

September 22, 2022



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Reflections

Dear First Presbyterian family,

With much gratitude for her faithful service, this week we say goodbye to Drema Austin. We wish her all the best. We also pray for a good and speedy recovery from her knee replacement surgery on September 26.

Speaking of surgery, as you read this my husband (Doug Miller) should be home recovering from carpal tunnel surgery (9/21 in Lynchburg). We are grateful for your prayers.

Some of you have had questions about Doug. I've included a link to a five-minute documentary that a local film student submitted as a class assignment. The documentary is a good introduction to Doug, and it explains his injury.

<https://youtu.be/M4y36a4iFyU>

Please remember that I'm making phone calls. And please be patient because I'm not sure how long it will take me to get to everyone. I look forward to speaking with you.

Peace be with you,

Bea

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***The Church is Open for In-Person Worship Service!***

**The safety of our congregation and community** are our highest priority. COVID-19 transmission rates are medium 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.

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

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

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Sermon based on Luke 16:19-31 and Psalm 146**

**Liturgist:** Ashby Pinkard

**Ushers/Greeters:** Neil Tatum, Monty Montgomery

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**The Grace Network Pumpkin Patch**



Volunteers are needed to help unload pumpkins on **Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m.** 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).

**Session Meeting** - Monday, September 26 at 7 pm

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### ***Gifts to the Church***

We have received donations from an anonymous giver totaling \$3,463.43 to date.

Many thanks to this individual!!!

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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.

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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 Utle, 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).

### 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).

### *Grace Network Donations*

The 3rd quarter 2022 food donation item is **Green Peas** (15 oz.)



**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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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)

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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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