



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
8-2-22	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
8-2-22	6:30 p.m.	Preparation for Ministry
8-2-22	6:30 p.m.	Budget Workgroup (COA)
8-3-22	1:00 p.m.	Transformation Team



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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The August 20th Presbytery Meeting will now be held on Zoom. Registration will open August 5th.



2023 Board of Pensions Rate Increase

The Board of Pensions has approved an increase in the cost of the Pastor's Participation dues for the first time in five years. Effective January 1, 2023, medical dues will increase 2 percent, from 27 percent to 29 percent. As a result, total dues for the benefits package will be 39 percent of a ministers' effective salary, up from 37 percent.

Additional information will be available in the 2023 Ministers Minimum Financial Terms of Call from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Serve Better: Sustainable Practices



Register for this webinar
Tuesday, August 9, 2-3 p.m. ET OR
Thursday, August 18, 2-3 p.m. ET

Could you use a bit of guidance on benefits or employment practices, or how best to communicate with us, the Board of Pensions? This virtual event is for you. Executive Vice President Pat Haines will cover benefits eligibility, including for part-time employees. Jean Hemphill of Ballard Spahr will highlight the importance of personnel policies and compliance. And Vice President Yvette Russell will offer important details around employer participation in the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

As the world of work rapidly transforms, employers are challenged to recruit, support, and retain valuable employees. This virtual event will help guide churches on the following topics:

- care navigation
 - considerations in making decisions on benefits
 - importance of employment practices and personnel policies
- tools and solutions available to employers

Register >>

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

Rev. Mark Rackley

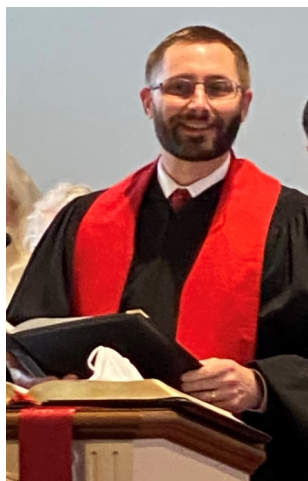
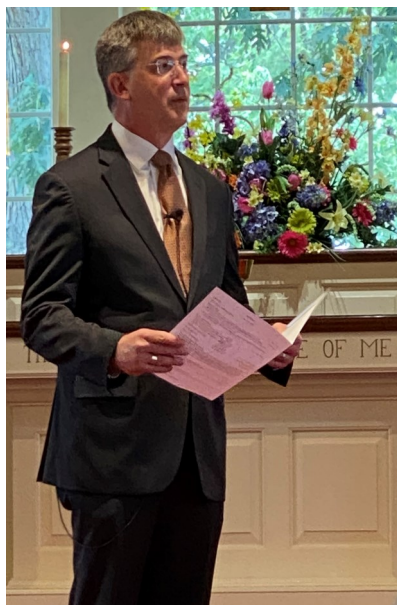
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church



Administrative Commission for the Ordination and Installation of Rev. Mark Rackley:

Front Row: Kim Steinhorst, Genevieve Neale, Helen Dean, Mark Rackley

Back Row: Steve Willis, Angharad Teague Dees, Dave Roberts, Jennifer Jurkow, Abby Keller (Guest Minister)



Co-Pastors:

Rev. Mark Rackley

and

Rev. Dave Roberts

Thank you to musicians
from St. Andrew, Quaker
Memorial, and Westminster
Presbyterian Churches for
the wonderful music





EARTH CARE SUMMIT

The Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Workgroup will be hosting a **Presbytery Earth Care Summit** on **Saturday, October 1**. We want you to consider sending one or more representatives from your church to learn to strengthen your church's creation care activities, and to get some motivation, encouragement and resources for making it a ministry priority for your congregation.

Please **reply to sarah@blacksburg.org or to Sarah Windes at 540-552-2504** by **August 27** with the following:

1. the name of the best person/s in your congregation to contact with more details about this Earth Care Summit, including their contact email and phone number. It might be you!
2. We are also interested in your questions and concerns regarding earth care in your congregation. What would you like to have us include in this Summit, or a subsequent gathering?

To reduce travel time and still allow for face-to-face interaction, we plan to gather in three "hubs", connecting the hubs virtually through an in-person/virtual hybrid format from 11:00 – 2:00.

Hub 1: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

Hub 2: First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Hub 3: Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg

Our hope is:

- to provide each congregation with resources they can take home to support/kickstart their work in creation care;
- to share ideas that have worked for congregations;
- to give folks some language to talk about the importance of engaging in creation care from a faith-based perspective; and
- to provide motivation and support for this urgent, essential and challenging ministry of caring for God's creation, in such a way that churches take the lead and provide models and witness for their communities.



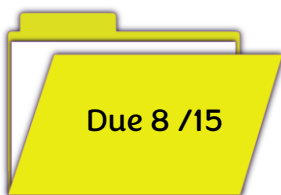
Covenant Presbyterian Preschool/Roanoke is accepting applications for a Lead Preschool Teacher (September – May; 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM daily). The Lead Teacher will plan and implement activities appropriate for the age and development of each child, including creative play, motor-skill activities, social and self-help skills, and basic skills such as color, shape, letter, and number recognition; work with the administrator and staff to maintain a fun, positive learning environment; communicate with parents regarding child development and progress; attend monthly staff meetings. **Qualifications:** Degree and/or experience in Early Childhood Education; CPR Certification (training provided); must be fully vaccinated and pass a background check. Please contact Anne Craig, Preschool Director (preschool.admin@covroanoke.org). Application form: <https://covenantroanoke.org/preschool/contact-us/>.

Covenant Presbyterian Preschool/Roanoke is accepting applications for Preschool Teacher's Aides (September – May; 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM daily). The Teacher's Aide assists the Lead Teacher with daily activities, including the supervision, care, and safety of children; set up and cleanup of classrooms; bathroom and hand washing; meals and snacks. **Qualifications:** High school diploma; 2 years experience working with children; CPR Certification (training provided); must be fully vaccinated and pass a background check. Please contact Anne Craig, Preschool Director (preschool.admin@covroanoke.org). Application form: <https://covenantroanoke.org/preschool/contact-us/>.



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Covenant Presbyterian Preschool
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Roanoke VA 24018
covenantroanoke.org/preschool/

Church Redevelopment Grant Program



The Church Redevelopment Fund Grant Program deadline is August 15. Applications and information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>. Recent grants have helped fund amongst other projects the "McAllister Youth Theater, the "Weekly Community Supper Program" at Northside Presbyterian Church, the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bunk Bed Build" from Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Christiansburg "Revisioning Church Leadership Training Initiative to Prepare Elders, Committee Chairs, and Team Leaders for a New Leadership Structure", and the Bedford Presbyterian "Way Forward" Project. We hope this grant will make it possible for your churches "to explore new areas of ministry and vitality to deepen and broaden their witness."



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Presbytery of the Peaks](#)

[Church Pianist/Organist
Presbyterian Church of Radford](#)

The New Face of Mission – A Virtual Journey to Guatemala

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:30 pm

Our mission partners, CEDEPCA, will be hosting a virtual journey and discussion on re-thinking mission in today's interconnected world. Leading the discussion from Guatemala will be Hunter Farrell, former Director of World Mission for the PC (USA). A focus of the zoom meeting will be Hunter's new book, Freeing Congregational Mission. Ruling Elders, members of congregational Mission Committees, and pastors are invited to join with others from North America and Central America. You can register for the virtual journey at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIuf-GvqjIqHtM2QF7KuLW4U8Hpk0ZGRpXP>



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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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