

February 23, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Ash Wednesday was a blessing! Thank you to all who came, worshipped, helped with lunch, ate, and enjoyed everyone's company! We used our kintsugi bowl for the ashes. It was touching to have the sign of the ashes come from the beautiful brokenness of our kintsugi bowl. These powerful symbols remind us that it is God who brings life to both ash and brokenness. Also, during our service we introduced a Taize hymn. The Taize community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity that has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimage to Taize each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing and communal work. The music of Taize emphasizes simple phrases, repeated and sometimes sung in canon. During the Ash Wednesday service we sang, *O Lord Hear My Prayer*, which is found in our Glory to God hymnal #471.

As our Lenten journey begins, please mark your calendar for our Maundy Thursday communion service with the stripping of the church and Tenebrae on Thursday, April 6. Dinner will be served at 6:00, with worship at 7:00. I will need volunteers to help with the stripping of the church and the Tenebrae. Please let me know if you are interested.

As we observe Lent with self-examination and penitence, prayer and fasting, works of love, and meditation on God's word, may the words of the Taize hymn stay with us on our journey: *O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

With prayer for our journey,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this First Sunday in Lent at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Sermon based upon Psalm 91, Matthew 4:1-11 and Romans 5:12-19

Liturgist: Brooke Cundiff

Ushers/Greeters: Milt and Nancy Davis

Two-Cents a Meal Offering this Sunday



Just a reminder:



You will NEVER get an email or text from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.



If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than an official church email address or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!

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.

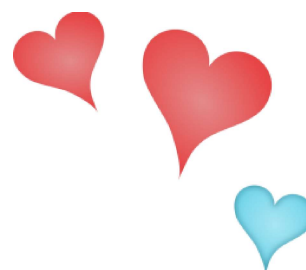


American Red Cross Southwest Virginia

Happy February!

Help save lives in the Henry County community by VOLUNTEERING at area blood drives.

Did you know someone in the US needs blood every two seconds?



Every day, roughly 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed in the US.

To continue to meet this critical need, the Southwest Va. Region is looking for friendly, customer-focused individuals to volunteer at blood drives in our community.

BLOOD DONOR AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEERS

As a Blood Donor Ambassador volunteer, you will engage donors by greeting, registering, answering questions, providing information, and supporting them through the recovery process at the refreshments table.

Blood Donor Ambassadors' extraordinary attention helps create a favorable impression that encourages ongoing blood donor support.

Time Commitment

- Variable; preferred commitment: 1+ shift/month, the average shift is 4-6 hours & you choose your schedule. Training is available at your convenience.

To learn more OR apply, visit: www.redcross.org/donorambassador or

Geralynn Trellue, Volunteer Recruitment Specialist – Southwestern Virginia

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Purpose Labs continue: **February 27**, beginning at 12 p.m. on Zoom. Join by clicking this link: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/purpose-labs/>

The Session will meet on Monday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the session room.

Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting is Monday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. at King’s Grant. Lunch may be purchased for \$10. Please pay at the front desk.



****If you have Kroger coupons for items that can be used for the community breakfast, (i.e., eggs, biscuits, juice, fruit) and you aren’t going to use them, we would welcome them. Leave your coupons at the church office or drop them in the mail slot at the back door. Thank you!****

Community Breakfast

Another successful breakfast last Saturday! The kitchen was bustling and the fellowship hall was full! In total, we served over 100 people; 50+ dined in, while over 60 were to go meals.



In total, we served over 100 people; 50+ dined in, while over 60 were to go meals.

Those that decided to dine in with us, enjoyed a sing-a-long led by Barbara Duncan on guitar. Everyone seemed to enjoy the spiritual atmosphere and fellowship and many joined in the singing.

The mission committee would like to thank everyone that made this breakfast a success.



Consider volunteering to help with the breakfast in March - we have been given 30 lbs of bacon and may need an extra cook in the kitchen!! Or, just come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with our neighbors and church family.

Liturgist Schedule

February

26 Brooke Cundiff

March

5 Nora Cundiff

12 Chuck Cundiff

19 Milt Davis

26 Nancy Davis



Extended Table

It's time to update the 2023 Extended Table schedule. We need for more folks to sign up for this rewarding ministry.

The qualifications are that you are an Elder or have been an Elder at some point. Nancy Davis will offer training as needed.

We offer this ministry on **the first Sunday and Monday** of each month. **Sunday** we take the elements to individual shut ins. **Monday** we offer the elements to a group at King's Grant.

If you are interested please contact Nancy at [\(276\) 634-1403](tel:(276)634-1403) or

davistwo@comcast.net. Let her know which day you prefer. God bless you as you consider this ministry.

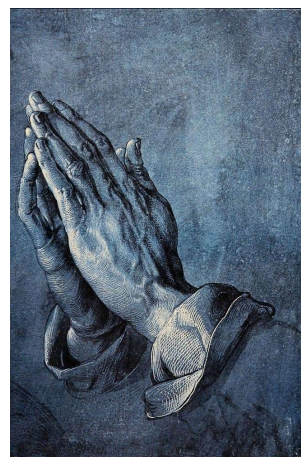


- 2** Peter Marshall
- 6** Jerry Wood
- 9** Tyler Price
- 18** Steve Edgerton
- 21** Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of David Chittum, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Tommy Cobb, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), David Seamon, Beth Sibbick (N. Moore), Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), 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 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



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

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

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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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Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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