

August 13, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner
Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for helping to make Sunday a wonder filled experience from start to finish, as we gathered with our Presbyterian siblings for worship, fellowship and a pool party!

Our choir was back and in full glory, along with Virginia on the violin and Lynn on the flute. Music was a blessing throughout worship. And we enjoyed hearing from all the children getting ready for a new school year! Also, this year we remembered to get a group picture before heading out for Lemonade on the Lawn. Look for the picture, soon to come, on the bulletin board.

There was a good crowd, beating the heat, at our Presbyterian pool party. There was plenty of water fun and good food for all. While the heat index was high, the clouds came in giving us a break before a light rain.

Everything came together for all the events of the day, because of you!!! Because of all the ways you serve, care, show up and help! Y'all are the best working together, loving each other group ever!!! Thank you for all the ways you helped make Sunday, and all our life together, a blessing! You truly live as those blessed to be a blessing. And I am profoundly blessed to be among you!

With love and appreciation,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this twelfth Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by pastor Bea

based upon Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133

Liturgist: Gale Buck

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Wuetefeld and Barbara Duncan

2nd Cup: Ione and Mary Linker

Liturgist Schedule

August

23 Barbara Duncan

30 Cindy Edgerton

September

6 Janet Fentress

13 Duke Ferrell

20 Liz Ferrell

27 Billy Kirby

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.

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 graphic with a red background and abstract orange lines. It features a yellow banner with the text 'Be Aware!' and the main title 'Protect yourself from scammers!'. Below the title, there are two paragraphs of text in white.

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.

A graphic with a teal background and faint numbers. It features a calendar icon and the text 'ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS'.


ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



A **BIG** "thank you!!!" from Marge Dunn for all who who sent a card, called or visited on her birthday. She was overjoyed at the love shown to her by her church family



overjoyed at the love shown to her by her church family and friends.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, August 15th

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, August 16th immediately after worship to elect a nominating committee to recruit elders for the Class of 2029.

UPDATE: **Presbyterian Day of Service - Saturday, August 22, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, *Forest Presbyterian Church, 1226 Two Church Lane Road in Forest, VA***

From the Music Department

Harmonic Expressions from Whitney

According to various magazines, websites, and books Singing: reduces stress, makes you feel better, increases quality of sleep, increases coordination, provides an outlet for emotions, helps develop one's identity provides better lung function, can reduce snoring, increases pain tolerance, improves immunity, improves cardiovascular health improves memory, intellectual skills, language skills...Just to name a few. ...and on that note...

August Birthdays

- 3** Marjorie Dunn
- 4** Rita Bateman
- 6** Walt, Jr. Flythe
- 8** Elizabeth (Betsy) Ham
- 9** John Luther, Liz Ferrell
- 11** Melissa Wingfield
- 12** Beth Lawson
- 13** Chuck Cundiff
- 17** Maggie Pilson
- 18** Louise Lindsay
- 21** Bill Stone, Cindy Franck
- 22** Johnny Pinkard, Kym Tatum, Patsy Stanley
- 29** Joe Williams, Stuart Beard



Our Deepest Sympathy



Danny Patton Russell

April 6, 1949 - August 6, 2026

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Gavin Russell and family on the passing of his father, Danny Patton Russell on August 6. The service was held on August 8. The full obituary can be found here:

<https://www.bradleysfh.com/obituary/danny-russell>

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).

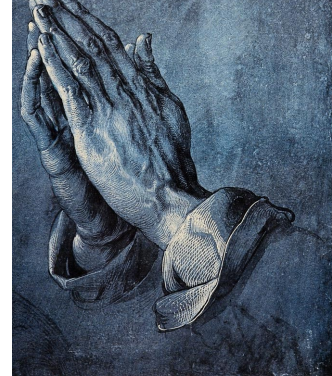
These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Danny Russell (Gavin Russell's father), Family



of Stuart Pannill, Family of Isla King, Family of Bobby Davis (son of Milt Davis), Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin 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, Laura Stevens, 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

3rd Quarter Food Donation Item is Juice 40-64 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 (dozen size) These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex

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

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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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Class of 2027

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Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship

Class of 2028

Ione Linker/Taylor Shank: Mission/Outreach

Nancy Davis: Christian Education

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