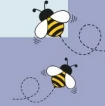


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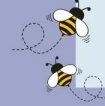


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Weekly Calendar

2/5

10:00am

Justice and Mercy Commission



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

The Spirit is moving.



Keep reading...

This is a jam packed edition of Postings, and to see all of it, you may need to click at the end of the email to “view clipped message”. Or simply click below and view it from the website.

[Postings on the Website](#)

February Presbytery Meeting Registration



**Saturday,
February 21, 2026**

[Register](#)

Zoom Presbytery Meeting

Registration opens at 8:30am.

Meeting begins at 9:00am.

Adjournment estimated as 11:00 a.m.
dependent upon completion of business
before the body.

Online Boundary Training Registration



2026 Online Boundary Training

February 21, 2026
1:00PM-4:00PM
on Zoom

An online session of Boundary Training for those who are required to have boundary training and were not able to attend one of the in-person sessions.

[Register](#)

Forest Hills Celebration February 11th

NEW DATE

**Community
Worship**

*Join us for a Worship
Service of Gratitude &
Farewell*

**11 A.M.
SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 8**

**FOREST HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**725 BEECHNUT LANE,
MARTINSVILLE, VA**



Join us as we celebrate Rev. Cheryl Peoples' 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.



Who are Commissioned Pastors?

Commissioned Pastors (Cps) are individuals who answer a call to delve deeper into their lay ministries to serve God and the church at a more profound level. They are called to a specific ministry for a particular time and place. Their use must be driven by mission needs, the greater good of a congregation, and the church universal, and always to the glory of God.

The PC(USA) constitutional foundation for Commissioned Ruling Elders (now Commissioned Pastors) is found in the Book of Order (BOO) G-2.1001 through G-2.1004.

Commissioned Pastors (CPs) must be Ruling Elders and as such carry with them all the responsibilities of a Ruling Elder, “persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, demonstrable skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit...and together with the ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church.”

Stay tuned for more on this important topic in future Peaks Postings, and share with individuals you feel may have an interest!

Are you, or maybe another Elder you know, seeking a greater opportunity to serve the church using your/their gifts such as teaching, pastoral care, or faith foundation? If so, click below to learn about becoming a CP (Commissioned Pastor) in the Presbytery of the Peaks.

[CP Information](#)

What is Advocacy?

“That's what advocacy is really — you're trying to change the thing that causes the need to begin with” Rev. Rebekah LeMon

Perhaps, as we read the Matthew 25 scripture detailing “the least of these” and addressing the needs of the poor, the hungry, and even the unhoused, we limit our view to consider this help as individual acts of mercy for those of whom we might readily see or come into contact. However, the Rev. Rebekah LeMon, Senior Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta GA, told Beth Waltemath of the Presbyterian News Service that “advocacy” extends individual acts of mercy to address root causes. LeMon says, “we’re doing it in these really beautiful and important ways for humans we know... let’s do it for humans we don’t know yet, and let’s change the system so our expression of fulfilling the command of Matthew 25 is not limited to one person at a time...”

LeMon identified a troubling disconnect in how Christians approach need. “So many people of faith would feel totally comfortable helping a person, right? We’ve read Matthew 25, we understand that people need — if they are hungry, we’re to feed them; if they are thirsty, we’re to give them drink; if they’re estranged, we’re to welcome them,” she said. “Somehow that feels comfortable if there’s a person in front of you and a material thing you can give them...”

However, LeMon explains, “But the systemic expression of that, which is let us change the system that is keeping people from having access to housing, or that is preserving food deserts, or that is alienating people from their home spaces, which are exactly the same things listed in Matthew 25, somehow the system level really scares people or makes them think they’re going to offend somebody.”

LeMon said. “That's what advocacy is really — you're trying to change the thing that causes the need to begin with.”

[Read the Full Article](#)

As we seek opportunities to BEE the Presbytery, perhaps we too can consider our call to public advocacy to make a difference in our communities and beyond!

For individuals and churches interested in local, state and national advocacy, the Office of Public Witness (OPW) has developed a resource.

OPW Resource

A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice

On Wednesday, February 25th, ecumenical and interfaith groups from across the country are gathering in Washington D.C. for Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice. The goal of this event is a public witness grounded in worship, moral courage, and solidarity with our neighbors. There will be worship at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, a peaceful procession to the U.S. Capitol, a public witness on the Capitol grounds, and Congressional visits.

Want to connect with others who will be making the trip? Please complete this [form](#) so that Blacksburg Presbyterian Church can help facilitate communication for those interested in carpooling, splitting the cost of lodging, etc.

Contact Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter at pastoremy@blacksburgpres.org for more information.

FAITHFUL RESISTANCE

A PUBLIC WITNESS
FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

February 25, 2026
Washington, D.C.

Registration is now open at:
www.faithfulresistance.org

REGISTER NOW



Join ecumenical and interfaith leaders and communities in Washington, DC, for a public witness grounded in worship, moral courage, and solidarity with our neighbors.



Housing crisis film study

Join us for a church-wide film study on this excellent documentary about homelessness, the U.S. housing crisis, and its impacts on children. We will gather weekly online after having watched each week's segment of the film. We will hear from featured speakers and discuss issues of redlining, housing commodification, eviction, the impact of housing insecurity on children, and ways to take action in our own communities.

Advanced registration is required to receive the meeting links and instructions to view the film segments each week. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with these instructions. To see a clip from the film, visit PCUSA.ORG/EVICTING.

SAVE THE DATES

Evicting the American Dream

A Churchwide Film Study

Mondays
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
7:30–8:45 p.m. ET



[Register](#)

February 2026
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



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.

[More Information](#)

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The normal deadline for Postings items is noon on Monday for the Tuesday edition. JPEG and PNG image files preferred. Send text and images in separate files where possible. All submissions subject to editing. Submission does not guarantee publication.

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