

October 27, 2022



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

**IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP** Minute for Mission on **Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00**. Please plan to attend. Financial information that was presented to the Session on Monday night will be presented to those in attendance on Sunday morning. This message will **NOT** be available on Facebook. We will interrupt our Facebook stream during the Minute for Mission and then begin the stream again when the Minute for Mission is complete.

Also, on Sunday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints in combination with elements of a service for wholeness. This service will encourage us to name our losses, both individual and corporate, as we open our hearts to God's future for First Presbyterian.

Please note that I will be in Cullman, Alabama, Nov 1-10, at Sacred Heart Monastery. I will be there as part of a Lilly Grant program, Women at the Wellspring. This program gathers 16 female pastors, every six months, for retreat, respite, and continuing education. We all applied for this program prior to the pandemic, and it has become a wonderful resources and support structure for all of us. I look forward to sharing my experience with you.

And keep those notes coming. 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 Twenty-first Sunday after **Pentecost** at 10:00

Sermon by Bea Miller  
**Based Psalm 29**

**Ushers/Greeters:** Rob King, Monty Montgomery

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#### **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.

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### ***Commitment Sunday***

**November 13**



**Love, Hospitality, and being Good Stewards of God's Grace**

**(1Peter 4:8-11)**

This verse reflects back on the double love command, calling for love. And one way that love is expressed is by giving generously to provide hospitality and serve our 'neighbors'. This verse also reminds us that we are recipients of the incredible gift of God's grace, and we are called to steward that gift by serving others. Ultimately, our giving is one way that we can glorify God and point to God's amazing love and grace for all of us, and that should be cause for generosity and celebration! **(Presbyterian Foundation)**

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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).

**All Saints Sunday** - October 30

**Pastor Bea** will be attending Women at the Wellspring in Cullman, AL, November 1-10. Monica Stevens will be on call for pastoral care.

**Presbyterian Women** meeting on Monday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. at King's Grant. Optional lunch is \$10. Please pay at the front desk.

**Commitment Sunday** is November 13 when we will offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year.

**Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting** is Thursday, November 17 and will be a hybrid meeting; both on Zoom and in person at 2nd presbyterian in Roanoke.

**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.**

## Liturgist Schedule

### 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

## 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.

## Happy Birthday in November

**2** Colton Sanders  
**3** Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris



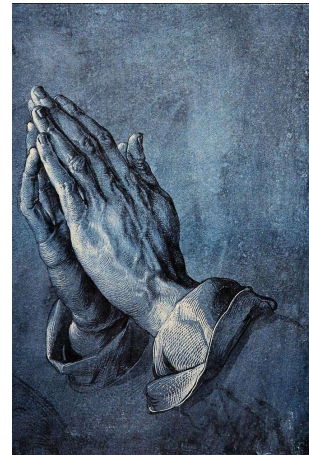
- 5** Neil Tatum
- 6** Brooke Cundiff
- 8** Donna Lawhon
- 15** Steven Minter
- 18** Donna King
- 21** Henry Grady III Moore
- 23** Sue Benfield
- 24** Judy Ware
- 27** Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
- 28** Norah Cundiff

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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).

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**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).

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**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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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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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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Brooke Cundiff: Mission/Outreach

Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

#### **Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

#### **Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

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2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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