



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
11/18/21	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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November 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

To register, click [here](#).

REGISTRATION CLOSES WED., Nov. 17!

The Presbytery Packet is now available.

Click [here](#) to review.





Session Minutes Reminder

Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. However, **2020 Session Minutes are due for review during the 2021 year.** The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The remaining schedule for the review of 2020 Session Minutes is as follows:

November 18 – Churches with names beginning with J-O

Until the Presbytery of the Peaks can meet again in person, churches are asked to

EITHER mail hard copies of the Session Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed "Session Records Review Form," to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, **OR email digital copies** of the Minutes (scanned or born electronic), along with the completed "Session Records Review Form," to swills@usit.net.



The Presbytery of the Peaks office will be closed November 25. We will return to the

Important Missionary Funding Change for 2022

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is making a significant change to the way Mission Co-Workers are funded in 2022. In the past, every Mission Co-Worker has had a unique fund ID that was used to give to their support. **Beginning in 2022, all Mission Co-Workers will be supported with one fund.**

Congregations may still indicate that the giving is for a particular Mission Co-Worker by indicating the gift is given “in honor of” followed by the Mission Co-Workers name. The Mission Personnel fund that will be used is D500115-Mission Personnel. The mission co-worker honored will be notified of the gift and they will continue to send their newsletters to your church.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency offered the following rationale for this change:

“As a further, tangible way of expressing that the whole church supports all of our mission co-workers, we are inviting the whole church to use one fund, Mission Personnel D500115, effective January 1, 2022. One of the greatest benefits of having one fund in support of all of the PC(USA)’s mission co-workers is that it will at long last remove the burden of personal fundraising from each mission co-worker. We hope you will join with others to support all of our mission co-workers who are currently serving in 80 countries across the globe.”

Treasurers may continue to include mission co-worker gifts on the Presbytery Remittance Form.

The Kirkin O' The Tartan

11/21/2021

2pm

*At Colonial Presbyterian
In the Pavilion*

*Join us for service, calling of the clans,
light refreshments, and Shortbread!!!*

*And the musical stylings of:
Kinnfolk
Cat & Banjo
Appalachian Piping Academy*

Slàinte Mhath!!!

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

Through the generosity of our congregations, \$28,121.89 has been awarded to community agencies, \$26,773.32 to regional, national and international agencies, and \$991.65 to designated offerings for a total of \$55,886.86 in 2021.

Local

Bedford Domestic Violence	\$ 750.00
Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels / Amherst	1,250.00
Calfee Community & Cultural Center / Pulaski	1,000.00
Charlotte County Meals on Wheels	1,250.00
Churches for Urban Ministry / Lynchburg	1,500.00
COPE Food Pantry / Covington	750.00
FACES / Farmville	2,000.00
Feed the Hungry / Danville	1,250.00
Food for Kids / Bedford	1,000.00
Free Breakfast / FPC Martinsville	750.00
God's Storehouse / Urban Farm	1,571.89
Grace Network / Martinsville	1,500.00
Helping Hands Backpack / Narrows	750.00
Lake Christian Ministries / Moneta	1,800.00
Lynchburg Daily Bread	2,400.00
Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center	750.00
Northside Community Dinner / Blacksburg	1,800.00
Presbyterian Community Center / Roanoke	750.00
Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)	1,250.00
Room At The Table / Christiansburg	1,000.00
Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (ACT)	750.00
Salem / Roanoke County Food Pantry	750.00
The Shelter / Radford	400.00
South Covington Care Pantry	1,000.00
The Woodchucks / Blacksburg	150.00
Total Local Two Cents-a-Meal	\$28,121.89

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Regional, National, International

Abukoli Foundation / South Sudan	\$2,000.00
CEDEPCA / Guatemala	1,800.00
Christian Schools for Roma Children / Ukraine	2,000.00
Cool Spring Leper Ministry / Uganda	1,850.00
Feeding America SWVA	9,273.32
Kalikumbi Mission / Malawi	2,000.00
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
Roanoke Valley Medical Mission	2,000.00
Roma Mission Center / Ukraine	2,000.00
Total Regional, National, International Two Cents	\$26,773.32

Designated Gifts

Heifer International	\$ 991.65
Total Designated	\$ 991.65

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



An Advent Message from the Racial Equity Workgroup:

Did you ever stop and consider that the Christmas Story is one of great diversity? It is filled with powerful and powerless people. Characters include academic sages and illiterate minimum wage workers. There is a pregnant teen mother and an older troubled baby daddy. Because this story is so often peppermint-coated and trimmed with red bows we fail to see that it could be ripped from the headlines of our newspapers and splashed in vivid detail across social media.

If we approach our beloved story through a wider lens this year, we may find a path through division to wholeness. If we try to grapple with our uncomfortableness to talk of socially unacceptable pregnancies, racial and religious inequities that lead to people crowding into spaces where they are intimidated and coerced, or economic hardships because of racial history and societal privilege, then we may find this ancient story speaking to us in new ways.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of Immanuel, may we consider why Jesus came to live and die as one of us – “that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of two, thus making peace” (Eph. 2:15b, NRSV).

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In the Racial Equity survey pastors and clerks were asked to share scripture they found to be helpful when discussing issues of race. We offer them below as a potential source for personal and communal reflection.

Galatians 3:28

Luke 10:25-37

Matthew 25

Leviticus 19:33-34

Deuteronomy 10:19

Ephesians 2:14-20

Romans 12:5

1 Peter 2:9

Genesis 1: 26-31

Mark 12:30-31

1 Cor 10:17

Most notably the entire book of Exodus -- gives us the liberating image of God who stands on the side of the oppressed and vows that the members of the Covenant never embody the oppression of Egypt and the Pharaoh.

Colossians 4:1

The Sermon on the Mount

Acts 2:17

1 Samuel 16:7

Romans 10:12

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7 -- There is a time for everything .. a time to be silent and a time to speak .

Matthew 7-12

During the weeks of Advent, may we begin to deconstruct our familiar Christmas narrative and see real people behind the sweet smells of the holiday. We may then start a journey toward understanding all the people who live in our world, our community, our church.

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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.
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