



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
9-7-21	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
9-8-21	10:00 a.m.	Webinar
9-9-21	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry
9-13-21	10:00 a.m.	Nominations Committee



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MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Creatively Coping with COVID

The Church Development Committee presents a discussion based webinar with short presentations from 4 churches of the Presbytery and beyond who have come up with creative solutions to not only survive but thrive during the COVID Era. **The webinar will take place at 10am Wednesday September 8th.**

Register at this link:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/creatively-coping-with-covid/>



The First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, VA is seeking to hire an interim minister to replace our pastor, Melissa McNair-King who has recently moved to Atlanta, GA. The Ministry Information Form has been prepared and will soon be posted by the Presbytery. For more information call our transition team chair, Connie MCMillan, at 540-994-0294.

PEAKS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 9:45 a.m.

Please join us via ZOOM for our Peaks PW Annual Gathering when we will be installing our new Moderator, **Shelda Wills**. We want as many women as possible to join us on ZOOM to welcome Shelda to her new role.

Our gathering is going to be lots of fun. We have several excellent speakers lined up and several people who want to get to know our Presbyterian Women.



Gathering music begins at 9:45 a.m. with **Marianne M. Sandborg**, organist and soloist at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.



Devotions and Reflections will be presented by the **Rev. Susan Louise Ennis** (Pastor Susi) from First Presbyterian Church in Covington.



Our mission project has been concentrated on books for our children. We are pleased to announce that **Bud Grey**, Senior Vice President of Carilion Wellness, based in Roanoke, will be our guest speaker. He has written a great book entitled **The Buddy Bridge** for his granddaughter. He will speak about his inspiration for this book.

Our own **Laura Crumbley**, a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, will talk about the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. The women's circles at Laura's church field tested the study.

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Presbyterian Women Article continued...

Dr. Carl Utley, Peaks General Presbyter, will bring greetings from the Presbytery.



*The new members of the Peaks PW Coordinating Team will be installed by **Pam Snyder**, Director of Music at Second Presbyterian Church in Staunton and a former PW Moderator of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.*

We look forward to seeing you on ZOOM. Be safe and lots of blessings to you and your families.

Helen Dean, Moderator

Zoom Invitation

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82850911483?pwd=YklrWjZOR0JvcThZTVptQXFQMVIOUT09>

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Workshop Postponed

The Enneagram Workshop, which was to be held at Second Presbyterian Church this September, has been postponed until Spring 2022 out of an abundance of caution and after much prayer and thoughtful discussion with local medical professionals. Mark your calendars for this spring; further details will be shared at a later date.

Employer Agreements Available for Review

It's that time of year again! The 2022 Board of Pension Church Employer Agreement is available for review and editing. If your church has anyone participating in the Board of Pensions benefits programs, the agreement needs to be reviewed. The agreement can be reviewed through the Benefits Connect program.

New for this year is an option to keep the 2022 Employer Agreement the same as in 2021. (Very helpful if there are no changes required to the agreement). The deadline for submitting the 2022 Employer Agreement is Friday, October 8, 2021.

If there are questions regarding the Employer Agreement, contact Robin Padgett at the Presbytery office (robin@peakspresbytery.org) or contact Martha Reisner with the Board of Pensions (mreisner@pensions.org).



2022 Meeting Dates:

February 17 (snow make-up date: March 3)

May 7

August 20

November 17

Racial Equity Training for Pastors

In 2020 the Presbytery of the Peaks Cabinet recommended that all pastors and commissioned pastors of the Presbytery of the Peaks participate in anti-racism training annually. In March 2021 the Presbytery formed a Racial Equity Workgroup to coordinate a training program for pastors. **The training is voluntary; however, we pray that you will participate to learn more about how we can be part of God's mission of reconciliation for all people.**

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 will be administered later in September with training in January 2022.

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

Church Redevelopment Grant Deadline Oct 15th

The recently approved Church Redevelopment Grant application deadline is coming up on October 15th. This grant program was established to enable congregations to explore new areas of ministry and vitality to deepen and broaden their witness. If you miss this deadline, the next deadline is on February 15th, 2022.

For more information and for the application, please click on this link:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Church-Redevelopment-Grants-1.pdf>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Positions Available

Churches with openings include:

First PC, Lynchburg

Second

Radford

Quaker Memorial

Westminster

Covenant

Forest

Radford

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- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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