

# PEAKS' POSTINGS



## Weekly Calendar

1/29

2:00pm

AI in Ministry Training (Zoom)



OUR PURPOSE

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

Beloved Community • Equipping the Saints • Expanding the Kingdom



**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.

## **Jeffrey Schroeder Installed**

Cumberland and Guinea Presbyterian Churches joyously celebrated the installation of Jeffrey Schroeder on January 19, 2026.



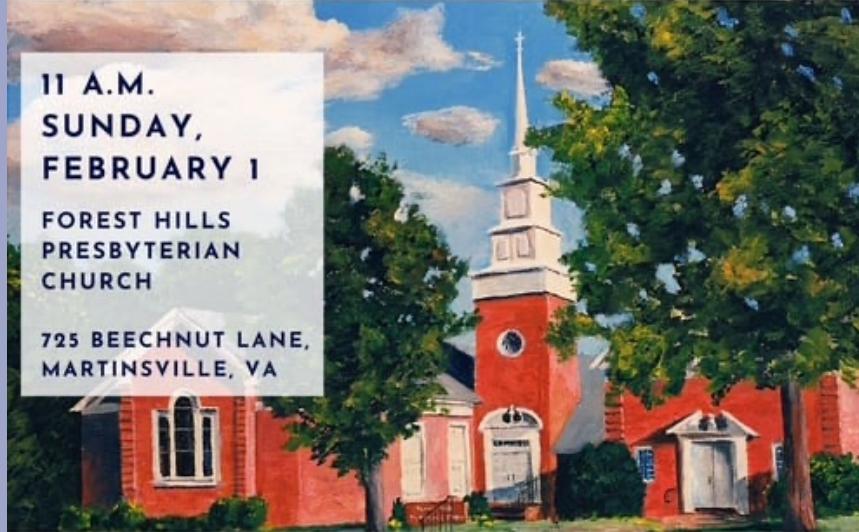
*Front:* Elder and Presbytery Moderator, Dr. David Smith, Rev. Carlos Malave, Rev. Dr. Pete Smith, Rev. Jeffery Schroeder

*Back:* Rev. Dr. Donna Cain, Elder Skip Wodke, Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees, Elder Taylor Scott, Elder Nancy Schaeffer, Elder Bob Pennington, Elder Pat Spillman

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## Community Worship

Join us for a Worship  
Service of Gratitude &  
Farewell



Join us as we celebrate Rev. Cheryl Peeples' retirement and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church's final worship service. With gratitude for God's faithfulness, we go forward together, following Christ's call into new places and ministries. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service.



## Earth Care: Reduce

This year the Earth Care Committee of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church invites everyone in the Peaks Presbytery to reflect on the theme of **Reduce**—the first and most powerful of the “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” trio.



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**FAITH IN ACTION:** This month, consider making a simple switch: carry a reusable water bottle, encourage others to do the same, and support policies that reduce single-use plastics.

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### **Spotlight: The Environmental Cost of Drinking Water Packaging**

Did you know that Americans purchase over 50 billion plastic water bottles each year? Most are used once and discarded—with

only a fraction ever recycled. The environmental toll includes:

**Plastic pollution:** Bottles often end up in landfills or oceans, harming wildlife and ecosystems.

**Carbon emissions:** Manufacturing and transporting bottled water consumes fossil fuels and contributes to climate change.

**Water waste:** It takes three liters of water to produce just one liter of bottled water.

Even alternatives like aluminum cans or cartons have hidden costs—from mining impacts to energy-intensive production. The most sustainable choice? A reusable bottle filled with tap or filtered water.

### **Faith in Action**

This month, consider making a simple switch: carry a reusable water bottle, encourage others to do the same, and support policies that reduce single-use plastics. Small choices, multiplied across our community, can lead to big change.

Let's reduce—for the Earth, for each other, and for generations to come.



**Come to Guatemala July 13-20**  
Celebrate CEDEPCA's 40th Anniversary of Mission Partnership with Peaks and see how God is at work! Discover how our partnership, prayers and support have changed lives. Engage your hands and heart. Enjoy new friends, a beautiful country, and a rich culture. Experience God's presence in new ways.

**Cost \$1,120 plus airfare.**

For more information, contact Kathy Carpenter: [olekack@gmail.com](mailto:olekack@gmail.com)

## UKirk Open position



### **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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