

September 18, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for all you did on Thursday!! It took everyone to keep things from sinking.... :) If you haven't heard the WHOLE story.....this is the saga of my first funeral as your called and installed pastor and the story of men in suits with shop vacs.

11:00 ~ The thermostat was turned down in the sanctuary.

11:30 ~ We realized the temperature was going UP in the sanctuary and Rita called Whitescarver.

11:45 ~ There was No water in my office restroom. I started to comb the building to see if anyone knew why the water was turned off. By the time I returned to the office wing, still not knowing why we had no water and realizing that people would be showing up and needing to use the facilities, I found a flood of water coming from the ladies room next to the Session room. Rita immediately called Johnny. And yes, people were arriving. And how did we go from No water to too much water? And the water is leaking to the lower level. The WDS is all a flutter...

12:15 ~ The Whitescarver guys (yes, the air is working in the Sanctuary) went into the bathroom and turned off the flow of water. It was coming from the far toilet. (God bless Whitescarver.) By now ceiling tiles on the lower level are coming down. Church members are going home to get bags of towels. Ruth, a WDS teacher, is mopping up water on the lower level. And I'm trying to figure out if we have any working, not flooded toilets to send people to. Is the water

still turned off? Confusing....

12:30 ~ Anne's family is gathering outside close to the columbarium. Which was great because they needed to walk through (or on) water to get to the Session room. Johnny, wearing a suit and dress shoes, is armed with a shop vac, trying to contain the water. People are gathering in the sanctuary, and I announce that the downstairs bathrooms are safe, dry, clean and functioning. The clean-up begins.

1:00 ~ We celebrated the life of Anne Abercrombie.

1:40 ~ We enjoyed a perfect and perfectly beautiful reception!

So, what we think happened.... The city was working down the street. (And yes, people were having trouble getting to the church because the road was blocked.) The city turned off the water and when they turned it back on the surge blew the gaskets in the far toilet in the ladies' room next to the Session room.

And I believe that Anne was amused by all the events leading to her service, even as she was pleased with her service and reception. Go God!

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

On Monday (9/22) and Wednesday (9/24) from 1:30-4:30, I'm going to walk the trails at King's Grant. Please come walk with me ~ for a spell ~ and cheer me on. I'm slow ~ short legs. And Trailblazers, you can walk with me too! And if you are not a Trailblazer, just say you are visiting one of your church friends and walk with me! I need all the encouragement I can get as I prepare for the Camino!

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this fifteenth Sunday at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Luke 16:1-13 and Jeremiah 8:19-9:1

Liturgist: Billy Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Wuetefeld, Barbra Duncan

Liturgist Schedule

September

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 - 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 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.

Sunday, September 28 - Rev. Rusty Reaser, former Parish Associate here at First Presbyterian Church, is 93 years old and will preach one last sermon in our pulpit before he moves to the Charlotte area.

Monday, September 29 - Session Meeting at 4PM

October 1 (REVISED DATE) - Adult Education Forum 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:276-618-0153)) or **Judy King** ([276 340-8101](tel:276-340-8101)). ***

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*



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We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor

Presbytery of the Peaks

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

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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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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TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock
2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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