

**May 8, 2025**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

---

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

Dear First Presbyterian family,

WOW!!!! The parking lot is amazing and so much work was done on Saturday. Thank you!!! We are blessed to have a wonderful Facilities Team and great volunteers! Thank you for your time and commitment! Thank you for sharing your skills and sweat! Thank you for caring and being the church! Your love for the church and our church family shows in all that you do! We are blessed!!!

It has been a big week for our church building, not only has it been beautified but the Think Tank work is moving forward! Please see the Think Tank report below and let us know if you have any questions. The Think Tank sub-committee (Nancy Davis, Duke Ferrell, Anne Madonia ~ Session Liaison, Nancy Moore, Randy Rollins) put in an overwhelming number of hours on this project as they shared their skills and great ideas to make the West Wing project possible. We owe them our gratitude. Please take time to thank them when you see them. And please continue to keep the West Wing project in your prayers, as there are still many details as we move forward with construction and securing renters.

We pray God's blessing on our church building and all we are doing to use it to point to God's glory!!!

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea

---



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

**Sermon by pastor Bea**

based upon Acts 9:36-43 and Psalm 23

**Liturgist:** Lynn Pritchett

**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

---

## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **May**

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

---

## **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.



---

**Lemonade on the Lawn** - Sunday following worship

---

**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:**

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

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

---

**Community Worship:**

**June 8** FPC Martinsville

**July 13** FPC Collinsville

**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](mailto:jpkking1944@gmail.com) or Ron Rebman at [540-842-4698](tel:540-842-4698), [ronreb85@gmail.com](mailto:ronreb85@gmail.com) if you are available to cook or serve.

---

**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!

---

**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.

---

**Minute for Mission**

Think Tank Progress Report

The Think Tank was formed two years ago and tasked with helping

underutilized portions of our building develop in ways that glorify God. The current space under consideration is now being called the West Wing. It is the western portion of the building beginning at the hall across from the entrance to the Chapel, continuing around the corner where the library was located, and then down the hall to the Youth Room and Parlor. There will be a fire wall/door that separates the Youth Room (new Bell Room) and Parlor from the West Wing. The West Wing also includes the area behind the stage on the lower level. There will be another fire wall/door in the hall between the stage and the bathrooms, again separating the West Wing. The bathrooms close to the stage will no longer be available to the church and WDS. Those bathrooms will be renovated as part of the West Wing. There will also be a fire wall/door separating the West Wing in the wide hall outside the Fellowship Hall, blocking the steps and entrance to the parking lot at the end of the hall.

Those who rent portions of the West Wing will be approved by the Session and will serve functions in the community that further the church's mission and ministry.

In a continued effort to repurpose the vacant space in the church's West Wing, so that the space will be used to further the church's mission and also serve the community, the Think Tank Committee recommended the following two actions to the Session, both of which were approved at the Session meeting on April 28, 2025.

1. The West Wing space will be rented to entities that meet the approval of the Session, such as non-profit organizations; professionals such as counselors, etc.
2. In order to repurpose the West Wing, the church must be rezoned from R-N (neighborhood residential) to R-T (residential transitional). The church will be taxed only on the West Wing. The Session approved the West Wing rezoning.

The rezoning calendar process will be as follows:

- May 6 – The zoning application is submitted to the Martinsville City Zoning Administrator.
  - May 21 – The Martinsville Planning Commission sets a public hearing date.
  - May 23 – Notices are sent to nearby property owners, and signs are posted.
  - June 18 – The Planning Commission hearing takes place.
  - July 10 – Martinsville City Council approves the rezoning. The rezoning becomes effective 10 days after approval.
-

## 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



---

## 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*** 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



For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

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](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)

## **Our mailing address is:**

First Presbyterian Church

1901 Patrick Henry Ave.

Martinsville, VA 24112

## **STAFF**

Rev. Bea Miller, Interim Pastor, [rev.millerb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.millerb@gmail.com)

Rita Bateman, Secretary/Office Manager, [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Vickie Blair, Bookkeeper, [bookkeeper@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:bookkeeper@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Carol Carter, Weekday School Director, [wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Spencer Koger, Director of Music, [adultmusic@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:adultmusic@fpcmartinsvilleva.org)

Peter Marshall, Worship Technology Coordinator,

[worshiptechnology@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:worshiptechnology@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

## **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

---

*Copyright © 2025 First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA, All rights reserved.*

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

