

**November 20, 2025**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner**

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Laity Sunday was a blessing! Thank you, Worship Committee, for organizing Sunday worship! Cindy led worship with professional style. Lynn was a great liturgist. Both Janet and Martha spoke from the heart, tying their message with scripture and inspiration. Taylor was amazing during the Time with Young Disciples as his life story highlighted a message from the past while showing a grace and faith filled journey into the future. And Barbara gifted us with prayer. All of the spoken parts were surrounded by wonderful music from both the chancel and bell choirs. And we enjoyed the music of our own Sandra Ford. If you have not experienced this service, please check out the uplifting, spirit filled recording.

Second Cup got off to a grand beginning. We had refreshments and great conversations. Did you know that Dr. King was a youth preacher in his home church? And someone asked, "Why is there a Laity Sunday?" Second Cup gives us time to engage each other and to talk about our life together as church. Go God! Please join us Sunday, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

And a new movie, "Christmas in Mistletoe," is now streaming on Amazon Prime and Apple TV. The significance of this is personal, not theological. About a year ago, my older daughter, Kara, decided to work toward making her living as an actor. (Yes, she is still doing part-time contract work in her previous profession

to help make ends meet.) "Christmas in Mistletoe" is her first major role in a full-length feature film. She is fourth in the credits, behind the male and female lead and the antagonist. Kara is the comic relief. The basic story is that a movie location scout has come to the town Mistletoe, to check it out. During the movie this jaded movie location scout finds her Christmas spirit and falls for a leading man. The character, Terra, hounds the movie location scout, trying to get a part in the film. My Kara plays Terra. Viewing this movie does not put any money in Kara's pocket, but good reviews can be helpful. If you choose to watch the movie, keep watching during the ending credits, the closing scene of the film is yet to come. On Sunday, December 7th at 1:00, please join me and many of your friends in the Fellowship Hall for popcorn and a movie. Yes, the movie will be "Christmas in Mistletoe". Kara will FaceTime with us too. movie ~ "Christmas in Mistletoe". The movie is now available for viewing 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

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Please join us for worship this Last Sunday after Pentecost at 10AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Colossians 1:11-20 and Psalm 46

**Liturgist:** Taylor Shank

**Ushers/Greeters:** Joe and Jerri DeValut

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## Liturgist Schedule

### November

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

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### 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.***

***\*\*Steeple Views will not be published when the Church office is closed\*\****

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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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**We had a great kickoff for 2nd Cup** and more after church events are on the horizon. While 2nd Cup promises to be a worthwhile and valuable addition to Sunday mornings, we need help to keep it going. Please consider turning the coffee pot on and making sure snacks are available. A sign up sheet will be available during 2nd Cup.

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**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.

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**Session Meeting - Monday, November 24th** at 4pm

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**The FPC Women's Circle Meeting is Monday, December 1st** at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Gael Chaney will be leading lesson 4, "The Prodigal". If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

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**The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert Saturday, 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.

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## Christmas in Mistletoe

**Movie Matinee! Join us on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. "Christmas In Mistletoe" is a heartwarming Rom-Com featuring Pastor Bea's daughter, Kara, in her first major film role, and popcorn will be available.

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### Weekday School

**From the WDS Director, Niki Grogg**

November has been flying by for us! We had our first chapel with Pastor Bea and the kids were all talking about her lesson for several days. The kids have been learning about thanksgiving, turkeys, native americans and gratitude.



In the spirit of the season, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me this opportunity to lead this school, for allowing the school to operate, and for being so kind to me as I learn my new role!

I hope everyone is blessed with abundance this holiday season!

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### ***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

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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

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.

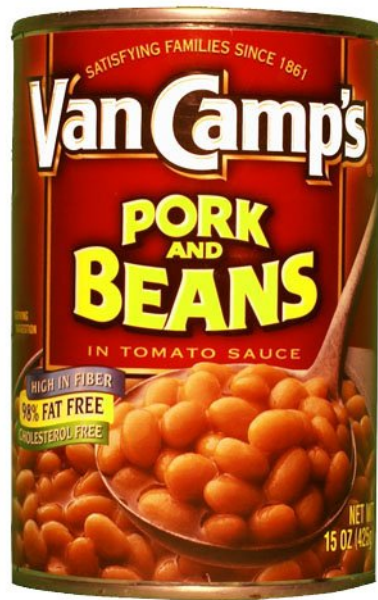


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***Grace Network Donations***



**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*

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## Steeple Views Reminder

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

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

<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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Clerk: Liz Ferrell  
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### **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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