

December 4, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Our First Sunday of Advent Musicfest opened us to a glorious holy season. The candle lighting with "Christ, Be Our Light" made our whole hearts glow. Both "The Ludlow" and "Have Thine Own Way" created prayerful, meditative, worshipful space. The two trumpet pieces and "Angels We Have Heard on High" brought in the lively energy of a festive season. And "On the Wings of a Dove" had me swaying with delight at the end of the service. Many thanks to: The Edgerton/King family, Virginia, Taylor, Marion, Lynn, Barbara, our Choir, Beth and Craig. And God Bless the Price family for creating a beautiful space to worship!!!

This Sunday (12/7) please join us for food and fun following worship!! We will have 2nd Cup Fellowship, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch, and then popcorn with our movie matinee along with a FaceTime conversation with one of the movie's stars!!! Please bring your neighbors and friends! The movie will start around 12:30, if anyone just wants to come for popcorn and a movie! The run time for the movie is about 1 hour and 45 minutes.

May the Peace of the Season be with us all,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Isaiah 40:1-11 and Romans 15:4-13

Liturgist: Joe DeVault

Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell

Liturgist Schedule

December

14 Ron Rebman

21 Martha Rollins

24 (Wednesday, Christmas Eve) Sam Smith – if needed

28 Sam Smith

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.



THIS SUNDAY:

- *2nd Cup, following worship**
- *Soup and sandwich lunch (11:30)**
- *Popcorn and a Movie (12:30)**

Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 PM the Martinsville Handbell

Ensemble presents *Holly, Jolly Christmas*, joined by Smith River Singers' select ensemble Still Water singing additional selections (not on the December 15th program) at First United Methodist Church, 146 East Main Street, Martinsville. FREE ADMISSION. An offering will be collected.

The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert Saturday, December 6th at 4 PM at the First United Methodist Church (146 East Main Street, Martinsville). Janet Fentress is a member of the ensemble. Still Water, Smith River Singers small group, will also perform.



Movie Matinee! Join us on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. "Christmas In Mistletoe" is a heartwarming Rom-Com featuring Pastor Bea's daughter, Kara, in her first major film role, and popcorn will be available.

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.

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:2763407288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

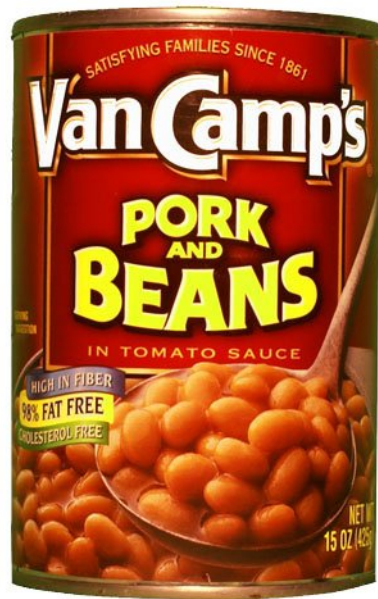
PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), 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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Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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