

**September 4, 2025**



# **Steeple Views**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## **Pastor's Corner**

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Our 5th Sunday Musicfest was GRAND! Special thanks to Virginia, Lynn, Barbara and Marion for pulling it all together. When I realized that we were doing a 5th Sunday Musicfest without a Music Director, I knew I was out of my depth. But Virginia, Lynn, Barbara and Marion all stepped up in beautiful ways to glorify God and bless us all. One visitor, as she was leaving said, "I go to another church but I'm coming here every 5th Sunday!" And when we remember that singing is like praying twice, we prayed for nearly 2 hours! Go God! Thank you for sending in your hymn requests. Everything came together beautifully!

Music is an important part of worship. Singing together strengthens our bond as a community of faith. Thanks be to God that our choir and bell choir are back in action! And now that you have met Craig Campeau, our Interim Music Director, please prayerfully consider making a joyful noise as part of the choir and/or bell choir. Even if you missed practice yesterday, join them this coming Wednesday (5:30 for handbells and 6:30 for choir). I know they will welcome you with open arms and sweet spirits.

The search team for an organist-choir master will begin meeting this month. Please prayerfully support their search process.

Thanks be to God for all our musical blessings,

Pastor Bea



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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Philemon 1-25 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**Liturgist:** Ione Linker

**Ushers/Greeters:** Monty and Joan Montgomery

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

**September**

7 Ione Linker

14 \*\*no liturgist needed\*\*

21 Billy Kirby

28 Pearl Minter

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## **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.

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**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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**From Niki Gregg, Weekday School Director**

Hi church members!

We started school this week and are very excited for this year! It was so nice to have the hallways full of children again. This week we are just trying to get everyone back in routine and our new kids used to school! We would also like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped direct traffic this week!



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**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](mailto:yogilinker@gmail.com)) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

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**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.

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\*\*\* 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)). \*\*\*

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**Community Worship:**

**September 14** Grace

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***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



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Anne Abercrombie** on her passing, Wednesday, September 3.

The service will be at FPC on **Thursday, September 11 at 1pm**. Reception to follow. The **OBITUARY IS NOT READY BUT** it will be published by McKee Stone.



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## 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).

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

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Anne Abercrombie, Family of Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Angela Calaman Troxell Family (niece of Felicia Childress), Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, 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.



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## **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](mailto:fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com)**. For time sensitive announcements, please

send to [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com) and text [276 806-9709](tel:276-806-9709)

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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### 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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## **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

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Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

## **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

## **Class of 2027**

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

## **TRUSTEES**

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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