

February 29, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Today is my mother's 21st birthday! Yes, that is correct. And in 2020 both my mother and my younger daughter celebrated their 20th birthday. (This is when you turn the paper over and upside down to find the answer to the riddle. Remember doing that? But just keep reading. It will become clear.)

I'm not especially good at remembering birthdays, but my mother always makes sure we remember. And for her, it's a good birthday when the celebration lasts a week.

Birthdays need to be celebrated. Because when we celebrate birthdays we are saying, "Thank you for being you." Birthdays are not about accomplishments. Birthdays are a celebration of life and acknowledgment that the world is a better place because you are in it. So, if you are an Alice in Wonderland fan, hear me proclaim, "Have a very merry unbirthday!" I am celebrating your life. Thank you for being you! And if you are a leap-year baby, like my mom, happy birthday.

With birthday blessings for all of you,

Pastor Bea

P.S. My mom has lived 84 years, with only 21 "real" February 29th birthdays. And she can remember all her "real" birthdays.

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Elder Monica Stevens

based upon 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and Exodus 20:1-17

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Ushers/Greeters: Joe and Jerri DeVault

Liturgist Schedule

March

3 Liz Ferrell

10 Billy Kirby

17 Jack Kirby

24 Sharon Kirby ****Palm Sunday****

31 Sam Smith ****Easter****

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

From Paul Cannaday: a very BIG THANK YOU to all the church members who sent cards and good wishes to his mother, Evelyn Cannaday, on her 100th birthday. It was much appreciated.

The PW Circle Meeting location has been changed to FPC at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 4th in the Session Room. Olive Mahabir, the author of Sacred Encounters, will be leading lesson 7 on Zoom. Refreshments will be provided. The location was changed because the main building at King's Grant is shut down due to sickness.

Rise Against Hunger! We are nearing our target of 60 people registering online. People who signed up for setup should arrive by 8:50 AM. People who signed up for meal packing should check in by 9:40 AM. If you plan to help pack meals for the Rise Against Hunger event, please register online at [HTTP://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville) . Check your email confirmation from Rise Against Hunger for video links of what to expect at the event. There is also a link with more information about the Rise Against Hunger program.

Think Tank Meeting - Monday, March 18 at 2 PM

[Lenten Lunch Series](#)

Every Thursday at noon during lent, congregations in our community will come together, welcoming you to our Lenten Lunch series. Join us as we gather for food and fellowship, plus a devotional message. The event is free and open to all!

- February 15: First Baptist Church of Martinsville (Libby Grammer, Devotional)
- February 22: Christ Episcopal Church (John Adams, Devotional)
- February 29: First United Methodist Church (Faith Weedling, Devotional)
- March 7: Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional)
- March 14: First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peebles of FHPC, Devotional)
- March 21: Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional)



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024

Presbyterians RISE against HUNGER Project

At

1st Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Fellowship Hall, 10 am to Noon



Come and help pack 10,000 meals!

For those registered: Please check your email confirmation from Rise Against Hunger for the links to videos for overview of what to expect at event.

***Let's help give children hope
RISE against Hunger!***

HUNGER IMPACTS EVERYTHING

- Malnutrition accounts for nearly half of all childhood deaths
- Hope thrives alongside nutrition
- Malnutrition stunts development
- Nutrition strengthens growth
- Learning increases with stability
- 80% of meals are distributed through schools
- Parents keep their children in school when they know they are being fed

Where they work through schools:

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, India, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Somali- land, South Africa, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

Charity Navigator 4 Stars

Lenten Luncheon Help Needed

First Presbyterian will host the Lenten Service followed by lunch on **Thursday,**

March 14 at noon. We will need several volunteers to help in the kitchen with cooking, set up, serving and clean up. Please see Pearl Minter or Liz Ferrell if you can help with this luncheon.



Guatemala Mission Trip Opportunity

We had 10 travelers ready to experience an 8 day trip - April 15 to April 22 to Guatemala but 2 travelers dropped out because of family medical problems.

April is an outstanding time to visit and travel in Guatemala. Warm weather, low humidity, and it is not the rainy season. From the Atlanta airport, it is a 3 1/2 hour flight to Guatemala City. The accommodations are very comfortable for our travelers in Guatemala.

If you are open to participate in global mission adventures, then we want to invite you to consider this trip. The cost for the 8 day trip is \$1,120 plus airfare. The presbytery can offer a \$800 stipend for first time participants in this Mission Partnership Trip.

Contact Bob Fiedler (rev.rafieler@gmail.com) or cell [540 797-3109](tel:5407973109) of our presbytery's CEDEPCA Mission Partnership Committee with any questions.

Happy March Birthdays!

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



These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Helen Flythe, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Beau Coughlen (great-grandson of M & N Davis), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Ronnie & Marissa Pruett, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, 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 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 Pearl Minter.

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 at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

Grace Network Donations

1st quarter food donation item is Spaghetti Sauce (24)



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 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. **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 send 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

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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Class of 2025

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Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

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Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

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2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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