

#### **Weekly Calendar**

8-26 2:00pm Church Partnership Commission

# The Presbytery office will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of



There will be no edition of Postings on Tuesday, September 2nd.

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## Welcome to the New Postings!

As we seek to be good stewards of the presbytery's funds, we're trying out a new mass email service which we believe may provide an equally good experience for readers at a lower cost. For the next two weeks, you may receive two emails, one with the newsletter, and a second one where readers can let us know if they are not receiving Postings from the (potential) new delivery service. This is to help ensure that everyone is still receiving Postings.

# Small Church Summit September 27th



## Calling small churches...

Join us for a day of learning, sharing and fellowship at Amherst Presbyterian Church. We'll start the morning with worship and a keynote, have two sessions of workshops, share a meal and share with each other.

**Learn More or Register** 

## **Nancy Nepage Commissioning**

Congratulations to Nancy Nepage and Old Concord Presbyterian Church on the occasion of her installation. This is a milestone event for both Nancy and the congregation. May their ministry together be fruitful.

#### **CEDEPCA**

## Piano Player Needed at Villamont PC

Villamont Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a piano player for Sunday morning services. We are a small friendly country church in Blue Ridge, Va. (a few miles miles east on rt. 460 from the Bonsack area). If you are interested...please call Pastor, Phil Berry 540-890-0730.

### Free Books Available

Linda Dickerson (Northside, Blacksburg) is downsizing her extensive library. If you would like to have some, please contact her at <a href="mailto:dickerson.northside@gmail.com">dickerson.northside@gmail.com</a>. They are free to someone who will use them.

- New Century Bible Commentaries on Ephesians and Philippians
- New International Greek Testament Commentary on Luke
- Anchor Bible on Ephesians 1-3
- Children's Object Lessons
- A couple of Rick Warren books
- Lots of miscellaneous others.

## Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network Conference

Early registration discount ends August 25th!

More Information

# The James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage at Massanetta Springs 9/24-27

What is the Atwood Institute?

It is an ecumenical project of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship to equip clergy, lay leaders, and community members for gun violence prevention education and action with their congregations.

Inspired by the late James Atwood, a Presbyterian pastor, avid hunter and lifelong advocate for reasonable gun regulation, the Institute brings together faith-based activists, and regional and national experts to provide hands-on training, skills and game-changing strategies. Each year the Atwood Institute counters an epidemic of gun violence and suffering by nurturing the Christ-centered courage and action of congregations committed to saving lives.

This year's keynote speaker is Reverend Sharon Risher, whose mother was murdered at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015.

Registration Ends on August 31st.

Learn More About This Year's Atwood Institute Conference Visit the Peaks
Website for More
Resources on Gun
Violence Prevention

## Linda Trumbo to be Commissioned at First Presbyterian, Covington

### **Earth Care Mini Grant**

## Deadline: September 30th

#### **Apply Here**

# Forward in Faith: First Presbyterian, Covington

As congregations participating in the Forward in Faith project progress through the program, we'll take the opportunity on occasion to share with you about their congregations and their experiences with the project.

By taking the Forward in Faith journey, FPC Covington hopes to improve their religious outreach in the community and serve God through the gifts and resources of their church family.

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, has a long and storied history of doing just that. Presbyterian services were first held in the area somewhere between 1775-1780 but a congregation was not officially organized until 1819. Over the years, the congregation helped plant several new churches in the area.

They have also reached out locally and around the globe to share God's love with their neighbors near and far. Their ministries include community music programs, a pre-school, hunger outreach and supporting programs such as Abukloi School in South Sudan, CEDEPCA, and ministries in Ukraine.

When asked about why they wanted to participate as a member of the small team of leaders to guide FPC Covington through Forward in Faith,

members expressed their love of God, church and community. One member's response encompassed the sentiments of the group.

"I am motivated by a desire to learn and discern how we can use our gifts/resources (human, building, finances) to better serve God and serve/ reflect the love of God within the congregation, community and beyond.

May it be so for all of us, in whatever context we serve, with whatever resources God has given us.









**FPC Covington's Website** 

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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