

**May 22, 2025**



# *Steeple Views*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I'm almost a really, real part of the family. Thank you! Thank you for your confidence in me and in the process that will ultimately join us together. The next step is the June 26th Presbytery meeting at our church with me as the Moderator. (Hopefully this works in our favor!) I hope that you will consider registering and attending the Presbytery meeting too. I'll let you know when registration opens. And I hope when the vote comes we will let our joy be known. My mom (Rev. Dr. Maxine Edwards, Honorably Retired) is even coming! This will be her first Presbytery meeting since moving to Virginia, after my dad died. She is ready to vote.

Sunday was special. Again, thank you! I had a list of things I was going to do while I waited for y'all to deliberate. I didn't get through the first thing on my list. I'm truly grateful for your encouragement and enthusiasm. I give thanks to God for bringing us together.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and the Presbytery,

Pastor Bea

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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**  
**based upon Acts 16:9-15 and Psalm 67**

**Liturgist:** Janet Fentress  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **May**

25 Janet Fentress

### **June**

1 Martha Rollins

8 \*No Liturgist Needed\*

15 Randy Rollins

22 Joe Williams

29 Taylor Shank

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## **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.



**If you have information on graduates** from our congregation, please notify the office and give us their information. We would like to recognize them in our next worship bulletin and in Steeple Views.

### Community Worship:

**June 8** FPC Collinsville

**July 13** FPC Martinsville

**August 10** Forest Hills

**September 14** Grace

**Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp** sponsored by P&HCC. This program will run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th** (no camp the week of June 30th- July 4th). They will also be off site the week of June 23 to allow FPC to get ready to host the Presbytery meeting on June 26th. They will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

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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:276-952-5827)

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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  
**27** Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon (# 90)  
**29** Ed Linker (# 99)  
**30** Ron Rebman

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**Ed Linker will be turning 99 on May 29th!** In celebration of Ed's birthday, and his 72 years in the choir, everyone is invited to join the family for lunch at 12 NOON, on Wednesday, May 28th at Hugo's. Please RSVP by 5:00 PM Tuesday, May 27th to Ione by text ([310 951-5138](tel:3109515138)) or email ([ione.linker@duke.edu](mailto:ione.linker@duke.edu))

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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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**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, 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*



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#### Our Mission

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

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#### 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/)

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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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