

August 6, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner **Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This Sunday our Martinsville - Henry County Presbyterian family will be joined together by worship, food, fellowship and fun! Please plan on enjoying the day and all the ties that bind us together. Sunday at 10:00 we will gather in our sanctuary for our last Community Worship Service of this season, with Grace Presbyterian and Collinsville – First Presbyterian. After worship we will enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn. And then beginning at 2:30, all three congregations will swim, eat, and fellowship at Forest Park Country Club for what is becoming our annual pool party. It is great AND great fun when we are Presbyterian together!

Next week, the school year will begin for many in the area. Please be in prayer for students, teachers and parents!

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

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



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

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Matthew 14:22-33 and Psalm 85:8-13

Liturgist: Joe Williams

Ushers/Greeters: Duke and Liz Ferrell

Lemonade on the Lawn (no 2nd Cup)

Liturgist Schedule

August

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16 Gale Buck
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!

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.



Presbyterian Community Pool Party

Fun for ALL Ages!

Rescheduled - **Presbyterian Pool Party** is THIS Sunday, August 9th. at
Forest Park Country Club
1821 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA

Open to congregations of Grace, Collinsville, and Martinsville Presbyterian Churches

Menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, freeze pops, and ice cream will be available from the grill from 4:00-5:00 PM

Umbrellas and canopies available for those not swimming but who want to enjoy the summer evening by the pool

The only requirement to swim and play is a swim test through the lifeguards.*

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside and the grill and ballroom spaces will be made available for use.

Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, August 11th at 9am in the Marge Dunn Kitchen.

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

God gives us music to praise and rejoice in His name (Psalm 150: 2).
Scripture also tells us,

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts" Colossians 3: 16. Glory to God!

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
 - 30** Josie Louise Crimmins
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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).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Danny Russell (Gavin Russell's father), 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

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*



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

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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Class of 2028

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