



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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## Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date:	Time:	Event:
11-01-23	10:00 a.m.	Board of Pensions Gathering (Colonial PC)
11-01-23	2:00 p.m.	Board of Pensions Gathering (Quaker Memorial PC)
11-02-23	1:00 p.m.	Nominations Meeting
11-07-23	10:00 a.m.	Justice and Mercy Commission



#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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# Martinsville Churches



Forest Hills



First Martinsville



Grace Community  
Resource Day

Over the summer, Grace, First Collinsville, First Martinsville and Forest Hills Presbyterian Churches joined together the second Sunday of each month for worship and fellowship. And in October, the other churches helped support Grace's Community Resource Day. Everyone benefitted from the partnership. Pews were full, more voices carried the music, pastors got a respite from preaching, relationships were built and strengthened, and the community got to see a strong, vital, vibrant Presbyterian presence.

Comments from parishioners had similar themes:

- "We look forward to doing it again."
- "We love the sounds of all those voices singing hymns together."
- "Let's plan to do this more and do other things together also."



Forest Hills



Grace Community  
Resource Day



First Collinsville

2023

Worship  Serve Together



# ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration for the November 16th  
Presbytery Meeting will open on  
November 2nd.



**Forest Hills Presbyterian Church  
725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville VA**

**Invites You to a Concert of Organ and  
Brass on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m.**

**In Celebration of  
The Re-Installation of our Organ Pipes**

Is your church in need of these items?

We have 8 round tables and approximately 50 padded folding chairs to donate.

If your church could use these items please contact the Presbytery office at:

(434)845-1754 or

[office@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:office@peakspresbytery.org)





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

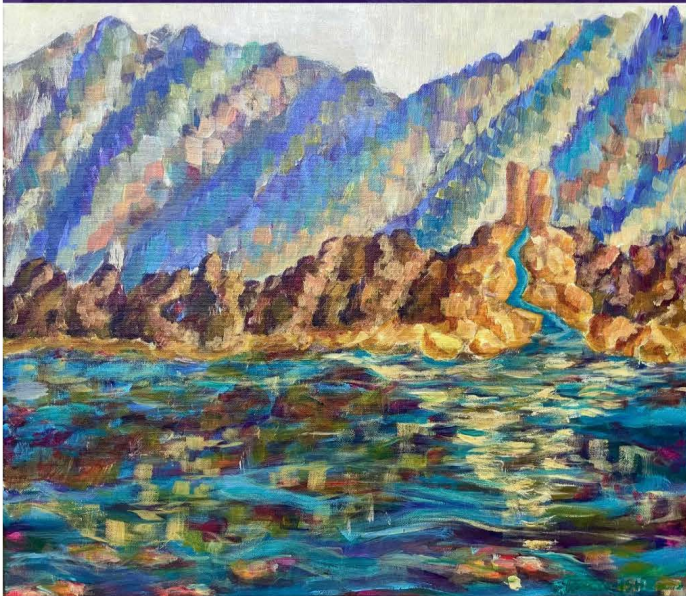
PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Our response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and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

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



EDMUNDS LECTURE SERIES 2023

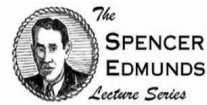
# WHEN YOUR FAITH TAKES TURNS YOU NEVER SAW COMING



## 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.**





# SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation at  
Blacksburg Presbyterian  
Church, September 2023

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church celebrates a Season of Creation every year. The Season of Creation is an annual liturgical season (like Advent or Lent) in which the ecumenical family around the world unites in prayer and action to protect our common home. Your church can do this, too, no matter your size!

Some years, we use the ecumenical theme for the year, which can be found at this website <https://seasonofcreation.org/>, updated for each year. Our Season lasts for 3 Sundays, and is held in September. (You can choose the time of year and the number of Sundays to suit your congregation.) This year, we developed our own themes, based on spiritual postures for life - habits, practices or attitudes that protect and care for the earth.

Many more themes for Season of Creation can be found at <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/>

Each year, we enjoy choosing liturgy and hymns and special music to accompany our worship in the season. We also choose actions, responses, and ways to embody the theme.

Finally, most years we provide at least one additional activity for creation care. This could be a film screening, a blessing of the animals, or a creation care project for all ages. This year, we held a [Creation Care Fair](#), with 8 centers led by congregational members. The centers provided activities for children, such as making a seed ball of native flowers to plant or collecting items for our creative reuse center, giving folks a chance to try creating with some of the items. Centers for adults and households included information about home solar, samples of invasive plants to help people identify them, and information about how to contact leaders to advocate for upcoming policies and bills that promote environmental justice and energy savings.

*What can your congregation do to celebrate creation, to mourn the losses creation is suffering due to human action, and to inspire members of your congregation to care for creation as an essential action of Christian discipleship?*

Contact a member of Peaks Presbytery's Earth Care Work Group <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/earth-care-congregations/> for help.





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

# Facing Racism

Tuesday, November 14  
9am-4pm

Forest Presbyterian Church  
1226 Two Church Lane  
Forest VA 24551



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



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!!



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Photographs by travelers from the April 2023 trip



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- 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*.

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