



## POSTINGS

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### Weekly Calendar

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| 9-9  | 2:00pm | Commission on Administration |
| 9-11 | 9:30am | Commission on Ministry       |
| 9-11 | 1:00pm | Constitutional Ministries    |

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## Presbyterian Women's Annual Gathering This Saturday



## *KEEPING IN TOUCH* *Presbyterian Women of The Peaks* *August 2025 Edition*



**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**PW ANNUAL GATHERING!**

### **FROM HOPELESS TO HOPEFUL:**

**The Plight and Resilience of Refugees from  
Afghanistan—Especially Women**

**HEAR SOME OF THE STORIES OF THOSE TRYING TO ESCAPE THE HORRIFIC  
TREATMENT OF WOMEN. LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP.**

Joining us will be **SCOTT BAILEY** and **JORDAN KANE**.

Scott is Co-Founder/President of the Board of Directors of the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership. He is a Virginia Tech Professor and Director of Space Science and Engineering Research. Jordan is an Advisor to Congress/State/Department of Defense. She translates policy challenges into simple language. She serves as Supervisory Research Analyst of Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).

We are privileged to serve with Coordinating Team member **SARAH HYSKA**. She and her pastor husband, Shawn, currently host six women from Afghanistan.

Sarah will be available to answer real-time questions.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

3911 Greenland Avenue, N.W., Roanoke, Virginia



Take Exit 3E onto Hershberger Road from I-581 in Roanoke. Turn right onto Grandview Avenue at the BP Gas Station. Follow Grandview approximately 10 blocks to Avalon Avenue. Turn right onto Avalon Avenue, and the church is on your left. Stay left and pull into the parking lot.

**9:30 a.m. – R & R & R: Registration, Refreshments, Reacquaintance**

**10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Gathering Program**

We are pleased that **PAM SNYDER**, Moderator of the PW, Inc., Board of Directors, our PCUSA churchwide leadership, will install our new leaders. Bringing us greetings will be **REVEREND RUSS MERRITT** from Northminster Presbyterian Church, and leading devotions will be **REVEREND JANET CHISOM** from Trinity Ecumenical Parish. **LISA COX** (and a few students) will tell us a little bit about the **EASTERN APPALACHIAN TEEN CHALLENGE**, a residential and private school for adolescent girls who struggle with life controlling issues. The offering we receive at the Gathering will benefit the Eastern Appalachian Teen Challenge.

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## **Bahama Mama Steel Band at Covenant This Friday**



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## Anxious to Talk About It

The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme with abstract circular shapes. At the top, a large speech bubble contains the title 'ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT' in yellow and white text, with 'HELPING WHITE PEOPLE' in smaller yellow text below it. To the left, it says 'Join Us!' and to the right, 'Peaks Reading Together'. The main title 'PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS BOOK STUDY' is in bold blue letters. Below this, the schedule is listed: 'On the four Thursdays from September 18 - October 9, join with other Peaks Presbytery members to discuss Presbyterian pastor and professor Carolyn Hessel's book, *"Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism"* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)'. The dates are highlighted in yellow: 'THURS SEPT 18 & 25' and 'OCT 2 & 9', with the time '7PM TO 8PM' also in yellow. To the right, a paragraph describes Hessel's background and the book's purpose. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK: HERE' and 'RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION'. A small logo for the Presbytery of the Peaks is in the bottom right corner.

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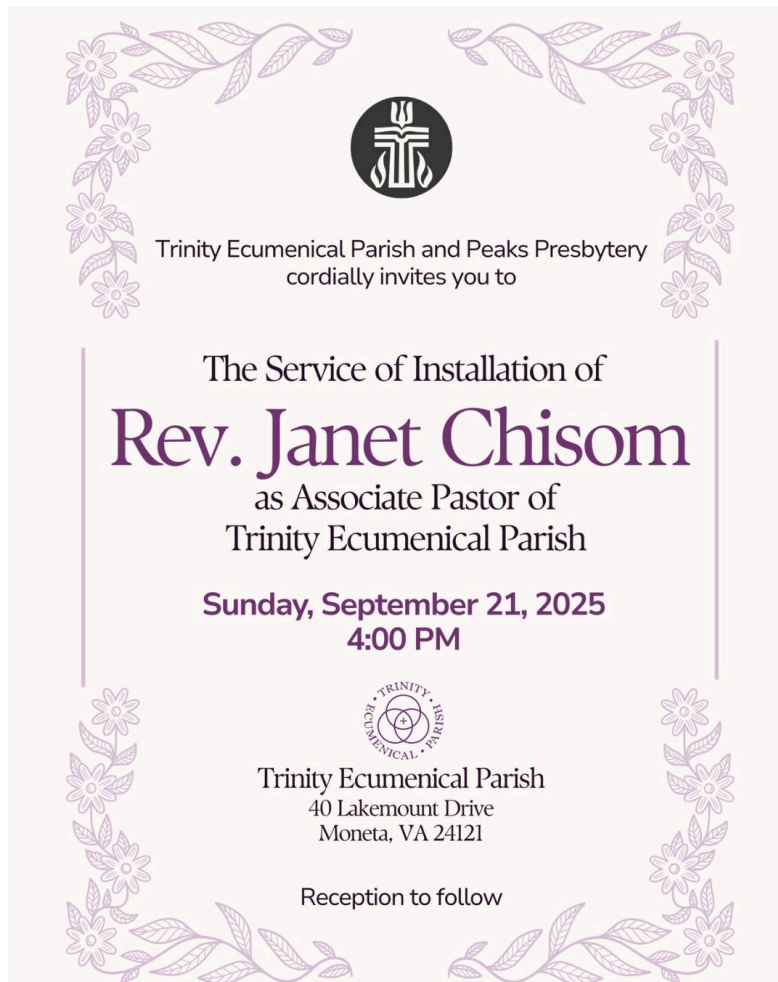
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TOGETHER

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## Installation of Janet Chisom



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## High Bridge Celebrates 255 Years of Ministry

255th Anniversary of High Bridge Presbyterian Church on 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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# 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 displaced. 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 for projects that strive to build partnerships to help foster discipleship within the presbytery.

[\*\*Learn More or Apply\*\*](#)

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## 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.

Register by September 24th.

[Learn More or Register](#)

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## **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 east on rt. 460 from the Bonsack area). If you are interested...please call Pastor, Phil Berry 540-890-0730.

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## **2026 at Massanetta Springs**

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## **Earth Care Mini Grant Deadline: September 30th**

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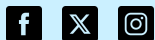
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