



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
2-28-23	6:30 p.m.	Committee on Administration
3-07-23	10:00 a.m.	Justice and Mercy



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Helen Dean
Moderator of Cabinet
Presbytery of the Peaks

Helen, a member of Second Presbyterian, Roanoke, was the 2022 moderator of the presbytery.

After beginning her career as a teacher, Helen retired as a vice-president at Thompson Financial in Boston. While she was working, Helen didn't fully understand how unusual it was for a black woman to be in her position. Among her proudest achievements was being part of the team to automate the first stocks on the NYSE.

Helen is a passionate supporter of the arts, especially the Roanoke Symphony and most especially connecting young people to the arts.

If she could spend one day with any person in history, she would choose Sojourner Truth because she led an interesting and dangerous life, but succeeded in her mission.

As moderator of Cabinet, she looks forward to helping make the new structure a success and encouraging people to look for solutions. She also wants to assist in seeing positive steps to help minority churches keep their history, structures and cemeteries, where possible.

5 FAST FACTS

to know about

HELEN



1. Family

Helen grew up in Vinton, VA with her three brothers and two sisters. She enjoys being aunt to her nieces and nephews.

2. Favorite Dessert

Her favorite dessert is chocolate.



3. Favorite Movies

She enjoys the Marvel movie *Black Panther* as it allows black young people to see images of characters that look like them.

4. Favorite Season

Helen's favorite season is fall because it is cooler for walking and because of the harvest season.



5. Bible Verse

Ephesians 4:2

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another."



Service of Installation

REV. CHRIS VOGADO

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
4:00 PM



SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
41 E MAIN ST. SALEM, VA



Michael Whorley's Commissioned Pastor Service Feb. 26, 2023 at Amherst Presbyterian Church



Godspeed

Rev. Christy Mitchell

Wayne Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

February 26, 2023 is her last Sunday at
Diamond Hill.



2023 Summer Staff Applications are OPEN!

CAMP BETHEL NEEDS SUMMER STAFF!

SUMMER 2023 COUNSELORS & KITCHEN STAFF: We seek enthusiastic and FUN young adults. Counselors (age 18+) serve May 29 through July 22, \$320+/week (x 6 or 7 weeks). Kitchen Staff (age 16+) serve May 29 through August 12, \$425 or \$510 per week. Position descriptions, videos, and applications [HERE](#).

Join us at Camp Bethel for Adventure Camp

This summer we will once again partner with Camp Bethel to offer opportunities for middle and high school adventure camps. We will not have a designated week for a presbytery camp, campers may register for whatever week of camp works best.

Adventure Camp has your perfect mix of wild fun and discipleship activities. Adventure Camp is for active youth who enjoy the outdoors.

Descriptions of the camps can be found here: [Summer Camps at Camp Bethel in Fincastle VA - CampBethelVirginia.org](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org)

Presbytery of the Peaks will pay half of the camper fee or up to \$250 (whichever is less) for Presbytery Campers. Please note: on the application use Peaks Presbytery as your church.

Questions? Please contact the Presbytery Office at
1-888-557-3257.



Join
Staff 2022



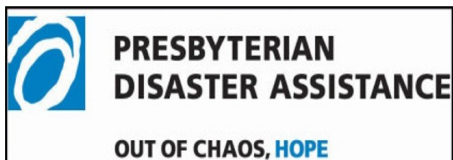


***"God is our refuge and strength ... though the mountains shake."
Psalm 46:1-3***

The scale of the disaster facing Syria and Turkey after the Feb. 6 earthquake is becoming clearer. The 7.8-magnitude quake and its aftershocks have left more than 11,000 people dead and thousands more injured; these numbers will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through long-standing partners in Syria, in addition to ACT Alliance members in Syria and Turkey, all of whom are already on the ground. PDA will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Please send all donations to Presbytery of the Peaks, PO BOX 2519, Forest, VA 24551 with the designation [DR999999-ST Earthquake](#).



Volunteer Opportunities

United Mission to **NEPAL**

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Expatriate Coordinator
General Practitioners
Obstetrician/gynaecologist
Pathologist
Surgeon
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Presbyterian Missionaries helped start United Mission to Nepal and it is a historical partner of PC(USA). They are looking to fill many positions.

There is an **urgent need for health professionals** in Nepal.

This is only a partial list of positions available--some short term, some up to two years long.

No salary is paid, but churches, friends, and savings may help cover the economical cost of living in Nepal.

Check out <https://www.umn.org.np/page/opportunities-expat>

Or contact expat.recruitment@umn.org.np
or Scott Smith, who lives in Blacksburg scottsmith4u@gmail.com



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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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