

May 29, 2025



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Today was the birthday lunch celebrating Ed Linker's 99 years of life and 72 years of singing in the choir. (Now, I assumed that because he will have more birthdays, he'll also have more years in the choir. I was sad to learn that Ed has officially retired from choir. But we can all sing his praises!) Someone suggested that when I sit in the sanctuary to pray, I should sit in Ed's choir seat and hope that some of his longevity rubs off on me. Maybe we can all take that advice.

Ed knows our building inside and out. He is an invaluable resource for our church. We could fill a database to overflowing, with his wisdom. And I imagine that his family finds him even more valuable than we do.

God bless you Ed!!!

### **AND** ~ regrettably an Important Announcement

Currently the church does NOT have a cleaning service but we are getting quotes for a new service provider. Please clean-up after yourself and empty your trash. There is a dumpster outside the kitchen. If you have a group using the church, please make sure bathrooms are clean after the event. Together, we can keep the facility clean.

See the link below to a video you may enjoy about cleaning!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufws4TACoLY>

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-26

**Liturgist:** Martha Rollins

**Ushers/Greeters:** Ron Rebman, Judy King

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**Liturgist Schedule**

**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 - 3pm

Friday CLOSED

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make

an appointment.

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**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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**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.

### **2025 Graduates**

Hayden Cundiff - Martinsville HS

Gage Lawson - Magna Vista HS

Reid Lawson - Magna Vista HS

Gavin Luther - Martinsville HS, High Achiever Distinction (GPA 4.0 or higher)  
Riley Wood - Carlisle; Plans: Baylor University, Major: Exercise Physiology  
Kellene Wotring - Sweet Briar College, B.S. Environmental Science/Minor in Engineering  
Briana Tatum - Virginia Tech, B.S. Marketing Management

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**Community Worship:**

**June 8** FPC Collinsville

**July 13** FPC Martinsville

**August 10** Forest Hills

**September 14** Grace

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**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.

## **Congratulations to Cole Tatum!**

**Martinsville Bulletin Article:** "Magna Vista's Chandler Craig and Cole Tatum won Piedmont District boys tennis doubles championship in a third set tiebreak last week. The Warriors now move on to the region tournament." Cole is the son of Kym and Neil Tatum and the grandson of Barbara Tatum.

*[Please click on the link below to view the full article:](https://www.facebook.com/martinsvillebulletin/posts/magna-vistas-chandler-craig-and-cole-tatum-won-piedmont-district-boys-tennis-dou/1095648479251022/)*

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## ***Happy Birthday in May!***

**29** Ed Linker (# 99)

**30** Ron Rebman

## ***And June!***

**1** Christopher Crimmins, 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



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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 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.



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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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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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<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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[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/)

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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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