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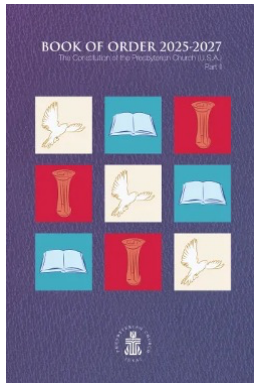
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An Update From the GP Search Team

The committee continues to meet, and is in the late stage interview process. We appreciate prayers as we try to make these evaluations.

Taking Orders 2025-27 *Book of Order*



The 2025-2027 PCUSA Book of Order is now available. Orders place before October 20 will be available to pick up at the October 23 Presbytery Meeting. No orders will be mailed from the office until December.

Order

Finding God in our Community



Look at what
"2 Cents"
can do!



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY



Endorsed by Second Presbyterian Church, in Roanoke, VA, **Society of St. Andrew** in Big Island, VA aims to reduce food insecurity within the community by "gleaning America's fields."

Biblically, "gleaning" is the practice of gathering the remnants, or the leftovers, of a harvested field.

In a nation that discards nearly 40% of its food for such reasons as harvested produce not meeting an aesthetically pleasing look for market, **Society of St. Andrew** partners with local farmers who will donate their "leftovers" or allow volunteers to step in and physically "glean" their fields.

"...this is God's work..."

Aren't you glad that we can find encouragement, and possibilities all around us? We can find God in the **Society of St. Andrew** of Big Island, VA. Check their website for volunteer opportunities: endhunger.org



YET, not only here, but also where you are!
Remember: Give a little to Help a lot...!

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Second Presbyterian

Program Coordinator, **Ben Breene** and Dir. of Church Relations, **Jennifer Davis Sensenig**, remind us that it can be difficult for those facing food insecurity to find fresh and healthy produce. Through the work of St. Andrew, literally, same day "farm to table" produce has been made available for the most vulnerable among us.



Our Next Presbytery Meeting


Thursday
October 23, 2025

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Roanoke

In-Person
All Day
with Lunch




**PEAKS PRESBYTERY
STATED MEETING
WORSHIP SERVICE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025
@ 9 AM
THE POWER TO HEAL
CREATION
REV. DERRICK WESTON**



Rev. Derrick Weston is the director of theological education and formation for Creation Justice Ministries, an ecumenical organization helping Christians to live in right relationship with God's Creation.

He is the co-author of "The Just Kitchen: Invitations to Sustainability, Cooking, Connection, and Celebration". Derrick is an at-large member of the Presbyterians for Earth Care board. He and his wife Shannon have four children and are members of the Presbytery of Baltimore.

**NORTHMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3911 GREENLAND AVE NW
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Janet Chisom Installed at Trinity

On Sunday, September 21, Trinity Ecumenical Parish joyfully celebrated the installation of Pastor Janet Chisom as our new Associate Pastor. The service was a wonderful reminder of the covenant between pastor, congregation, and wider church. We give thanks for Pastor Janet's leadership and look forward to the ministry we will share together.



Bible in Black & White

WEDNESDAYS IN OCT. | 12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Second Presbyterian Church | 214 Mountain Ave SW | Roanoke, VA 24016

Conversations —THAT CHANGE US—

What happens to faith when it becomes more about talking *about* Jesus than talking *to* Jesus? Do we risk reducing a living relationship to abstract ideas—Jesus becoming a topic rather than a presence? The Gospel of John resists such drift. It is a Gospel built on conversations—long, rich, and transformative ones. From Nicodemus under the cover of night to the Samaritan woman at the well, from a man born blind to Mary, Martha, and Pontius Pilate—Jesus doesn't just talk *at* people, he speaks *with* them. And they are never the same.

This October, the Bible in Black & White community will listen in on these conversations—and join them. Our hope is to encounter Jesus as we encounter each other, with open minds, honest hearts, and a willingness to be changed.

Schedule: October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2025.

Learn more: www.spres.org/the-bible-in-black-and-white



THE
BIBLE IN
BLACK
&
WHITE



Concert at New Concord

NEW STANDARD



**All are invited to an afternoon of
Gospel bluegrass music!**

Saturday - November 1, 2025 – 3 PM

**New Concord Presbyterian Church
5588 New Chapel Rd, Concord, VA 24538**

A hot dog supper in the Fellowship Hall will follow the program.

Earth Care: What We Eat

As part of Covenant's Earth Care ministry for 2025, we asked the congregation to choose from various environmental topics they would like to explore. The top response was around food.

In addition to providing monthly newsletter articles on food-related topics like sustainability, pesticide reduction, buying local, composting, reducing food waste, and moving towards more plant-based food sources, we added earth-friendly items to our typical post-service Mingle & Munch fare.


This allowed us to practice what we preach, offering samples of plant-based milks and creamers along with organic fair-trade rainforest alliance coffee; organic applesauce oat muffins made with maple syrup and organic walnuts for a protein-packed breakfast option; a delicious lentil and chickpea stew topped with Greek yoghurt; and a variety of organic fruits and vegetables.

The feedback was very positive, and the foods made for good conversation starters.



**Recipe Links,
Food Tips for
People and
the Planet**

CP Courses Start in October

 UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY	Leadership Institute
<u>PATHWAYS 2025-26</u>	
8/12-9/16	Polity & Administration
8/28-10/2	Intro to Pastoral Care
10/16-11/20	Teaching the Bible
10/27-12/2	Preaching

October is your final opportunity in 2025 to start courses towards becoming a Commissioned Pastor (CP)

Courses are through Union Presbyterian Seminary. At less than \$200 for most classes, it's more affordable than you might think.

Learn More About Union's CP Courses

SEEKING A PASTOR

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

FINCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCATED NEAR ROANOKE, VIRGINIA IN THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, IS SEEKING A CANDIDATE TO FILL OUR FULL TIME PASTOR POSITION.

Candidates should provide leadership with vision and direction to staff, volunteers and the congregation. Skills should also include communication, organization, outreach and promoting growth.

Come join with us in our small, inviting and historic church. Nearby recreation, hospitals, event venues and restaurants help to make Fincastle a wonderful place to live.

Submit Pastor applications to
Paul Phillipe at
prp@c-roa.com

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