



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To  
**PEAKS POSTINGS**

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
6-22-22	1:00 p.m.	Transformation Team



### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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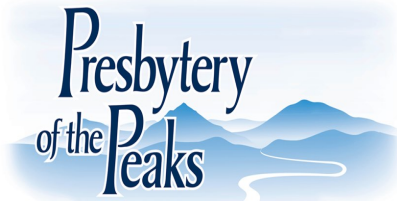
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The Presbytery of the Peaks is seeking to hire a Justice and Mercy Ministry Specialist. The full job description can be found on the Presbytery of the Peaks webpage or click [here](#).

Resumes can be mailed to: Presbytery of the Peaks, Attn: Personnel Workgroup, PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551 or emailed to: [c.utley@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:c.utley@peakspresbytery.org).



*The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on Sat., August 20, 2022. This will be an IN-PERSON meeting in Altavista, VA beginning at 9:00 a.m.*



## Attention Ministers and Treasurers IRS Mileage Rate Increase

The IRS announced an increase in the standard mileage rate for business travel for the final six months of 2022. **The standard business mileage rate is used to reimburse minister's mileage. The rate of 62.5 cents per mile should be used for mileage incurred July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.** For travel incurred from January through June 2022, the rate of 58.5 cents per mile should be used.

The IRS made this unusual move to increase the mileage rate by four cents due to recent gasoline price increases. Mid year increases are rare, with the last time the IRS making such an increase being in 2011. **The IRS will announce the mileage rate for 2023 in December 2022.**



The General Assembly of the PCUSA is now meeting and unfolds in various settings, concluding with online meetings July 5-9. For more information, start with this link:

<https://ga-pcusa.org>

## **2022-2023 Presbyterian Planning Calendars**

Orders are now being taken for Presbyterian Planning Calendars that will run from September 2022 to December 2023, at our best possible price— \$9.75 each. We will pre-order calendars mid-July with calendar orders filled first and extra calendars offered at a first come, first served basis. **After the pre-ordered calendars are sold we cannot honor the discounted price, so get your orders in SOON!** ( Regular calendar price through the Distribution Center is \$16.75 this year)

**Calendars will not be sent to our office from the distribution center until August.**



See the order form on the next page.

## **CALENDAR ORDER FORM:**

Please e-mail this form to  
[julie@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:julie@peakspresbytery.org) or mail to the  
presbytery office: PO Box 2519, Forest, VA,  
24551

Date of Order \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Calendars Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **Method of Delivery Requested:**

I will pick them up at the Presbytery Office \_\_\_\_\_

Ship them to me at the following address \_\_\_\_\_

(shipping charges will apply)

Shipping Address:

# ENLIGHTEN UP

## WALKING A CELTIC PATHWAY

JOIN US ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS

TUESDAYS DISCUSSION & CLASS

SUNDAYS - CELTIC SERVICE

JUNE 14, 26, JULY 12, 24, AND AUGUST 9, 28 @ 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

COLONIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3550 POPLAR DR. ROANOKE, VA (540) 774-2706

J. P. Newell's

Listening for the

Heartbeat of God

will be a focus text.

LISTENING  
FOR THE  
HEARTBEAT  
OF  
GOD  
A Celtic Serenade

J. PHILIP NEWELL



Is your church in need of a piano? Contact Mary Sydnor for more details at (434) 841-8987. It's free and you must pick-up.



Mallow Presbyterian Church (Covington) is busy hosting Wednesday Two Cents-a-Meal lunches, held under the on-site picnic shelter. Friends, new and old, enjoy fellowship

along with a delicious meal prepared by members of the congregation. There is no charge, but those able are welcome to provide a donation for Two Cents-a-Meal, used to help alleviate hunger near and far. The lunches continue through Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come at noon, to eat and visit, and stay as long (or short!) as you wish. All are welcome!



# Faith and the Climate Crisis



*We've all seen the news...*

... storms, wildfires, droughts. Continuing our present course will diminish human life. For the poor, future generations, and nature itself, society must become carbon neutral. It can be done.

Presbyterian Climate Advocates is a small group of Indiana church leaders who believe we can forge a new future. We advocate with legislators for a carbon fee and dividend plan to drive the economy to renewable alternatives. We work to live sustainably ourselves, and help congregations, communities, and families conserve energy. And we look to others to act with us.

We are offering an online four-week introductory course for individuals and congregational groups. Classes include videos, reflection, discussion, and enrichment to move from despair to engaged, hopeful, effective action.

*We examine...*

- our deep connections with the natural world
- the urgency of our present climate crisis
- the environmental effects on the poor
- why people of faith take the crisis personally
- what is being and can be done to promote healing
- specific actions including...
  - talking with leaders and neighbors
  - advocating for rapid transformation
  - making changes in our congregations and homes



*We are...*

Carol Dunn, elder and Earth Care team chair at FPC Scottsburg  
Kristina Lindborg, CCL representative, Bloomington

Beth Snyder, elder and Green Team chair at FPC Jeffersonville  
Trisha Tull, emerita professor of Bible, Louisville Seminary

## An online four-week course led by Presbyterian Climate Advocates

Sundays, July 10-31 – 4:00-5:15 pm EDT

To learn more and register:

[presbyclimateadvocates.org](http://presbyclimateadvocates.org)



A photograph showing several men's hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. In the center, a Bible is visible, resting on the hands. The background is dark, making the hands and the Bible stand out.

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Men's Conference**  
July 15-17, 2022

“Loving God by Loving  
Each Other”  
Luke 10:25-37

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

# 2022 Conference Speakers



REV. JOHN MOLINA -  
MOORE

General Presbyter of  
National Capital Presbytery



REV. DR. CARL UTLEY  
General Presbyter of Presbytery  
of the Peaks



Worship Leader  
REV. KEITH PHILLIPS  
Co-Pastor at Massanutten PC in  
Harrisonburg, VA



Worship Leader  
REV. CLAYTON RASCOE  
Executive Director of  
Massaentta Springs in  
Harrisonburg, VA



Silent Communion Leader  
REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF  
Spiritual director for  
the Mid-Atlantic Synod  
Men's Conference

2022 Conference Leader  
NACHEE MILLER



Music Leader  
KATIE GRANT  
Former Director of Music at  
Bayside PC in VA Beach, VA

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- 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.
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