

### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
2-7 and 2-8	Adaptive Leadership Project-Hill Cities	
	(at Forest Presbyterian Church)	
2-7-23	10:00 a.m.	Missions Meeting (Zoom)
2-8-23	12:00 p.m.	Church Partnership (Zoom)
2-9-23	9:30 a.m.	COM (Zoom)
2-13-23	12:00 p.m.	Purpose Lab #3



MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Registration for the Feb. 16, 2023 Stated Presbytery Zoom Meeting is now open.

### **Register Now**

### 2023 Session Records Review Schedule

Feb. 16-Churches beginning with D-H May 6-Churches beginning with J-O Aug. 26-Churches beginning with P-W Nov. 16-Churches beginning with A-C

Session Records may also be mailed to:

Christiansburg PC, Attn: Shelda Wills, 107 W. Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073

For the Session Records review form, click <u>here.</u>

### New Class To Be Offered from Belmont Presbyterian Church

Coming Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm is a discussion class on <u>The Magician's Nephew</u> and <u>The Lion</u>, <u>The Witch, and the Wardrobe</u>. Location to be determined, likely in SE Roanoke, depending on how many sign up. Please RSVP if interested to tapreach@gmail.com.

Mark Your

Calendar





# Rev. Keith Leach Moderator Presbytery of the Peaks

Hamden-Sydney is home to Keith Leach. He was born while his father was a student there, went to college there himself and has "come the long way home" to serve as its current chaplain. He appreciates the differences in the life experiences, outlooks and perspectives between his students and those in the congregation. A favorite recollection in ministry is from a previous position, where he connected students with seniors who had lived through World War II.

When I asked Keith what types of books he likes to read, his answer was "all kinds." He is partial to those by Robert Bluford, Jr., as he is the person who drew Keith's father into the church. Currently, he has been reading Bluford's book on Samuel Davies and religious tolerance in early Virginia.

As moderator of the presbytery, Keith is looking forward to getting to know people and learning in what ways we can lift people up in a world that is changing drastically. The optimism and fresh views on life of the young men he works with inspires him to keep looking for the possibilities and asking "why not?"

# 5 FAST FACTS to know about KEITH



#### 1. Family

Keith and his wife Janis have two adult sons— one in Austin, Texas and one in Los Angeles, California.

#### 2. Favorite Food

His favorite food is any kind of pasta.





#### 3. Hobbies

When he's not working, Keith enjoys playing golf—"it's a family affair." He also enjoys walking the dog and hanging out at home..

#### 4. Favorite Season

His favorite season is fall because the transitions allow us to see God's providence.





#### 5. Memory Verse

Philippians 2:5-8 NRSV

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross."

### TELL US ABOUT ...

### YOUR MISSION AND JUSTICE PROJECTS

## We'd like to spread the good news!

Please share with us what work you are doing in mission, justice and reconciliation.

Photos help us tell a more compelling story, so send them along. Photos should not be copyrighted and persons in photos should have given approval for their image to be used on our website and social media, etc.

Send submissions and questions to: vernie@peakspresbytery.org

### **Chain Breakers**

### A Group Program For Those Suffering From Addiction

### **Belmont Presbyterian Church**



In partnership with Steven Harris, CSAC, Director of Substance Use Programs at Support Systems Inc in Vinton, we are launching a group program for those suffering from addiction and alcoholism. Steven is a trained and experienced Pastoral Therapist who has been working in the field of addiction for about 40 years.

Our initial program, held at Belmont Presbyterian Church, will be limited to 10 participants. If you are interested in being a part of a group, referring someone for a group, or want further information contact Pastor Todd Atkins at 540-353-6370.

Belmont Presbyterian 1005 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE Roanoke, VA 24013 540-353-6370 www.belmontpres.org Support Systems, Inc.
1120 Bypass Road
Vinton, VA 24179
540-767-2667
www.supportsystemsvainc.com

Free Program Will Run on Thursdays Evenings 6-8 pm

Food at 6 pm.
Group from 6:308:00 pm

Groups Max Out at 10 Participants Who Must Get Signed Up.

Helping Those Suffering From Addiction Find Abundant Living

1005 9<sup>th</sup> Street on the corner of Murray Ave.

540-353-6370



For a complete job description please visit our webpage.
Click here.

### **Colonial Presbyterian Church-Nursery Staff Worker**

Every Sunday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### The Presbyterian Church of Radford- Part-Time Church Office Manager Position Posting

Part-time (20-25 hours/week) church office manager with book keeping skills.

Qualifications, essential responsibilities, benefits and application process are detailed on the Presbyterian Church of Radford website. <a href="https://pcradford.org">https://pcradford.org</a>



Interested in part-time ministry to college students? We are looking for an ordained minister to lead the UKirk ministry at Virginia Tech. If interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Gary Overstreet, Board Chairperson,

at garyoverstreet11@gmail.com.

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