

PEAKS' POSTINGS



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Community

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the Saints



Expanding
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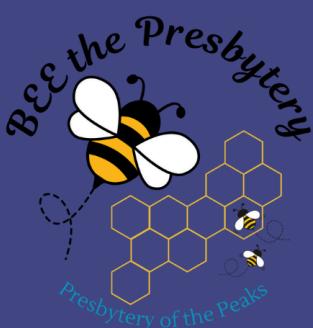


Weekly Calendar

12/17

10:00 am

Examinations



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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**The Presbytery office will
be closed 12/22-1/4.**



227th GA Commissioners Needed

Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders Needed!

The Presbytery is seeking commissioners to represent us at the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)! This is a meaningful opportunity to participate in the highest council of our denomination and help shape the future direction of our church.

About the Assembly

When: June 22 – July 2, 2026

Where: Online (committees) and in-person at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (plenary sessions)

The Assembly will feature online committee work from June 22-27, followed by in-person plenary sessions, worship, a Community Day with public witness opportunities, and the election of new Moderators. Expenses will be covered by the Presbytery.

How to Apply: If you feel called to serve, please email the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@peakspresbytery.org. Commissioners will be selected by the Nominating subcommittee of the CMC, and elected at the February 21st presbytery meeting. Please indicate your interest by January 15, 2026.



January 17, 2026
10-11:30am
on Zoom

Register

Clerk of Session Training

Whether you're newly elected or a seasoned clerk, this comprehensive training covers everything you need to serve your congregation effectively. Learn to write clear session minutes following Robert's Rules of Order, maintain membership rolls and registers as required by the Book of Order, and navigate your annual reporting responsibilities to both Presbytery and General Assembly.



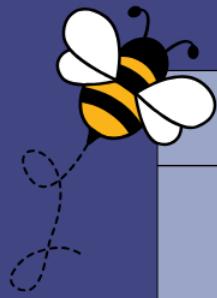
January 29, 2026
2-3:30pm
on Zoom

Register

AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Ministry

Learn about how AI works and how it can work for your ministry. This practical, hands-on session covers prompt engineering basics, automating meeting minutes, Sunday prep, admin, and creating outreach materials with AI-powered design tools. We'll also have a chance to discuss important ethical considerations raised by AI. Presented by the Stated Clerk.

2026 Grant Deadlines



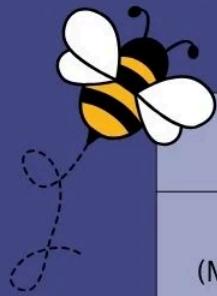
Grant Deadlines

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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

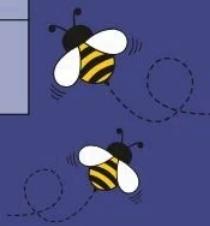


Updated applications are available on the [website](#).

2026 Presbytery Meetings



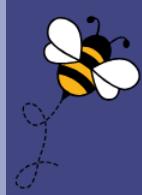
Presbytery Meetings	
February 21 (Make up March 7)	Zoom
May 21	Blacksburg Pres
August 20 (if needed)	
October 22	Raleigh Court



Peaks Grants in Action: Merry Christmas!



Forest Presbyterian received a Church Redevelopment grant this year to assist with the purchase of a lovely new piano. They're excited to share the joy of the season with us on their new instrument.



**The next Edition of Postings
will be January 6.**



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

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

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

**Covenant
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