



PEAKS POSTINGS

April 7, 2020

TODAY AT 2:00 P.M. - APRIL 7TH

Webinar for Churches on the Care Act

Information for the webinar is on the [Presbytery website](#).

Church Copyright Issues

Many churches are streaming their Sunday worship services over social media during the COVID-19 pandemic. Before streaming music and videos, refer to the church copyright license. Not all copyright licenses allow for streaming on social media. (For instance, the basic CCLI package that the Presbytery has does not allow for streaming services).

Streaming licenses are available from:

- One License
- Christian Copyright Solutions (CCS)
- Christian Video Licensing International (CVLI)
- CCLI (specific streaming license)

Additionally, each company may not cover everything a worshipping community wants to include on social media-ask questions and review the documentation before making a purchase.



**You shall
be called repairers
of the breach**

— ISAIAH 58



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Two Cents a Meal Grant Applications due date has been extended to April 30, 2020. Please send to the Presbytery Office or email to: julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is working closely with partners and is mindful of the importance of continued work with vulnerable communities, throughout the current pandemic. Congregations with food ministries are developing ways for the safe distribution of food. See other food/hunger tips from the Presbyterian Hunger Program here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/food-faith/food-covid19/>.

From the Presbyterian Women -

Carol Cole, Peaks PW Historian, is also the Moderator for Presbyterian Women at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.

Carol leads PW's current Bible Study, and she was most anxious for the ladies at Second Presbyterian to have access to the DVD that accompanies **Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments** by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Eugenia is a favorite of the ladies, and the Bible Study has been most informative and energizing.

Carol worked with Louisville to have the DVD available on **YouTube** for PW. The videos for lessons **six, seven, eight, and nine are posted on the PW YouTube channel.**

<https://youtu.be/68Wm-vPuhw0>

<https://youtu.be/QVd8T9Oyic0>

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Peaks PW wishes to express sincere appreciation to Betsy Ensign-George in the PW Office in Louisville for her help and support in making this happen. The Peaks PW Coordinating Team wishes to thank Carol for her follow-through for all members of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Peaks.

Be safe and we look forward to seeing each of you at our Annual Gathering in September!

Grace and peace be with each of you,

Helen Dean, Peaks PW Moderator



The View from 1609 McVeigh Road, Lynchburg

One of the unanticipated consequences of the Covid-19 restrictions is that I get to worship with congregations from home. Sometimes it is via YouTube. Sometimes I am reading sermons/services that have been emailed to church members' homes. Next weekend I intend to listen to a couple of podcasts. I continue to be grateful for all the ways that people are adapting to the circumstance.

While I am enjoying listening in to services, I admit that I miss gathering with a congregation on Sunday morning. I didn't know how much I valued being with people on Sunday. I will be glad when they say unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" I am eager, but of course, I'll wait until it is safe (and legal).

In this Holy Week, I'm mindful that God's love is revealed through the selfless love of Jesus Christ, and when we are in Christ, God's love is revealed through our humility. As Paul put it to the Philippians:

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

It is not a time for selfish ambition, conceit, or looking out only for ourselves and those we love. It is a time to look to the interests of others, to regard their lives as more important than our own. It is a time for us to have the mind of Christ. And in this way, we will reveal the love of God to our neighbors.

In this week, put Jesus Christ at the center of your life. Look out for one another. Look out for your neighbor. Participate in Christ's suffering, so that we can participate in the healing of the world.

Carl



Dear brothers and sisters in the Peaks Presbytery,

Though the ongoing Covid-9 crisis is distressing, it is encouraging to see what our pastors, elders, and congregations are doing to care for each other and to continue in mission and ministry. Surely Jesus Christ is at work in, thru, and beyond us to bring order into our present chaos.

We can be grateful to the presbytery's elected leaders, who continue to carry on our mutual work via email, Zoom and conference call meetings.

Several decisions were made at this March 26 Cabinet meeting (via Zoom) that we are eager to communicate.

The May 2 presbytery meeting is cancelled and a called meeting for essential business has been scheduled for Saturday, June 13, public health measures permitting. It will be a morning meeting at the presbytery office. An agenda will be approved and mailed closer to the time.

In response to the financial hardships created by the disruptions to employment, offerings, and special needs, three actions were approved:

An immediate gift of \$1,000 will be mailed to each worshipping congregation (and new worshipping community) of our presbytery, made available for current expenses. Checks will be processed and mailed next week.

Our covenants of intent will be eliminated for a three-month period, beginning April 1. The 25 percent reduction in our 2020 financial commitments will be paid for through dismissal funds.

Interest free loans up to \$10,000 will be available to congregations experiencing cash flow problems in the coming months. The loans will be available after a congregation has spent 50 percent of its own unrestricted reserve funds and will be due within 12 months after congregations resume worshipping together.

The Cabinet also endorsed the communications and actions taken by the Transitional General Presbyter since the onset of the crisis, recognizing that such authority has been entrusted to the general presbyter during times of crisis.

Please continue to pray for one another and to fulfill the mission of the church creatively and persistently. Call the presbytery office if you need help. Though we are not working from the office, we are all working from home and together via Zoom and are eager to help in any way that we can.



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/7/20	2:00 p.m.	Webinar for Churches on the Care Act	
4/9/20	9:30 a.m.	COM Meeting	Conference Call
4/14/20	9:30 a.m.	CPM Meeting	Zoom
4/14/20	2:00 p.m.	SMPC Meeting	Conference Call

Next Presbytery Meeting:

June 13, 2020

Meeting Location: Presbytery of the Peaks Office

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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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.
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