

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
8-12-21	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry
8-12-21	6:00 p.m.	COA-Budget Workgroup
8-12-21	4:30 p.m.	Registration Closes
8-14-21	8:30 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting

Monday - thursday 8:30AM - 4:30PM Fax: (434) 845-7829

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8:30-12:00

Registration closes Aug. 12 at 4:30.

<u>Click here</u> to register.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the job opportunities around the presbytery on our webpage.

Positions Available

Churches with openings include:

First PC, Lynchburg

Radford

Westminster

Clarksville Ouaker Memorial

Second

Covenant

Forest

Radford

Creation Care Idea



At the end of the summer, at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, we hold a Creation Care and Fellowship event called the **End-of-Summer Shindig.** It is held on a Sunday afternoon at the end of August, and we include a meal with fellowship and an earth care activity for people of all ages. We hope this will spark ideas for how you could do such an event appropriate to **your** local place!

Each year, we encourage folks to bring their own reusable dinnerware and cups or water bottles, and we aim for little to no trash.

This year, we plan to meet at a local U-Pick berry farm, where we will have an educational component, learning about pollinators and berries, and exploring the farm, in addition to a service project. Afterwards, folks will have brought their own picnic supper, and we'll provide the watermelon!

Let us know what you come up with to celebrate summer and creation while learning ways to protect the earth!

Racial Equity Training for Pastors

In 2020 the Presbytery of the Peaks Cabinet voted that all pastors and commissioned pastors of the Presbytery of the Peaks be required to participate in anti-racism training annually. In March 2021 the Presbytery formed a Work Group to coordinate a training program for pastors. The Racial Equity Work Group has the following mission:

To investigate racial equity training programs and to structure and coordinate a program to meet the needs of the Presbytery of the Peaks with the goal of improving racial equity in the churches of the Presbytery and beyond.

Before offering the training, the Workgroup will be surveying participants with the following goals:

- To understand pastors' awareness of racial equity issues in their churches, the presbytery, and the wider culture.
- To use this information to structure appropriate racial equity training.

The survey will be anonymous with aggregate results (never individual data) shared with the facilitator before the training and participants at a later date.

The survey is expected to be administered in September with training in early November.

Members of the Workgroup are Margie Anderson, Jen Brothers, Terri Cornwell, Bob Fiedler, Naomi Hodge Muse, Carl Utley, Elease Wilson, and Jill Williams. If you are interested in joining the Workgroup which meets monthly on Zoom, please contact Terri Cornwell (terrilcornwell@aol.com).

2021 Presbytery of the Peaks Two Cents-a-Meal Awards

Through the generosity of our congregations, \$16,650.00 has been awarded to community agencies, and \$16,773.32 to regional, national and international agencies for a total of **\$33,423.32 in 2021**.

Local

6,650.00
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Two Cents- A-Meal Awards Continued

Regional, National, International

CEDEPCA / Guatemala	\$1,800.00
Cool Spring Leper Ministry /Uganda	1,850.00
Feeding America SWVA	9,273.32
Namulesa Evangel Rescuing Church / Uganda	

1,850.00

Rise Against Hunger / Appomattox Prince Edward PC

1,000.00

Rise Against Hunger / Quaker Memorial PC, Lynchburg 1,000.00

Total Regional, National, International Two Cents \$16.773.32

Deadlines for Two Cents-a-Meal grant applications are April 1 and October 1. Applicants may apply one time each year. Contact Presbytery of the Peaks for more information: 1-888-557-3257 or

office@peakspresbytery.org

"You give them something to eat." Mark 6:37

Presbytery of the Peaks Community Outreach Block Grant Awa	rds 2021			
The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds budgeted for Block Grants each year. These are for local community organiza- tions such as tutoring programs, clinics, adult care, jail min- istry or other community care programs. The following awards were made for 2021, totaling \$41,325.00:				
Alliance for Excellence (Higher Education Mir	nistries) \$ 1,900.00			
Altavista Outreach and Enrichment	1,250.00			
Blue Ridge Literacy / Roanoke	2,250.00			
CASA of Central VA / Lynchburg	2,250.00			
Christian Free Clinic / Botetourt County	1,900.00			
Churches for Urban Ministry / Lynchburg	1,250.00			
Emergency Needs Task Force / Pulaski	2,250.00			
Family Promise of Greater Roanoke	2,250.00			
Free Clinic of Franklin County	2,250.00			
Free Clinic of Pulaski County	2,250.00			
The Giving Garden / Salem	1,250.00			
Good Neighbors Inc. / Smith Mountain Lake	1,000.00			
The Good Samaritan / South Boston	1,075.00			
Grace Network / Martinsville	1,600.00			
Heart of VA Free Clinic / Farmville	2,250.00			

2021 Block Grant Awards Continued

Helping Hands of Franklin County	2,250.00
House of Bread / Roanoke	1,500.00
Interfaith Outreach Association / Lynchburg	2,250.00
Literacy Volunteers of Campbell County	1,000.00
Presbyterian Community Center / Roanoke	1,250.00
Roanoke Valley Jail Ministry	1,600.00
Safehome Systems, Inc. / Covington	2,250.00
West End Center / Roanoke	2,250.00



Session Records for D - H are now due. Please mail to Shelda Wills at: Christiansburg PC, 107 W. Main St., Christiansburg, VA, 24073



Celebrate this Labor Day weekend with nationally renowned Blue-Grass Gospel group, the Churchmen on Saturday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Bedford Farmers Market. This concert is free and open to the public as a gift from Bedford Presbyterian Church. Bring your lawn chair and refreshments and come for a glorious evening of music. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Church sanctuary. For more information contact the Bedford Presbyterian office at: (540) 586-5284 or email us at <u>adminassist@bedfordpresbyva.org</u>



2021 CONFERENCE CREATION CARE BUFFET: COME TO THE TABLE

SUNDAYS AUGUST 1, 8 & 15 zoom sessions

Session 1: 4:30-6pm EDT; Dinner Break with special presentations Session 2: 7-9pm EDT

WORKSHOPS

Worship, Climate Change, Youth, Food Waste, Soil Sisters, Mining Legacies, Spanish, & MORE

MUSIC

Folk, New Hymns, Jazz and SPECIAL APPEARANCE DAVID LAMOTTE IN LIVE CONCERT!!

BIBLE STUDY

Drs. Douglas Moo, Wheaton College Dr. Jonathon Moo, Whitworth University

WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo

FOLLOW-ON ACTIVISIM

INITIATIVES IN CONGREGATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND GLOBALLY



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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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