

November 13, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

We have had a blessed stewardship season. We received a lovely flyer, overiewing our ministry together. In many Minutes for Mission, we heard about the great work all our committees are doing. The Stewardship Narrative brought tears to our eyes as we heard our life together reflected in story. And this past Sunday we had a "stew" for Stewardship feast. Thank you, Stewardship Committee, for a beautiful season of gratitude! And, if you have not already done so, please bring your pledge card to the church. Pledge cards help Administration and the Session in planning for 2026. And thank YOU! Thank you for all the ways you support and care for our family of faith.

We are in a season of celebration, with many programs and events to add to our calendars!

This Sunday we will enjoy our first, Second Cup. Second Cup is a time for conversation and light refreshment in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. We can take our "in the aisles" conversations downstairs and sit a spell with each other. This program was born during the Christian Education Forum last month. Gale and Christy Buck are getting it all started and they will need your help as this grows. Please be thinking about a Sunday when you can start the coffee for us!

Also, this Sunday, the Worship Committee has organized Laity Sunday. Please support and encourage all your friends as they lead us in worship.

And Sunday, November 30th, ~ the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Worship

Committee is bringing us another 5th Sunday Musicfest! If you have a song you would like to share, or if someone visiting for the holiday has a song to share, please reach out to Craig or the church office.

And on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 we will have a movie matinee feature in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and enjoy popcorn and a fun Christmas movie ~ "Christmas in Mistletoe." The movie debuts next week (11/18) on Amazon Prime and Apple TV, if you want to preview it. (More about the movie in the next SV.)

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this twenty-third ***Laity*** Sunday after Pentecost at
10AM

Liturgist: Lynn Pritchett

Ushers/Greeters: Bill and Suzan Kirby

Liturgist Schedule

November

16 Susan Pilson

23 Taylor Shank

30 *no liturgist needed*

December

7 Joe DeVault

14 Ron Rebman
21 Martha Rollins
24 (Wednesday, Christmas Eve) Sam Smith – if needed
28 Sam Smith

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

***The church office will be closed November 26-28 for Thanksgiving.**

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 community breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. Leaders are **Sharon and Billy Kirby**. If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact Sharon at [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709) or by email skirbycwj@gmail.com. Cooking begins at 7:00 am and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 am.

This Sunday is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service. Reach out to Judy King or Janet Fentress if you would like to participate in any way.

Join us for a Second Cup beginning this Sunday, the 16th. Come enjoy coffee and refreshments after the worship service each week. If you would like to get involved and help, please reach out to Gale and Christy Buck.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 23rd for the purpose of electing church officers for the Class of 2028. Elder nominees are Nancy Davis, Ione Linker, and Taylor Shank.

Session Meeting - Monday, November 24th at 4pm

The church office will be closed November 26-28 for Thanksgiving.

The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert Sunday, December 6th at 4 PM at the First United Methodist Church (146 East Main Street, Martinsville). Janet Fentress is a member of the ensemble. Still Water, Smith River Singers small group, will also perform.

Community Events



The Raleigh Ringers will be in Martinsville at First Baptist Church (23 Starling Ave) on Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 PM. The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir that dazzles concert audiences. Watch for more details soon. Ticket information is available at <https://rr.org/event/martinsville-va/>

Happy Birthday in November

2 Colton Sanders
3 Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris
5 Neil Tatum
6 Brooke Cundiff
8 Donna Lawhon
11 Ione Linker
15 Steven Minter
18 Donna King
21 Henry Grady III Moore
23 Sue Benfield
27 Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
28 Norah Cundiff

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).



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Joe and Jerri DeVault on the passing of Jerri's brother, John Mack Snow, in Martinsville, Va. on November 1st, 2025. The obituary can be found at: <https://www.wrightfuneralservices.net/obituaries/John-Mack-Snow?obId=46266889>

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ford and Felecia Childress on the passing of Ford's brother, Edward Hendricks "Hank" Childress, on October 16th, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. The obituary can be found at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/new-orleans-la/edward-childress-12562045>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

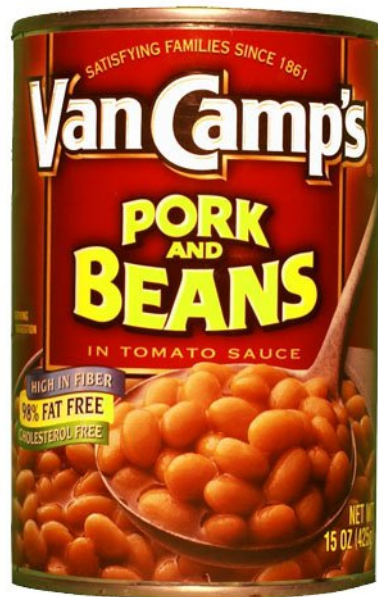
Family of John Mack Snow (Jerri DeVault's brother),
Family of Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries,



and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

Grace Network Donations

4th quarter 2025 food donation item is
Pork and Beans 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 (dozen 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 and text [276 806-9709](tel:2768069709)

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



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

Our Mission

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

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

Useful Links

FPC website:

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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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Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

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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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