

October 6, 2022



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Much to my chagrin, it feels like most of the intersections in Franklin County are becoming roundabouts or traffic circles. As I engage the traffic circles, I realize that few among us really know how to navigate these new constructions. Transitional ministry, our current phase of ministry, is like a traffic circle. We know the road. We are familiar with all the traffic signs. But for some reason when the road and signs are configured in a traffic circle, few of us are comfortable. Navigating traffic circles feels foreign. This is the nature of transitional ministry. We know the church and people, but the process can feel uncomfortable.

In addition to being in transition we are, hopefully, coming out of a pandemic. The changes thrust upon us during our response to COVID, have forever changed our world and the ways we interact with each other. Life will never be *the way it was*. And church will never be *the way it was*. Many things are still familiar, like people and place, but we now gather in new unfamiliar online ways. Habits and expectations have also changed.

Change is a constant throughout our personal and communal lives, yet often our response to change is resistance. The founders of adaptive leadership theory suggest that we humans don't actually fear change--we fear loss. When our sense of loss is greater than our sense of purpose, resistance kicks in. But God is always doing a new thing, always calling us into growth, change, transition and transformation.

On **October 18 and 19** we (First Presbyterian Martinsville) are hosting a Presbytery sponsored workshop called **Adaptive Change**. This two-day workshop for Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, staff, and other lay leaders is built on an adaptive leadership framework designed to help us thrive through the challenges of our time.

I am cordially inviting you, all of you, to attend the **Adaptive Change workshop on**

**October 18 and 19** in our session room. These two-days will give us the tools we need to grow into our mission and purpose as God's church on Patrick Henry Avenue. **Please register by October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch will be provided for those who register. Here are the steps to register:

- Go to **peakspresbytery.org**
- Select the **[EVENTS]** tab, close to top of screen
- Click on pull-down menu **[Register for an Event]**
- Click on **"Adaptive Church Project for South Side Neighborhood"**
- Click the **[Register]** button
- Fill in your information
- Click on **[Submit]**

I hope to see you at the Adaptive Change workshop,

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

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Sermon based upon Luke 17:11-19 and Psalm 111**

**Liturgist:** Elena King

**Ushers/Greeter:** Monty and Joan 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**



**Parable of the mustard seed and the yeast (Luke 13:18-21)**

Big and small gifts are appreciated and can be used by God. There is hardly a more beautiful way to speak about the hidden promise of even the smallest gift than the image of the mustard seed, so tiny yet holding so much possibility. Or for those who are bakers, the yeast provides a similar illustration. We are given so many gifts from God, and we are called to give back. Perhaps we feel small, or we feel like our gifts are small, but we hold the promise of God's awesome power at work within us and through our gifts. So, we share our gifts so that God can use them and grow them just like the mustard seed becomes a tree big enough for birds and the yeast grows big enough to make the bread and provide sustenance for us. (*Presbyterian Foundation*).

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**Community Breakfast - Saturday, October 15** led by Ron Rebman and Rob

King and will be served in person. Contact Rob (276 340-2263) if you are able to work.

**The POP Southside Adaptive Church Project Workshop** will meet at FPC October 18 and 19, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

### 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).

**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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## Church Organ Update from Spencer

Dear Church Family,

As many of you are now aware, First Presbyterian's Pipe Organ is in a bit of disrepair. When I joined the church in February, I had a goal to tune, clean, and repair the pipes. These pipes are hidden behind the wood screen to the left of the sanctuary. Alongside an organ builder, and friend, we adjusted and continue to work with the pipes to ensure the best working conditions.

However, the pipes are not the only thing that require maintenance. The organ console, the one I play from, works off of electronics and computers. The current system is over 18 years old and no longer functions as of August. While I "hot-wired" the system into giving me some control our pipe organ could malfunction any time.

Now you may be wondering, is the church repairing the organ, what's happening with everything? And the simple answer is, YES!

The long-and-short version is that the Session approved my request to update the "inner" workings of the organ. An analogy that may shed light on the problem is as follows: Think of the Pipe Organ like a car. The work completed earlier this year was a basic oil change and tire rotation. Tuning and cleaning the pipes helps provide quality sound. However, now the transmission is out. To have a functioning car (in this case pipe organ) we must replace the transmission.

Orders are placed and the builder and I are awaiting the parts to ship. Due to current supply chains and state-of-the-world shipping, installation, and proper adjustments will take time. It is with my greatest hope that our pipe organ is fully operational by Christmas!

Do not despair as I assure you, our congregation, friends, and family, that the music program will continue! We are all excited to share the joys of the holidays season through song. Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns. I am here for you all. I will continue to update you all as things occur.

Loving Regards,

Spencer

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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.



**Randolph Tyler Stone**

August 13, 1975 - September 21, 2022



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Bill and Cathy Stone on the passing of their son, **Tyler Stone**.

The interment of his ashes will be private. There will be a Celebration of Life service at **First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville on October 22, 2022, at 2 p.m.** to provide an opportunity for his family and friends to remember and share the joy and laughter he brought to their lives.

The full obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/martinsvillebulletin/name/tyler-stone-obituary?id=36679804>

**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, Doug Miller (Pastor Bea's husband), Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), 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*

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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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For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

[https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020 Peaks Postings/PP Aug18 2020.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020%20Peaks%20Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf)

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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](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

### Useful Links

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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