



Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

“BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN CHRIST, TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES OF FAITH TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR THE WORLD.”

CLERK OF SESSION ZOOM TRAINING - JANUARY 9, 2021, 10am to Noon

Attention Clerks of Session and Clerks of Session elect! Our new Stated Clerk, Rev. Dave Baker, along with the Session Records Review Work Group, will be hosting a brand new training for Clerks of Session.

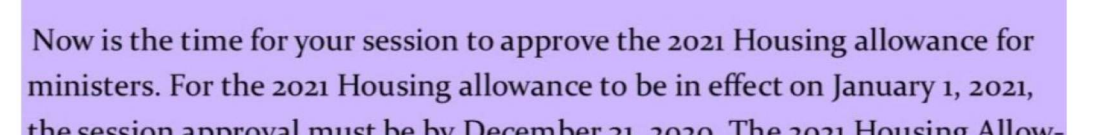
We'll cover a lot of topics that this Presbytery hasn't covered in the past, and it will be an opportunity to meet the new Stated Clerk over Zoom. Register anytime at this link:
<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/clerk-of-session-training-event-january-9/>

Also, even if you can't make the Saturday meeting, be aware we'll send out a replay to those who register.

If you're not familiar with Zoom or don't have access to a computer to participate in the Zoom Clerk Training, no worries, please fill free to come to Peace Presbyterian Church 5646 Cloverdale Road Roanoke, VA 24019 and participate, all equipment will be on-site. There is no cost, however preregistration is necessary, prior to Wednesday January 6, 2021. Just check that box on the registration form above and we'll be in contact!

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



Time to Designate 2021 Housing Allowance

Now is the time for your session to approve the 2021 Housing allowance for ministers. For the 2021 Housing allowance to be in effect on January 1, 2021, the session approval must be by December 31, 2020. The 2021 Housing Allowance can be adopted after the start of the new year, but it only applies from the date of the adoption and going forward. Wording for the approval of the allowance should include that "the designation of \$\$\$\$ (amount of allowance) shall apply to calendar year 2021 and all future years unless otherwise provided."



In accordance with the Governor's orders, if you plan to come to the Presbytery Office, you must wear a mask.

Thank you,
POP Staff

on the way

A DRIVE-THROUGH WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

That first Christmas everyone was on the way. Mary and Joseph traveled for the census. The shepherds left their fields to obey an angel. The magi followed a star. This Christmas feels similarly disjointed, so we'll follow the example of the earliest nativity and worship as we go. On Christmas Eve from 1-3pm drive through Fairlawn Presbyterian Church parking lot for a unique worship experience. Bring your mask and a worshipful heart, and we'll see you on the way. (6900 Pulaski Ave, 24141)



Holiday Happenings

Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Trinity Ecumenical Parish is streaming online Advent prayer services with special music by local artists. A new Advent video will premier each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Trinity's online services, including regular Sunday worship, and other videos may be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TrinityEcumenicalParish/videos>

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

The following events can be followed live on their Facebook page.

Christmas Music Program
Sunday, December 20 at 10 am.

Drive-In Live Nativity
Wednesday, December 23 at 6 pm.



The Presbytery of the Peaks Black Caucus

Invites you to a Virtual Advent Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30pm

Conference Line
+1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: 882 0966 0587
Passcode: 188310

Guest speaker
Rev. Jane Johnson Pastor of
Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church
Brownsville, PA

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
Gethsemane United Presbyterian Church
Grace Presbyterian Church
Holbrook Street Presbyterian Church
Mizpah Presbyterian Church

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

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Drive Through Nativity

On Saturday, December 19 (rain date Dec. 20, same time), Trinity Ecumenical Parish will present a drive-through Living Nativity from 2 to 4 p.m. in the church parking lots. Visitors will pass by six living diorama stations: the angel's visit to Mary, shepherds, wise men, Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. Programs will be given out to help everyone follow along with the Christmas story. The event is free and open to the public. "Trinity's Living Nativity has been extremely popular these last few years, and we didn't want the tradition to lapse just because of the need to stay socially distanced during the holidays," said event organizer Chris Collins. "This COVID-sensitive version will allow families to experience the true meaning of Christmas while secure in their own vehicles with members of their households." The address is 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA 24121.



Covenant Presbyterian – Roanoke presents

Christmas . . . A Virtual Music Celebration!

Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 PM
~ Live on Facebook ~

Join us for this special and joyous event
with stirring anthems and holiday music!

Directed by Richard Rudolph
featuring
Covenant's Sanctuary Choir
Organist Ronn Lowe
Guest musicians
Chris Magee on trumpet and Josh Odell on piano
with a solo by Dr. Kyle Allen

Invite your family & friends and tune in
on Facebook for this wonderful Christmas concert –

facebook.com/CovenantPresbyterianChurchRoanoke
covenantroanoke.org

Presbytery Calendar

No upcoming meetings.

Upcoming Presbytery Meetings:
February 18, 2021 (Thursday), Zoom
May 1, 2021 (Saturday), Zoom
August 14, 2021 (Saturday), TBD
November 18, 2021 (Thursday), TBD

The Presbytery Office will be closed for the holidays from December 24, 2020-Jan 3, 2021.

We hope you like the new Peaks Postings!
Feedback is welcome.

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August 14, 2021
(Saturday), TBD

November 18, 2021
(Thursday), TBD

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday.

Please submit news, events, or prayer requests by noon on Mondays to Julie Burnett at julie@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in Peaks Postings:

- 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.

Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to:

- 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.

Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on [our website](http://ourwebsite).

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