

September 24, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for all the ways you are engaging our conversation about the book, "The Strategically Small Church." The discussion on Sunday was more than positive; it was encouraging and uplifting. We now have more people asking for a copy of the book than we have copies. So, if you have finished reading, please share your copy.

This week we will begin talking about our wonderful ability to be both authentic and resilient. Taylor Shank and Nancy Moore will be leading this discussion. Please plan to attend and participate. And remember, if you miss something, you can find the recording on our website and Facebook page.

All of this work is equipping us to be the church God is continually calling us to be.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea





Please join us for worship this eightteenth day after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 21:23-32 and Psalm 25:1-9

Liturgist: Billy Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Wuetefeld and Barbara Duncan

2nd Cup: Joe and Brenda Williams

Liturgist Schedule

October

4 Sharon Kirby

11 Ione Linker

18 Mary Linker

25 Pearl Minter

November

1 Joan Montgomery

8 Nancy Moore

15 Lynn Pritchett

22 Martha Rollins

29 Ron Rebman

December

6 Randy Rollins

13 Taylor Shank

20 Ashby Pinkard

24 TBD

27 Gale Buck

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Friday - 9:30 AM - 2 PM

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

BEWARE: Two members of our congregation recently received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!

A red rectangular graphic with a yellow banner in the top left corner. The banner contains the text "Be Aware!" in black. To the right of the banner, the text "Protect yourself from scammers!" is written in white. Below this, two paragraphs of white text are displayed.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

A Celebration of Life service for Laura Stevens will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 AM. A reception for the family will follow the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Session Meeting - Monday, September 28th at 4 PM.

Rita, our office manager, will be out of the office Wednesday, September 30th – Tuesday, October 6th. Contact Vickie for any general needs, or Pastor Bea for any urgent matters.



Our **Fall Church Partnership** picnic will be on Sunday October 11th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at Jack Dalton Park. Join us for food, fellowship, fun and games, and live music! Members of FPC, Grace PC, and Collinsville PC are all invited! More details to come in the weeks ahead. Questions, text **Ione** ([\(310\) 951-5138](tel:3109515138)) or **Taylor** ([\(276\) 732-9525](tel:2767329525)).

Call for Volunteers! The FPC Mission Committee is participating with Grace PC and other local churches to put on a Community Thanksgiving Meal. We need a lot of volunteers to sign-up and come to an organizing meeting on Sept. 21 at 6pm at Grace PC. The meal event will be on Wed. Nov 25, 1-4 pm. Go to <https://forms.gle/ThBsPawUTfbcAZ5X7> to complete the volunteer form. Questions, text **Ione** ([\(310\) 951-5138](tel:3109515138))

September Birthdays

25 Carolyn Baptist, Gavin Russell

October Birthdays

1 Shane Pinkston

5 John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker

6 Jane Ford, Mary Linker

9 Cole Tatum

11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon

15 Joe Smith

16 Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton

26 Dwight Christenbury, Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup

28 Gwendolyn B. Sowdon

Congregational Care and Fellowship

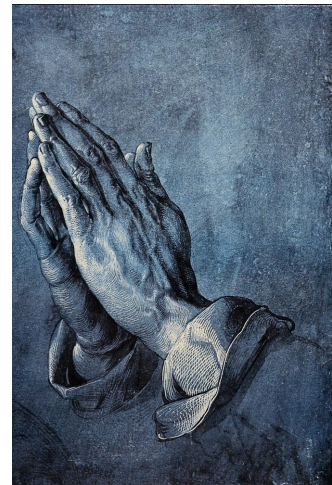
If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

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 Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Rebecca Smith (P. Stanley), Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, 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

4th Quarter Food Donation Item is Pancake Mix





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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Steeple Views is published weekly on Thursdays, unless the Church office is closed. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday afternoon by 3 PM

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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Our Mission

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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