

January 12, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Purpose Labs begin Monday, January 16 at noon on Zoom! Please call the church office if you need additional information.

As many of you know, our custodial services (the Sexton) are provided through a contract with ServiceMaster Commercial Cleaning. Because of decisions made by ServiceMaster, Louis Simmons will no longer be serving as our custodian. We have been blessed by Louis's service and we are grateful for the years he has been caring for us and our facility.

ServiceMaster is creating a team of two to care for our facility. James Parnel will be here in the afternoons. ServiceMaster is currently interviewing for another person to work with James. When you see James, please take a moment to introduce yourself and thank him for his service.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this second Sunday after the Ephiphany at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Sermon based upon Isaiah 49:1-7 and Psalm 40:1-11**

**Liturgist:** Pearl Minter

**Ushers/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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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!

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### 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.



**The church office** will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**In our Purpose Labs** we will seek to discern where the light of Christ is leading; how we are being called to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus at Patrick Henry Ave in 2023. Please plan to be part of the Purpose Labs: **January 16, 12-1 p.m., January 30, 12-1 p.m., February 13, 12- 1 p.m. and February 27, 12- 1 p.m.** 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/>

**The Community Breakfast** is Saturday, January 21 led by Ron Rebman and Rob King. Volunteers are needed to cook and prepare from 7-8:30 a.m. and to serve and clean up from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Ron ([540-842-4698](tel:540-842-4698)) or Rob ([276-340-2263](tel:276-340-2263)) if you are available to work.

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## Liturgist Schedule

### January

15 Pearl Minter  
22 Nancy Moore  
29 Lynn Pritchett

### February

5 Ashby Pinkard  
12 Briana Tatum  
19 Kym Tatum  
26 Brooke Cundiff

### March

5 Nora Cundiff  
12 Chuck Cundiff  
19 Milt Davis  
26 Nancy Davis

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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](https://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!"*

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# Happy January Birthdays!

**7** Elena King, Rob King  
**10** Dr. James Beard  
**16** Billy Kirby, Wendy Luther  
**17** Grace Ann Edgerton  
**18** Mary Elizabeth Pilson-Bazemore  
**19** Helen Flythe  
**21** Bonny Pace  
**23** Milt Davis  
**28** David Garland  
**29** Jack Kirby, Rusty Reaser  
**31** Mattie Wingfield

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, 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, 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.



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## **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).

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

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



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Our Mission

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

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[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

## Useful Links

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](http://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

### Class of 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

### Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

### TRUSTEES

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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