



POSTINGS

Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
6-25	6:30pm	Immigration & Faith Zoom with Carlos Malave
6-26	9:00am	Presbytery Meeting FPC Martinsville
6-29	4:00pm	Small Church Listening Session Farmville



**The Presbytery
Office
will be closed
on July 4th.**

The Spirit is moving.



Keep reading...

So much for the summer doldrums.

This is a jam packed edition of Postings, and to see all of it, you may need to click at the end of the email to “view clipped message”. Or simply click below and view it from the website.

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For a PDF version of the newsletter that is copy & paste friendly.

**Register
by Wednesday
at Noon!**

Note the format change!

As this will be Carl's final Presbytery meeting as GP, presbytery voted to meet in-person rather than via Zoom.

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Thursday
June 26, 2025

IN-PERSON

Hosted by the Martinsville and Henry County congregations
at

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Register

Safety and Security Workshop by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

If there is sufficient interest, PDA will provide a day-long workshop on church safety and security at no charge.

Presbytery would coordinate the arrangements.

Participants would be responsible for the cost of their lunch.

Potential participants may include Pastors, church staff, elders, deacons, ushers/greeters, facility personnel, Sunday school and day school leaders, and public safety resources.

**To Learn More or Express Interest in Participating in a
Workshop**

2 Cents a Meal: April Cycle 2025

Made possible by 47* contributing congregations



Amherst	Forest	New Concord	Saint Andrew
Appomattox Court House	Gethsemane	New Dublin	Salem
Bedford	Kentuck	New Store	First South Boston
Blacksburg	Lynchburg, First	Oak Level	Trinity Ecumenical
Bluemont	Madisonville	Old Brick	New Canton Trinity
Chatham	Martinsville, First	Old Concord	Unity
College	Massies Mill	Peaks	Villamont
Covington, First	Maysville	First Pulaski	Westminster
Cumberland	McAllister Memorial	Quaker Memorial	Williamson Memorial
Diamond Hill	Mercy Seat	Radford	*Presbyterian Women
Fairlawn	Mizpah	Raleigh Court	
Fincastle	Montvale	Roanoke Valley	

LOCAL

Bedford Christian Ministries Bedford
 Presbyterian Church
Bobcat Backpack Program Presbyterian Church of
 Radford
FACES Food Pantry College Church
Food for Kids Villamont
Giles County Christian Service Mission
 Pearisburg
Grace Network Forest Hill
Highland Park Learning Center Second, Roanoke
Hunger Mission Group Raleigh Court
Lake Christian Ministries Trinity Ecumenical
 Ministries
Lynchburg Daily Bread First, Lynchburg

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center

Chatham
Northside Presbyterian Church Monday Supper
 Northside
Presbyterian Community Center Second,
 Roanoke
Pulaski Daily Bread Pulaski
Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House) Second,
 Roanoke
Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries ACT Salem
Salem Food Pantry Salem
Saturday Lunch Ministry First, Danville
The Shepherd's Table Bedford
The Giving Garden Colonial
The Urban Farm at God's Storehouse Unity

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, and INTERNATIONAL

Cool Spring Leper Ministries (Uganda) Cool Spring Presbyterian Church
 Feeding Southwest Virginia Second, Roanoke
Peacework (Ukrainian refugees in Eastern Europe) Pearisburg
Roanoke Valley Medical Mission (Guatemala) Covenant
Namulesca Evangel Rescuing Church (Uganda) Cool Spring
 Society of Saint Andrew Bedford
Persecution Project Foundation (South Sudan) First, South Boston

Session Records Review

Churches with Names Beginning A-D

Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note that 2024 Session Minutes are due for review during 2025. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The schedule for the review of 2024 Session Minutes in 2025 is as follows:

February 20 – Churches with names beginning with N-W

June 28 – Churches with names beginning with A-D

October 23 – Churches with names beginning with F-M

When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to EITHER mail hard copies of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed “Session Records Review Form,” to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, OR email digital copies of the Minutes, along with the completed “Session Records Review Form,” to swills@usit.net.

Contact Shelda with questions.

Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!

Rev. Malave Shares His Experiences and

Insights on Immigration & Faith

AMERICA FIRST


"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in,"
MATTHEW 25:35

IMMIGRATION & FAITH

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free...*
EMMA LAZARUS

The Church and It's Faithful Role

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 6:30-7:30 PM

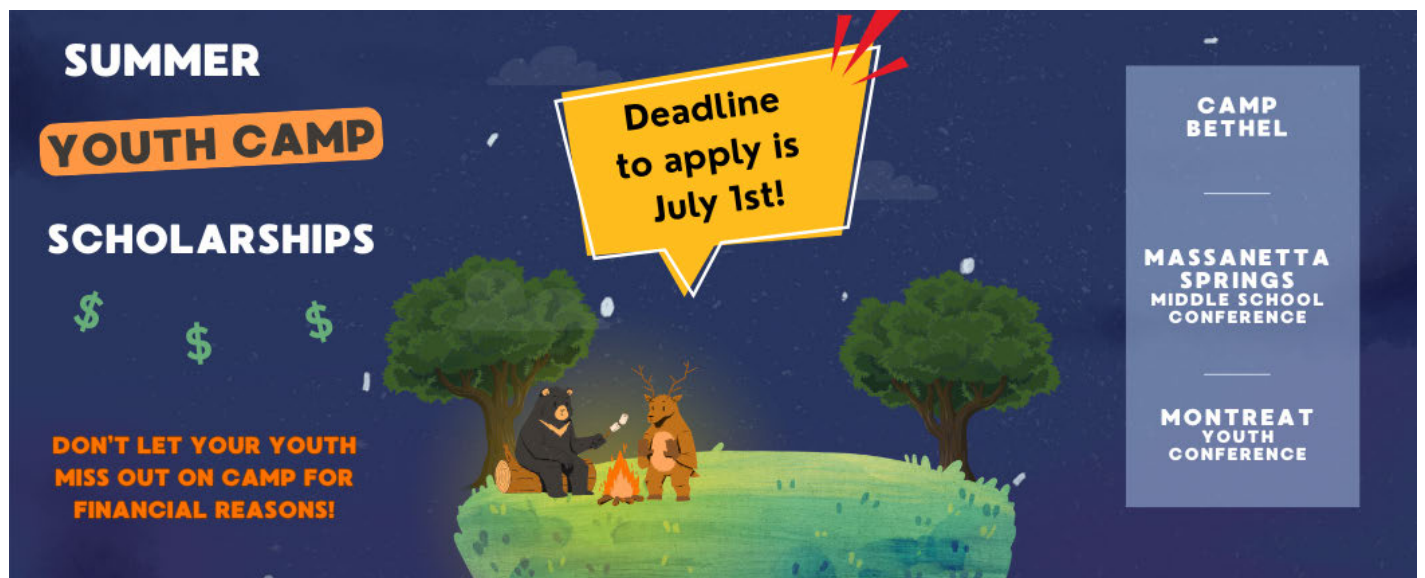


Rev. Carlos L. Malave, pastor of the Appomattox Court House and New Concord Presbyterian churches in Virginia, is the president of the Latino Christian National Network (LCNN) and served nine years as Executive Director of Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT). Passionate about advocacy, unity, and love, Rev. Malave's work converges at the intersection of immigration, hunger, justice, and faith concerns.

JUSTICE & MERCY COMMISSION

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS

Register for the Zoom Link



[Learn More](#)

Small Church Listening Sessions

Commission on Ministry will host Small Church Listening Sessions around the presbytery this summer.

Listening Sessions scheduled this summer are for our smaller churches to come and share with the COM their highs and lows...what could the presbytery do to support them best in the coming months and years. A survey is being sent out ahead of all of these sessions but sometimes we learn more with face to face gatherings. The hope of the COM is for these listening sessions to help us design a Small Church Summit for this fall to glean new ideas, make connections and feel the full support of the presbytery.

June 22, First PC, Covington, 4-6pm

June 29, Farmville PC, 4-6pm

July 13, Blacksburg PC, 4-6pm

Take the Survey

‘Anxious to Talk About It’ Book Study

Join Us!

ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT

Peaks Reading Together

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS BOOK STUDY

On the four Thursdays from September 18 - October 9, join with other Peaks Presbytery members to discuss Presbyterian pastor and professor Carolyn Helsel's book, "Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism" (2nd Edition)

**THURS
SEPT
18 & 25
OCT
2 & 9
7PM
TO
8PM**

Helsel draws on her successful experiences with white congregations to offer tools to embrace and explore anxious feelings and more faithfully engage in crucial conversations about race in America.

ATTENTION!

Check out the display at the June 26 Presbytery Meeting for a chance to win a free copy of "Anxious to Talk About It"

There will be a drawing for a copy of the book at the presbytery meeting.

EarthCare @ Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

One major focus of our mission group has been recycling. We have been able to partner with two companies since 2024.

Trex has been manufacturing recycled plastic film into building materials for many years. As part of that effort, they have encouraged organizations to help collect those films and soft plastics and drop them off at many different locations (primarily grocery stores). So our recent program to recycle 1000 pounds within a year earned us a Trex bench for our campaign. We are now in our second year of plastic film collecting to earn a bench for The West End Center, a youth development non-profit in Roanoke City. Our recycling effort is definitely ramping up – just this week we submitted more than 100 pounds. That is well above the 30 pounds we averaged last year.



Star City Compost is our other recycling partner. Star City is based right here in Roanoke. Their technology allows the inclusion of meat and compostable paper products. During a normal school year, we have weekly fellowship and youth

dinners which produce food waste that can now be sent to the compost facility. Our food scraps get industrially turned into compost for our gardens! We've also been able to fund two large Star City composting bins for a day shelter that provides meals and assistance for those facing homelessness. We are grateful to be able to partner with the community in our earth care efforts.

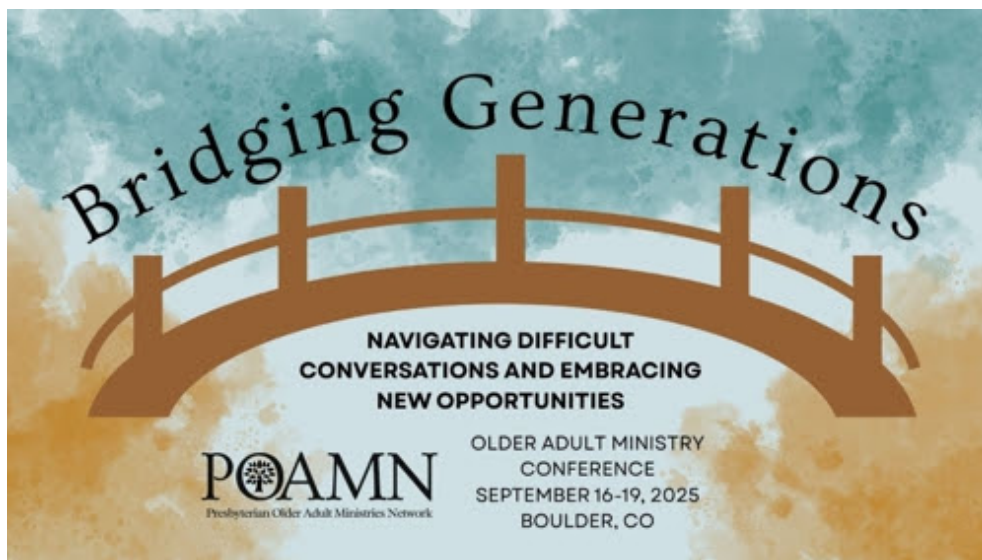


At a time of overwhelm and discouragement on the state of Climate Change and caring for our environment, it is empowering and meaningful to send our waste and recycling to local companies that can transform it into something new and beautiful!



Register for the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Conference

Bridging Generations: Navigating Difficult Situations and Embracing New Opportunities is the theme for this year's POAMN Conference. This event led by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network will be held September 16–19, 2025 at the Fraizer Community in Boulder Colorado. Join ministry leaders, chaplains, and lay leaders for fresh perspectives on older adult ministry. Come ready to be inspired with new ideas to implement. Leave with tools to deepen your spiritual connection to serving older adults in your faith community.



[**Learn More and Register Here**](#)

Commissioned Pastor Course Schedule for 2025-26 Released

PATHWAYS 2025-26

8/12-9/16

Polity & Administration

8/28-10/2

Intro to Pastoral Care

10/16-11/20

Teaching the Bible

10/27-12/2

Preaching

1/6-2/24

Biblical Interpretation

1/8-2/12

Reformed Theology

2/19-3/26

Worship & Sacraments

5/21-6/25

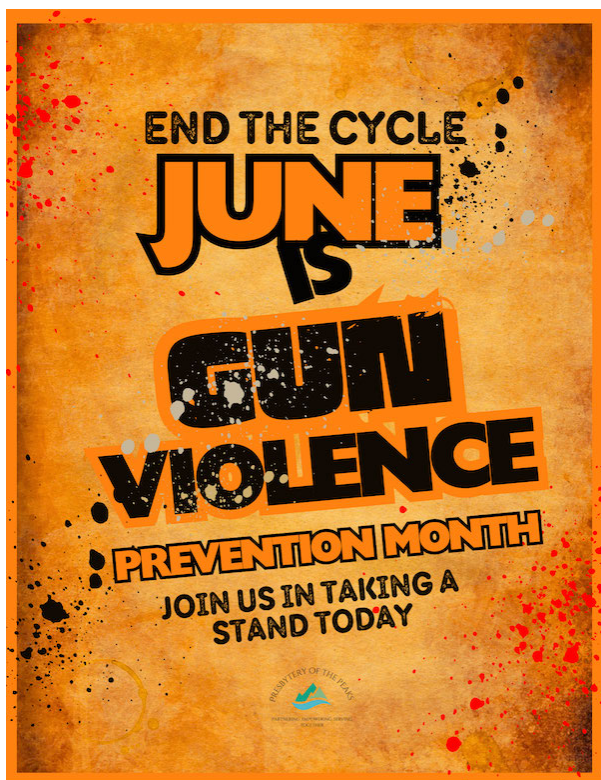
The Christian Life

SPRING '26 - TBA

Church History
Mission & Evangelism

[Learn More](#)

Gun Violence Prevention



June is Gun Violence Prevention Month. It is symbolized by the color orange. Learn why [HERE](#). Incorporate the color orange into your worship and daily life. Find Worship, education and action resources in the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit [HERE](#). Share stories of gun violence survivors. [HERE](#)

Protect Children from Gun Violence by sharing "Gun Safety & Secure Storage" cards. Download a free PDF [HERE](#) or order printed cards [HERE](#).

Contact your Representative in Congress and ask him to oppose HR 38 which would allow concealed carry firearms to be carried in every state without a permit. Find contact information [HERE](#).

Plan now to attend the James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage conference at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, September 24-27, 2025. You will receive faith-based training and continuing education for clergy and lay leaders for practical, pastoral and prophetic ways to engage congregations in an effective ministry of gun violence prevention. Learn more [HERE](#).

Forest Presbyterian to Hold Yard Sale

Forest Presbyterian is holding a yard sale on Saturday June 28 from 7 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a \$5.00 bag sale beginning at 12:30... we provide the bags.

Forest Presbyterian Church: 1226 Two Church Lane. Forest Va 24551.

We are accepting donations (NO clothes or televisions) on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (June 25, 26, 27) from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information contact Lisa Klingenfus: lklingenfu@aol.com.

Earth Care Mini-Grants Due June 30th

The Earth Care Subcommittee of the Justice and Mercy Commission encourages your congregation to apply for an Earth Care Mini-grant.

Just a few ideas you might consider: plant native plants; replace a dying tree with a native tree; purchase supplies for a community garden or for composting; buy recycling trash cans to recycle things in your community that can be recycled; install a bicycle rack; purchase a rain barrel for watering needs; replace incandescent or fluorescent bulbs with LEDs or lights with motion sensors to name a few.

**Click here for more
ideas or an application**

What Could Your Congregation Do



With an Earth Care Grant?



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- Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to:
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 - Edit submitted articles/announcements.
 - Limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured, usually to not more than three weeks.
- If you have specific dates you want an item to run, include them when you submit the item. Limited to three weeks.
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8:30AM-4:30PM**

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