

May 25, 2023



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Pentecost is our season. The wind and fire of the Spirit are making us and everything new. The Spirit brings the gift of what seemed impossible and unimaginable. We are in the midst of becoming the First Presbyterian family that God is calling us to be. We are no longer the church of our memories, but the foundation of our past has readied us for a new time, a new way, a new life together. "Pentecost is the moment when gestation ceases and birthing occurs. Thus, it is both an end and a beginning, the leaving behind of that which is past, the launching forth into that which is only now beginning to be. Pentecost therefore is not a time of completion. It is moving forward into new dimensions of being, whose basic forms are clear, but whose fulfillment has yet to be realized." (Walter Brueggemann, [Texts for Preaching, Year B](#), p. 347)

Our time is now, to make things new that never were. It is an earth quaking, time of new language and new understandings. We've participated in Adaptive Change Workshops, Purpose Labs and now our Think Tank. The Spirit is on the move! Walter Brueggemann, my Old Testament professor, places great value in words and their power to communicate and transform. He wrote this prayer in *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*:

To make things new that never were

We name you wind, power, force, and then,
Imaginatively, "Third Person."

We name you and you blow....

blow hard,
blow cold,
blow hot,
blow strong,
blow gentle,
blow new....

Blowing the world out of nothing to abundance,
blowing the church out of despair to new life,

blowing little David from shepherd boy to messiah,
blowing to make things new that never were.

So blow this day, wind,
blow here and there, power,
blow even us, force,

Rush us beyond ourselves,

Rush us beyond our hopes,

Rush us beyond our fears, until we enact your newness in the world.

Come, come spirit. Amen.

May the Spirit of life be with us all,
Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Day of Pentecost at 10:00 am

Sermon by Pastor Bea

Based upon John 17:1-11 and 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Liturgist: Billy Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Billy and Sharon Kirby



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.



- **2 Cents a Meal** Offering will be taken on Sunday, May 28
 - **The church office** will be closed Monday for Memorial Day
 - **NO handbell or choir** rehearsals on Wednesday May 31
 - **June 18** **Congregational meeting**
 - **June 18 & July 9** Lemonade on the lawn
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Summer Community Worship schedule:

June 11 - 11:00 AM at Grace Presbyterian
July 9 - 10:00 AM at First Presbyterian Martinsville
Aug 13 - 11:00 AM at Forest Hills Presbyterian
Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville



Highlights from May's Session Meeting

- **Please note the following change: The church is no longer accepting recyclable material. We hope that you will continue to recycle by taking your recyclable materials to public recycling sites, such as the one on Market Street. Please Do not bring them to the church pantry.**
 - Please be conscious of turning off lights and locking exit doors if you are the last exiting the building.
 - The adult Sunday School class is currently studying ***Biblical selections taken from Judges.***
 - There will be a Congregational meeting June 18 following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2024 nominating committee.
 - Plans are being made to let the youth under the guidance of Brianna Tatum determine the use for the local share of this year's Pentecost offering.
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Our Sincere 
Gratitude
& Appreciation

The May community breakfast was another success. We filled 144 plates with a large number eating in house. Our numbers keep increasing each month so the word is spreading. The

mission/outreach committee would like to thank Kym & Neil Tatum, Brianna & Cole for being team leaders for May and all the cooks and servers for their time spent making the breakfast successful. We would also like to thank Therese Craddock for donating all the eggs and Barbara Duncan for entertaining again.

Thank you to all who signed up as leaders this year. Unfortunately, we do not have anyone to lead for June. If you feel lead to step up and be a leader for next month please contact Judy King at [276-340-8101](tel:276-340-8101) (call or text) or jpking1944@gmail.com.



Gael and Smith Chaney would like to invite all their First Presbyterian friends to their 50th Anniversary dinner on Saturday, June 10, at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake.

If you would like to attend, please reply to Gael (gael.chaney@alumni.duke.edu, [276-340-8081](tel:276-340-8081)) right away so she can send you the details.



FOR DRIVES MAY 1-19: In thanks for joining Team Red Cross, all who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma May 1-19 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

FOR DRIVES MAY 20-31: [To help encourage donations around the Memorial Day holiday, all who come to give May 20-31 will receive an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while supplies last.](#)

[FOR DRIVES WHERE POWER REDS WILL BE COLLECTED] Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation at this blood drive.

- o Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells during a single donation, allowing them to maximize their impact.
 - o During this type of donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and the plasma and platelets are safely and comfortably returned to the donor.
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back2school

Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!"

For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"

Matthew 19:14

It is time to celebrate the 17th year of the **back2school** outreach event that has served over 36,000 kids with the efforts of over 20+ churches across our communities and beyond!

Won't you join us in serving these students and making a difference in their lives?

For questions call Tracy Hinchcliff
276-403-4222

Or email
Tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org

back2school

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

Registration

- Saturday, July 15 (noon– 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 25 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 21-23 . Shifts TBD

Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville
Tuesday, August 1 (6:00 pm)

The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)
Saturday, August 5 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetorkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.

Liturgist Schedule

May

28 Billy Kirby

June

4 Jack Kirby

11 **no liturgist needed**

18 Pearl Minter

25 Sharon Kirby

June Birthdays



- 1 Gage Lawson, Reid Lawson
- 3 Riley Wood
- 8 Shanna King
- 9 Susan Smith
- 10 Betty Hudson, Cindy Edgerton
- 12 Lt. Col. David King
- 16 Ainsley Russell
- 18 Susan Pilson
- 23 Basil Boyd, David Price
- 24 Dr. Denny Casey
- 26 Ann Reaser
- 29 Caroline Kirby

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Katheryn (Kaky) King Lewis and Family (Judy King), Family of Phillip Hudnall (Sharon Kirby's father), Family of Rob King, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Judy King, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Jane Rothrock, 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 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 Pearl Minter.

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 at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

Grace Network Donations

The 2nd quarter food donation is canned greens (turnips, collards, etc.)

For the month of March, the food pantry at Grace Network served 121 clients which means we were quite busy most every day and a lot of food went out the door.

For this 2nd quarter, our church has been assigned greens: spinach, mixed, collards, etc. This is a popular item and we often don't have any. In this same area we could also use canned potatoes, beets and tomatoes. Most of these items are fairly inexpensive and all would be greatly appreciated.

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:**
fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com. For time sensitive announcements, please sent to
skirbycwj@gmail.com

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

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/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

Our Mission

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

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

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 2023

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Class of 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

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2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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