

March 16, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I missed seeing you Sunday! If you did not receive a text notification of our snow day on Sunday, please give Rita your cell number. Rita will make sure you get any future text notifications from the church.

I'm truly grateful to those who used their time and energy to participate in the Purpose Labs. Thank you! Please take time to join me in thanking: **Nancy Baker, Rita Bateman, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Liz Ferrell, Betty Hudson, Sue Legg, Pearl Minter, Joan Montgomery, Nancy Moore, Ashby Pinkard, Johnny Pinkard, Lynn Pritchett, Ron Rebman, Monica Stevens.** Their work in the Purpose Labs has prepared us to discover our way forward in the Think Tank.

The Think Tank held their initial overview meeting on Monday (3/13) and ideas are already flowing as we seek to allow God to stretch our understanding of who we are as First Presbyterian. On Monday we watched an introduction to *We Aren't Broke: uncovering hidden resources for mission and ministry* by Mark Elsdon. At our next meeting we will discuss the book further. If you are interested, the book is available on Amazon.

Please mark your calendar for our **Maundy Thursday Service** and potluck dinner on **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather at 6:00 for potluck fellowship. At 7:00 we will remember our Lord's last supper, participate in the stripping of the church, and move into the darkness of a Tenebrae service. Please join us as we remember the Passion of our Lord.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this Fourth Sunday in Lent at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Sermon based upon John 4:5-42 and Exodus 17:1-7**

**Liturgist:** Nancy Davis

**Ushers/Greeters:** Ron Rebman, Betty Hudson

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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.

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We now have three new listening devices for people who are hard-of-hearing. If you would like to use one during worship service, just ask an usher for assistance.



**Pastor Bea** will be away next week (March 20-26). If pastoral care is needed please call Monica Stevens  
[276 734-8830](tel:2767348830).

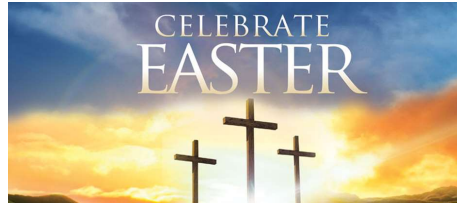


**Magna Vista's Rock of Ages Teen Edition** will be performed on **March 17 & 18 at 7 p.m.** and **March 19 at 3 p.m.** Tickets are now on sale (\$8) and can be purchased in advance online: <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/magna-vista-high-school/63764183d8d6350e3e46d9f4> **OR at the door.**



Community Breakfast, **Saturday March 18** will be led by **Henry** ([276 732-3296](tel:2767323296)) and **Nancy Moore** ([276 732-3400](tel:2767323400)).

If you would like to help cook, serve, or simply enjoy the fellowship, please consider joining us!



**April 2** - Palm Sunday - Communion will be served

**April 6** - Maunday Thursday - covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall @ **6 p.m.** followed by Maunday Thursday service in sanctuary with Communion @ **7 p.m.**

**April 9** -Easter Sunday with Communion

If you are able to help serve communion with any of these services, please contact Liz Ferrell at [lizdferrell@hotmail.com](mailto:lizdferrell@hotmail.com) or text to [276-734-6376](tel:276-734-6376)

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### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

offering will be collected on **Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday** to help with relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Giving envelopes will be located in the pews. Checks should be written to the church.



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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### March

19 Nancy Davis

26 Milt Davis

### April

2 Shanna King **\*\*Palm Sunday\*\***

9 Sam Smith **\*\*Easter\*\***

16 Janet Fentress

23 Liz Ferrell

30 Cindy Edgerton

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Celebrate **Red Cross Month** this March!

This tradition began 80 years ago when President Franklin Roosevelt issued the first national Red Cross Month proclamation — and each American president has followed ever since.

During our annual Red Cross Month celebration in March, we honor our volunteers commitment to supporting people in need, and ask them to invite their communities to join us. Our mission wouldn't be



possible without community heroes like you.

Thank you for turning your compassion into action this month, and all year long.

**As thanks for all you do, you'll receive a \$10 Visa® Prepaid Card by email when you come to donate blood by March 31.\*** It's a small token that we hope, combined with the overflowing gratitude of patients, reminds you just how incredible you are.

Our gratitude doesn't end here! **Come to give blood in March and you'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card!** You could be one of five lucky winners.

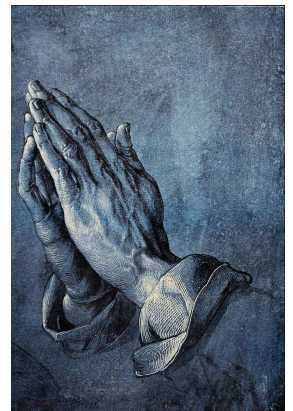


- 2** Peter Marshall
- 6** Jerry Wood
- 9** Tyler Price
- 18** Steve Edgerton
- 21** Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Susie Allen, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Joel Christman (B. Stanley,) Tommy Cobb, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), David Seamon, Beth Sibbick (N. Moore), 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).

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## **Grace Network Donations**

**The 1st quarter 2023 food donation item is Juice (40-64 oz)**

**The 2nd quarter food donation is canned greens (turnips, collards, etc.)**

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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**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 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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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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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

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