

September 29, 2022



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

It is my great pleasure to welcome Vickie Blair as our Interim Bookkeeper. Vickie is delightful, caring, and conscientious. Vickie retired from the Martinsville City School, where she worked as a bookkeeper. We are grateful that she has stepped out of retirement to join our staff. She is a happily married mother of two and grandmother of two. We are truly blessed to have her with us. When you stop by church, please take a moment to welcome Vickie to our First Presbyterian family.

And thank you to both Henry Moore and Billy Kirby for their time and effort in finding, interviewing and securing Vickie as our bookkeeper. They both dedicated extra time and energy to this process. We are grateful for their leadership.

Peace,

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 Seventeenth Sunday after **Pentecost** at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

**Sermon based upon Luke 17:5-10 Psalm 37:1-9**

**Liturgist:** Duke Ferrell

**Ushers/Greeter:** Joe and Jerri DeVault

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**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.**

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Monday, **October 3** at King's Grant at 11:00 am. Lunch will be \$10 and can be paid at the front desk.

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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

## 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.

### 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 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](tel:276-632-3431)) [632-3431](tel:632-3431), [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org).

## Happy Birthday in October

**1 Shane Pinkston****5 John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker****6 Jane Ford****9 Cole Tatum****11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon****15 Joe Smith****16 Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton****19 Mike Ware****23 Nancy Brown****26 Eileen Powell****26 Melissa Jessup**

### 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 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*



## Steeple Views Reminder

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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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### Our Mission

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

**Printed copies of Steeple Views** are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

[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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Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

Betty Hudson: Christian Education

**Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

**Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

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2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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