

March 9, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This summer the Presbyterian churches in our area (First Collinsville, First Martinsville, Forest Hills, Grace) will participate in a worship rotation. On the second Sunday of June, July, August and September all area Presbyterians will gather in one location for joint worship. Our hope is to grow our relationships with each other as we seek ways to serve the Martinsville and Collinsville areas together. We will end the rotation by assisting Grace Presbyterian with their Community Day.

Save the dates:

- **June 11** - Grace Presbyterian at 11:00
- **July 9** - First Presbyterian Martinsville at 10:00
- **August 13** - Forest Hills Presbyterian at 11:00
- **September 10** - First Presbyterian Collinsville at 11:00

Community Day at Grace Presbyterian on **Saturday, September 30th** 11:00am - 3:00pm

May God bless us in all we are seeking to do together!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Third 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: Chuck Cundiff

Ushers/Greeters: Rob King, Betty Hudson

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!



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.



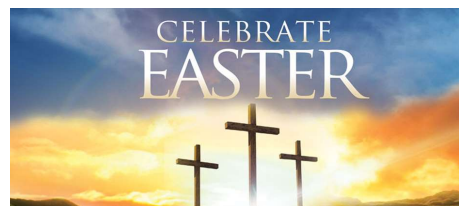


Magna Vista's Rock of Ages Teen Edition will be performed on **March 17 & 18 at 7 p.m.** and **March 19 at 3 p.m.** Tickets are now on sale (\$8) and can be purchased in advance online: <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/magna-vista-high-school/63764183d8d6350e3e46d9f4> **OR at the door.**



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

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 or text to [276-734-6376](tel:276-734-6376)

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.



Liturgist Schedule

March

12 Chuck Cundiff

19 Milt Davis

26 Nancy Davis



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

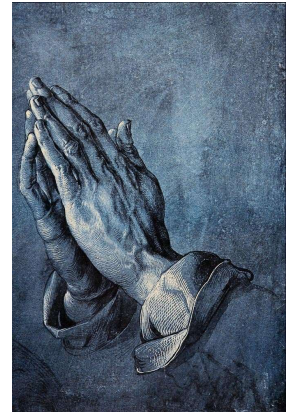
18 Steve Edgerton

21 Emma Wilson, Evan Wilson

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marvin and Susie Allen, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, 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 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 Minter at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

Grace Network Donations

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

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:**

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



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

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

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Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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