

March 5, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Saturday is Presbyterians Rise Against Hunger! This is a meal packing event for all ages and ability levels. We will pack thousands of meals in about 2 hours. Please come and experience this fun service project.

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization feeding people in developing nations. Over the years, we have been able to sponsor this event by using mission budget money, some donations for this purpose, and money from the grant we received to help us serve as Presbyterians together in Martinsville and Henry County. It is with the joy of helping to feed those in need and gratitude for the funding that we continue this event annually.

Joint service and mission are natural outcomes from worshipping together. Summer Community Worship and other Community worship services have been a blessing. We just keep realizing and remembering that, even as we may spend Sunday mornings in different sanctuaries, we really are part of the same larger extended family. We feel the love of our Lord whenever we are together. Thanks be to God, for the ways we serve and care together!

Peace,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

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

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

March

8 Liz Ferrell

15 Billy Kirby

22 Sharon Kirby

29 no liturgist needed if we participate in Palm Sunday in the park

April

5 Taylor Shank *Easter*

12 Joe DeVault

19 Barbara Duncan

26 Ione Linker

May

3 Pearl Minter

10 Joan Montgomery

17 Mary Linker

24 Nancy Moore

31 Susan Pilson

June

7 Ashby Pinkard
14 Lynn Pritchett
21 Ron Rebman
28 Martha Rollins

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm
Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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

BEWARE: Two members of our congregation recently received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!

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.



Lenten Lunch Volunteers & Soup Needed - Our Lenten Lunch will be held March 12 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently seeking:

Greeters: To help direct guests to the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Judy King ([276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)) if you can help.

Soup Donations: If you have a favorite soup you would like to share, please contact Susan Pilson ([276-340-7288](tel:276-340-7288)) to coordinate.

Thank you for your generosity and service to our church family!



Lenten Lunches:

All **Lenten lunches** will take place at noon with a light lunch and a message. They normally last about an hour.

- March 5 - First Baptist Church East
 - March 12 - First Presbyterian Church
 - March 19 - Starling Avenue Baptist
 - March 26 - Chatham Heights Baptist
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Rise Against Hunger excitement is building, and we invite all of you to **register online** for this year's experience, **on Saturday March 7, 2026.**

9-10 am setup, and **10-12 noon**, meal packing! We need your help again this year to help end World Hunger. And it's also a lot of fun!

Please register online

here: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville26>. On the linked online form, fill in your information, then the number of family members participating, **in addition** to yourself, in the indicated box.

You can check boxes at the bottom - for volunteering to help **set up** (9-10 am), or to **pack meals** (10-12), or you can check **both**.

PS - if you prefer to print out and fill in the paper form, then please mail it to: Ione Linker, RAH - 705 Prospect Hill Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112

FPC contacts for the event are Ione Linker ([\(310\) 951-5138](tel:3109515138)) and Taylor Shank ([\(276\) 732-9525](tel:2767329525)). Call or text with any questions!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MARTINSVILLE PRESENTS:
BRUSHSTROKES & FELLOWSHIP: A MORNING PAINTING

"Create, Connect, and Celebrate"



JOIN US FOR ART & COMMUNITY

Come discover your inner artist in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. No experience needed! Step-by-step guidance provided. We will be painting the beautiful Bunny Rabbit pictured.

WHEN & WHERE:

- **DATE:** Saturday, March 28th
- **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

EVENT DETAILS:

- **COST:** \$25 PER PERSON (Includes ALL supplies: 11x14 canvas, paints, and brushes)
- **INSTRUCTOR:** Karen Conner, Conner, Local Artist
- **REFRESHMENTS:** Coffee, tea, and light snacks provided
- **AGES:** For Adults & Teens

HOW TO REGISTER:

Space is limited to 20 participants. RSVP by March 20th by contacting:
SUSAN PILSON, 276-340-7288
or susanpilson@gmail.com

Hi church members!

I hope everyone is doing well! I am sorry that I have missed steeple views for a while! We are in full spring mode and hoping the weather cooperates! This week is Dr. Seuss week and the kids have been enjoying dressing up! I will send in those pictures next week! On Monday, we had the First United Methodist puppet group come and perform. The kids loved it and their theme this year was Jesus is Joy!





- 2 Peter Marshall
- 6 Jerry Wood
- 9 Tyler Price
- 18 Catherine S. Bridges, Steve Edgerton
- 21 Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson
- 22 Martha Rollins

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).



William Watson Regen

December 27, 1966 - February 15, 2026



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Harriet Mauck, daughter of the late Lang Mauck, on the passing of her husband, **William Watson Regen**, on February 15.

The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.kepnerfh.com/obituaries/william-regen>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

William W. Regen Family, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley) Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Liz Jackman (daughter of Nancy Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.



Grace Network Donations

[1st Quarter 2026 Food Donation Items is Creamed Corn, 15 oz.](#)



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, unless the Church office is

closed. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday afternoon by 3 PM

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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<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

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 2027

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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship

Class of 2028

Ione Linker/Taylor Shank: Mission/Outreach

Nancy Davis: Christian Education

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