

May 9, 2024



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

---

## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

I'm back! Reentry was a long, laborious journey and I'm still struggling with the time change. But I'm glad to be home!

During my journey, a kind social scientist and spiritual director, who had been in a couple of small groups with me, gave me this poem:

Be all that you are, As you become,

All that you shall be.

His written sentiment became an important part of my prayerful journey. As we anticipate reports from both the Reunification Team and the Think Tank, this poem may be a prayer for our life together as God's church. As a church we are called to be all that we are as we become all that God is calling us to be, together. This is God's hope for us and a great prayer.

Praying for our journey on The Way of Jesus,

Pastor Bea

---



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

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon John 15:9-17 and Psalm 1

**Liturgist:** Nancy Moore

**Ushers/Greeters:** Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

---

## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **May**

12 Nancy Moore  
19 Ashby Pinkard  
26 Lynn Pritchett

### **June**

2 Ron Rebman  
9 \*none\*  
16 Joe Williams  
23 Gale Buck  
30 Milt Davis

---

**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.

---

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30-4pm

Friday 9:30-2pm

**Summer office hours will begin the week of May 20th.** Office hours will be **10:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday – Thursday**. The office will be **closed on Friday**. If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment ([276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). Voicemail will be monitored.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Called Session Meeting** for Elders and Trustees - Monday, May 13th at 5:30 PM has been **cancelled**.

---

**Monday, May 20 at 3 pm - Think Tank** meeting.

---

## **Pentecost Offering 2024**



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

40% of the Pentecost offering can be

retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Special Pentecost Offering envelopes will be in pews for three Sundays beginning May 12. Look for additional information in future issues of Steeple Views and the Church Bulletin starting May 12.

### **PENTECOST OFFERING TO BE COLLECTED SUNDAY MAY 12, 19, 26.**

An excerpt from Jenny Yates, Four Rivers Counseling, one of two organizations selected by our youth to receive half of last year's Pentecost Offering.

"I often wonder how our children can feel more supported and safe in our community, especially at home with overworked, tired, and financially strapped parents? Parents and their youth -- BOTH -- need mental health support and a great sense of caring from our community. I believe the more that we can "Show" this to parents/ guardians and youth (combined) in our community in all facets - church, schools, private and non-profit sector...the safer and healthier we can become. However -- the "best" news is (saving the best for last:), this generation of young people are so much more accepting of mental health support, awareness and destigmatization. " Jenny Yates will be sharing her insights on the complex issues faced by our youth on May 19 with the congregation.

---



## Community Breakfast

**Team leaders and schedule for the remainder of the year**

- May 18 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- June 15 **Jerri & Joe DeVault**
- July 20 **NEED LEADER**
- August 17 **Suzan & Bill Kirby**
- September 21 **Brooke & Chuck Cundiff**
- October 19 **Billy & Sharon Kirby**
- November 16 **Nancy & Henry Moore**
- December 21 **Kym & Neil Tatum**
- January 18 **NEED LEADER**

---

## Thank you!



On behalf of the Townsend family, I would like to thank those of you who provided refreshments after George's memorial service. It was very thoughtful and we so appreciated it! A special thanks to Pearl Minter, and Lynn and Ashby Pritchett for their part in serving. You are a special group!

Much love,

Jane Townsend

---

## Mission Spotlight: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our church partners with Patrick Henry Elementary School as part

of our Mission: Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, and Nurture Each Other?

Mission Committee members provide snacks for monthly faculty meetings as our way of supporting the teachers and staff. Joan Montgomery, Barbara Duncan, and Judy King served ice cream with all the toppings (including whipped cream!) at their last meeting of the year on May 7. Living our church Mission is put into action each month as we embrace our neighbors across the street from our church.



**The meals packaged at our Rise Against Hunger Experience have shipped and are headed to Madagascar!**

**Madagascar**, an island nation off the southeastern coast of Africa, is home to over

28 million people. The nation faces high rates of poverty, food insecurity and chronic malnutrition and has been categorized as having an “alarming” level of hunger.

### **Your impact**

The meals you packaged will help ensure that children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives and successfully pursue their education.

In some cases, the food children receive at school will be the majority of the food they eat in a day. Read more about the impact your meals are making by [checking out this story](#) on the Rise Against Hunger blog!

### **Continue growing the movement**

Thank you again for volunteering your time. The impact we are making together starts with a meal and leads to resilient communities worldwide. We hope to host another Rise Against Hunger Experience in the future.

---

# back2school

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

### Registration

- Saturday, July 13 (noon – 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 23 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

### Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 19-21 . Shifts TBD  
(City Cluster's supplies are from Holy Trinity Lutheran)

### Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship  
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville  
Tuesday, July 30 (6:00 pm) All are welcome!  
(City Cluster back pack filling Wed. 31 at 5pm)

### The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)  
Saturday, August 3 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

If you can help, please email: Tracy Hinchcliff  
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org or call 276-403-4222.



## ***Happy May Birthdays!***



- 1** Janet Fentress
- 3** Georgette "Jerry" Bishop
- 5** Amy Mason
- 8** Gavin Luther
- 10** Sandra Shank
- 11** Bonnie Price, Emily Beard
- 12** Monica Stevens, Patricia Christenbury, Pearl Minter
- 17** Heath Russell
- 19** Annie B. Boyd, Taylor Shank
- 20** Christal Kelly
- 22** Hayden Cundiff, Joanna Wood
- 27** Jacob Wingfield, Kent Williams, Virginia Seamon
- 29** Ed Linker - **98 years young!!!!**
- 30** Ron Rebman

---

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

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



---

**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:2763403476).

---

### ***Grace Network Donations***

**2nd quarter food donation item is  
Potato products (boxed mashed, scalloped)**



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
- \*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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

**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

---

## Presbytery of the Peaks

For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

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

---

## Our Mission

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

---

**Printed copies of Steeple Views** are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter)

## 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/)

**Church Office Phone:** [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)

## Our mailing address is:

First Presbyterian Church

1901 Patrick Henry Ave.

Martinsville, VA 24112

## STAFF

Rev. Bea Miller, Interim Pastor, [rev.millerb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.millerb@gmail.com)

Rita Bateman, Secretary/Office Manager, [office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Vickie Blair, Bookkeeper, [bookkeeper@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:bookkeeper@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Carol Carter, Weekday School Director, [wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:wds@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

Spencer Koger, Director of Music, [adultmusic@fpcmartinsvilleva.org](mailto:adultmusic@fpcmartinsvilleva.org)

Peter Marshall, Worship Technology Coordinator,

[worshiptechnology@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org](mailto:worshiptechnology@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org)

## THE SESSION

Clerk: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Henry Moore

## 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

## Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Communication

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

## TRUSTEES

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

Copyright © 2024 First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

