



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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# Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
11-29-22	12:30 p.m.	Church Development and Discipleship Meeting
11-30-22	10:00 a.m.	Staff Planning Day
12-01-22	3:00 p.m.	Committee on Representation
12-05-22	10:00 a.m.	Nominating Committee



### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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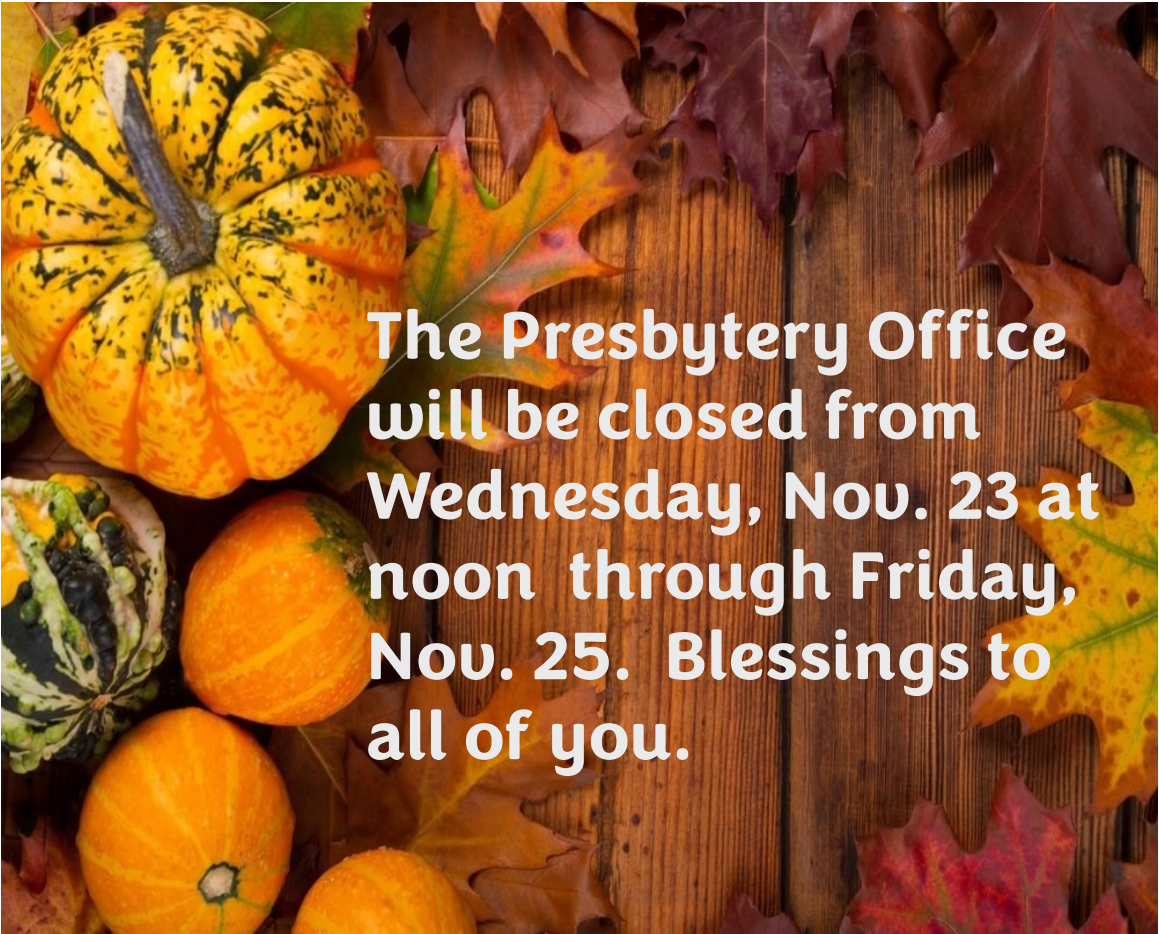
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A graphic with the words "Thank you!" written in a black, cursive script font on a light gray rectangular background.

The Presbytery Office would like to thank Second Presbyterian Church for hosting our first ever hybrid meeting and our first in-person meeting in over two years. Evaluations have been sent to meeting attendees via email.

A photograph of autumn-themed items including several pumpkins and gourds of various colors (yellow, orange, green, and black) and many colorful leaves (red, orange, yellow) scattered on a rustic wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**The Presbytery Office  
will be closed from  
Wednesday, Nov. 23 at  
noon through Friday,  
Nov. 25. Blessings to  
all of you.**



# Welcome Our New Justice & Mercy Ministry Specialist Rev. Vernie Bolden

[Vernie@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:Vernie@peakspresbytery.org)

Rev. Vernie Bolden may be a familiar face to some of you, as he has served as Stated Supply at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Roanoke since 2017, and will continue in that capacity.

He is a graduate of UNC Greensboro, B.F.A. and Lexington Seminary, M. Div.

In addition to his 13 years in formal ministry, he brings extensive experience from the hospitality industry.

In his new role, he looks forward to engaging with people and congregations-- a fan of stand-up comedy, this includes engaging by using humor.

## 5 FAST FACTS *to know about* VERNIE



### 1. Family

Vernie and his wife, Dr. Angela Bolden, have three children: Avery, Vaughn and Odessa.

### 2. Favorite Dessert

His favorite dessert is cheesecake or ice cream.



### 3. Favorite Color

Burgundy or something in the reds is his favorite color to paint with. His favorite medium is acrylic paint.

### 4. Recently Read

He enjoys the mystery, thriller, suspense genre, especially Robert Crais's *Elvis Cole* series.



### 5. Life Scripture

Matthew 22: 37-38

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." NIV



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# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

10am-3pm

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

5810 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, VA



# ***Lunch with Lowe & Friends Advent/Christmas Concert***

***Friday, December 2 @ 12 PM  
Covenant Presbyterian ~ Roanoke***



***Kick off the Advent/Christmas season with special music & a delicious lunch!***

***Featuring organ solos by Renn Lowe &  
organ with flute by the very talented Julee Hickcox  
... from a beautiful arrangement of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
to a rousing finale of "The Nutcracker" ... and so much more!***

***The concert is free and open to the public.***

***After the concert, join us for lunch prepared by our own Chef Eaton!***

***Lunch is \$10 for a wrap, salad, & dessert.***

***For lunch, RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 28  
(540-989-3314 or [office@covroanoke.org](mailto:office@covroanoke.org))***



*Mr. Renn Lowe has been the Organist/Accompanist at Covenant since January, 2020. Renn is a graduate of Roanoke College and holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music Education and Organ Performance. Renn's performances have been termed as expressive, exciting, with inspiring registrations.*



*Ms. Julee Hickcox is 2nd Flute/Piccolo and Personnel Contractor for the Roanoke Symphony. She began her formal flute studies and orchestral training at the age of 15 at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Julee has been a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra for over 25 years and has performed with the orchestras of Mill Mountain Theater and Opera Roanoke.*

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**APRIL 17-24, 2023**

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from each presbytery.*



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