

July 3, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Rev Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

WOW!! Y'all are amazing! Thursday was perfect! The grounds and the building were beautiful! There were MANY comments about our grand hospitality and welcome. Everyone was glad to be at a Presbytery meeting. (That's rare.) Best Presbytery meeting EVER, for many reasons!!!

Thank you! Thank you for your tireless, self-giving weeks of work!!! Y'all are a wonder to behold, and I'm blessed to be among you!! Thank you!

BTW, the hymn "Here in This Place" is still playing in my head ~ since the Presbytery meeting. If you'd like to join me singing/hearing this hymn here is a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGxrL83mocQ>

I promise whenever you listen or sing, I will be singing along. This hymn just won't let me go. Please let me know any ideas you may have, about why God is keeping this song in my head ~ email, text or call (rev.millerb@gmail.com, [276 734-8830](tel:2767348830)). I'd enjoy knowing your thoughts.

Oh, and here is a special invitation:

*The Presbytery of the Peaks and The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Invite you to a Martinsville-Henry County Presbyterian Community Worship
Service installing The Reverend Doctor Bea Miller As Pastor of First
Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA at ten o'clock in the morning on Sunday,
July 13, 2025 1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia*

Reception following in the Fellowship Hall

May Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this fourth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30

Liturgist: Gale Buck
Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell

Liturgist Schedule

July

6 Gale Buck
13 Joe DeVault
20 Barbara Duncan
27 Duke Ferrell

August

3 Cindy Edgerton
10 **no liturgist needed**
17 Sharon Kirby
24 Mary Linker
31 Liz Ferrell

September

7 Ione Linker

14 **no liturgist needed**

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 3pm

Friday CLOSED

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

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.



Exciting News: Reception for Rev. Bea Miller

We are thrilled to announce that on **Sunday, July 13, 2025**, we will celebrate a special day at First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville! Rev. Bea Miller, who has served as our interim minister for the past three and a half years, will be officially installed as our **full-time minister**. This marks a significant milestone in the life of our church.

To honor Bea's new role and to show our appreciation for her dedicated service, we will hold a **reception immediately following the service**. We invite all members and friends of the congregation to join us for this joyful occasion.

We need your help to make this event a success!

We are requesting donations of food and assistance with set-up and clean-up.

The items we need include:

- Chicken Salad Sandwiches
- Pimento Cheese Sandwiches
- Ham Biscuits
- Vegetable Tray
- Fruit & Cheese Tray
- Deviled Eggs
- Brownie Bites
- Cookies
- Bite-size Desserts
- Nuts

If you are able to contribute food or lend a hand with the event, please contact one of the following coordinators:

- Liz Ferrell: [276-634-6376](tel:276-634-6376)
- Nancy Moore: [276-732-3400](tel:276-732-3400)
- Susan Pilson: [276-340-7288](tel:276-340-7288)

July 13 is a big day for our church—not only will we celebrate Bea's installation, but we will also be joined by area Presbyterian Churches for worship service. Please come ready to celebrate this new chapter in the life of our church!

******* We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact **Janet Fentress** ([276 618-0153](tel:276-618-0153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)). *******

Congregational Meeting - July 6th. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a nominating committee who shall recruit elder and trustee candidates for the Class of 2028. The meeting will immediately follow worship.

Cooks Who Care - Tuesday, July 8th at 9:00 AM

Community Breakfast - July 19th, leader is Brooke Cundiff. If you are able to help, please contact Brooke at ([276](tel:276-340-6124)) [340-6124](tel:340-6124)

Community Worship:

July 13 FPC Martinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC. This program will run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th** (no camp the week of June 30th- July 4th). They will also be off site the week of June 23 to allow FPC to get ready to host the Presbytery meeting on June 26th. They will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

Happy Birthday in July!

2 William Seamon
4 Ben Pinkston
5 Paul Cannaday, Samuel Smith
8 Dyer Pace
12 Heidi Pinkston
15 Dick Pilson
17 Jerri DeVault
18 Ashby Pinkard, Duke Ferrell
20 Connor Wotring
21 Sienna King
23 Anne M. Lackey
26 Tom Martin
27 Laura Stevens
28 Madison Sanders



Congregational Care and Fellowship

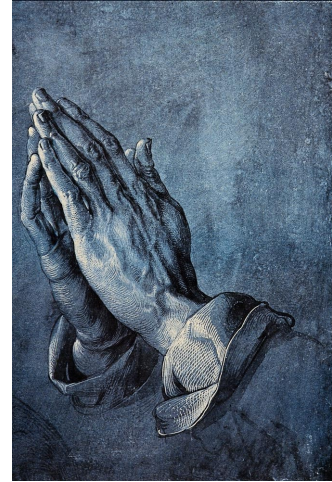
If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

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

Family of Terry Reid Mitchell, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



Grace Network Donations

3rd quarter 2025 food donation item is Applesauce 24 - 32oz OR 6 count, 4oz cups



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*



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 and text [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709)

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

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

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock
2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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