

October 23, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I'm back! Sort of. I'm not sure my brain and my body are in the same time zone yet. Maybe you know that dizzy, disconnected feeling. When I landed at Dulles, I had an hour to get through customs, find and recheck my bag, and make it to the gate on what felt like the other side of the world. My United App assured me that it was a 38-minute journey, and I would be fine. I was desperate for water, so I stopped at a store. I tried to go in, but they wanted a credit card to get in – one of those \$1 transactions to make sure you really have money. (Remember my brain and body are in separate time zones.) I look pathetic, saying, "I have cash. I just want water." The woman on the other side starts explaining to me in Spanish. I'm wide-eyed, saying nothing. Finally, she says, "Spanish?" All I can think is that my ruby slippers didn't work and I never made it home. I walked away, cash in pocket, credit card buried in safety, concerned about the time it was taking, and no water. It was more than I could navigate in my dizzy, disconnected state. I got water after landing in Roanoke.

Oh, the woman who checked me in to my flight, had just been to Roanoke. Small world. She didn't know she could fly United from Madrid to Roanoke. Now she knows.

I got home last night. Bridget and I had to do all our favorite things. She was coming out of her fur with excitement. We played hard, until I thought she may actually be able to sleep. As for me, I slept hard until I was wide awake at 3 am. My body thought it was late morning. I'll adjust.

Tomorrow is Presbytery. And I will see all of you Sunday! I'll have more stories.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Psalm 84:1-7 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Liturgist: Liz Ferrell

Usher/Greeters: Monty and Joan Montgomery

Liturgist Schedule

October

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.



The Facilities Committee will hold a work day on Saturday, October 25th beginning at 8:00 AM to tidy up the grounds and building. We will clean up leaves, do some weeding, and trim bushes. The kitchen and pantry also need a deep cleaning. We want things to look nice for our open house and for the upcoming holidays.

Sunday, October 26th at 11:15 AM - Join us for an open house and tour of the newly renovated Community Office Wing. Refreshments will be available on the colonnade.

Session Meeting - Monday, October 27th at 4:00 PM in the session room.

Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, November 3rd at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Joan Montgomery will be leading lesson 3. 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.

Commitment Sunday - November 9th

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/>

November 16th 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.

Chrismon Tree



20+ years - that's how long our Chrismon tree has been serving our sanctuary every Christmas. The tree is showing its age and it's time to look toward a new replacement. A tree has been decided on, and we are waiting for it to come into stock. A new tree is not in our budget and we are purchasing it with individual donations. If you would like to contribute

something toward this new tree, please write a check to the church with "Chrismon Tree" on the subject line. We already have over half of the cost donated and a few more contributions will help complete the cost.

Weekday School

Hello Everyone!

Last Thursday we had the fire department come for a Fire Safety demonstration! The kids enjoyed seeing the firefighters. The kids are also learning about fire safety in their classrooms as well since October is fire prevention month!





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:

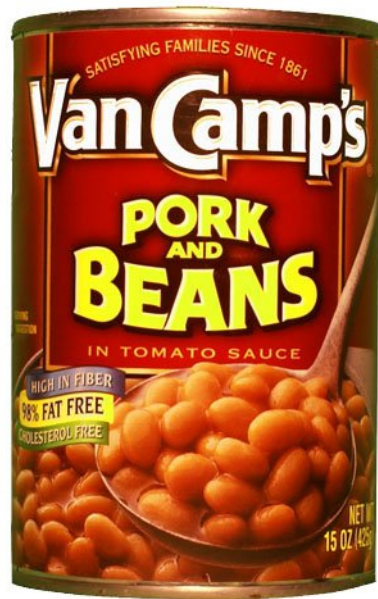
PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Anne Madonia: Think Tank

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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