



Weekly Calendar

11/13	9:30am	Commission on Ministry
11/18	1:00pm	Church Partnership Commission

A Word from Our Interim GP

We sent out a letter via email last week to pastors and clerks from Don Makin, our Interim GP, reflecting on his first few months on the job. If you missed it, you can...

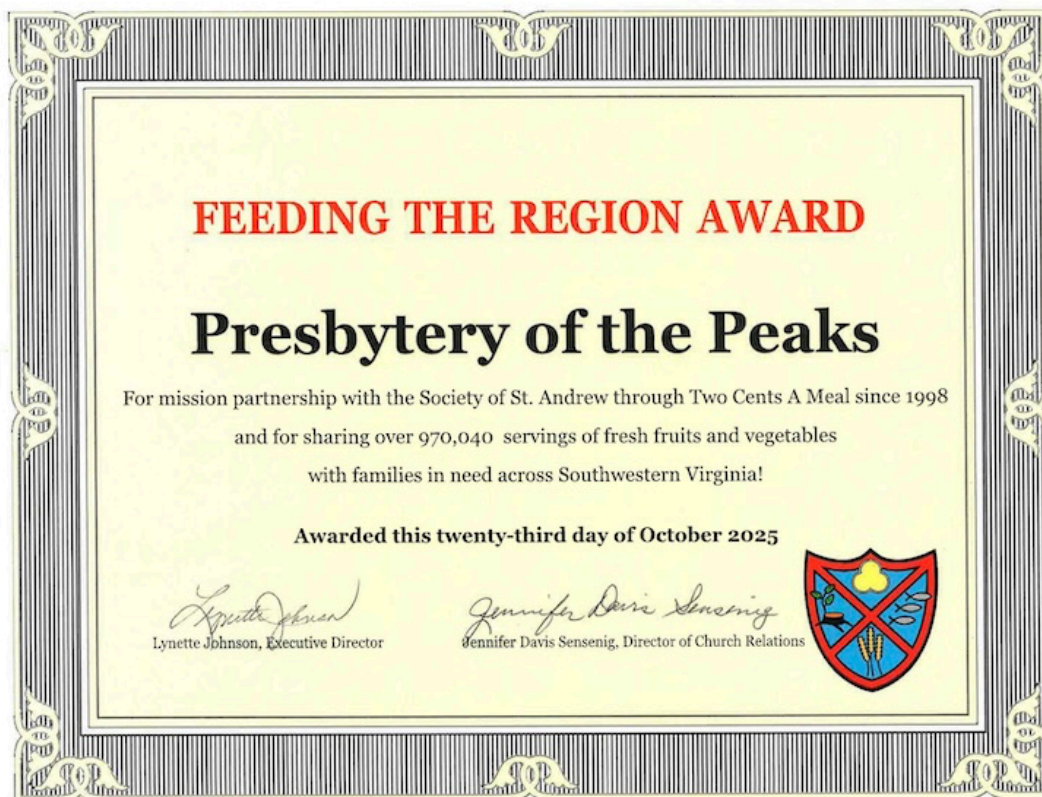
[Read It Here](#)

2025 Dates to Know



- **11/26** --Office closes for Thanksgiving at noon
- **12/8** -- End of Year Packets-mailed out to Clerks of Session
- **12/16**--Last Peaks' Posting for 2025
- **12/22**--Office closes for Christmas/New Year's
- **12/31**--2026 Covenant of Intent Letters due back to the office

Peaks in Action: Feeding our Neighbors



St. Andrew Society's ministry of rescuing fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste and sharing with hungry

neighbors is growing in Virginia. **Peaks Presbytery has been a part of that through Two Cents A Meal gifts, providing almost 1 million servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in Southwest Virginia since 1998!**

In addition to our support through our Two Cents gifts, volunteers are also welcomed. Volunteer opportunities are available in November in our area, including Roanoke and Riner.

[Learn More](#)

Hurricane Melissa Response



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ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

As we begin to see the catastrophic impacts Category 5 Hurricane Melissa made as it tore its path through Jamaica and across Cuba, we are praying for our siblings in the Caribbean.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing grants to address urgent, immediate needs and will remain to address long-term recovery and unmet needs. The magnitude of this storm will require the development of long-term projects and assistance for both physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

You may send your offering to the presbytery office. Please make checks payable to Presbytery of the Peaks including the designation number DR000194-Melissa.

Young Adult Volunteer Applications Open

The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Alongside this work, volunteers explore the meaning of their Christian faith and accountability to their neighbors in the community with peers and mentors. Applications are open for 2026/2027.

[Learn More](#)

Job notice

Amherst Presbyterian Church in Amherst, Virginia, is seeking an Administrative Assistant. The position is 20 hours per week, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The starting salary range is between \$15,000 and \$17,000 a year depending on the applicant's qualifications. Benefits include accrued vacation and sick leave.

[More Information](#)

Edmunds Lecture Series at Second Pres

EDMUNDS LECTURE SERIES 2025

THE CHURCH IN A SECULAR AGE



FEATURING
ANDREW ROOT

NOVEMBER 10 & 11
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY



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This year's lectures:

- November 10th--“Why are They Leaving? Mis-Diagnosing Our Challenges in a Secular Age”
- November 11th--“Ministry Inside the Immanent Frame: The Task of Speaking of God in a Secular Age”

**Peaks Grants in Action:
The Bible in Black and White**



Through a Church Partnership grant, Peaks Presbytery offered support for the Fall 2025 Bible in Black and White study. The study is held at Second Presbyterian and sponsored by a diverse group of area churches: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, High Street Baptist Church, Hill Street Baptist Church, Loudon Ave Christian Church, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church. Around 70 people attended the lunch provided by the presbytery, followed by a study of passages in the Gospel of John.

The series will return in April. Watch for more information.

Earth Care

At Blacksburg Presbyterian Church's garden, the leaves and stalks stay all winter.

Our Creation Care garden, first planted in 2015 with milkweed for



monarchs, has since expanded to 28 Virginia native plant species or cultivars of native species, in addition to 6 or 7 other non-native species that were in the garden when we started it.

The garden is there to showcase easy-to-grow native species, to attract pollinators, and to provide food and shelter for wildlife. To fulfill that mission, we leave the stalks and leaves through the winter, rather than cleaning up in fall. That

helps things like native bees that overwinter in the dead plant stems; butterflies that overwinter in the leaf litter as adults, chrysalises or caterpillars; ladybug larvae that hide under rocks or leaves; and birds that feast on these hibernating insects or on the seeds and berries of the dormant plants in order to survive the winter cold.

In front of the garden, we have placed a sign with a QR code that provides more information. The QR code sends you to this website which explains why we leave our garden beds “untidied”

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:va6c2:6d354d6b-a6bb...> Your church might want to consider a similar practice for your gardens, and, if you like, you can put up a sign to explain why.

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