

May 15, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Minute for Mission

Gale Buck

Before we get into Pentecost, think back to when you were younger. Possibly teens or early twenties, when you were building dreams and planning your future. . . . Do you recall how these dreams and plans made you feel? . . . Now, they are gone! Wipe them out for even if you did manage to do something with them, for this moment imagine that there is no way they could have come true. Through no fault of your own, they did not happen. Your world of tomorrow is left empty. Why?

The Pentecost Offering focuses on youth, like you when you were dreaming and planning. You see Pentecost is actually the birthday of the Christian Church. The apostles received the Holy Spirit and left Israel, going out into the wider world with the message of Jesus. And yes, that message included the young people of the day. Jesus called them to him because he saw that they are the future. What youth are taught today will shape our tomorrow. To that end, 25% of the Pentecost Offering supports Young Adult Volunteers serving communities around the world. Another 25% supports Youth ministries. 10% is devoted to children at-risk, improving education, and providing safe havens. 50% of the Pentecost Offering focuses on youth, teenagers, young adults, people in their teens and twenties. People who are building dreams and planning their future, most often a future involving service to others.

Now, let's go back to YOUR dreams and plans. Did you accomplish them? Did you bring them into reality? Whether you did or did not, did you get help from someone along the way? Was there a person or group who supported you, encouraged you, inspired you to be more or do better? The person who does it on their own is extremely rare so I am willing to bet that each of us had

someone who was key in our personal success and as part of your Pentecost Offering, that person should be remembered. If you have not already, we need to "Pay it Forward."

As part of your Pentecost Offering, consider your gifts and talents and how you might use them to inspire youth in our community. Some of you are teachers, athletes, doctors, lawyers, ministers, musicians. What can you give of yourself to help young people today plan a better tomorrow for all of us? A faith based tomorrow. When the apostles went out, they had only themselves to offer. Themselves strengthened with the Holy Spirit. Each of you is filled with the Holy Spirit as well. If you don't think so, stand in front of a mirror and ask yourself, "Who am I and how did I get here?"

We have already accounted for 60% of the Pentecost Offering, which is managed nationally. The remaining 40% stays in our community, invested as our session (and others) sees best. But 100% of the time you invest in our community stays here. For Pentecost this year, don't just write a check, though that will be greatly appreciated, but give of yourself to the youth in our community. When you decide you can do this, I bet the Holy Spirit, the same spirit that guided the apostles, will guide you as well.



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148

Liturgist: Ron Rebman

Ushers/Greeters: Joe and Jerri DeVault

Liturgist Schedule

May

18 Ron Rebman
25 Janet Fentress

June

1 Martha Rollins
8 *No Liturgist Needed*
15 Randy Rollins
22 Joe Williams
29 Taylor Shank

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Summer office hours will begin Friday, May 23rd (Memorial weekend). **Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM and CLOSED on Friday.** If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

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.



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. **Also on May 18th** we will celebrate our Extended Table ministry during worship and with a **Potluck lunch** following worship and after the congregational meeting.

Weekday School upcoming events:

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

Community Worship:

June 8 FPC Collinsville

July 13 FPC Martinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

Community Breakfast Update

The Community Breakfast is **Saturday May 17**. There are no team leaders for this month therefore please contact Judy King at [276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101), jpkking1944@gmail.com or Ron Rebman at [540-842-4698](tel:540-842-4698), ronreb85@gmail.com if you are available to cook or serve.

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.

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)

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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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).



Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of **Lil Wall** on her passing **Wednesday, May 7th**. A private graveside service will take place in North Carolina.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Lil Wall, 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 Utley, 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.



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**. For time sensitive announcements, please send to skirbycwj@gmail.com

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

Presbytery of the Peaks

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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

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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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Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

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TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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