



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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## Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
3-23-21	10:00 a.m.	Discipleship Committee
3-23-21	2:00 p.m.	New Pastor Orientation
3-25-21	9:30 a.m.	Cabinet



#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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## **Session Records Review Schedule**

(based on the Presbytery Meeting Schedule)

Feb. 18: Churches that begin with P - W

May 1: Churches that begin with A - C

Aug. 14: Churches that begin with D - H

Nov. 18: Churches that begin with J - O

### **REMINDER:**

Session Records may be emailed or a copy mailed to Shelda Wills, Chair of the Session Records Workgroup.

[swills@usit.net](mailto:swills@usit.net) or 107 W. Main St.,

Christiansburg, VA 24073

Please do not mail to the Presbytery Office.

A Presbytery of the  
Peaks Middle & High  
School Virtual Retreat

# Wait For It

Romans 8: 24-25

Saturday  
April 17, 2021

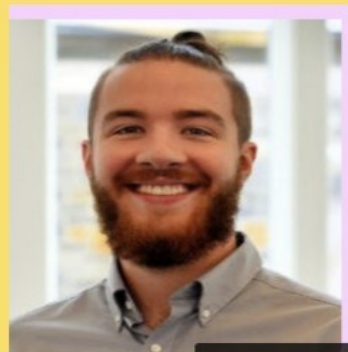


10am-12pm  
on Zoom!

With Keynote speaker:  
Matthew Aldas



With Music Leader:  
Cameron Moore



Email [sam@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:sam@peakspresbytery.org) for more info

Join us for our first ever virtual youth retreat, Sat  
April 17, 10am-noon. More details & registration  
can be found here:

[PoPYoCo Middle & High School Virtual Retreat](#)



# **Last Seven Words of Christ**

## **Friday, April 2, 2021**

### **6:30pm (Virtual)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89842831717?pwd=a1MwWG9TcnRLVEEwdGpMUG5WaVlzZz09>

**Meeting ID: 898 4283 1717 Passcode: 432835**  
**+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)**

**THE FIRST WORD -**  
**Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.**  
**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church,**  
**Roanoke, Virginia**  
**Gospel of Luke 23:34**

**THE SECOND WORD -**  
**Rev. Elizabeth Link**  
**Second Presbyterian Church,**  
**Roanoke, Virginia**  
**Gospel of Luke 23:43**

**THE THIRD WORD -**  
**CP Naomi Hodge-Muse**  
**Grace Presbyterian Church,**  
**Martinsville, Virginia**  
**Gospel of John 19:26-27**

**THE FOURTH WORD -**  
**Rev. George Wilson**  
**Honorably Retired- Mitzpah**  
**Presbyterian Church,**  
**South Boston, Virginia**  
**Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34**

**THE FIFTH WORD -**  
**Rev. Morgan Whitfield**  
**Forest Presbyterian Church,**  
**Forest, Virginia**  
**Gospel of John 19:28**

**THE SIXTH WORD -**  
**Rev. Michael Hickman**  
**Gethesemane United**  
**Presbyterian Church,**  
**Drakes Branch, Virginia**  
**Gospel of John 19:29-30**

**THE SEVENTH WORD - Rev. Carl Utley**  
**General Presbyter- Peaks Presbytery**  
**Gospel of Luke 23:46**



# MATTHEW 25

## **Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation – April 13, 7:00 p.m.**

*Hello Presbytery of the Peaks! You are invited to join in learning how your church can become an official Matthew 25 congregation.*

Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor for the Southeastern US/Presbyterian Mission Agency, will highlight resources and assist congregations who may be considering the Matthew 25 Invitation. The emphasis will be on practical help for congregations as they focus their mission, with Matthew 25 as a guide. To receive the Zoom link for participation in the April 13, 7:00 p.m. event, contact Denny Casey [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)

Becoming a Matthew 25 congregation is relatively simple and involves the following:

**#1 Sign up**

**#2 Continue congregational mission efforts in one or more of the following areas:**

- building congregational vitality
- dismantling structural racism
- eradicating systemic poverty

**#3 Share your stories of how embracing Matthew 25 is impacting your congregation/community**

For more Matthew 25 information [https://  
www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)



LEXINGTON, Kentucky — Registration is now open for CPJ Training Days, a virtual advocacy and organizing event April 7-9.

CPJ Training Day, presented by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness and its fellow Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries, traditionally takes place in person at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., on the day before Ecumenical Advocacy Days, a weekend-long event in Northern Virginia. For the second consecutive year, both events will be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, CPJ Day expanded to three days to provide a breadth of content around this year's theme, environmental justice, without the potential Zoom fatigue of a day-long online event. Each day will start at 11 a.m. Eastern Time and go to 12:30 p.m. On April 7 and 8, there will be small group gatherings at 1:30 p.m. ET. [Registration is free.](#)

Ecumenical Advocacy Days are set to take place just over a week later, April 18-21, and will have a similar theme of environmental justice this year. [Registration is now open](#), and is \$25 until April 1.

*Wild Goose*  
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



### Wild Goose -Bonsack Seeks a Worship Leader

Wild Goose Christian Community is a new worshipping community established in November 2017. When COVID restrictions are lifted we plan to gather again on Thursdays for a pot-luck supper. Then we will gather in a circle of rocking chairs and share the Lord's Supper, sing and enjoy music, discuss a portion of scripture, and pray for individual needs and the needs of our world. We see our mission as "Giving seekers of Christ a safe place to land in a non-traditional, inclusive, informal worshipping community." Our goal is to reach out to persons who may not be attending any established church. We also welcome people who experience Wild Goose as a peaceful, weekly supplement to their regular church involvement. The Worship Leader is an exciting part time position leading the Wild Goose Community. See job description for details. Please send your resume to the Wild Goose Planning Team at [alexjxx81@gmail.com](mailto:alexjxx81@gmail.com)

[Click here](#) to read the full job description.



# CELEBRATING LONGEVITY

• AROUND THE WORLD •

APRIL 22 | APRIL 27 | MAY 7

POAMN is offering 3 free webinars!

The Circle of Life - April 22 @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm EDT

**Older Adults of Hispanic Heritage - April 27 @ 3:00 - 4:00 pm EDT**

**Korean Milestone Birthdays, Immigrants and Korean-American Church - May 7 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm EDT**

**You must register for each session separately.**

**[Click here](#) for more information.**

## Community Outreach Block Grant Notice

Twenty-three Community Outreach Block grant applications, to be considered for 2021 funding, have been received. The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds budgeted, through the Mission Committee, for annual Block Grants. Local community organizations providing tutoring programs, clinics, adult care, jail ministry or other community care programs are eligible to apply. The money for these grants is dispensed by the Grant Work Group of the Mission Committee. In order to hopefully award the projected amount to each applicant, those applying have received the following communication:

*Thank you for submitting a Community Outreach Block Grant application, requesting financial support from the Presbytery of the Peaks (POP) to assist with the significant community work of your organization/ministry.*

*The POP is in the midst of transformation, implementing a new way of being and operating that will ultimately allow us to be more faithful and relevant in who we are and what we do.*

*In order to best support 2021 grant applicants, the POP Grant Work Group plans to award grant funding in May instead of March. This delay, as we work through the transformation process, will allow more generous funding*

*Your patience and understanding are appreciated. Please contact me if you have questions. Award notifications will be made, through email, in late May.*

*Sincerely,  
Denise Pillow*

## Matthew 25 Learning Opportunity

Last year's well-attended series of Matthew 25 programs will continue with our first online event for 2021, scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m. EDT. The topic is how all three areas of the Matthew 25 focus intersect around the subject of housing. The program will include conversations with pastors on how their congregations are engaging with the issue of affordable housing in their communities. You can read more about it in a Presbyterian News Service story [here](#).

To register in advance for this program, click on the link below:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsdOugrjsvG9fo1d3R4WjdRNuOJ5l\\_T8x2](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsdOugrjsvG9fo1d3R4WjdRNuOJ5l_T8x2)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Watch for information on forthcoming Matthew 25 events scheduled for:

- **June 23**  
(Hunger/Eradicating Poverty/Congregational Vitality)
- **September 29**  
(Education/Dismantling Racism/Eradicating Poverty)
- **November 17**  
(Migration/Immigration)

One of the best things about Matthew 25 is that we can do ministry together in ways we cannot do alone. The new and digital ways of doing ministry have also redefined what community means.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

**Please give, Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Covenant Presbyterian – Roanoke***

***presents***

***A Virtual Concert***

***featuring vocals by Emily Rudolph,  
accompanied by Tom Floyd on piano,  
Willis Greenstreet on saxophone,  
Wyatt Allen on bass, and Rob Vaughn on drums***



***Join us Live on Facebook  
this Wednesday, March 24th @ 6 PM***

***Invite your friends & tune in for this very special evening!***

***[facebook.com/CovenantPresbyterianChurchRoanoke](https://facebook.com/CovenantPresbyterianChurchRoanoke)***



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**[covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org)**

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