



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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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.

November 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

To register, click [here](#).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the job opportunities around the presbytery on our webpage. (Resources>Calls/Jobs)



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

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Advanced Training for Clerks of Session Webinar



On Saturday November 13th from 10am to noon, Stated Clerk Rev. Dave Baker will be offering a follow up to the Clerk of Session Basic Training course he offered earlier this year. If you missed out on the original training, you can watch that here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_ZM2LZgcv8

The new training will take place on Zoom and will cover topics like how to write a Manual of Administrative Operations, Bylaws, session vs pastor responsibilities, and an advanced overview of Robert's Rules.

Register at the following link:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/event/advanced-cos/>

This training is intended for Clerks of Session, but anyone is free to register. A recording will be posted to the presbytery's "Training for Clerks of Session" page under "Resources" after the webinar.

Finally, if you are a clerk of session and have a topic that was not covered in the Basic Training that you'd like to be trained on, please email the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@peakspresbytery.org as soon as you can.



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.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

ABOUT THE EVENT

God has called us to be together to SEE God's people, and to SEE and explore what it means to truly SEE each other.

There is a place for you to be, to see, and to be seen...in July 2022. A place where young Presbyterians will gather together to activate their next steps in faith, exploring the intersection of justice, courage, connection and vision.

When we SEE each other at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium...

We will SEE God | We will SEE Ourselves

We will SEE OTHERS | We will SEE ALL

We will understand what it means to truly SEE!

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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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