

Peaks Postings

Sept. 29, 2020



TWO CENTS A MEAL GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE THURSDAY

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.

On Sunday, September 27, the students from UKirk at VA Tech led worship online. Their theme was a vision for the future of the church. They are so thoughtful and have so much to teach us. Here is the link to this service so that you can see and hear our students.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfGEyhs3Bes&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=Mainlist&utm_campaign=2728bae795-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_20_02_06_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a80eeab8ca-2728bae795-131646129

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.

New South Sudan Learning Opportunity! (updated from last week)

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 (set for September 30, noon-1:00) where Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker Sharon Kandel (root causes of poverty, reconciliation); Mission Co-Worker Jim McGill (rural development, health advocate); Mission Co-Worker Leisa Wagstaff (education and trauma-healing); 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, please email Sandy Whitt (sandrarcpc@yahoo.com). To join the Zoom session, use the following link:

Topic: PoP Mission South Sudan discussion
Time: Sep 30, 2020 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84239791102?pwd=b2h1ZndRTVZhZEJFQ3pKenUwaTB6UT09>

Dial in: 1 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 842 3979 1102
Passcode: 276553

Feel free to share this with others and invite them to participate!



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.

Welcoming New Staff Per Design

At our August presbytery meeting we approved a mission study report that included a new staff design. Anticipating approval, the Administration Committee had prepared for the search for a Program Director for Discipleship (part-time) and Communications Director (full time). Position descriptions were written, approved and posted. Applications were reviewed and interviews were conducted by members of the Personnel Committee and the general presbyter, and upon their recommendations the Administration Committee was pleased to approve the new staff members.

Please welcome Sam Smith, a member of First Presbyterian Martinsville and their part-time Director of Children and Youth, to our presbytery staff. Sam is a lifelong presbyterian, having grown up at FPC Martinsville. Sam is a 2014 graduate of Roanoke College, where he received his BA degree in Business Administration and Literary Studies, and a 2018 graduate of Hollins University where he was awarded an MA in Film Studies and Screen Writing. Sam has a passion for ministry to children and youth and has experience with three of our presbytery ministries to youth: Youth Council (POPYOCO), Camp Peaks, and Youth Triennium. He will serve as a resource to the Discipleship committees and workgroups of our presbytery. Sam can be reached thru his presbytery email address: sam@peakspresbytery.org.

Please also welcome teaching elder Dave Baker to the staff as our Communications Director. Dave is currently the stated supply at Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where his service will end in mid-October. Dave is also a lifelong presbyterian, having grown up at First Presbyterian Church in Danville. Family brought Dave, his wife, and two children back to Danville.

Dave is a 1999 graduate of The College of William and Mary with a BA in Psychology, and a 2002 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. He has divided his continuing education between PCUSA evangelism conferences and the Polity Conference and Stated Clerk conferences of the PCUSA. Before coming to Williamson Memorial Dave was the Stated Clerk and Director of Communications for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Finally, Dave is the founder and CEO of Internet Outreach Experts, a company he started in 2013.

Dave brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position of Communications Director and we look forward to him becoming a part of the staff team. Dave will continue to live in Danville while working closely with the staff in Lynchburg.





PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 10/5/20 | 9:30 a.m. | Nominations Committee | Zoom |
| 10/6/20 | 2:00 p.m. | Peacemaking Workgroup | Zoom |

Next Presbytery Meeting:

November 19, 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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