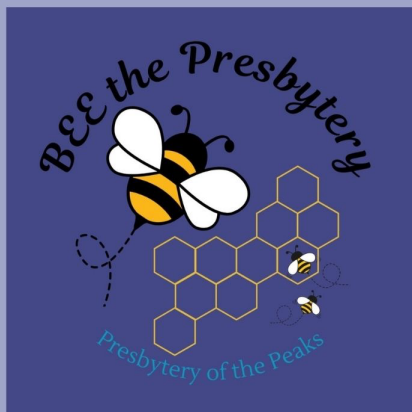


PEAKS' POSTINGS



Beloved
Community

Equipping
the Saints

Expanding
the
Kingdom

Weekly Calendar

No Events--Happy Thanksgiving

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

BEE the Presbytery!

At the October presbytery meeting, a new purpose and priorities for the presbytery were adopted.

Purpose: Presbytery is the tie that binds our diverse contexts to share God's love by: Supporting, connecting, guiding, equipping, and resourcing ministries.

Guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit, shaped by the teachings of Jesus & united in the Reformed tradition the Presbytery seeks to carry out our purpose through the following priorities:

Beloved Community, Equipping the Saints, Expanding the Kingdom.

In 2026, we'll explore each priority--what each priority is, what pathways and actions we can take to live into them and what we can all do to BEE the presbytery together.

With the change in purpose and priorities will come a change in branding to align with the



new vision. The initial changes are preliminary, intended to get the rollout of the purpose and priorities launched and differentiated from the previous vision. Expect to see additional branding changes over the coming months.

Presbytery Summary

The summary of the minutes of the October presbytery meeting is now available.

[Summary](#)

Search Update

The search team continues to move forward with interviewing candidates. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their work.



UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech, seeking a permanent campus minister.

UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech, is seeking a permanent campus minister. The UKirk campus minister aspires to be faithful to God, to love others as Christ loves us, and to trust the leading of the Holy Spirit as

he or she nurtures the students, connects with UKirk's partner churches, and administers the campus ministry programs.

This is a part-time position of 25 hours per week. Duties include ministerial and spiritual leadership for college students through weekly meetings and activities; community engagement and communication of events; and supervision of an administrative assistant.

[More Information](#)

Blue Christmas at St. Andrew Presbyterian

Blue Christmas Service



A Celebration of Worship and Remembrance

We will gather to worship and practice the gift of presence as we remember those who have died, those who are absent from our lives because of estrangement, losses of physical strength and other griefs we may hold in silence within our hearts.

The service will be filled with music, scripture, candles and Communion.

A table for holding objects of remembrance will be available.
Fellowship with light refreshments will follow the service.

ALL ARE INVITED TO BE A PART
OF THIS SPECIAL TIME DURING ADVENT

When

4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14, 2025

Where

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21206 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502
Contact the church for further information 434-239-2788

Peaks Grants in Action: Cub Creek



Area congregations and history buffs gathered at the site of the old Cub Creek Presbyterian Church (founded 1738) in October to remember and give thanks for its impact in Virginia, including its role in the establishment of Hampden-Sydney and Washington and Lee. Support for the event came from local congregations, community, the Charlotte County APVA and a Church Partnership grant.

Forward in Faith: 5th Avenue-- Meeting Neighbors leads to Blessing Animals

As part of the Peaks "Forward in Faith" Project and interviewing people in the neighborhood of the church, the team at 5th Avenue discovered many families with pets. The Session of the church agreed to sponsor a "Blessing

of the Animals" on Sunday, Nov 2 as a fun way to engage with both the members of the congregation and the neighborhood. Among the cats and dogs, by far, the "star" of the event was Lucy the pig!



(from Left to Right) Jocelyn Abrams, church neighbor; Rev. Ellen Woodworth, Rev. Bob Fiedler, Elder Philip Claytor, Rev. Vernie Bolden, all of 5th Avenue



145 pound Lucy, which we discovered enjoyed copious amounts of chocolate chip cookies

Wanted: Summer Intern at Second Pres

This 12-week summer internship is open to current college and seminary students to provide a first-hand experience of pastoral ministry in a large congregation. Although there is a particular focus on Youth Ministry, interns will gain a broad perspective and a breadth of experience into all aspects of congregational ministry, including worship leadership, preaching, and visitation.

Resources: Feeding our Neighbors

NEW RESOURCE TO RESPOND TO HUNGER IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

A new 2 page resource from Presbyterian Hunger Program (available in English and Spanish) includes suggestions for how people can find food in their communities in this heightened food crisis this fall, as well as ways individuals, congregations and mid-councils can act, pray, learn and give to support ending hunger.

[Hunger Resources in English](#)

[Hunger Resources in Spanish](#)

Resources: Earth Care

Were you at the October Peaks Presbytery worship service? Were you inspired to encourage or lead your congregation to do more in earth care?

The Peaks Earth Care subcommittee would like to pass on a few resources you might find useful. *Note: If you were not at the meeting on October 23, please pass on this info to someone in your congregation who was there.*
Thanks!

Our speaker at the service, Derrick Weston, is the Director of Education and

Formation for Creation Justice Ministries, a national organization that works in cooperation with 39 national ecumenical faith bodies, as well as regional faith groups and congregants, to protect and restore God's Creation.

Every year, Creation Justice Ministries releases resources that aid in educating and equipping congregations and individuals for creation care. These resources cover a variety of topics and include toolkits, one-pagers and tools to share as bulletin inserts. You might also want to subscribe to their monthly Action Center newsletter, which offers a reflection, news, tips and resources for Earth Care.

In addition, Presbyterians for Earth Care, through the PCUSA, has 3 main goals:

- Connecting people through a grassroots network seeking to keep the sacred at the center of earth care, advocacy and action both inside and outside the walls of the church.
- Equipping members with resources, ideas and information for a shared journey toward a healthier planet by growing and sharing theological understandings and perspectives on eco-justice issues.
- Inspiring members through stories of individuals and groups who have responded to the sacred call to care for the earth – stories told person to person at events, and by newsletter, email, social media and devotions.



Learn more or to sign up for their newsletter here:



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LUNCH WITH LOWE & FRIENDS
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 11:00 AM
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for a delightful performance by
Ronn Lowe & Friends, with lunch following.
The concert is free. Lunch is \$15 per person
(Reservations required for lunch).

Sign up in Heritage Hall or contact the
church office to reserve your spot!

Find more details at covenantroanoke.org



CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION FANTASTIQUE

*It's a
joy!*

SUNDAY 14 AT 4.00 P.M.

DECEMBER


Covenant Sanctuary Choir and Friends

Ronn Lowe organ,
Karen Harwood piano

FREE ADMISSION

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1831 Deyerle Rd Roanoke Va 24018

more info? 540-312-4411



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