

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
7-12-23	10:00 a.m.	Nominations (Zoom)
7-13-23	9:30 a.m.	Commission on Ministry (Zoom)

monday - thursday 8:30AM - 4:30PM fax:

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Thank You Don!



We'd like to thank Don Makin for serving as Acting General Presbyter while Carl has been on sabbatical.

We wish Don the best as he returns to retirement at the end of the week.



Howard Jennings Moderator Constitutional Ministries Committee

Howard was raised in Carroll county and Dublin, VA. The move to Dublin was significant in his life. It was there he met his now wife of sixty-one years. And it was there he came to the PCUSA, attending Dublin Presbyterian with a friend. A self-described computer nerd, Howard worked for Newport News Shipbuilding in the 1960s, where he completed their in-house computer programming school as there were not yet regular courses for it at the university level. After a career in information systems, he retired in 2008.

Since then, he has visited forty countries. He and Linda recently returned from a trip to Amsterdam and Belgium. When he is home, he enjoys refinishing old furniture and painting mostly watercolors of places he has visited. He has also become interested in genealogy. If he could meet one person from history, it would be George Washington because he is a cousin.

As moderator of Constitutional Ministries Committee, Howard appreciates learning more about the organization and how things operate.

5 FAST FACTS to know about HOWARD



1. Family

Howard and his wife, Linda, have two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren..

2. Favorite Food

Howard loves breakfast. His favorite food is homemade pancakes.





3. Favorite Season

His favorite season is spring with all its blooms and everything coming back to life..

4. Enjoys Reading

Mystery/crime/legal thrillers such as James Patterson, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci. Recommendation: Baldacci's *Wish You Well*.



5. Scripture Verse

1 Chronicles 4:10

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain". So God granted what he requested.



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)

Presbyterian Men's Conference

"As the church was, as the church is today, as the church will be tomorrow"

A New Response to a Seasoned Faith

Registration Link

Presbyterian Men's Conference 2023 - Presbyterian Men in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (midatlanticmen.org)



Abukloi

We Can Do It!

ARE-YOU OR-YOUR CONGREGATION INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION....?

What is Abukloi ...?

Founded in 2010 to help rebuild a country broken by war and poverty, the **Abukloi Foundation** supports a secondary school designed to "...preserve, create and disseminate knowledge and dignity of individuals through quality and relevant teaching..."

How can I help...? Angelo Maker, the founder of the Abukloi

Angelo Maker, the founder of the Abukloi Foundation, will visit the six Neighborhoods of Peaks Presbytery to join in fellowship and share the vision and progress of the Abukloi School as it seeks to build "...human communities of love, honesty, justice and harmony..."

Where can I learn more ...?

Please join members of the Abukloi Foundation and Angelo Maker at one of the upcoming Neighborhood gatherings to share a sampling of delicious South Sudanese food and hear of the opportunities to ensure the Abukloi School continues to be the self-sustaining institution the region needs...

When...?

RSVP REQUESTED BY THURS, AUGUST 17 Joe Wilson joswilson@aol.com Saturday, AUGUST 19 at 11am

First Presbyterian Church Covington Virginia 185 N. Maple Avenue

Covington VA 24426

540-969-7394

Abukloi website: abukloi.org Singers & Listeners of All Ages – Everyone is Invited!

The Welcome Table

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24502

POTLUCK DINNER & COMMUNITY SING

A Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony

Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs, Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 14 AT 6:00

Bring a Friend or Two & a Dish to Share!

For more information, please call 434.239.2548

This is a Community Event. People of All Faiths & People of No Faith are Welcome. Atheists are Particularly Welcome, Especially if They can Sing Bass.



REFER A HOKIE!

We'd love to reach out to your Virginia Tech students to tell them more about UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry! Contact Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter: campusminister@pcusa.vt.org









Our Earth Care Team's message this month at Covenant Presbyterian Church is that taking action to care for our Earth is not only the right thing to do; it is often a "win-win" – for the Earth, for animals, for your health . . . and often for your wallet! This terrific article shares 40 (yes 40!) ways that going green saves you some green:



https://www.smallfootprintfamily.com/how-to-save-money-by-going-green.

Here are four favorites that are easy to practice:



Replacing light bulbs with LED lights saves loads of energy and hundreds of dollars over the long lifespan (up to 10 years) of these lights.

Ditching bottled water greatly reduces plastic use and trips to the store. Often no better than tap water, the cost of bottled water adds up and has up to 3500 times the environmental impact of tap water! Using a faucet or refrigerator water filter and a reusable water bottle saves money and helps the planet.





Buying clothes (and more) second-hand saves you money and reduces things going to landfill. Thanks to countless websites (Ebay, Etsy, Poshmark, etc.) and second-hand/consignment stores, you can buy almost anything in great shape and at great savings!

Joining a credit union can help our Earth. Large banks invest your money in fossil fuels, coal, industrial farming and other environmentally harmful industries. However, credit unions must invest your money right in your local community. They also save you on fees, and often have the best interest rates.



Remember: go green to save your green!

PUERTO RICO Mission rip

JUNE 15-21, 2024



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

Relate

Serving impoverished communities in stormbattered 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 (434) 369-5286 revsoto@altapres.org

Saturday. August 12 9am-4pm Blacksburg Presbyterian Church 701 Church Street SE Blacksburg VA 24060

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Healing Conversations to Bridge the Gaps Which Divide us...

A learning workshop designed for pastors and lay leaders to engage lens of scripture and shared dialogue...

Please see the Peaks Presbytery website for more information and registration

Justice & Mercy of Peaks Presbytery



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.

Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in *Peaks Postings*:

- 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*.

Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to

- 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.

Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, <u>Presbytery</u> of the Peaks