



Lent

Let light shine out of darkness...

2 Corinthians 4:6

PEAKS POSTINGS

MARCH 10, 2020

what's
right
about
my church?

Rev. Linda Dickerson and Northside Presbyterian Church were recognized by the Presbyterian Outlook on March 4th for their work on feeding the hungry in their community.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)



Two Cents a Meal Grant Applications are due April 1, 2020. Please send to the Presbytery Office or email to:

julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org

PREPAREDNESS FOR PANDEMICS

As media generates interest in the current outbreak of Coronavirus, presbyteries and congregations have an opportunity for a "teachable moment" about how to prepare for and respond to widespread contagious diseases.

The PDA resource, *Preparedness For Pandemics* can help congregations plan a response for worship and ministry continuation should the need arise.

[Download the PDF \(3 pages\)](#)





Presbyterian Disaster Assistance reaching out after destructive storms in Tennessee

March 3, 2020 by [Presbyterian News Service](#)

Churches within the [Presbytery of Middle Tennessee](#) sustained little to no damage from destructive storms that ravaged the state early Tuesday morning, killing at least 22 people, according to an initial assessment.

But [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) has reached out to the presbytery staff to offer any assistance that might be needed down the road.

“A lot of the communities have been devastated, so we’re waiting to hear what the needs are at this point,” said Robin Thomas, who is co-executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee with her husband, Ray.

“PDA quickly notified us this morning of the possible grants that we can apply for,” she added. “They’re willing to come down to be on the ground with us, but we just don’t know what that need is yet.”

A tornado tore through parts of Nashville and nearby counties, resulting in extensive damage and loss of life, numerous collapsed buildings and broken trees.

In addition to reaching out to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee to offer help doing a damage assessment, PDA sent out a donation appeal on social media as well as a request for prayer for the affected communities.

Anyone who would like to give donations through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) is asked to designate donations to [DR000015](#).



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



YOU ARE INVITED
to join us for a presentation and discussion
about South Sudan and a possible partnership
with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

Wednesday March 18, 2020
6:30 PM following the Fellowship Dinner
If you wish to also have dinner
call 540-989-3314 by March 16. \$10.00 for chef prepared meal.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
8131 Deyerle Road SW
Roanoke, VA

Sandra Whitt, representing the Peaks Mission Committee, and members of the South Sudan diaspora will be leading the program.

Our goal is to inform, inspire and "peak" your interest in forming a partnership. As Rev. John Yor Nyiker the PCOSS General Secretary says, a partnership where we share information and news about each other, exchange communication and visits, pray for each other in happiness, sadness, and ministry together for the glory of God.

Please join us!





Special Event at Wild Goose!

“Better Than We Sound”

Old Time / Americana String Band

March 19, Thursday 6:30-8:00pm

Potluck dinner followed by music and dancing

All are Welcome!

Wild Goose Christian Community 5646 Cloverdale Rd. Roanoke, Va 24019 (Bonsack)
Call: (540) 588-5976 for details



ECO-PALMS

The Presbyterian Hunger Program helps promote Eco Palms because the project aligns with PHP's desire to address the root causes of hunger and systematic poverty, in keeping with the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Matthew 25 invitation. PHP also believes that people should have opportunities to earn a living in dignity, honoring ways that don't harm their communities.

Visit ecopalms.org to order by noon on March 13.





Empowering Commissioned Pastors Conference

May 13-16, 2020

Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church

Richardson, TX

The Commissioned Pastors Network of the Synod of the Sun presents the Empowering Commissioned Pastors Conference to be held May 13th-16th, 2020, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Richardson Texas (Dallas - Fort Worth area).

This conference will be all about and for Commissioned Pastors in all the varied circumstances and ways that CPs serve the Church. If you are actively training to become a CP, but have not yet been commissioned, this conference is for you as well!

PC(USA) Co-Moderators Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and RE Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri will be there to help lead plenary sessions and the event will also feature excellent workshops that will support Commissioned Pastors and strengthen skills and ministries. This conference is focused on Empowering Commissioned Pastors as they serve an increasing portion of our PCUSA congregations.

Limited scholarships are available on a first-request basis, offered only to Commissioned Pastors (CPs, CLPs, CREs, etc.)

Early registration (by March 23, 2020) - \$125
Regular registration (March 23-April 15) - \$150

Please note: Lunches and Dinners are included in the registration fee. Free breakfast is offered at the event hotels.

If interested in attending, please contact Dusty Fiedler at hope2@cox.net. Scholarship money is available.



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/10/20	2:00 p.m.	Presbytery Leader Search Committee	Second PC
3/12/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	POP Office

Next Presbytery Meeting:

May 2, 2020

Meeting Location: Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

[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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