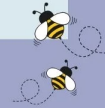


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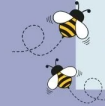


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## Weekly Calendar

2/26

7:00pm

Moderator 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.

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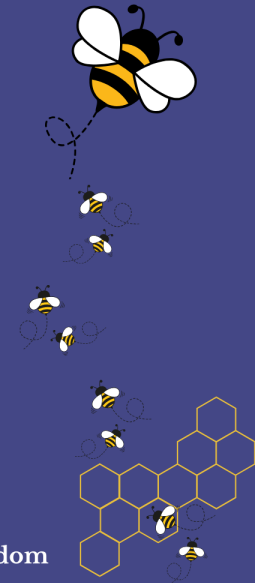
## From the Cabinet:

### *BEE the Presbytery*



*Day of  
Service & Learning*

*August 22, 2026*



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At their in-person meeting in January, Cabinet reviewed the work on the priorities of the presbytery undertaken by the neighborhood groups at the October 2025 presbytery meeting. After a period of discernment and brainstorming, several items rose to the top and Cabinet recognized that some of those items could be brought together as a Presbytery Day of Service & Learning. The Cabinet, Church Partnership Commission, Commission on Ministry, and Justice and Mercy Commission each have taken responsibility for part of the event, which will bring together worship, elder training, workshops, and hands-on service activities, along with a meal.

More information will be shared as the event takes shape but for now, ***mark your calendars to join us on August 22, 2026 from 10am-3pm.***

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## Moderator Training



**Feb. 26, 2026**  
**7:00-8:30PM**  
**on Zoom**

[Register](#)

## Moderator Training

Whether you're a pastor new to moderating session meetings or a ruling elder stepping in as moderator, this training will give you the confidence and tools to lead well.

We'll cover the spiritual foundations of the moderator's role, Book of Order basics, Robert's Rules essentials, how to prepare for the meeting, how to manage difficult relational dynamics, and congregational meetings basics. Practical, accessible, and grounded in Presbyterian practice – join us for a refresher or be prepared in case you ever need to step in!

Presented by Dave Baker, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Peaks.

## Two Cents a Meal Applications due April 1

[More Information and Application](#)

## Making Your Yard Wildlife Friendly in Winter



As native habitat continues to be destroyed, we can help wild creatures by restoring habitat in our own yards – even on our patios and balconies. Here are some ways to help:

- Plant native plants that provide food for wildlife and their young. Links to native plants in our area are listed at the end of this article.
- Leave dead plant stems and flower stalks standing. Many native bees spend winter asleep in hollow stems, leaves, and underground burrows. These winter guests are often the first pollinators in your garden each year!
- Keep some leaf litter to shelter overwintering insects and nourish soil organisms.
- Native grasses stabilize soil and offer ground-level cover. Leave grass patches unmown.
- Dense tufts create insulated hideouts.
- Fallen branches and brush piles provide safe spaces for tiny creatures. Layered branches block wind, hold heat. Cavity-nesting bees use logs for protection.
- Birds need places to escape wind and conserve body heat. Evergreen Shrubs have year-round foliage that shields from snow and wind. Leave shrubs unpruned.
- Birds need clean water, as well as food, during cold weather.
- Avoid disturbing bare soil. Undisturbed soil allows roots, microbes, and wildlife to thrive naturally. Dormant bee larvae stay safe when undisturbed.

Links to native plant guides for our region:

<https://www.plantvirginianatives.org/plantswvanatives/plant-...>

<https://www.plantvirginianatives.org/native-plants-for-south...>

*Submitted by Sarah Martin, Earth Care Subcommittee*

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