

February 26, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

For a few years now we have been celebrating our life together as Presbyterians in Martinsville and Henry County. We have enjoyed Community Worship in the summer and on other occasions. We have fed thousands together as Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger. (We will do this again on March 7th, please join us.) We have strengthened bonds and realized that we really are one big family of faith! We may worship in different buildings, but our mission as Christ's disciples will always unite us.

We are all children of God, brothers and sisters with Jesus. And as we hold true to who we are, some of us are changing our place of worship. We are excited and blessed to be able to extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to the following as they join our worshipping community:

Bill Stone

Betsy Ham

Steve and Jane Fitzgerald

And there are others who are worshiping among us but have not yet transferred their membership.

And we are excited to acknowledge that Ford Childress, who was Baptized among us, is back. Actually, he and Felicia have been back for quite a while. We are grateful and blessed to have them with us in mission and ministry.

As we welcome members, please remember that on Sunday we will welcome

our new Director of Music Ministries, Whitney Melton. She will be leading worship and we can meet and greet her during Second Cup.

Peace,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this second Sunday in Lent at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Genesis 12:1-4 and Psalm 121

Liturgist: Duke Ferrell

Ushers/Greeters: Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

2nd Cup: Cindy and Steve Edgerton

Liturgist Schedule

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.

BEWARE: Two members of our congregation recently received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!

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.



Come meet our new Music Director, Whitney Melton at 2nd Cup this Sunday following the worship service.

Lenten Lunch Volunteers & Soup Needed - Our Lenten Lunch will be held March 12 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently seeking:

Greeters: To help direct guests to the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Judy King ([276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)) if you can help.

Soup Donations: If you have a favorite soup you would like to share, please contact Susan Pilson ([276-340-7288](tel:276-340-7288)) to coordinate.

Thank you for your generosity and service to our church family!



Lenten Lunches:

All **Lenten lunches** will take place at noon with a light lunch and a message. They normally last about an hour.

- February 26 - Calvary Christian Church
- March 5 - First Baptist Church East
- March 12 - First Presbyterian Church
- March 19 - Starling Avenue Baptist
- March 26 - Chatham Heights Baptist



Rise Against Hunger excitement is building, and we invite all of you to **register online** for this year's experience, **on Saturday March 7, 2026.**

9-10 am setup, and **10-12 noon**, meal packing! We need your help again this year to help end World Hunger. And it's also a lot of fun!

Please register online

here: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville26>. On the linked online form, fill in your information, then the number of family members participating, **in addition** to yourself, in the indicated box.

You can check boxes at the bottom - for volunteering to help **set up** (9-10 am), or to **pack meals** (10-12), or you can check **both**.

PS - if you prefer to print out and fill in the paper form, then please mail it to: Ione Linker, RAH - 705 Prospect Hill Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112

FPC contacts for the event are Ione Linker ([310](tel:3109515138)) [951-5138](tel:3109515138) and Taylor Shank ([276](tel:2767329525)) [732-9525](tel:2767329525). Call or text with any questions!



- 2** Peter Marshall
 - 6** Jerry Wood
 - 9** Tyler Price
 - 18** Catherine S. Bridges, Steve Edgerton
 - 21** Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson
 - 22** Martha Rollins
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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, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Liz Jackman (daughter of Nancy Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, 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, 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

[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*



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

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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