

Peaks Postings

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What Churches Are Doing In Response to Covid

The Church Development Committee has sent out an appeal to hear what churches around the Presbytery are doing creatively in response to the pandemic. We have gotten a couple of responses so far. You might want to borrow some of their ideas:

Rev. Mikel Pugh of Chatham Presbyterian Church reports the following:

They initially recorded and emailed out to the congregation their full worship service, and reposted it on Facebook.

They publish a weekly newsletter to keep church members informed on what is happening. They began hosting a drive-in worship service in their parking lot, using a low-wattage FM transmitter. They have even joined together for this service with a neighboring Methodist church that shares their parking lot.

They have been doing a Zoom Bible study, and will be soon by trying a hybrid in-person and Zoom study.

They have been doing funerals graveside, using a portable PA system.

Rev. Melissa McNair of Pulaski Presbyterian Church reports the following:

They have been doing Drop-In Communion in their columbarium/garden. It involves a 3-5 minute service for each household that wishes to participate. An elder directs traffic, invites people in from their cars, and assists with the service.

They have been doing children's church and youth group in person on Wednesday. So far, they have seen 12 students and 4 adult leaders participate – with plenty of spacing in-door and outdoors.

Coming up, they are joining with the other New River Valley churches for a joint service on October 25. Our newly elected General Presbyter Carl Utley will preach.

Rev. Jim Moss of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church reports the following:

They have been passing a basket of metal butterflies from church member to church member's house. The butterflies celebrate the gift of new life, and remind us of the time when we will all flock back together for in-person worship on October 4.

The youth held a duck hunt. We hid little rubber duckies at points around town and gave the youth clues as to where to find them. The winner was the youth who collected the most ducks. They won a gift certificate.

Since VBS was cancelled, we gave all of our families in the church "VBS In A Bag." Dropped off on their doorsteps, it contained Bible activities, crafts, and snacks so that the families could recreate VBS in their own homes.

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If your church has been doing something creative and interesting, please detail it in an email to Jim Moss (revjimmos95@gmail.com), and we will include it in future editions of the Peaks Postings.

TWO CENTS A MEAL GRANT APPLICATION REMINDER

The next, and final round of 2020 grant awards will be made in late October.

Applications must be postmarked by October 1 and should be sent to: Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 or emailed to office@peakspresbytery.org.

POP Congregations, what are you doing to meet community needs in pandemic times? Many of you are making a difference in your corner of the world or beyond. Let us know so that we can learn from each other! Please send brief stories/descriptions/photos to denisepillow@gmail.com.

New South Sudan Learning Opportunity!

The Presbytery Mission Committee is delighted and excited for the interest in learning more about South Sudan as we explore the possibility of a partnership with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS).

There will be a Zoom session (tentatively set for September 30, noon-1:00) where Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker Sharon Kandel (root causes of poverty, reconciliation); Scott Smith (who visited South Sudan with Debbie Braaksma, representing the Presbytery); and Sandra Whitt (who works with South Sudanese refugees in the Roanoke area) will be available to answer questions and lead a discussion.

For questions and/or to receive the link for the Zoom session, please email Sandy Whitt (sandrarcpc@yahoo.com). Feel free to share this with others and invite them to participate! If you have not seen the South Sudan August Presbytery of the Peaks meeting video, use the following link to access: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9SYPBz2aZ8>

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sandy Whitt, representing the Presbytery Mission Committee

Northminster Presbyterian Church has hymnals to give away. They have 103 red hymnals (The Hymnbook), 103 blue hymnals (The Presbyterian Hymnal) and a 12 volume set of The Interpreters Bible.

Call the church office at 366-8115 between 9:00 am and noon if you are interested.

Reminder from the Mission Committee:

**Mission Grant Applications are due
November 1st.**



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/23/20	6:30 p.m.	Committee on Administration	Zoom
9/24/20	9:30 a.m.	Cabinet Meeting	Zoom

Next Presbytery Meeting:

November 19, 2020

Zoom

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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