

January 18, 2024



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This picture was taken out my back door on Tuesday evening:



Tuesday morning was profoundly still and quiet. When I went out to shovel the driveway, silence filled the stillness. No cars, no people, even the birds seemed silent. A silence I interrupted as the snow shovel hit the asphalt.

Nature was reminding me of God's call to stillness and silence. Psalm 40:10, "Be still and know that I am God." There is a seemingly simple prayer that moves us into stillness with God ~ allowing us to rest in the heart of God. (The prayer is kind of like the song B-I-N-G-O.) We say the verse aloud, or in our hearts, pause in silence and then repeat the verse with one less word. Like this:

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know that I

Be still and know that

Be still and know

Be still and

Be still

Be

Amen.

After each line, allow yourself to receive whatever drops into the silence ~ or just simply receive the silence. When we allow ourselves to sit in silence, even briefly, we are opening our hearts to the heart of God. In these moments we find renewal, healing, wholeness ~ the things we deeply need.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this third Sunday after the Epiphany at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon Jonah 3:1-10 and Psalm 62:5-12

Liturgist: Nancy Davis
Ushers/Greeters: Milt and Nancy Davis

Liturgist Schedule

January

21 Nancy Davis
28 Jerri DeVault

February

4 Joe DeVault
11 Cindy Edgerton
18 Janet Fentress
25 Duke Ferrell

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

****The church office and preschool** will be closed Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Breakfast Saturday, January 20 led by members of the Mission and Outreach Committee. Contact Ron Rebman ([540-842-4698](tel:540-842-4698)) or Judy King ([276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)) if you can help.

Will Kirby will be offering technical support in the coming weeks to any church



member needing assistance with wireless phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc.

He will be available in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, January 20, from 12:30 PM - 3 PM**

Session Meeting - Monday, January 29th at 6:00 PM.

Inclement Weather: in the event of weather that could impact our area you will be notified by TEXT and/or EMAIL if services are canceled. Make sure the church office has your email and cell phone number in the church directory so you will receive notifications. Notifications will also be on local TV stations WSLs-10, WDBJ-7 and FOX-27.

Community Breakfast



Thank you to the Team Leaders for Community Breakfast for this year. I hope we can keep the energy from last year flowing. As you will notice there are two empty spaces and if you feel lead to fill those spots please call Judy King, [276 340-8101](tel:2763408101).

The Mission/Outreach Team looks forward to another year of reaching out into the community through this mission event.

Third Saturday of Each Month (Excluding March)

- February 17 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
- March 23 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
- April 20 **Sharon & Billy Kirby**
- May 18 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- June 15 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
- July 20 **NEED LEADER**

- August 17 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- September 21 **Brooke & Chuck Cundiff**
- October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
- November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
- December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
- January 18 **NEED LEADER**

Happy January Birthdays!



- 7** Elena King
- 10** Dr. James Beard
- 16** Billy Kirby, Wendy Luther
- 17** Grace Ann Crimmins
- 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

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Leon Tysor Jordan, II (Christy Buck's father), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (B & J Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Barbara Mitchell (KJ Joyce), 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



Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

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

Our Mission

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

Printed copies of *Steeple Views* are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

TRUSTEES

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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