

July

Peaks Postings

July 8, 2020

A Message for Church Treasurer's Revised Employer Quarterly 941 Report

The IRS has revised Form 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return to reflect the implementation of the Employer Retention Credit. This credit allows employers to receive 50% of the taxable social security wages paid beginning March 13, 2020 provided that income for the quarter is 50% less than in the same quarter for 2019. The other requirement is that the organization was closed due to government mandate (applicable to churches in Virginia during Phase 1). The taxable wages **do not** include minister salaries and housing allowances. **The credit cannot be applied if your church received a Small Business Paycheck Protection Program loan.**

The revised form is three pages long and the revised instructions are 19 pages long. If your church is interested in applying the Retention Credit and would like assistance in completing the forms, contact Robin Padgett at the Presbytery office (robin@peakspresbytery.org or 1-888-557-3257).



RADFORD
UNIVERSITY

Radford University is about to start its fall semester and it is as important as ever that college students have sources of spiritual support. For those that have grown up in our churches, we have all taken baptismal vows to support one another in faith and that does not stop when they go off to college.

As one of the co-pastors of the Presbyterian Church of Radford and the campus minister for UKirk at Radford University, I would like help us live up to those baptismal vows to support one another and I need your help. If you know of students who are attending Radford University who might be interested in getting involved in our campus ministry or just might appreciate having a socially distanced lunch with a pastor, please let me know how to get it contact with them! You can reach me at pastorpeterhf@gmail.com

Grace and peace,
Rev. Peter Hawisher-Faul



Pastors, Session Clerks, Treasurers, Finance and Personnel Committees



Board of Pensions Benefits Update for 2021

The Board of Pensions is putting in place several exciting new benefits for 2021. It may seem early, but the time for churches to consider staff benefit offerings for next year is approaching.

So what's new? Who's eligible? How can my church and I take advantage of these new offerings and packages?

The Presbytery of the Peaks is sponsoring a Zoom conference session with our BOP Church Consultant, Martha Reisner, for a brief presentation and Q&A opportunity. This time is designed for pastors and members of sessions, personnel and finance committees, but anyone is welcome. Please invite the appropriate people in your congregation who might be involved in benefits decisions.

WHEN? Tuesday, July 14, either 10 am or 7 pm. The same information will be presented at both sessions.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

Actively engaged in the world

What is a Matthew 25 church?

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

How the vision unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

A 3-minute introduction to Matthew 25

[Watch the video](#) | [Watch the longer version \(8 minutes\)](#) | [The 40-second version](#)

Download video instructions (hover cursor over this line for instructions)

To learn more about becoming a Matthew 25 congregation, visit

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
7/8/20	10:00 a.m.	Webinar-Facebook Ads	Zoom
7/9/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	Zoom
7/9/20	1:00 p.m.	Reading in Reformed Theology	Zoom
7/13/20	1:00 p.m.	Reading Greek in NT	Zoom
7/14/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Zoom
7/14/20	10:00 a.m.	Webinar-Board of Pensions	Zoom
7/14/20	7:00 p.m.	Webinar-Board of Pensions	Zoom

Next Presbytery Meeting:

August 15, 2020, Zoom

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- 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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