



PARTNERING, EMPOWERING, SERVING TOGETHER

Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
2-15	9AM	Presbytery Meeting Online
2-19	12:00PM 6:30PM	Facing Racism Bible Study Online

Presbytery Registration

Registration for the February 2024 Presbytery Meeting closes on **Wednesday, February 14th at 4:00PM.**





Attention Clerks of Session

Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note that 2023 Session Minutes are due for review during 2024. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The schedule for the review of 2023 Session Minutes in 2024 is as follows:

February 15 – **Churches with names beginning with F-M** May 4 – Churches with names beginning with N-W October 24 – Churches with names beginning with A-D

When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to EITHER mail hard copies of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed "Session Records Review Form," to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, OR email digital copies of the Minutes, along with the completed "Session Records Review Form," to <u>swills@usit.net</u>.

Contact Shelda with questions.

Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!

A Note from the Stated Clerk:

Ezra is making good steps towards the big milestones: taking the CPAP off and eating from a bottle. He's 3.5 pounds, and getting cuter every day. I'm back to work for the next couple of weeks, at least until we know more about his discharge. We'll keep you updated.





Ezra Schuyler Soto age 6 weeks

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





John 1: 1-5, 14 BIBLE STUDY ains Raign

February 2024

MONDAY, 2/12: "Our Story" Genesis I: 26-31 MONDAY, 2/19: "What is Racism?" Genesis 47: 13-20 Luke 4: 14-19 MONDAY, 2/26: "The Power of the Church" Mark 10: 32-52

...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



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From the Communications Outpost:

There are changes ahead as we prepare for Robin's retirement next month. One of those changes is that the creative, organizational and technical aspects of Peaks' Postings will now be done under the communications umbrella rather _____ than split between Julie and Donna.



What does that mean for you? **The most important thing is to note that items you are requesting to be included in Peaks' Postings should be sent to** <u>communications@peakspresbytery.org</u>.

On our end, we will be taking this opportunity to freshen up some design elements and experiment with new ways to create and publish Peaks' Postings. On your end, you should continue to receive Peaks' Postings in your email just as before, with links to it available on the website and our Facebook page.

Outpost is a cheeky reference to the fact that, as some of you know, I work from a rural area on the far western edges of the presbytery, on the boundary line between Peaks and Abingdon presbyteries.



Genesis 1: 31

God saw all that had been made, and it was very good.

Mini Gran Opportunities

The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds available to support congregations that are seeking to engage in

Earth Care Ministry

through worship, education, outreach or their facilities.

Click here or Check this out >>>



Youth Engagement Opportunity

Calling all Church Youth Leaders!

There will be a preliminary meeting on March 20th at noon to discuss two opportunities to join in ministry and mission together. This meeting will be on Zoom, and our hope is to gauge interest and calendar availability from churches in the Presbytery for two different offerings. Through a Faith & Sexuality Retreat, using the Our Whole Lives Curriculum, as well as a Mission Week, our goal is to bridge the gap between congregations by building relationships and connections between our youth. No need to RSVP! See you then!

> Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84623970364?</u> <u>pwd=ZWVONFlwT3FtMkdCeldlcmlRMzNDZz09</u> Meeting ID: 846 2397 0364 Passcode: 282657

REV. BEN BRANNAN (He, Him, His) Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults Second Presbyterian Church 540-343-3659 <u>benb@spres.org</u>

Altavista Presbyterian Church



Altavista Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time secretary to help coordinate finances and communication. Check out the full job description and to apply at <u>www.altapres.org/jobs</u>.

After 28 years of outstanding service to the presbytery, Robin Padgett will be retiring March 31, 2024. More information about the transition will be forthcoming.

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Robin's future plans include traveling, participating in hobbies and doing things she enjoys but hasn't had time for in recent years--and to spend more time with her grandchildren. Partnering, Empowering, Serving, Together

Grant Deadline Calendar

Grant	Commission/ Group	Deadline
Justice & Mercy Grants	Justice & Mercy	May 15 October 15
Church Redevelopment Grants	Church Partnership	February 1 April 1
Shared Ministry Grants	Church Partnership	June 1 August 1
Pastoral Leadership Grants	Commission on Ministry	October 1
Black Caucus Grants	Black Caucus	Feb 28 May 31 Aug 31 Oct 31
Two Cents a Meal Grants	Justice & Mercy	April 1 October 1
Community Block Grants	Justice & Mercy	February 1
Jubilee Grants Small Church Grants	Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	Contact the Synod office for more information.

<u>Click here for more information and applications</u>

or look on the website under Resources>Grants

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests by noon on Mondays to Donna Garrison at <u>communications@peakspresbytery.org</u> for inclusion in the following issue.

Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in Peaks Postings:

- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots
- of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pic tured in your photos before submitting them to Peaks Postings.
- Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to
- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/
- announcement is featured.
- Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, peakspresbytery.org.

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