

**May 1, 2025**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner** **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

It is an exciting time! Our calendar is busy.

This Sunday (May 4th) we will hear an important report from our Think Tank. I hope that everyone can attend or tune-in.

On May 11th please come and enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn – Happy Mother's Day!

On May 18th, we will celebrate our Extended Table ministry during worship and with a potluck lunch following worship. Also following worship, and before lunch, we will have a Congregational Meeting to hear the recommendation from Session to Call Rev. Bea Miller as your Installed Pastor. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Spirit is on the move at First Martinsville!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this third Sunday of Easter at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Acts 5:27-32 and Psalm 30

**Liturgist:** Susan Pilson

**Ushers/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **May**

4 Susan Pilson  
11 Lynn Pritchett  
18 Ron Rebman  
25 Martha Rollins

### **June**

1 Janet Fentress  
8 Randy Rollins  
15 Gale Buck  
22 Joe Williams  
29 Taylor Shank

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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm

Friday 9:30am - 2pm

**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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**The Session of First Presbyterian Church** calls a meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, May 18, 2025** immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to issue a Call as Installed Pastor, and Terms of Call to our Interim Pastor, Reverend, Dr. Bea Miller. Please make every attempt to be present for this important meeting.

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**Facilities Workday - Saturday, May 3rd, 8am - Noon** (or anytime you can make it). In preparation for the Presbytery Meeting in June, we need your help cleaning, painting and doing other jobs inside and outside. All volunteers are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Johnny Pinkard ([276-952-5826](tel:276-952-5826)) for more details or if you have questions or suggestions.

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**FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, May 5th** at King's Grant at 11 AM. Marty Sherwood of Forest Hills PC will lead lesson 9. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

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**Weekday School upcoming events:**

**Art Show** - Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM

**Preschool Graduation** - Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM

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**Community Worship:**

**June 8** FPC Martinsville

**July 13** FPC Collinsville

**August 10** Forest Hills

**September 14** Grace

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**Community Breakfast Update**

Mission/Outreach team would like to thank Mary Linker for stepping up to be team leader for the April breakfast. If you haven't already, take time to read her article in Steeple Views from last week.

We do not have team leaders for May. If you are available and willing to fill this role please contact Judy King at [276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101) or [jpkking1944@gmail.com](mailto:jpkking1944@gmail.com).

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**Cooks Who Care** will be preparing another delicious meal for shut-ins on Tuesday, May 13th. Come and join in the fellowship and help members by delivering a homemade dinner. We will meet at 9:00 AM for meal preparations. We also need people that would be willing to deliver meals and visit with the people who will receive the meals. This month the cooks are **Joan Montgomery** and **Ashby Pinkard**. Please contact Ashby Pinkard 276 952-5827, Joan Montgomery [276 252-6060](tel:276-252-6060), or Susan Pilson [276 340-7288](tel:276-340-7288) if you have any questions. Please come!

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**Patrick Henry Elementary School** will have **Field Day on Friday, May 16th** (rain date Monday, May 19th) and **Awards Day on Tuesday, May 20th** and faculty and parents will be using the church parking lot those days. Please keep this in mind if you plan to come to the church during the day that parking may be limited.

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Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed your time, energy, and generosity to make our recent church events such a success.

From the thoughtful preparation of soup for the Lenten Lunch, to the comforting Funeral Reception for Betty Stanley, the joyful Brunch on Palm Sunday, and the meaningful Dinner before our Maundy Thursday Service – your collective efforts made a tremendous difference.

Whether you brought delicious food to share, diligently helped with the cleanup, or simply showed up with a willingness to lend a hand without being asked, your spirit of service and fellowship shone brightly. Your contributions created welcoming and supportive environments for our church family and the wider community.

Thank you so much for your dedication and for embodying the true spirit of our church. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks,

Susan Pilson

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### **Attention First Presbyterian family:**



Our church has had a long-time mission with the American Red Cross. The association between the two started many years ago, with Doris Marshall (Gael Chaney and Peter Marshall's mom), taking the lead. Years later, Mrs. Marshall passed the baton to Nancy Baker, who has faithfully led the mission since that time. We thank Nancy for her years of dedication, finding volunteers for the local bloodmobiles!

First Presbyterian provides assistance at the bloodmobile, held every third Thursday of the month at the Elks Club (next to the high school). Our job is to check in donors, then serve snacks as the donors prepare to leave. Currently, we need additional volunteers to replenish our group. The more groups we form, the less work for those

involved. Please call me if you are interested. Every pint of blood collected can save up to three lives. Thank you for considering this worthwhile mission.

Ashby Pinkard [276 952-5827](tel:2769525827)

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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 **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).

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## *Happy Birthday in May!*

- 1** Janet Fentress
  - 5** Amy Mason
  - 8** Gavin Luther
  - 10** Sandra Shank
  - 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
  - 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
  - 14** Farrell Pace
  - 17** Heath Russell
  - 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank, Will Franck
  - 20** Christal Kelly
  - 22** Elizabeth Pritchett, Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, 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, Carl Utey, Lil Wall, 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. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.



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## ***Grace Network Donations***

**2nd quarter 2025 food donation item 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 (any 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](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/peaks-postings/>

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### Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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**Printed copies of Steeple Views** are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

[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](https://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: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

## **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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