

March 14, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Saturday was WONDERFUL!!! Thank you to all who helped with and participated in Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger! It was great to be together, having fun for a great cause! Our immense gratitude is extended to the Missions Team for making this possible!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 24th at 10:30, for our Reunification Workshop with Rev. Carl Utley and Rev. Jen Brothers. Carl is our Executive Presbyter and Jen is a Ministry Specialist on staff with the Presbytery. After Palm Sunday in the Park (9:00 am) and our pot-luck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (10:00 am), Carl and Jen will gather us for a workshop and discussion as we discern what Reunification may mean. I look forward to seeing EVERYONE who can be there!

Also, please mark your calendar for our Maundy Thursday – Good Friday service of communion and Tenebrae darkness on Friday, March 29th at 6:00. (Remember the storms that added to the mood, last year.)

It is a busy season as we prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

P.S.

There will be a Minute for Mission regarding the 2024 Budget on Sunday.



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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea Miller**

based upon John 12:20-36 and Psalm 119:9-16

**Liturgist:** Jack Kirby

**Ushers/Greeters:** Joan and Monty Montgomery

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## Liturgist Schedule

### March

17 Jack Kirby

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

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

### April

7 Pearl Minter

14 Mary Linker

21 Ione Linker

28 Joan Montgomery

### May

5 Monty Montgomery

12 Nancy Moore

19 Ashby Pinkard

26 Lynn Pritchett

**June**

2 Ron Rebman

9 \*none\*

16 Joe Williams

23 Gale Buck

30 Milt Davis

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**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.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
& UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Think Tank Meeting** - Monday, March 18th at 2 PM in the session room.

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**Community Breakfast** - Saturday, March 23. Team leaders are Neil and Kym Tatum.

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**Palm Sunday in the Park - March 24.** Please park at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church across from the park and walk over or catch the bus. There will be seating for 50 people. Palm leaves will be available to everyone in attendance. **If it rains the service will be moved indoors to the Lutheran Church.**

**Palm Sunday Breakfast** - following the park service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck breakfast at 10 AM. Please leave your breakfast items in the kitchen.(ham biscuits, muffins, etc.) Coffee and juice will be provided. Rev. Jen Brothers and Rev. Carl Utlej will join us for a Reunification discussion.

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**BE ALERT! Southwestern Va Gas Company** will be installing a new main line in front of the church beginning **Friday, March 29.** They plan to complete the job the following week while schools are on spring break.

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**Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae Service of Darkness** service will be on **Friday, March 29th at 6:00 PM.** Communion will be served by Intinction.

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### [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 Peoples of FHPC, Devotional)
- March 21: Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional)



### **Community Breakfast**



Don't forget to join us on **March 23** for our next breakfast! Captains are Neil and Kym Tatum, If you wish to help in any capacity, please contact Neil or Kym. Please see the schedule below for the remainder of the year.

### **Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year**

- 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**



## **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.rafiedler@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rafiedler@gmail.com)) or cell [540 797-3109](tel:5407973109)) of

our presbytery's CEDEPCA Mission Partnership Committee with any questions.

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## ***Happy March Birthdays!***

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



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

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of George Townsend, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, 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, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, 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.



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**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).

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## ***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*

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## 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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com). For time sensitive announcements, please send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

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

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### 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](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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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/)

**Church Office Phone:** [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)

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## **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

## **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

## **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

## **TRUSTEES**

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis  
2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg  
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

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