

August 24, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for gathering at Forest Hills Presbyterian on August 13. I'm truly grateful for your participation. It was fun to be together and enjoy the newly renovated pipe organ! We have one more community worship at First Collinsville on September 10. Please mark your calendar!

Everyone is back in school! Well almost everyone, our Weekday School begins after Labor Day. Please keep the children of our church in your prayers this school year. We have out of town students in Seminary and College ~ Sam and Briana. And we have all the kids that are still here at home: Hayden, Norah, Sienna, Elena, Isla, Caroline, Will, Jack, Reid, Gage, Gavin, Davis, Grayson, Ainsley, Heath, Emily, Christal, Cole, Mason, Riley, Connor, Kellene

Please pray with me:

*Lord, you delight in creating beauty, in calling forth new and good things, in forming unexpected relationships of love, in teaching us your will and your ways.*

*As we look to a new school year, we thank you for educators and administrators, bus drivers and cafeteria workers, custodians and coaches, counselors and school board members. We recognize that it takes a multitude of gifts, a myriad of resources and a whole lot of energy and compassion to teach our children well. We ask your blessing upon all of those called to positions that educate and that support the educational process. Grant them*

*stamina and imagination, joy and patience.*

*We remember, too, those families for whom school offers particular stresses and challenges — children who learn differently, those with needs that may be obvious or unseen, parents struggling to buy school supplies or pay for tuition, students who come to class hungry or afraid. Show us how to best support all families. Give us eyes to see those hurting and the will to advocate on their behalf.*

*Remind us, Lord God, that we are one community of your beloved, responsible for one another, gifted with each other, all uplifted when everyone is tended and nurtured in your name. Amen.*

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Bea

P.S. The children are listed in alphabetical order by last name. I apologize if we missed the name of a child in your family. If so, please contact the church office so we can update our records. Thank you.



Please join us for worship this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost at **10:00 am**

Sermon by Pastor Bea

**based on Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Romans 12:1-8**

**Liturgist:** Milt Davis

**Ushers/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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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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### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday and by appointment if necessary.  
Voicemail will be monitored.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**The church office** will be closed Monday, September 4 to observe Labor Day.

**\*\*Mulch is the Name, Spreading's the Game\*\***

**The Facilities Committee** requests your help **this Saturday morning, August 26th at 8:00 am!** A dump truck load of wood chips was delivered this week and needs to be spread on the old and new playground areas for the protection of the little preschoolers. We will have a tractor to transport the chips to the areas, but need help spreading them.

**Any and all help will be appreciated.**

**August 26 - Presbytery of the Peaks meeting** Zoom only meeting

**August 28** - Session meeting at 6:00 PM in the session room

**August 28 from 1-6 PM** - Red Cross Blood Drive in FH

**The Weekday School** will be back in session on Tuesday, September 5

**September 11 - 2 PM** Think Tank Meeting

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**Directory Pictures** - Has your family changed? Kids gotten older? New family members? If you would like your Instant Church Directory picture updated, please send a suitable picture to the office. Pictures may be emailed or given to a staff member.

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### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Janet Fentress has agreed to be the Chair of Presbyterian Women for the coming year. Nancy Davis will continue as Historian. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023** at King's Grant. More information to follow.

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### **Summer Community Worship schedule:**

Sept 10 - 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Collinsville

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First Presbyterian Church will host a bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall Monday, **August 28 from 1-6**. Donors are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nancy Baker at [nbaker08@comcast.net](mailto:nbaker08@comcast.net) or [\(276\) 638-7923](tel:(276)638-7923).

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### **Liturgist Schedule**

August

27 Milt Davis

September

3 Nancy Davis

10 \*\*no liturgist needed\*\*

17 Jerri DeVault  
24 Joe DeVault



### **GRACE NETWORK PUMPKIN PATCH**

Please consider serving by manning the patch for a shift or a day.

It's a great way to serve the community and support our mission. It's super easy and fun. Call Tracy Hinchcliff to schedule your day or shift ([276-403-4222](tel:276-403-4222)).

The pumpkins will arrive on **Friday, September 22 at 4pm** and if you have a youth or young adult team that would like to help unload, just let Tracy know.

## **August Birthdays**

- 2** Dwight Christenbury, Lynne Beeler
- 3** Marjorie Dunn
- 5** Bob Richeson
- 6** Walt Flythe Jr.
- 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
- 10** Frances Bledsoe
- 11** Melissa Wingfield
- 12** Beth Lawson
- 13** Chuck Cundiff
- 17** Maggie Pilson
- 21** Bill Stone
- 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
- 23** Anne Abercrombie
- 24** Nanette Smith
- 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard



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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Connie Anderson, Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Bud Buffkin, Ruth Decker Chaney, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Darrel Lemke (N. Davis), Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Randy Rollins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Bob Wuestefeld (husband of Barbara Duncan), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



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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 Pearl Minter.

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 at [276 340-3476](tel:276-340-3476).

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## **Grace Network Donations**

**3rd quarter food donation item is 4lb bag of sugar**



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 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. **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 send 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

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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: Nancy Baker

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### **Class of 2023**

Billy Kirby: Administration

### **Class of 2024**

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

### **Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

### **TRUSTEES**

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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