



Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
8-7	10:00am	Justice & Mercy Commission

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PCUSA Planning Calendar Pre-Orders

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Labor Day Break

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



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

Theme for 227th General Assembly:
Persevering Toward Wholeness

Planning is underway for the 2026 General Assembly, which will be held online and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-July 2, 2026. In addition to choosing a theme, the planning team has also designated Revelation 22:2, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations," as the guiding Scripture.

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Stories Can Transform Your Church's Stewardship

At the Presbyterian Foundation's Day of Learning on June 26, the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley offered both tools and inspiration in her presentation, "Stewardship as Story: How to Transform Giving Through the Love of Story." She challenged church leaders to reframe stewardship not as a fundraising campaign, but as a joyful, year-round act of storytelling.

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Earth Care Mini Grant Deadline



The next Earth Care Mini-Grant Deadline is September 30th.

Earth Care mini grants are available for congregations seeking to engage in earth care ministry through worship, education, outreach or their facilities.

Learn More or Apply

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

Choir Robes—Free to Good Home

There are seven robes available. The brand is Regency; they are white, polyester/cotton. Three are Medium about 50 inches long, three are Small about 48 inches, and one Small about 54 inches. Each comes with a plastic zip bag for storage. Shipping costs



would be at the expense of the recipient.

Interested?

Contact Sandi at
sandi825@yahoo.com.

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.

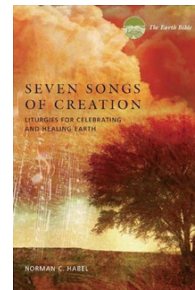
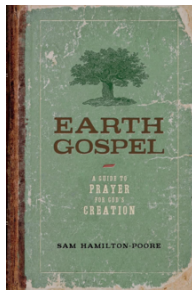
1. Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation, by Sam Hamilton-Poore, Upper Room Books 2008, lovely illustrations by Jane Wageman

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.

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:

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- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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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.
- Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, peakspresbytery.org.



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