

PEAKS' POSTINGS



Beloved
Community

Equipping
the Saints

Expanding
the
Kingdom

Weekly Calendar

12/9	2:00pm	Commission on Administration
12/11	9:30am	Commission on Ministry



OUR PURPOSE

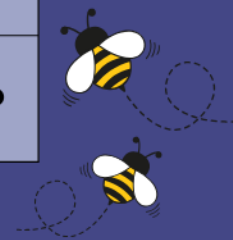
Presbytery is the tie that binds our diverse contexts to share God's love by: supporting, connecting, guiding equipping and resourcing ministries.

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2026 Grant Deadlines



Grant Deadlines	
February 1 May 1 October 1	Earth Care, Justice & Mercy, Church Partnership, Curriculum
February 1	Community Outreach
April 1 October 1	Two Cents A Meal
As Received	Pastoral Leadership



Updated grant applications for 2026 will be available on the website soon.

Peaks Grants in Action: Earth Care Grants

Our Covenant Presbyterian Earth Care Team in Roanoke wants to share two exciting projects made possible with POP Earth Care Grants.

A POP Earth Care Grant in April 2024 enabled us to purchase a rain barrel and accessories. The intent was to irrigate our giving garden with roof rainwater collected in the rain barrel and pumped into drip lines in our raised garden beds. It was a great learning experience, but with disappointing water pump function, insufficient rainfall, and learning that roof water runoff is not advisable for edible crops (due to possible contaminants), we redirected our rain barrel to serve as an educational opportunity for folks to pursue at home.

We equipped the rain barrel with a diverter from which one line supplies a bird bath fountain and the other has a garden hose to water plants. To make the rain barrel attractive, two teen church members created an original cheerful design. Thanks to their aesthetic contribution, we were able to place the rain barrel and bird bath at the front church entrance, where it creates much interest and enthusiasm for ways to conserve water with rain barrels.

Our latest project – an important one – was made possible via a POP Earth Care Grant this summer. Covenant is one of several churches in the Roanoke Valley partnering with Star City Compost. Our Community Food Waste Collection Station in our parking lot was purchased with the grant. Subscribers receive a 5-gallon bucket from Star City Compost, which we empty as needed at our collection station. Our church subscribes, so not only do all food scraps (even bones!) get composted at our social events, but with commercial composting, most paper plates, napkins, and paper towels (no paper cups) go in the bucket. Even greasy pizza boxes! Visit <https://www.starcitycompost.com/> for full information.

Thank you POP Earth Care Team for supporting earth care initiatives in our presbytery!



Front entrance



Rain barrel
and bird bath



Compost collection bin

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Roanoke**

TRINITY ECUMENICAL PARISH PRESENTS

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*An interactive guided journey
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DECEMBER 13 & 14 | 4-7PM

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Christmas Concert at Buchanan Presbyterian

“David Austin & Friends” will present a concert of Christmas Music on Sunday, Dec. 14, 4:00 p.m. at Buchanan Presbyterian Church. The church

is located at 19559 Main St., Buchanan.

The band will feature various styles of original and traditional Christmas music. The “Friends” band includes: Keith Wood, David Austin, Greg Honeycutt, Hannah Austin, Robert & Kristen Smith, and Jacob & Elizabeth Holdren.

Admission is free; a love offering will be received to support ministries in the Buchanan area. For more information call: 540-254-2696.

Once Upon a Blue Ridge presents

A Christmas Carol



At Mayberry Presbyterian Church
on the Blue Ridge Parkway in
Meadows of Dan, VA



Friday, December 19th at 6PM

Tickets- \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Students

Tickets Available at the door. Cash Only

Commonwealth Chorale of Virginia



Christmas Concert - In Sweet Joy!

Come and be filled with joy and the spirit of the season by the marvelous music of the Commonwealth Chorale of Virginia under the direction of Clarksville Presbyterian's Minister of Music, Carol Henderson.

Farmville Presbyterian Church is proud to sponsor this group by providing rehearsal space each week.

The Chorale will present Part One of Messiah, by George Frideric Handel and the premiere of Carols of Christmas, an original work by Dr. Gordon Ring, with full orchestra, soloists, organ, and piano!

- Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. - Crenshaw United Methodist Church, 200 Church Street, Blackstone, Virginia 23824
- Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. - Farmville United Methodist Church, 212 High Street, Farmville, Virginia 23901

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

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

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

301 Patton Avenue NW Roanoke VA 24016



Blue Christmas

Remember Reflect Restore

Love one another as
I have loved you...
John 15: 12



We invite you to share in a worship experience designed
to care for the needs of those who might feel "blue" at
this time of year...

Thursday, December 18th @ 6pm

Join us in the sanctuary or by Zoom

Zoom ID: 813 8916 6554 Passcode: 759669

Call in: 1 (646) 931 - 3860



George Frideric Handel

MESSIAH

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025 | 5:00 P.M.

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

Chancel Choir of
Second Presbyterian Church

Jeffrey Sandborg, Director

Patricia Clevenger, Soprano

Cecelia McKinley, Alto

Jason Gonzalez, Tenor

David Newman, Bass

Chamber Ensemble

FREE ADMISSION

SECOND
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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.

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