

October 20, 2022



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This week is the Adaptive Change workshop! Jen Brothers, who serves as Church Leadership Ministry Specialist at Peaks Presbytery, will be conducting the two day workshop. Several of us are attending and it will be exciting to share all that we learn.

If you haven't already done so, please do me a favor. Please take a few moments to list three things that are important to you at or about First Presbyterian and three things about First Presbyterian that bring you joy. You can email ([rev.millerb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.millerb@gmail.com)) your responses, bring them by the church, send them with a friend, or put them in the mail. I will collect the responses (without your names) and present a summary as a part of Commitment Sunday on November 13<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Peace be with you,  
Bea

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Please join us for worship this Twentieth Sunday after **Pentecost** at 10:00

**Sermon by Bea Miller**

**Based on Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65****Liturgist:** Shanna King**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard**OFFICE HOURS****Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.****Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**The safety of our congregation and community** are our highest priority. COVID-19 transmission rates are low in our area so you may wear a mask based on your personal preference, however, those who are not vaccinated should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while anywhere inside the church and sanctuary. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, should remain at home.

***Commitment Sunday*****November 13**

**Jesus Talks about the birds and the lilies and God's provision.  
(Matthew 6:26-33)**

**Oftentimes a lack of generosity is based on fear or worry, that there will not be 'enough'. This verse reminds us that God provides generously to us, that we don't need to worry and instead we are called to "strive first for the Kingdom of God." God provides, as Jesus promises in this verse, and then we are invited to share generously out of that provision.**

**Minute for Mission****What First Presbyterian Church Means to Us****By: Johnny and Ashby Pinkard**

Many years ago, we were visiting different churches, looking for a church home where we and our young children would be nurtured in the Christian faith. We

found that and a lot more at First Presbyterian Church. What we actually found was a church family!

Weekly attendance has given us a true sense of belonging. Many of the saints, who were there to welcome us almost forty years have since passed, but members who are here now continue to be great examples on how to show Christ's love in our church, community, and beyond.

Fellowship with friends have included church picnics, mission trips, and attending camp at Montreat, Camp Hat Creek, and Massenetta. So many wonderful memories were made. In particular, these camps have given us the opportunity to form lifelong friendships. Our grown children still treasure the experiences that they shared with their peers at our church.

We love our church family!

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### **The Grace Network Pumpkin Patch**



The **Pumpkin Patch** is open Sept 24 - Oct 31 and volunteers are needed to help sell the pumpkins. The times are divided up in shifts. This is a great way to help the community! If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sandi Teague [276-340-6822](tel:276-340-6822).

**Session Meeting** - Monday, October 24 at 7 pm.

**All Saints Sunday** - October 30

**We're trying out our automated phone system.** When you call, press 1 for the Office Staff and then you may choose  
**1=Pastor Bea, 2=Rita, or 3=Bookkeeper, Vickie Blair.**

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## Liturgist Schedule

### October

30 Liz Ferrell

### November

6 Sienna King

13 Pearl Minter

20 Sam Smith

27 Billy Kirby

### December

4 Jack Kirby

11 Sharon Kirby

18 Joan Montgomery

24 Sam Smith

25 Sam Smith

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## Devoted to Devotionals



Spiritual gifts abound at First Presbyterian. We are truly grateful to Monica and Denny for continuing to write weekly devotionals for Steeple Views. It is now time to form a team of writers, taking turns, providing a weekly devotion. If you would like to share your spiritual gifts as part of the team of writers, please contact Bea ([rev.millerb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.millerb@gmail.com), or [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). The team will gather occasionally to share resources and set a writing schedule. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

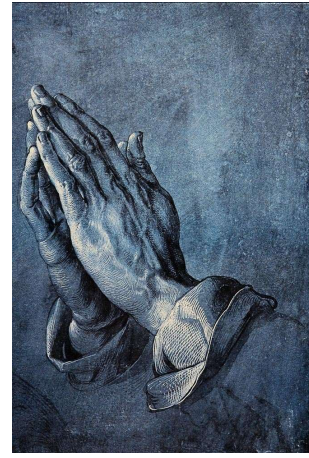
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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Tyler Stone, Family of Elizabeth Teague Coglitore, Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Mike Boswell, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Tommy Cobb, Bobby Davis (Milt Davis' son), Neill Ferrill

(Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Melanie Hardy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), Virginia Seamon, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office, [\(276\) 632-3431](tel:2766323431), [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

### Congregational Care and Fellowship

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 Pearl Minter at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

### Grace Network Donations

**The 4th quarter 2022 food donation item is Jelly (28-32 oz).**

Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

#### Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Bath Soap
- \*Dish Detergent
- \*Feminine Products
- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Deodorant
- \*Deodorant
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Laundry Detergent

*\*Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop 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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com). For time sensitive announcements, please sent to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com)

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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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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Betty Hudson: Christian Education

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**Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

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2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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