



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To
PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

Date:	Time:	Event
2-8-24	9:30 a.m.	Commission on Ministry (Zoom)
2-8-24	2:00 p.m.	Adaptive Pastor Cohort #2

Presbytery Meeting Registration is now open!
Click [here](#) to register.



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Happy Retirement Robin!

- 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.

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.



Anghaarad Teague Dees
Teaching Elder
Moderator
Commission on Ministry

Anghaarad grew up in a newspaper family in Tupelo, Mississippi, where she was nurtured in her faith at First Presbyterian Church. (Having an aunt writing about the family in the paper is probably good preparation for life in ministry.) After attending Mississippi University for Women on a vocal scholarship and a brief stint as an interim band director, she earned her M.Div. from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Before coming to Quaker Memorial Church in Lynchburg, she pastored churches in several Gulf Coast states.

Anghaarad's is passionate about *To Kill a Mockingbird* and its author, (Nelle) Harper Lee. As a child, she once met Nelle and her sister Alice while part of a community theater production of the work.

If she could spend the day with someone in history it would be Eleanor Roosevelt or her great-grandfather who was a traveling singing school instructor.

She loves music, loves people and loves Jesus more. And she loves the church--even when it breaks her heart. That love for people extends to her colleagues in ministry, which is what calls to her in serving as moderator of the Commission on Ministry in this scary and exciting time of change.

5 FAST FACTS

to know about

ANGHAARAD



1. Family

Anghaarad and her husband Zane have two dogs, Gypsy and June, and two cats, Ollie and Bit..

2. Favorite Food

Her favorite foods are Thai and Tex-Mex. She loves a good street taco.



3. Favorite Season

Fall is her favorite season--it is full of wonderful things: leaves, college football and her birthday. She missed the season living on the Gulf Coast.

4. Favorite Music

Anghaarad loves the music of the Indigo Girls. She's seen them 23 times!

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5. Scripture Verse

Psalm 27:13

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

RUSTBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLDS FINAL SERVICE

On January 7, 2024, Rustburg Presbyterian Church held its final worship service after shining the light of Christ in the village of Rustburg for 145 years.



The process creating our last worship service involved much discernment and consultation with those experienced with closing liturgies, including MCP Margie Anderson and Rev. Jen Brothers. The congregation was asked to select favorite hymns, and I included as many as possible in the service. I also wanted to involve two pastors who have been my mentors during my time at Rustburg: Rev. Dr. David Gellert and MCP Margie Anderson.

The liturgy of the service followed Rustburg's traditional worship format, using the lectionary for the first Sunday after the Epiphany, which focused on the Holy Spirit - a fitting theme for my reflections. The most meaningful portion of the service involved remarks from members of the congregation related to areas of the sanctuary that we blessed as I walked around the room remembering our years of worship in the building.

We all felt the presence of the Spirit throughout the service, especially during the final hymn, "Here I Am, Lord." During the last verse, I felt led to walk to the back of the sanctuary and open the outside doors as a sign to the community that the congregation of Rustburg PC would continue to minister beyond the building.

Rev. Terri Cornwell, Ph.D.





THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK



Gone for Good

NEGOTIATING THE COMING WAVE OF CHURCH PROPERTY TRANSITION

A Presbyterian Outlook Webinar with Mark Elsdon

February 15, 2024
7:00 p.m. EST

Join Outlook Editor/Publisher Teri McDowell Ott in a conversation with Mark Elsdon, an entrepreneur, nonprofit executive, author and speaker who focuses on the intersection of money and meaning.

In this webinar, Teri will talk to Mark about [*Gone for Good? Negotiating the Coming Wave of Church Property Transition*](#). Edited by Mark, this new book highlights “what we are losing as church property usage changes at an unprecedented speed and scale, and [helps] us imaging the innovative possibilities that can emerge.”

This curated collection includes voices from across the United States that:

- engage the value churches have as community centers,
- explore how church and civic leaders can partner to reimagine properties,
- ask questions about how we should treat church land that was stolen from Indigenous peoples,
- and consider the role philanthropy can play in property transitions.

Mark will speak to the purpose of the book and be available to answer questions.

REGISTER



We ask that you pay \$10 for individual viewing and \$20 if the recording is going to be viewed by a group. If your group is larger than 25, please email rwesstry@pres-outlook.org for pricing.

Grant	Commission/ Group	Deadline
Justice & Mercy Grants	Justice & Mercy	May 15 October 15
Church Redevelopment Grants	Church Partnership	February 1 April 1 June 1
Shared Ministry Grants	Church Partnership	August 1 October 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	Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	Contact the Synod office for more information.
Small Church Grants	Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	



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or look on the website under Resources>Grants

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



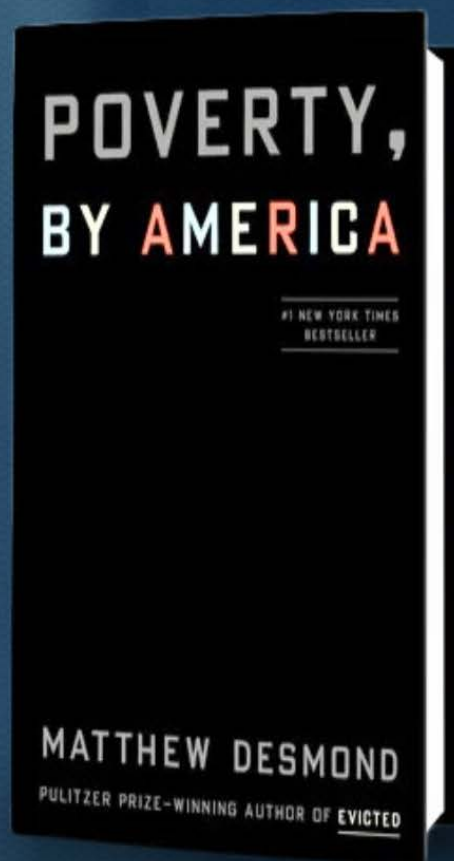
PRESBYTERIAN ONLINE BOOK STUDY

*Featuring
Matthew
Desmond's*

POVERTY,
BY AMERICA

7:30-8:45 p.m. (ET)
Mondays in February

Register at
pcusa.info/povertybookstudy



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

CELEBRATING

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2024

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TOGETHER

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