

October 29, 2025



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Wow! The building is beautiful! Thank you, Anne and Community Office Wing committee. Thank you, Johnny and the Facilities committee. Thank you, Susan and the Fellowship committee. Thank you, Nancy and Liz, and so many others. Thank you all who helped with the Work Day! And a special thank you to Rita who is managing the Community Office Wing ~ along with all her tasks as Church Office Manager. Thank you, First Presbyterian family, you have prayed, thought deeply, asked important questions, found interesting answers, and prayed again. All of you went above and beyond supporting each other and getting the building ready for a spectacular Sunday and a blossoming future! Thank you!!!

We are now supporting the community in new ways as we offer affordable space to non-profits and start-up businesses. Our building is no longer filled with deferred maintenance, and the building is even beginning to support itself. (Kinda like teaching a building to fish...😊) We are living into a new future, with God. May God continue to bless all that happens in our beautiful, life-giving building!

AND we have a new thing happening! On Sunday, November 16th, following worship, Second Cup Fellowship will begin. The idea is to keep talking, sharing and caring for each other. We have been enjoying each other in the aisles, lingering before we leave on Sunday. Now we can gather in our Fellowship Hall, have a cup of coffee, (maybe our Second Cup of the day), talk about life, the sermon and scripture of the day, or just share a joke or story. Please plan on

extending your Sunday, just a little ~ and we can still get to lunch before the other churches ~ as we enjoy each other and deepen our relationships.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this twenty-first day after Pentecost on All Saints' Day this Sunday at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Psalm 146

**Liturgist:** Joan Montgomery

**Ushers/Greeters:** Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **November**

2 Joan Montgomery

9 Nancy Moore

16 Susan Pilson

23 Taylor Shank

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

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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.

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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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**Time change** is this Sunday so don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour before you head to bed on **Saturday!!**



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**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.



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**Commitment Sunday is November 9th** when we offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year. Join us for a Brunswick Stew luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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**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/>

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**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.

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## Weekday School

Hello Everyone!

This Monday we had the Henry County Police Department come out for a demonstration. They did a wonderful job and brought 1 police car, 1 undercover car, and one SWAT team bearcat! The kids got to pick up all the heavy police gear, climb in the bearcat, and flip the lights in the car!







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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

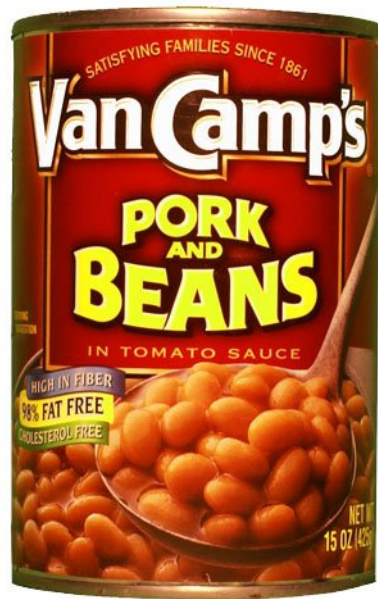
Family of Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday,, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning,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



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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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#### 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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### **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **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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