



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To  
**PEAKS POSTINGS**

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

Date:	Time:	Event
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No scheduled meetings this week.



## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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## A Note from the Stated Clerk:

Due to the premature arrival of my son, I will be stepping back from my duties for several weeks to focus on my recovery and supporting his growth and development while he is in the hospital.

Please direct urgent questions to the presbytery office ([office@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:office@peakspresbytery.org)) or to our General Presbyter, Rev. Carl Utley ([c.utley@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:c.utley@peakspresbytery.org)).



**Ezra Schuyler Soto**  
age one month  
photo taken 1/23/24

Ezra is a little more than 2.5 pounds now (maybe even closer to 3 by the time you see this!) and is doing really well. He's getting a reputation for keeping the nurses on their toes, but none of the issues he's facing are unexpected. He managed to take his cpap out of his nose last night. 😊

I'm doing well figuring out a new travel to hospital and pumping schedule and hope to resume clerking soon.

We are ever grateful for the prayers and support from around the presbytery!

**Please keep Carl and his family in your prayers.**



UPDATE: The immediate crisis with Carl's mother has passed and Carl is back in the office. His mother remains under hospice care.



**Please keep Vernie and his family in your prayers.**

Vernie's mother, Margie Bolden, passed away last week.

Her service will be held in Huntington, West Virginia on Saturday.



# SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

FEBRUARY 3 - 4PM

The next *First Pres Presents Fine Arts Series* concert at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg will feature the Southern Virginia University Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Kyle Nielsen. These college students will perform a program that includes James Whitbourn's *Luminosity*. The students will be accompanied by organist Cory Whittier on FPCLY's newly renovated 3,392 pipe organ. The first half of the concert are all piece of sacred meant to give a brief introduction not only to who SVU is as an institution but also in our shared community in Christ. All of the repertoire is based around the phrase "I speak of the things which I have made unto the King" an excerpt from Handel's Coronation Anthem *My Heart Is In-diting*. The concert is free. All are welcome!



# **BIBLE STUDY** *Facing Racism*

**February 2024**

MONDAY the 12th

MONDAY the 19th

MONDAY the 26th

**...Join in a Bible Study series using  
scripture and shared conversation  
to engage the topic of racism and  
division...**

*Two Opportunities Each Day*

**12 pm -  
1:15pm**

**\*OR\***

**6pm -  
7:15pm**

**ZOOM ID: 844 2443 7027 Passcode: 489354**

Justice & Mercy Ministry  
Forming Faith Bible Study



**Tell Us About Your**

**CHURCH  
PARTNERSHIP  
EXPERIMENTAL  
MINI-GRANTS**

We'd love to hear and share the results and experiences from the Church Partnership grants given out to congregations in November. Send a few sentences and a photos or a 30-45 second video to [communications@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:communications@peakspresbytery.org).



[Click here for the cover letter and idea sheet CPC provided with the grants.](#)

Justice & Mercy Commission  
CEDEPCA Subcommittee

# EXPLORE *Guatemala* ...AND BE TRANSFORMED!

## *Who...?*

The **Presbytery of the Peaks** is inviting its members to travel with members from the **James** to the Central American nation of Guatemala to be amazed by the natural beauty of the country and its people, and with the work of the **Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA)** and its agencies.

## *When...?*

The trip is scheduled for  
**April 15-22, 2024**

## *How...?*

Cost for the educational trip is \$1120 + airfare\*\*

**\*\*First time Peaks travelers** to CEDEPCA are eligible to apply for a stipend to help defray the cost.

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Photographs by travelers from the April 2023 trip





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