



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
6-21-23	10:00 a.m.	Committee on Representation



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Russ Merritt

Commission on Ministry Peaks Presbytery

Russ has been a tent-maker for the last 34 years. He currently serves Northminster Presbyterian Church and works for a non-profit organization. Service to the Presbytery is a family tradition. Russ's mother served as moderator of Presbytery when she was an elder at Raleigh Court, and his father served as Clerk of Session there.

Outside his busy work schedule, Russ likes to spend time with his family, hike and play tennis. He's a big Cubs fan and tries to take in a game at Wrigley Field whenever he gets a chance. Recently, he has also taken an interest in cooking.

While his days of downhill skiing are past, Russ would enjoy a trip to Utah or the Intermountain West for some cross-country skiing.

If he could spend the day with one person in history, it would be St. Paul. How would it be to understand a bit more about the mind that helped shape how we see faith?!

What Russ likes about serving on the Commission on Ministry is how our presbytery is moving from a mindset of policing to a mindset of enabling. He enjoys serving in a way that makes local congregations more efficient and more possible.

5 FAST FACTS

to know about

RUSS



1. Family

Newlyweds Russ and Kay were married earlier this year. Their blended family includes two daughters, a son and two granddaughters.

2. Favorite Food

...is all of it. If forced to choose-- a cheeseburger with double tomato and onion.



3. Favorite Season

Autumn-- Living in the mountains, it is hard for him to say anything else...

4. Recently Read

Russ enjoys reading Neil Gaiman, Frederick Buechner and Bill Bryson's *In a Sunburned Country* is a favorite.



5. Memory Verse

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



2023-2024 Presbyterian Planning Calendars

Orders are now being taken for Presbyterian Planning Calendars that will run from September 2023 to December 2024, 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)

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

Date of Order: _____

Number of Calendars Needed: _____

Name of Individual/Church: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Shipping Information:

_____ I will pick up at the Presbytery Office.

_____ Please ship to me at the following address:
(shipping charges do apply)



PUERTO RICO

Mission Trip

JUNE 15-21, 2024



Praise

Partnering with Praying Pelican Missions and Iglesia Cristiana Cristo Redentor in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico.



Relate

Serving impoverished communities in storm-battered neighborhoods helping to bring hope and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Work

Building up the Kingdom of God one brick and one nail at a time helping to rebuild hurricane-swept homes and churches.



**INTERESTED?
LEARN MORE:**

Contact Rev. Ed Soto
Altavista Presbyterian Church

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Part-time Choir Accompanist St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Part-time Choir Accompanist starting mid-August

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church seeks applicants with formal music training in piano, organ skills desirable, and accompanying experience to serve in the following roles:

1. Accompany the choir at rehearsals scheduled on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.
2. Accompany the choir at Sunday's 11:00 traditional worship service.
3. Accompany the choir at other scheduled services, such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve, in which the choir participates.

The music ministry provides standard sacred choral repertoire performed in the traditional worship service each Sunday and special services. Our sanctuary instruments include a Rodgers, 3-manual with MIDI organ, and a Conover grand piano.

Qualified applicants should email resumes, including performance link(s) to Cheryl Lindeman, Personnel Chair, at personnel@sapclynchburg.org.

Review of applications will begin June 15.



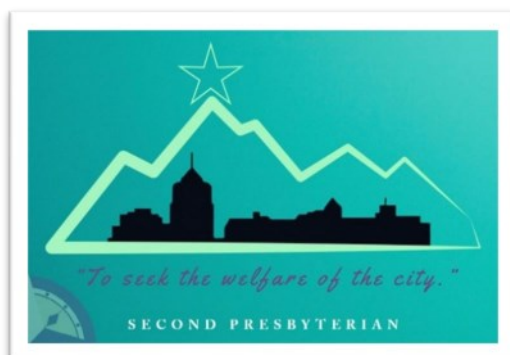
Temporary Supply Pastor Position Berry Hill Presbyterian Church

Berry Hill Presbyterian Church is a small but vibrant and welcoming congregation located in South Boston, VA. With an average attendance of 15 to 20 on Sundays, we are a tight-knit community of believers who come from diverse backgrounds and range in age from folks in their 20s to 70s.

We are open to both part-time and full-time Temporary Supply positions, depending on the qualifications and availability of the ideal candidate. Compensation will be negotiated based on experience and qualifications.

To read the full job description, click [here](#).

Let Every Day Be a Great Day of Service



Last month several members of the Second Presbyterian Green Team joined with other church members in a youth-lead, church-wide intergenerational Great Day of Service. As Ben Brannan, Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, shared in his Pastor's Letter & Announcements, ***"...Second Presbyterian will go out into the community to serve in our Great Day of Service! This is our first (of what I hope will be many) church-wide mission days to "seek the welfare of our city" through volunteering at local organizations."***



Four 10-member mission teams spent the morning serving at the Presbyterian Community Center (PCC), Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House), Mill Mountain Zoo, and the West End Center for Youth. The afternoon was devoted to cleaning up the church grounds and adjacent neighboring streets bordering church property. As Jesus so often demonstrated in word and deed, He came to serve, not to be served.

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The West End Center mission team spent their time tending the West End Community Garden. Eight raised beds are enclosed by a wooden picket fence, and the garden was overgrown and in dire need of weeding and trash removal. Started in 2020 to provide food for the community, the pandemic interrupted the garden's care and seasonal harvests. Spring planting can now begin anew.



True to our church's mission, ***Finding direction by following Jesus***, the youth-lead Great Day of Service bore witness to living out our faith by serving others. It brings to mind the famous quote by John F. Kennedy at his Inaugural address in January 1961, as it might have been interpreted within the context of serving others: "Ask not what your neighbor can do for you; ask what you can do for your neighbor."

Ben Brannan said it best, ***"I am filled with joy because we have almost 40 participants registered to join in fellowship and service! ...I hope this day will be transformative in mind, body, and spirit for both our people and the organizations we are serving! This is a youth-led, intergenerational, church-wide event to provide opportunities for relationship building, for learning and growing, and to put our faith into action."***



Let us go forth and serve joyfully as the body of Christ!

Second Presbyterian Church – Roanoke, VA

Finding direction by following Jesus.

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests **by noon on Mondays** to Julie Burnett at julie@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

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- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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