



Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
		No Events Scheduled

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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!



Order Here

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.

The Interim General Presbyter is a part-time role. The primary focus is to keep the presbytery



functioning smoothly until a new General Presbyter is in place.

Don will serve as a pastor to pastors or sessions during crises, attend commission and committees meetings as needed, and coordinate the staff in its work for the presbytery.

You may reach Don via email at don@peakspresbytery.org or by calling the office at 434-845-1754.

Church Partnership and Redevelopment Grants Still Available

Church Redevelopment Grants are being considered on a rolling basis.

The type of projects that will be considered in this program will have a goal of building relationships, provide a spiritual growth component, and/or missional components oriented to the community in which the congregation is placed. Grants will be awarded based upon the potential for effective congregational development and community engagement.

The next Church Partnership Grant Deadline is October 1st.

These grants are given to congregations that for projects that strive to build partnerships to help foster discipleship within the presbytery.

Learn More or Apply

Nancy Nepage to be Commissioned to

Old Concord Presbyterian

Nancy Nepage will be commissioned to Old Concord Presbyterian Church on
August 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Calling all Singers and Choirs: Rehearsals begin August 6th

You are invited to participate and worship in a Hymn Festival hosted by
Clarksville Presbyterian Church **on Sunday, Nov. 9th at 4:00 PM.** "Singing
Our Faith through Hymns and Anthems"

Calling all Singers and Choirs (any denomination)

*Introductory rehearsals on Wed. in AUG. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6-7PM at
Clarksville Presbyterian Church, 502 Virginia Ave, Clarksville, VA 23927.*

Nov. 9 -Festival Day schedule

Combined Choir: Lunch-12:30 Joint rehearsal-1-3PM

Festival: 4PM Open to the public.

Carol Henderson (Clarksville) and Larry Abernathy (Kirk of Kildaire, Cary, NC)
co-directors and organists. Worship program and full music details available.

Contact: Carol Henderson at carolsmusicnotes@gmail.com

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Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region (VA and NC) of the Presbyterian
Association of Musicians, a 50+-year-old national organization that offers
worship support, job listings, church music certification, and annual summer
conferences. <https://www.presbymusic.org/>



"Singing Our Faith through Hymns and Anthems"
Hymn Festival in Newton, NC on June 1, 2025

Trinity Ecumenical Parish Welcomes Pastor Janet Chisom

With joy and gratitude, Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta, VA shares the good news that the congregation has called Pastor Janet Chisom to serve as our new Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation & Engagement.

At a special congregational meeting held on Sunday, July 20, the vote to call Pastor Janet was unanimous. She officially began her ministry with us on Monday, July 21, and we are filled with hope and excitement as we step into this new season of shared ministry together. We're grateful for the support and prayers of the wider Presbytery of the Peaks during this season of discernment and transition, and we now ask for your continued prayers as Pastor Janet settles into her role. She can be reached at pastorjanet@trinityecumenical.org, and we invite our partners in ministry to join us in welcoming her with joy.



Earth Care Liturgy Resources

Are you interested in planning a worship service to celebrate creation and inspire earth care? Is your congregation planning a Season of Creation this fall?

If so, we would like to recommend a couple of resources we have found helpful for planning liturgy for Earth Care.

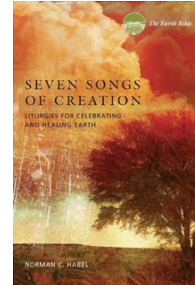
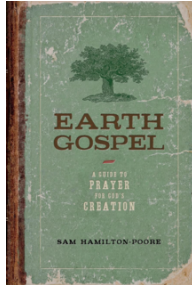
1. Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation, by Sam Hamilton-Poore, Upper Room Books 2008, lovely illustrations by Jane Wageman

This book offers four weeks of prayer, hymn texts, meditation with scripture, reflections, and blessings on the theme of creation and care for creation. It follows a pattern of seven days per week with prayers for morning, midday and evening; each day of the week follows a theme, which repeats each week. Voices for reflection range from ancient to modern, and include Mother Teresa, Wendell Berry, Loren Eiseley, e.e.cummings, Jürgen Moltmann, Catherine of Siena, the Iona Community, and many others. It is a book that is as useful for personal prayer as it is for planning congregational worship services.

2. Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth, by Norman

C. Habel, The Pilgrim Press, 2004

This book is written for worship communities who are looking for fresh liturgies to inspire care for the earth. Part 1 features seven liturgies representing cultural, denominational and linguistic diversity. Each liturgy includes a description of a theme, symbols and imagery, a biblical text and reflection, and an order for worship which includes readings, prayers and song. Parts 2 and 3 include additional earth songs/hymns, many written for traditional tunes, and additional liturgies, readings and blessings.



Submitted by Sarah Windes, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and the Peaks Earth Care Subcommittee.

John Bates Commissioned to Forest Presbyterian

John Bates was commissioned to Forest Presbyterian on July 20, 2025. He has been called to serve them during this time of transition.

Front Row (l to r), Rev. Dr. Terri Cornwell, Dr. John Bates, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller (Moderator)

Back Row (l to r) RE Carolyn Eubank, Dr. Robin Bates, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, RE John



Bea Miller Installed at First Presbyterian, Martinsville



After the required vote of presbytery in June, Bea Miller and First Presbyterian, Martinsville celebrated her transition from Interim to Installed Pastor on July 13, 2025.

Group photo: FPC Martinsville Facebook

Interfaith Justice Revival

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy will join forces with the Virginia Poverty Law Center and the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP to launch an extraordinary six-day Interfaith Justice Revival throughout southwest Virginia.

They're on a mission to bridge divides, spark conversations, and build the coalitions our communities desperately need. From faith leaders of different traditions exploring the connection between faith and justice, to community choirs lifting their voices in harmony, to neighbors breaking bread together over potluck meals—this is grassroots organizing at its finest: authentic, inclusive, and transformative. It's an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Schedule

Sunday, July 27 – Lynchburg

Monday, July 28 – Roanoke

Tuesday, July 29 – Several stops, including Wytheville

Wednesday, July 30 – Several stops

Thursday, July 31 – Bristol

Friday, August 1 – Several stops, including Floyd

Saturday, August 2 – Danville

More Information

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](#)

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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8:30AM-4:30PM**

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