

October 2, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Please plan to come or watch on Sunday. I'd be grateful for your participation as the church prays me on my way to the Camino! I'll miss you and pray for you on my spiritual pilgrimage.

And don't forget to support Sam and Monica as they preach while I'm away! Sam will graduate in May and begin sharing his gifts in new ways. Monica, as a preaching Elder, is one of a growing number of the trained laity serving congregations across the country. As a seminary student and an Elder, respectively, Sam and Monica represent the future of the PC(USA).

When I return from pilgrimage, on Sunday, October 26th, we will celebrate and commission the choirs during worship and then tour our new Community Office Wing following worship. The Open House will feature a look into our new Music Workshop, before stepping into the First Presbyterian Community Office Wing and making our way to the colonnade for refreshments. Please invite your friends to see all that is new at First Presbyterian.

It continues to be an exciting, Spirit lead time at First Presbyterian!

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea
based upon 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Psalm 37:1-9

Liturgist: Lynn Pritchett
Ushers/Greeters: Randy and Martha Rollins

Liturgist Schedule

October

5 Taylor Shank
12 Joe DeVault
19 Barbara Duncan
26 Liz Ferrell

November

2 Joan Montgomery
9 Nancy Moore
16 Susan Pilson
23 Ashby Pinkard
30 *no liturgist needed*

December

7 Lynn Pritchett
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.

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.



Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, October 6th at King's Grant at 11:00

AM. Nancy Davis will be leading lesson 2. 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.

The October Presbytery Meeting will be held on October 23rd at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3911 Greenland Ave, NW, Roanoke, VA. This will be an all-day meeting. Registration opens on October 6th.

From the Weekday School

The weekday school is having a T-shirt Fundraiser! We love our school and want to show off our school spirit! We would love your support as well! We have a kids design (below left) and an adult design (below right).



The kid's T-shirts are \$20 (sizes 2T,3T,4T and Youth XS-Large) and the adult t-shirts (sizes Adult Small through 5XL) are \$25. The shirts will be sapphire blue and is a unisex t-shirt. If you would like to purchase, please email 1stpresbyterianwdsmartinsville@gmail.com or grab a paper form from Rita in the office. The deadline to order will be Friday October 10th! Thanks so much!

Happy Birthday in October!

1 Shane Pinkston
5 John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker
6 Jane Ford, Mary Linker
9 Cole Tatum
11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
15 Joe Smith
16 Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
26 Dwight Christenbury, Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup
28 Gwendolyn B. Sowdon



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).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

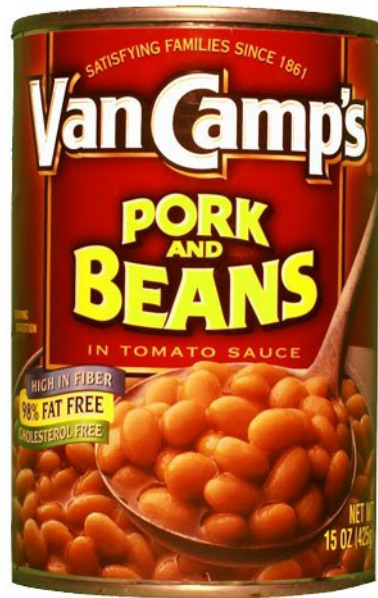
Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie 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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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:

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 2027

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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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