy, 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.



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).

Grace Network Donations

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

The 1st quarter 2023 food donation item is Juice (40-64 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*



Steeple Views Reminder

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Steeple Views is published weekly on Thursdays. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday evening.

If you have information you want included in Steeple Views, **PLEASE SEND TO:** fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com. For time sensitive announcements, please sent to skirbycwj@gmail.com

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



For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

Our Mission

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

Printed copies of Steeple Views are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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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Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

Class of 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

TRUSTEES

2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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