

July 27, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

When there is a difference between where we want to be and where we are, we say that there is a Gap. And when we look honestly at the Gap with a clear purpose to guide us, we generate new energy and excitement for what is ahead of us.

We remember from our budget discussions that our first important Gap is financial. Our current annual budget includes the use of \$237,670.72 of our Endowment funds. If we continue to use this much of the Endowment annually, we will exhaust the Endowment in less than 10 years. To close our financial Gap we need to generate enough income to sustain our budget without using Endowment funds. The Think Tank has been looking honestly at this Gap.

With much prayerful discernment, the Think Tank has been considering ways to repurpose our building. The intention is for the repurposing of the building to be revenue generating, with the hope that the revenue will be enough to sustain our budget without the need of Endowment funds.

One of the first suggestions I heard about the future of the building, was to "moth ball" parts of the building that are not being used. The hope with "moth balling" is to reduce the amount of money needed to maintain the building. But the Think Tank has been focused on ways to bring new life to the building, to allow the facility to benefit the community and support our mission and ministry. This building is a gift from previous generations and our hope is that

this beautiful expansive facility will support our community and bring glory to God.

Until we toured the whole facility, many on the Think Tank had forgotten how large our building is. Try to remember:

The Main hall off the sanctuary: Kitchenette, Youth Room, Parlor, Bell Choir, Children's Chapel, Library, hall bathrooms.

Turning and continuing down the hall to the Chapel: Choir, Children's Music, Robes, Music Library, Archive, three office spaces, the Chapel.

Behind the stage: two large rooms (previous 4 year old rooms), previous science room, previous 1 year old room, speech therapy room, scout room, hall bathrooms

Under Sanctuary: Nursery and new Weekday School rooms, hall bathrooms

Under Offices: Fellowship Hall, Storage room, Elevator, Kitchen, Pantry, Janitor Closet, two Weekday School rooms, Supply Room, hall bathrooms

Office area: Elevator, Office Manager, Finance Office with copier room and storage, Irby Class, Session room, Spencer's office, Conference Room, Pastor's office, hall bathrooms

We have been blessed with much space to care for and to use for the benefit of our community and our ministry. And while we will always be able to worship and operate fully as First Presbyterian Church, it is time to share some of our space.

Please plan on attending the Think Tank Update on August 6th immediately following worship. During this update, the Think Tank will present their ideas for repurposing our wonderful facility. We have an exciting future ahead of us.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this ninth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

based upon Romans 8:26-39 and Psalm 119:129-136

Liturgist: Lynn Pritchett

Greeters/Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday and by appointment if necessary.

Voicemail will be monitored.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31 at 2 PM - Think Tank Meeting in session room

July 31 at 6 PM - Session Meeting in session room

August 3 at 5:30 PM - Community Meal in Fellowship Hall ([see Ron Rebman for details](#))

August 6, following worship - Update from the Think Tank

August 13 - Community worship at Forest Hills PC

August 19 - **Community Breakfast** - Bill and Suzan Kirby are leaders

August 28 from 1-6 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive in FH

Directory Pictures - Has your family changed? Kids gotten older? New family members? If you would like your Instant Church Directory picture updated, please send a suitable picture to the office. Pictures may be emailed or given to a staff member.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Janet Fentress has agreed to be the Chair of Presbyterian Women for the coming year. Nancy Davis will continue as Historian. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023** at King's Grant. More information to follow.

Summer Community Worship schedule:

Aug 13 - 11:00 AM at Forest Hills Presbyterian

Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville

back2school

UPDATE from Tracy Hinchcliff:

We are still needing approximately 25 more volunteers that are willing to serve

the little ones on Aug. 5th. Our appointments will start (first child) at 8:30 am and our last appointments will be at 2:30pm.

Still in need of:

1. Resources to provide breakfast and lunch. However, we don't really have a budget for this, so I am open to any ideas anyone may have. **Would any of your churches be available to make sandwich platters?** Something simple. We would look to serve about 50 people and would need to arrive by 11am Saturday.
2. If someone cannot stay the whole time, we can break it up into 2 shifts. ***First shift: 8 - 12pm and 12 pm - 3 pm.*** However, that will require a lot more volunteers. So I am hoping that many of you will hang in there and stay the whole day. There is quite a bit of downtime between batches of kids, so that helps. Wear comfortable shoes and if you have a T-shirt for Back2School, new or old, please wear as that distinguishes us as volunteers. **Very important.**

Let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you where you can serve.

Tuesday Aug. 1/ large backpack packing party at 6pm at 700 Commerce Ct. This will be the evening that all sites come together to pack backpacks. Bring your kids to volunteer as they love this activity.

Wednesday Aug. 2/ City Cluster back pack packing at the Uptown Ministry Center starting at 5pm.

Friday Aug. 4/ City Cluster Uptown Ministry Center setup event at 5pm. Need anyone available to setup the tables and washing stations for the Saturday.

Saturday Aug. 5/ BIG EVENT!! volunteers are asked to get to the ministry center no later than 8am. Kids will start arriving at 8:30.

First Presbyterian Church will host a bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall Monday, **August 28 from 1-6.** Donors are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nancy



Baker at nbaker08@comcast.net or [\(276\) 638-7923](tel:(276)638-7923).

Liturgist Schedule

July

30 Lynn Pritchett

August

6 Joan Montgomery

13 **no liturgist needed**

20 Kym Tatum

27 Milt Davis

September

3 Nancy Davis

10 **no liturgist needed**

17 Jerri DeVault

24 Joe DeVault

August Birthdays

- 2** Dwight Christenbury, Lynne Beeler
- 3** Marjorie Dunn
- 5** Bob Richeson
- 6** Walt Flythe Jr.
- 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
- 10** Frances Bledsoe
- 11** Melissa Wingfield
- 12** Beth Lawson
- 13** Chuck Cundiff
- 17** Maggie Pilson
- 21** Bill Stone
- 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
- 23** Anne Abercrombie



24 Nanette Smith

29 Joe Williams, Stuart Beard

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Ruth Decker Chaney, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Randy Rollins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett),, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Bob Wuestefield (husband of Barbara Duncan), 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

3rd quarter food donation item is 4lb bag of sugar



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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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

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

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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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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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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