

PEAKS POSTINGS

DECEMBER 8, 2020



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 2020 and all future years unless otherwise provided."



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 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**.



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.



Save the Date



The Presbytery of the Peaks Black Caucus

**Invites you to a Virtual Advent Christmas Service
Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30pm
(Login details will be provided)**



**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
Gethsemane United Presbyteriaian 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**



Disaster Ministry at Work

Hurricane Iota caused destruction - loss of life, homes, crops and work - in Central America. CEDEPCA's Disaster Ministry is at work with people in these areas. They have brought food and are working with people to rebuild. We received these two testimonies from people in the Coban area in Guatemala.

There are two men who are students with the Biblical and Pastoral Program of CEDEPCA. This program provides classes for lay people and clergy in areas out in the countryside. It is through this program that CEDEPCA has established relationships and is able to provide aid very quickly in a disaster.

Another man, who is a carpenter by trade, lost his home and everything in it and his workshop and all of his tools. They all say that CEDEPCA has never abandoned them and they are hopeful that this accompaniment will continue.

Through our partnership with CEDEPCA, we are part of this accompaniment. We are providing food, shelter and spiritual strength as they try to rebuild their lives. We are bringing light into this darkness. Hopefully, when we are able to travel again, we will be able to take a group to Guatemala to join our brothers and sisters in their recovery.

ATTENTION CLERKS OF SESSION. . .

- › **End of the Year Packets are being mailed out this week. This packet includes Statistical Report information as well as forms to update with the Presbytery Office. Deadlines for due dates of information are included.**
- › **Clerk of Session training will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon through Zoom. Registration to attend will open Monday, Jan. 4.**



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
12/9/20	6:30 p.m.	Committee on Administration	Zoom
12/10/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	Zoom
12/13/20	4:00 p.m.	Jeff Garrison's Installation (Bluemont & Mayberry)	First Baptist Church, Meadows of Dan

[On-Line Calendar](#)

2021 Meeting Dates:

February 18, 2021 (Thursday), Zoom
 May 1, 2021 (Saturday), Zoom
 August 14, 2021 (Saturday), TBD
 November 18, 2021 (Thursday), TBD

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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.
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