



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
4-05-22	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
4-07-22	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry
4-07-22	1:30 p.m.	Christian Educators
4-07-22	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Committee



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MONDAY - THURSDAY

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Presbytery Office Closed

Friday, April 15 and

Monday, April 18.



**WE ARE
THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER.**

Every gift makes a difference
in the life of someone
who deserves
God's love and support.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**03.02.22-
04.17.22**



Does your congregation have a handbell choir? Would they be interested in free music? Last October, Cynthia Dobrinski, world renowned handbell composer and music director of First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville passed away, leaving behind nearly 10,000 copies of over 200 of her compositions. Her family has graciously donated it for us to share with churches in the Presbytery & the nearby area that have bell choirs. To receive an inventory of what is available & to get more info, please contact Sam Smith at sam@peakspresbytery.org



NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING
MAY 16-19, 2022 | MONTREAT, NC

rest restore explore
where the mountains meet the water

2022 NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING A Gathering for **ALL** Church Leaders in Montreat, NC

You are invited to gather with leaders from across the Church to reconnect, to rest, to reimagine, to be restored, and to consider what needs to be restored. We are imagining a gathering in the mountains that is less about content and more about remembering what it means to be connected to one another.

The 2022 NEXT Church National Gathering will be what we will create together.

We believe the work of restoration is active work. You are invited to be active participants in this gathering- to show up, even in the places that make you uncomfortable, to the conversations that require vulnerability, and to those moments where courage is needed.



May 16-18, 2022

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Chanequa Walker-Barnes



Jerry Cannon



Nathan Stucky



Larissa Kwong Abazia



Gene Burke



Casey Wait

**Virtual Journey to Guatemala: “Confronting
Climate Change with Actions of Hope”
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time**

During Earth Week, take a Virtual Journey to Guatemala to see how Central Americans are “Confronting Climate Change with Actions of Hope.” You will be challenged by the Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, Professor of Mission at the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica, who will speak about what it means to live holy lives in the midst of the threat of destruction. And you’ll be inspired by the stories of ordinary people in Central America whose actions in relationship with creation reflect *extraordinary* hope.

This virtual travel opportunity will include breakout room discussions. Pre-registration is required.

Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/
tZAqceChqT0iHdKIiyDaxHtukyx7FKuvdgu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqceChqT0iHdKIiyDaxHtukyx7FKuvdgu)

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



We are called, through scripture and our tradition, to care for the natural world so that all may live abundantly. God cares deeply for all of creation and seeks to preserve the diversity of life.

April is Earth Month and April 22 is Earth Day, a time to especially focus on what we can do to care for creation.

Look around your home, the community and beyond and choose something you can do to make a difference. Are you able to pick up trash? Do you have items you no longer need that could be recycled or repurposed and used by others? Is there something you could do to conserve energy use in your home? Can you combine chores and errands that require travel, reducing fuel use? Maybe add a native plant or two to your landscape?

Visit presbyearthcare.org/pcusa-programs to learn about many and varied opportunities and to see what others are doing.



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Director of Faith Formation, Young Families, and Youth Ministries

Covenant Presbyterian Church has a full-time position for an energetic and creative person of strong Christian faith to provide leadership for Faith Formation planning and activities; to develop and implement programs for young families and their children (Infant-Grade 5); and to guide and coordinate volunteer-led youth programming (Grades 6-12).

The ideal candidate is a college graduate with experience in Christian education and the ability to relate to youth and children. The position requires excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to utilize social media. Covenant offers a collegial work environment in an established, suburban church. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Working knowledge of the PCUSA preferred.

Please submit resumes to Gail Schuler, Church Administrator, at: office@covroanoke.org.

[Resources and Ideas for Celebrating Earth Day Sunday with Your Congregation](#)

Earth Day is **April 22nd** and you can celebrate Earth Day Sunday with your congregation any time in April, or throughout the year. All Creation praises God's name, and we can give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty of the world around us!

Here are some resources that may be helpful in planning an Earth Day or Creation Care Sunday at your church. We know that many congregations have creative and original ideas of their own for how to celebrate. It is our hope that we can share ideas in inspire discussion in the Comments Section of this Blog post.

Creation Justice Ministries 2022 Earth Day Resource, "Weathering the Storm: Faithful Climate Resilience" [Download Document HERE](#)

Interfaith Power and Light's (IPL) Faith Climate Action Week is ten days in April (Earth Month) when IPL congregations focus on taking action to protect climate. The 2022 theme is "Sacred Trust: Our Children's Right to a Livable Future." <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/>

PEC's 2021 Online Conference Workshop with Janet Adair: Creation Care in Your Worship Service can be found on [YouTube HERE](#)

Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) Educational Resources for Children and Youth Lessons and activities from various faith-based and secular sources about the creation story, climate change, Native Americans, and related topics: interfaithpowerandlight.org/educational-resources/

Earth Day Resources from PC(USA), including helpful materials from past years' themes: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday/

Christianity and Climate Change, a nine-part film series featuring Katharine Hayhoe, the internationally renowned Christian climate scientist tearfund.org/campaigns/christianity-and-climate-change-film-series

Don't forget that **National Arbor Day** is celebrated on the last Friday in April each year. This national holiday celebrates the benefits of trees, and typically involves planting trees. Your church could incorporate tree planting into its Earth Care activities. You can take a look at the recorded PEC workshop from 2021 for ideas on [YouTube HERE](#)

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