



Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
7-15	2:00pm	Church Partnership Commission

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A Note from the General Presbyter

Dear Presbytery Friends and Colleagues,

My last day in the presbytery office will be Thursday, the 17th. I am deeply grateful

for the privilege of having served as your General Presbyter for the past eight years. I thought I knew what God was calling me into, but of course I didn't. Being a general presbyter ushers you into the lives and ministries of so many, and you experience firsthand how the presbyterian "sausage is made" at all levels of the church. It can be a wonderful vantage point, and it also brings its share of challenges. You've been good partners in ministry and for that I am thankful.

I'll be doing what I believe is the right thing for a retiring pastor and presbyter, I will be quietly absent from your work and ministry. I am already feeling the sting of the loss of personal connections that come along with these transitions.

Whatever you might need, call the office and you will be directed to someone one in a position to help. I am glad Don Makin is coming on board as a Bridge Interim Presbyter.

Paul's letter to the Philippians is full of quotable texts for a pastor taking his or her leave. I offer you Philippians 2:1-5 as my prayer and hope for you as you press on to what lies ahead:

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...

Blessings,
Carl

Carl's Benediction at Presbytery

(and bagpipe send-off)



Click the image above to see the video on Vimeo.

Don Makin to Serve as Interim GP

Rev. Don Makin, retired Teaching Elder from Christiansburg, will serve as the bridge between Carl's departure and the selection and arrival of a new presbytery leader.

His first day in the office will be Monday, July 21st.

Look for more information in next week's Postings.

General Presbyter Search Update

Please keep praying for your transitional General Presbyter search committee. After reviewing dozens of candidates, meeting with several over video, and interviewing two in person, we have not yet found the one we believe God is calling to this role. We have reopened our CLC listing and are accepting new applicants at the present time. We give thanks for the Rev. Don Makin agreeing to serve as Interim GP while we continue the search.

Let us join together to pray for our search team and their work:

God as we move through this time of transition for our presbytery, we thank you for the search team and their willingness to serve in this way. Give them wisdom and discernment to find a candidate who matches our presbytery's needs - someone with the right balance of leadership experience, kingdom vision, and pastoral heart. Grant them, and us, patience and peace so that we don't override Your voice with our own anxieties. Amen.

Stated Clerk Search: Revised Position Description—Apply by August 1st

The Stated Clerk position has been revised with additional responsibilities. It is now designated as half-time, exempt, and includes benefits as defined by the Presbytery.

Active PC(USA) pastors or retired pastors, and Ruling Elders are encouraged to consider this part-time position. Solid knowledge of the Book of Order and Presbyterian polity will be important in carrying out the duties, but training is available for those who would like to learn.

To express interest in the position, please email Rev. Bob McLavey, the search committee chair, at pastor@pcfloyd.org.

[View the revised position description](#)

PCUSA Planning Calendar Pre-Orders— Deadline August 1st

Orders are now being taken for Presbyterian Planning Calendars that will run from September 2025 to December 2026, at the price of \$12.00 each.

Pre-ordered calendar orders will be filled first then extra calendars (if any) will be offered on a first come, first served basis. After the pre-ordered calendars are sold out we cannot honor the discounted price, so get your orders in NOW!

The regular calendar price through the Distribution Center is \$17.75, so don't miss this opportunity.

Calendars will not be sent to our office from the distribution center until the end of August.

From the PCUSA website—Product Overview

The 2025–2026 Presbyterian Planning Calendar is your indispensable companion for purposeful planning from September 2025 to December 2026. Designed for clarity and ease, each month is presented on high-quality text paper that's perfect for jotting down notes and plans in pencil — erase and update effortlessly!

New Orientation: The calendar grid is now vertical instead of horizontal and will span across two pages for double the writing space for personal dates and notes.

Whether you're a pastor, church leader, or devoted planner, the Presbyterian Planning Calendar is your essential tool for staying organized, informed, and inspired throughout the year. Don't wait — order yours today and embrace a year of purposeful planning!



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Responding to the Flooding in Texas

From July 4th to 5th, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas. Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to north Texas. The sudden floods resulted in more than 80 lives lost and search and rescue is ongoing.

PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including Emotional and Spiritual Care.

Please make checks payable to Presbytery of the Peaks including the designation number DR000191 (U.S. Flooding).



Please join in praying for those affected:

Good and Gracious God,

We come before you with humble hearts, overwhelmed by the catastrophic floods in parts of our Mission Presbytery and beyond.

We thank you for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.

We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones. Comfort and console them, O God!

We pray for those who have lost their homes, businesses, and cherished belongings.
Hear our prayers, O Lord!
As the community prepares to rebuild, we pray for strength and resilience.
Grant us all a generous heart, so that we may rally the resources needed to rebuild
our flooded communities.
We trust in your faithfulness, dear God, even in the midst of devastation.
Bless all who work for relief and restoration. And may your peace, which passes
understanding, guard the hearts and minds of those who suffer.
May our response reflect your love for all people and all creation, and thus bring
honor and glory to your holy name.
We pray all these in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!
Amen!

Prayer provided by Mission Presbytery. Photo credit: Texas Parks & Wildlife (via PDA)

Safety and Security Workshop by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)



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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.

Please Sign Up This Week If You Are Interested and haven't already done so. This will help us determine if we have enough interest to move forward.

Learn More or Express Interest

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests by noon on Mondays to Donna Garrison at communications@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

Guidelines for 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 and items within and of interest to PoP and PoP churches.
 - 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.
- Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, peakspresbytery.org.



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