



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
7-27-23	9:30 a.m.	Cabinet Meeting (Zoom)
8-01-23	10:00 a.m.	Justice and Mercy (Zoom)



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Welcome Back, Carl!



Our General Presbyter, Carl Utley, returned from sabbatical last week. He sends his appreciation for the time set apart to rest and renew. And expresses his thanks to Don Makin, the staff and the presbytery leadership for their work while he was away.

In addition to the all reading, Carl undertook a ten day silent retreat, met his newborn grandson, Thomas, attended a James Taylor concert, spent time with grandchildren, visited Sea Grove, N.C and New River Gorge, W.V., and learned to play pickleball.



BOOK OF ORDER 2023-2025

Available Now!

Presbytery of the Peaks will be ordering the 2023-2025 Book of Order. Please contact Julie with the number of books needed by your church at 1-888-557-3257 or julie@peakspresbytery.org.

The cost of the book is **\$8.00**.

Please indicate whether the books will be picked up at the office or shipped to the church. (Please note shipping charges will apply.)

*The office has 9 copies left of the current Book of Order. We will send those out for \$6.00 each.

Do you have youth who are attending VCU in the fall? Refer them to one of our Presbyterian Campus Ministers at VCU - Rev. Russ Kerr (community@thepacecenter.com) or (schedule a meeting through [Acuity Scheduling](#)). We look forward to seeing some new faces this August!



2024 Board of Pensions Dues to Remain Unchanged

The Board of Pensions announced that the total dues for the Pastor's Participation benefits package will remain at 39 percent of effective salary. The Medical Coverage is based on 29 percent of effective salary, and the remaining 10 percent is allocated to pension, disability and death coverage.



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Fine Art Series

POWERFUL PASSAGES

*featuring the Seven Hills Chamber
musicians*

AUGUST 26 - 4PM
FPCLY SANCTUARY





A program for pastors

At the Presbyterian Foundation, we believe it is important to resource pastoral leaders and the congregations they serve in the areas of church financial literacy and leadership. We have established a national coaching network to help address the challenges faced by pastoral leaders and promote sustainability and excellence in ministry.

The Presbyterian Foundation's **Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program** is a **free, 12-month coaching program** for church pastors that will assist you in leading your congregation down the path of financial sustainability to fulfill your church's mission.

Click [here](#) for more details.



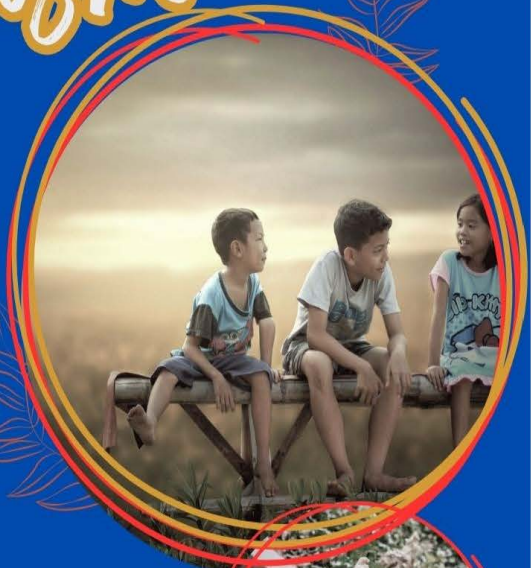
Let's Talk About It...!
**Healing Conversations to Bridge
the Gaps Which Divide us...**

Facing Racism

Saturday, August 12
9am-4pm

*Blacksburg Presbyterian
Church*

701 Church Street SE
Blacksburg VA 24060



A learning workshop designed for
pastors and lay leaders to engage
the topic of Racism through the
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.

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