



Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
7-8	2:00pm	Commission on Administration
7-10	9:30am	Commission on Ministry
7-13	4:00pm	Small Church Listening Session: Blacksburg PC
7-15	2:00pm	Church Partnership Commission

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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)

Small Church Listening Session Sunday

The Commission on Ministry's 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.

July 13, Blacksburg PC, 4-6pm

Installation of Rev. Dr. Bea Miller at FPC Martinsville

The Presbytery of the Peaks and
The Congregation of First Presbyterian
Church



Invite you to a Martinsville-Henry
County Presbyterian
Community Worship Service installing
The Reverend Doctor Bea Miller
As Pastor of First Presbyterian Church,
Martinsville, VA
at ten o'clock in the morning
on Sunday, July 13, 2025
1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia
Reception following in the Fellowship
Hall

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.

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

Synod Men's Conference

The Synod Men's Conference will be held July 18-20, 2025 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. This year's theme is "Doing God's Will - The Transfiguration (based on Romans 12:2)."



[Learn More](#)

News You Can Use...from around the PCUSA.

Upcoming Reformed Theology Webinar for Ruling Elders and Deacons

Pondering God with Presbyterians: What Does It Mean to Say “Jesus Saves”?

July 17, 2025; 7 – 8:30 pm (EDT)

[Registration Deadline July 9, 2025](#)

Led by Martha Moore-Keish, the J.B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary

Hosted by [PC\(USA\) Leader Formation: Investing in Ruling Elders and Deacons](#)

Spanish and Korean interpretation available (based on registration)

Recording will be available in English following the event (advance registration not necessary)



Opportunities and Information

A message from the Office of Christian Formation

[Small Church Community Circles](#). Connect with faith leaders in small church settings. Learn about new resources. Pastors, CRE, educators, volunteers all welcome. [Register](#) once for all the dates. Attend all or any of these! A variety of days and times to capture a variety of schedules. **Tuesday, August 19, 2025** — 3 pm Eastern; **Wednesday, October 8, 2025** — 11 am Eastern; **Thursday, December 4, 2025** — 1 pm Eastern.



Planning ahead for Fall Christian Formation? Perhaps a fall kickoff, back to school blessing, teacher commissioning, or giving out bibles? [Check out all the resources](#). The PC(USA) Planning calendar designates the week of **September 7th for Christian Formation** emphasis but we know some churches start back in August with fall programming.

Join FPC South Boston in Ministering to Disaster Victims





BLESSING BUCKET EVENT



First Presbyterian Church in South Boston, VA is hosting
God's Pit Crew Mobile Blessing Bucket packing event.

- Aug. 23, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Where: 1st Presbyterian, 800 N Main St, South Boston
- Objective: Assemble/Pack 1,008 Blessing Buckets.
All bucket items are supplied by GPC.
- Funding Goal – \$40,000: 100% of these funds go to
bucket supplies and shipping
- Volunteers Needed – 60-70

Info
Video



Donate



What is a Blessing Bucket?

God's Pit Crew (GPC) distributes Blessing Buckets to individuals who need essential supplies due to natural disaster, tragedy, or severe poverty. These 5 gallon buckets contain life essentials like hygiene items, water, and toiletries. These buckets help to enrich lives and become a small token of God's love to a person in a time of disaster. Volunteer Registration on our website www.istpres.cc

In 2024, GPC distributed 19,872 buckets to disaster victims like those impacted by Hurricane Helene and the CA wildfires. Please help us show God's love by sponsoring buckets @ \$35 each, or pallets @ \$1,920

You can donate by scanning the QR code, <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWAP/campaign/C-15DKJ>, www.istpres.cc, or sending checks to 1st Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, 800 N Main St, South Boston, VA 24592 – (434) 572-3581 – istpres.cc

You can use your smartphone camera to access the QR code links above or click on the links in the photo or click the button below for more information.

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