

April 17, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

THANK YOU!!! A thousand times, THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for:

All the food you have prepared

Setting up and making the Fellowship Hall beautiful

Beautiful flowers

Setting out, caring for and putting away food

Cleaning up

Ushering

Singing

Being gracious about so much

Taking the leftovers to people we love

Showing up and being the Body of Christ

Attending meeting in the midst of so much activity

Caring for those who are ill and in need

Fixing things on the fly

For Birthday greetings, wishes and blessings

And more, much more

And especially for loving one another!

Loving one another is the commandment we will receive from our Lord on Maundy Thursday. Please join us tonight at 6:00 for a potluck and at 7:00 for worship.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

Y'all really are the best church ever!



Please join us for Easter at 10:00 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Luke 24:1-12 and Isaiah 65:17-25

Liturgist: Sam Smith

Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell

Liturgist Schedule

April

20 Sam Smith (Easter)

27 Susan Pilson

May

4 Ashby Pinkard

11 Lynn Pritchett

18 Ron Rebman

25 Martha Rollins

June

8 Randy Rollins
15 Gale Buck
22 Joe Williams
29 Taylor Shank

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm
Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service of Darkness will take place on

Thursday, April 17th at **7:00 PM preceded by a Potluck meal at 6:00 PM**. Communion will be served by intinction.

The church office will be closed Monday, April 21 for Easter.

The WDS will be on spring break April 18-25.

FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, May 5th at King's Grant at 11 AM. Marty Sherwood of Forest Hills PC will lead lesson 9. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

Community Worship:

June 8 FPC Martinsville

July 13 FPC Collinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

Community Breakfast Update

Mary Linker, daughter of Ed Linker, has agreed to be team leader for the April breakfast which will be held Saturday, April 19 (Easter weekend). A big shout out to Mary for stepping up and taking this role in the mission of our church.

Please contact her if you are available to serve. Mary Linker, [919 548-2452](tel:9195482452) or yogilinker@gmail.com.

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).

Happy Birthday in April!

- 4 Max Pinkston
 - 5 Kathryn Judson
 - 7 Bob Davis
 - 9 Pastor Bea Miller
 - 14 Judy Garland
 - 15 Briana Tatum
 - 17 Barbara Tatum
 - 20 Manly Boyd
 - 22 Matthew Price
 - 30 Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby
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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **John Bowles** on his passing, April 14. The full obituary can be found here:

<https://www.wrightfuneralservices.net/obituaries/John-Edwin-Bowles?obId=42040327>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of John Bowles, Family of Betty Stanley, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.



Grace Network Donations

**2nd quarter 2025 food donation item is
Creamed corn 15 oz**



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 (any 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. **DEADLINE** for submission

of articles is Wednesday evening.

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

We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor



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<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/peaks-postings/>

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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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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