

PEAKS POSTINGS

April 28, 2020

A Covid-Note from Carl Utle

When I asked Julie to hold a spot for me this week in Peaks Postings I didn't know what I wanted to write; I just knew I wanted to write something. I recognize that it is my need to connect with you.

I connected with three different congregations this past Sunday, twice with one because it had both a morning and evening offering of worship. My immediate felt need was to connect with people, to be a part of our presbytery community. I know connecting with God is supposed to be the priority; but my need for God didn't compel me to worship four times on a single day. It was my desire to be a part of your life. On the other hand, God used my need for human connection to connect me, as the Apostle Paul put it, "in sighs too deep for words."

I am sighing a lot lately. Sighs, longings, aches - "Yes, Lord, I need you. Yes, Lord, you are exactly right, I need you and I need the Body of Christ."

Persist, friends, in your various worship offerings. You are not playing to an empty room. I read one worship service, including a sermon, meant for a largely non-wired congregation. I watched a video recording. I worshipped Facebook and YouTube live. I repeat - whatever you are offering - you are connecting.

Thank you.

Carl

Position Announcement

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Part-time Church and Preschool Bookkeeper

The successful candidate will, among other responsibilities, record all church offerings, keep books and records to reflect all financial transactions for both the church and pre-school, periodically report financial activities for the church and pre-school, process payrolls for the church and pre-school, prepare/file applicable payroll tax returns/reports, and assist with an annual financial review of all books and records.

The position requires previous financial record keeping experience, demonstrated proficiency with Word and Excel, and familiarity with accounting software. Experience with PowerChurch is a plus. Associate degree or better preferred but not required. This position averages 10-12 hours per week, between time at the church (approximately 2-4 hours per week) and the balance being work that can be performed from home.

Resumes should be sent to Shelley Scranton at office@sapclynchburg.org. The closing date for applications is April 30, 2020. The position starting date is May 18, 2020.

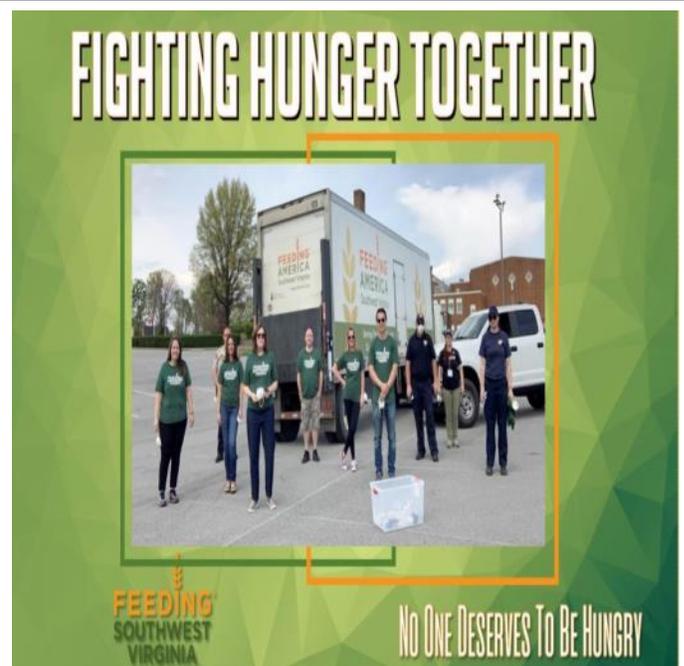


CEDEPCA is excited to introduce Rev. Betsey Moe, who, starting in February 2020, was appointed as the Intercultural Encounters Facilitator at CEDEPCA and Mission Co-Worker in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She and her family currently live in Spokane, WA, where she has served as a pastor for the past twelve years. They plan to move to Guatemala when the time and conditions will allow them to travel -- God willing! -- but until the way is clear, Betsey has been working from her home, meeting virtually with the Intercultural Encounters team. The next trip to Guatemala should have Pastor Moe leading us through the many different ways of experiencing Guatemalan life and sharing the CEDEPCA programs with all the travelers.



- Distribute over 3,700 emergency food boxes
- Create three pop-up distribution sites with additional sites in planning phase.
- Receive 870,755 lbs of food donated from local companies, organizations, and individuals.
- Purchase 5 truckloads of pre-packaged food boxes.

Thank you for your support!





Festival of HOMILETICS

Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation

Be inspired by God's Word proclaimed by some of the nation's finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds of preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that is dynamic, friendly, nurturing, and prophetic. Come renew, refresh, and recharge your spirit.

Scripture's first description of God is as creator. God brought the world into existence and all that makes up the world as we know it. But God realized that caring for creation could never be a sole endeavor. We are charged with that co-tending, and preachers are challenged with imagining and preaching about an ecological God. Our God is committed to, dependent on, and immersed in all the Earth provides, sustains, and yet, needs our help to bring the fullness of God's creative work to bear. Our God needs our help to speak the truth about where and how God's Earth groans for renewal, even resurrection, how our very climate changes are God's cries for help. The 2020 Festival of Homiletics theme invites preachers to imagine their own role in God's creative work, to be courageous in preaching about God's creative activity, and to claim boldly our role in caring for God's creation, when God's very creation is at stake.

MAY 18-22, 2020

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Additional Funding Approved for SBA CARE Act Loans

Additional funding for the Small Business Administration CARE Act loans has been approved and funding opened on Monday, April 27, 2020.

It appears that churches had better response to their applications through smaller, local banks such as Select Bank, Bank of the James, Pinnacle Bank, First National Bank, Farmers National Bank, and American National Bank. There can only be one application per organization and only one loan per organization (defined by tax ID number).



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/5/20	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee	Zoom
5/5/20	1:30 p.m.	Sexual Misconduct Policy Committee	Zoom

**Next Presbytery Meeting:
CALLED MEETING
June 13, 2020
Zoom**

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pictured in your photos before submitting them to *Peaks Postings*.

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- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

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