



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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## Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date:	Time:	Event:
10-24-23	10:00 a.m.	Grant Workgroup
10-24-23	2:00 p.m.	Nominations Meeting
10-26-23	9:30 a.m.	Cabinet Meeting



#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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## MISSION TRIP

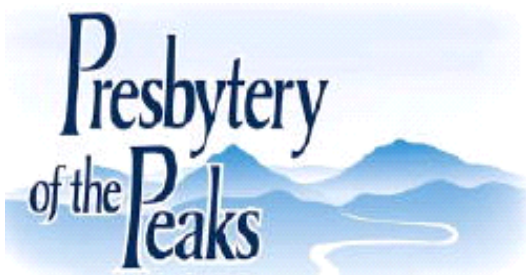
FINAL CALL for volunteers for the Altavista Presbyterian Church's 2024 Puerto Rico Mission Trip. The dates are June 15-21. Fundraising is on-going, but the total cost per person is \$900. We need a total of 10 participants in order to qualify as a full team. Please contact Ed Soto at [revsoto@altapres.org](mailto:revsoto@altapres.org).



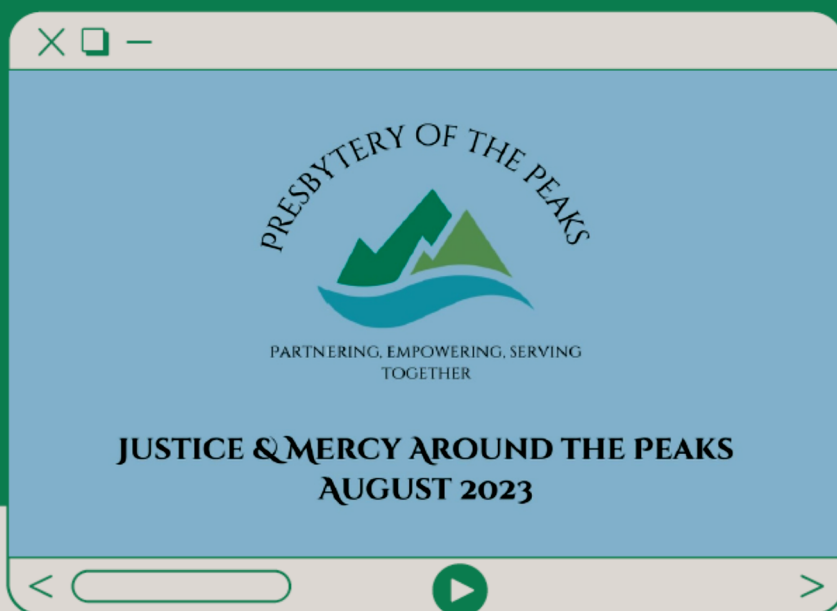
### Attention Teaching and Ruling Elders:

Presbytery of the Peaks is looking for 1 Teaching Elder and 2 Ruling Elders to represent the presbytery at the 226th General Assembly being held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Committee work will be done online June 25-27, 2024 and Plenaries will be in-person June 29 - July 4, 2024. If interested, please contact the office at [office@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:office@peakspresbytery.org).



Click [here](#) for a summary of the August 26 Presbytery Meeting.



## Justice & Mercy Update

Hear about some of the great things happening in the presbytery from Justice & Mercy in this energetic and engaging presentation from the August presbytery meeting.

[VIEW NOW](#)



As violence escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, PDA is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance.

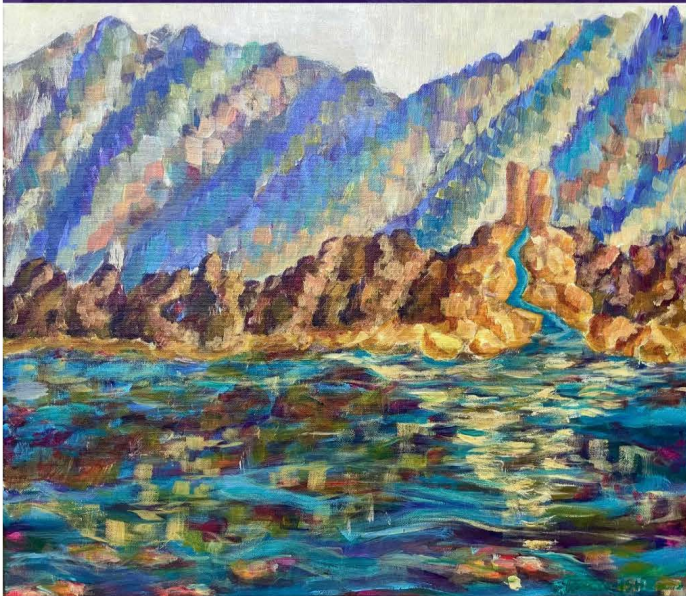
PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Our response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals.

To support our response, designate gifts to **DR000081-Israel/Palestine**.



EDMUNDS LECTURE SERIES 2023

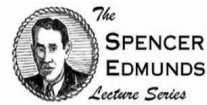
# WHEN YOUR FAITH TAKES TURNS YOU NEVER SAW COMING



## FEATURING: PETER ENNS (PH.D.)

**Dr. Peter Enns** is Abram S. Clemens Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern University and founder of *The Bible for Normal People* podcast. He has taught undergraduate, seminary, and doctoral courses at numerous other schools, including Princeton Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, and Temple University. Peter speaks and writes regularly to diverse audiences about the intersection of the ancient setting of the Bible and contemporary Christian faith; what it means to read the Bible with both eyes open to its problems and challenges, and to its promises and possibilities. He is a frequent contributor to journals and encyclopedias, and has written or edited over a dozen books, including *The Bible Tells Me So*, *The Sin of Certainty*, and *How the Bible Actually Works*. Peter resides in suburban Philadelphia with his wife Susan.

SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN



NOVEMBER 12 & 13  
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Admission is free.  
Receptions to follow each evening.

Artwork:  
*Rock of Horeb, Spring in the Desert*  
Rosemary Ann St. Jacques Guzman

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# Discovering Scotland

Monday, October 7 – Tuesday, October 15, 2024

*A guided tour hosted and led by Scotus Tours*

Group Leader for Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA  
Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees



Iona Abbey

## Some Highlights

Edinburgh – *Scotland's beautiful capital*      Isle of Iona – *Christian beginnings*  
St John's Kirk of Perth – *Knox and the Reformation*      St Andrews – *place of pilgrimage*  
Highland Folk Museum      Haggis Ceremony      Culloden Battlefield  
Stirling Castle      The Great Glen and Loch Ness      Distillery Visit

## Prices

*Land only - per person sharing twin/double*

Earlybird Rate - \$3795 (deposit by November 5, 2023)

Regular Rate - \$3895 (deposit after November 5, 2023)

Single Supplement - \$820

## Your Tour Price Includes

Coach Travel      Ferries and tolls      Tour Manager      Professional Guides  
Entrance Fees      Porterage      Tipping (waitstaff)      VAT (UK sales tax)  
8 Hotel Nights      8 Breakfasts      6 Dinners (incl. welcome and closing celebration)  
*Not included: Flights; airport transfers; beverages; personal items; driver/guide tip (discretionary)*

**Click [here](#) for complete trip details.**





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

# Facing Racism

Monday, October 30  
9am-4pm

1st Presbyterian Church  
Covington

185 N Maple Avenue  
Covington VA 24426



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







# Earth Care

**Genesis 1: 31**

*God saw all that the Lord had made, and it was very good*



## Mini Grant Opportunities

The **Presbytery of the Peaks** has funds available to support  
congregations that are seeking to engage in  
**Earth Care Ministry**  
through worship, education, outreach or their facilities

For more information  
**[peakspresbytery.org](https://peakspresbytery.org)**  
under Ministry/Missions tab

**GRANT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2023**



Justice & Mercy Commission  
CEDEPCA Subcommittee

# EXPLORE *Guatemala* ...AND BE TRANSFORMED!

## *What...?*

An international trip to the Central American nation of Guatemala

## *Where....?*

Be amazed by the natural beauty of the country and its people, but also with the work of the **Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America** (CEDEPCA) and its agencies.

## *When...?*

The trip is tentatively scheduled for **April 15-22, 2024**

## *How...?*

More details to follow soon!!



for further information:  
**Vernie Bolden**  
[vernies@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:vernies@peakspresbytery.org)

Photographs by travelers from the April 2023 trip

**YOUR CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO SHARE IN  
THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION**

Registration on Peaks  
Presbytery Website [HERE](#)

*"Thriving in the  
Small Church"*

**IMAGINE WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED**



**Empowering Small Congregations to  
Reach Their Full Potential**

218 Fayette Street **Oct 28@9:30am** Martinsville VA 24114  
**Grace Presbyterian Church**



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