

September 11, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 28th! The Rev. Rusty Reaser will be in our pulpit ~ and Dwight will introduce him! Rusty is one of our own. He served as Parish Associate right here at First Presbyterian, with the Rev. Dwight Christenbury, one of our former pastors. Rusty and his wife Ann are moving and at 93 he is almost ready to give up the pulpit. Almost. On Sunday, September 28th Rusty will preach one final sermon in our pulpit. Please come celebrate Rusty as we bless him and Ann for their next phase of life!

And, I would love your prayers. I am less than a month from my study leave - continuing education pilgrimage, walking the last 100k of the Camino de Santiago. The Camion de Santiago is one of the oldest and most significant Christian pilgrimage routes. The route culminates at the final resting place of James, the Apostle of Jesus ~ it is the Way of St. James. I will be walking with a friend from high school (another U.S Capitol Page) and members of an Episcopal church in California.

It's a lot of walking and I'm not ready. Since contracting Lyme about 5 years ago, walking is something that still hurts. It's an on and off hurt, not a constant hurt. I'm strong and fit and healthy ~ and walking hurts. I'm learning to walk with poles and that actually helps. But I haven't added the pack yet..... I prayerfully signed up for this trip, about a year ago ~ thinking that with God saying "yes go" the pain would go too. I know I'm called to make this trip and maybe part of it is admitting weakness. (Prior to Lyme I was a distance runner ~ running was part of my identity and my spiritual life. I talked to God and

wrote sermons on long runs. It is difficult to let go of things that are integral to life.) Walking the Camino is going to be hard and I'd be grateful for your prayers. On Sunday, October 5th, I'm hopeful that you will pray me off to the airport after worship.(And hopeful that you'll start praying now.)

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Grace
Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM

Liturgist Schedule

September

14 **no liturgist needed**

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

October

5 Taylor Shank

12 Joe DeVault

19 Barbara Duncan

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 - 3pm
Friday CLOSED

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.



Presbyterian Women's Circle at King's Grant



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, September 20 led by Mary Linker. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Mary ([919-548-2452](tel:919-548-2452) or yogilinker@gmail.com) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

Session Meeting - Monday, September 29 at 4PM

REVISED DATE - Adult Education Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st at 11:30! Plan on bringing your lunch money to Hugo's back room for an Adult Education Planning Forum. All adults in the congregation are encouraged to attend as we plan future programming, with your interests and needs in mind.

*** We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact **Janet Fentress** ([276 618-0153](tel:2766180153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:2763408101)). ***

Community Worship:

September 14 Grace

Happy Birthday in September!

1 Monty Montgomery, Virginia R. King
4 Nancy Davis
8 Suzan Kirby
10 Autumn Sanders
11 Victoria Esarey
15 Gwendolyn Seamon
16 Judy King
20 Jean Williams
25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell



Congregational Care and Fellowship

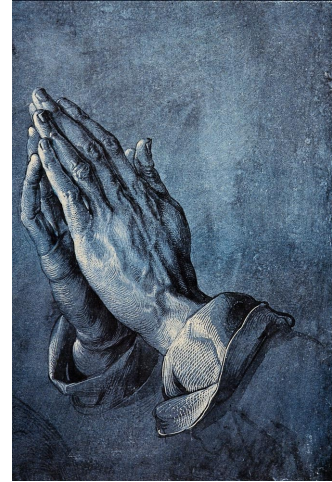
If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

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

Family of Anne Abercrombie, 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

**3rd quarter 2025 food donation item is
Applesauce 24 - 32oz **OR** 6 count, 4oz cups**



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

Useful Links

FPC website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

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

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Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

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2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock
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