

May 14, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

It is time to mark your calendars for Summer Community Worship:



- Sunday, June 14th at Grace Presbyterian
- Sunday, July 12th at First Presbyterian, Collinsville
- Sunday, August 9th at First Presbyterian, Martinsville

See you there,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM

Sermon by pastor Bea
based upon John 17:1-11 and Acts 1:6-14

Liturgist: Mary Linker
Ushers/Greeters: Bill and Suzan Kirby
2nd Cup: Janet Fentress and Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

May

24 Pearl Minter
31 Susan Pilson

June

7 Ashby Pinkard
14 **Community worship at Grace Presbyterian**
21 Ron Rebman
28 Ione Linker

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



2026 Graduates. If you have a child or grandchild that is graduating high school or college, we want to recognize them. Please send their information to the church office by **May 10th**, as they will be recognized June

7th.

Patrick Henry Elementary school staff and parents will be parking at FPC to allow Field Day activities for their students on **Friday, May 15th**.

Community Breakfast - Saturday, May 16th. Contact Mary Linker at [919-548-2452](tel:919-548-2452) (text or call).

The MHE Handbell Ensemble will perform "America – From Sea to Shining Sea!" on Sunday, May 17th, at 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, located at 146 East Main Street. Janet Fentress is a member of the ensemble.

Presbytery Meeting - 9:00 AM Thursday, May 21st at Blacksburg PC (701 Church St. SE). Registration closes on May 20th at noon. Register by visiting <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>.

2nd Cup Schedule April/May

May 24 - Joe and Brenda Williams

May 31 - Ione and Mary Linker

May Birthdays

- 1** Janet Fentress
- 5** Amy Mason
- 8** Gavin Luther
- 10** Sandra Shank
- 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
- 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
- 13** Jane Fitzgerald
- 14** Farrell Pace
- 17** Heath Russell
- 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank, Will Franck
- 20** Christal Kelly
- 22** Elizabeth Pritchett
- 22** Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
- 27** Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon



29 Edward M. Linker

30 Ronald Rebman

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).



Susannah Bridges Smith
March 14, 1961 - May 1, 2026



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Catherine Bridges on the passing of her daughter, **Susannah "Kitty" Smith**, May 1 in

Lynchburg.

The full obituary can be found at:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lynchburg-va/susannah-smith-12869072>

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Kitty Bridges Smith (Catherine Bridges' daughter), Family of Rusty Reaser, Family of Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Neal Fine, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Cecil Robbins, 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

2nd Quarter Food Donation Item is Grits





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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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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Class of 2028

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