



POSTINGS

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## Weekly Calendar

No Events This Week

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## Anxious to Talk About It

Join Us!

**ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT**

Peaks Reading Together

HELPING WHITE PEOPLE

**PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS BOOK STUDY**


On the four Thursdays from September 18 - October 9, join with other Peaks Presbytery members to discuss Presbyterian pastor and professor Carolyn Helsel's book, "Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism" (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

**THURS SEPT 18 & 25 OCT 2 & 9 7PM TO 8PM**

Helsel draws on her successful experiences with white congregations to offer tools to embrace and explore anxious feelings and more faithfully engage in crucial conversations about race in America.

**REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK: [HERE](#)**

RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION



[Register Here](#)

## Small Church Summit on 9/27



Join us for a day of learning, sharing and fellowship at Amherst Presbyterian Church. We'll start the morning with worship and a keynote with Rev. Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of Shenandoah Presbytery. Following we'll have two sessions of workshops, share a meal and close with a time to share with

each other in group discussion.

Register by September 24th.

[Learn More or Register](#)

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## Small Churches as Anchors in Their Communities

*Below, Kim Jeffreys, shares some of what she learned at Small Church conference she and three other leaders from Peaks attended in Clarksville, Arkansas this summer. If you're a small church leader interested in learning more about how small churches are or can be anchors of their communities, join us at the Small Church Summit on September 27th--it's the topic of one of our workshops.*

I have been to a few continuing education functions and often find that the information given is not very helpful for the size of our church and the location of our community. I was very excited to see if this conference would be a more inspiration conference. Over a hundred people from surrounding states attended this conference. It was a wonderful experience.

The conference was run by the Town Square Collaborative. It had several core principles including to help churches in rural areas and small towns to be the best version of themselves and serve as anchors in their communities. They reminded us that in large city churches charities and other organizations have taken over the importance of the church to the community. Because of where our church is located it is an institution to the community. People in the community look to us to be a leader and to guide. The conference facilitators spoke about the important and special work that our church does and reminded the attendees that if our churches didn't do the work...no one would. There is no one to step in in our communities. We serve an important role in our community and we need to recognize this and honor it.

# Covenant Earth Care Worship

Join us for a special Covenant Presbyterian Earth Care Worship Service  
Sunday September 21, 10:30 -11:30 am  
Enjoy the Trumpet Fanfare and  
Laura Jane Ramsberg as our guest pastor,  
celebrating God's Creation and inspiring us to consider "What We Leave  
Behind."

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## Support Cohorts for Christian Educators and CPs

- Collegial, personal and professional support via Zoom cohorts with peers for one year.
- There is no cost to participants. A stipend is paid twice a year to cover any materials costs.
- Two tracks, one for CEs and one for CPs.
- Starts in 2026. Application deadline is November 30, 2025. Space is limited.
- Open to Commissioned Pastors in solo calls. See link for more details.

[Learn More](#)

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## Celebrating the Presbyterian Presence in the Piedmont

**Save the date October 19, 2025 (Rain date October 26th) at 3pm--** numerous Presbyterian churches in the area have planned a historical talk and outdoor worship service at Cub Creek Presbyterian historical site, where Cub Creek Church was founded in 1738 to celebrate the enduring presence of Presbyterians in the region. Watch for more information soon.

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## Installation of Janet Chisom

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## High Bridge Celebrates 255 Years of Ministry

- **Saturday, September 27th, 2:00 p.m.** "Remembering the History of High Bridge Presbyterian Church and the Village of Springfield" speaker Dr. Tom Camden, retired professor at Washington and Lee University and unveiling of the newly refurbished fellowship hall with display of history and memorabilia.
- **Sunday, September 28th, 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service Celebrating the History and Present Mission of High Bridge Presbyterian Church, Rev. Steve Willis, preaching. Worship followed by a luncheon under the trees.

*All are invited!*

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## Lynchburg

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# Earth Care, Church Partnership and Redevelopment Grants Available

**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.

**The next Church Partnership Grant Deadline is October 1st.**

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

**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 displaced. Grants will be awarded based upon the potential for effective congregational development and community engagement.

**Learn More or Apply**

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