



# POSTINGS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
3-7	10:00AM	Justice & Mercy Commission
3-7	1:00-4:00PM	Recognition & Celebration for Robin Padgett
3-11	12:00PM 6:00PM	'Women in the Bible' Study

### From the Communications Outpost:

Deadline for submissions for the March 19th Postings will be Tuesday, March 12th at noon.

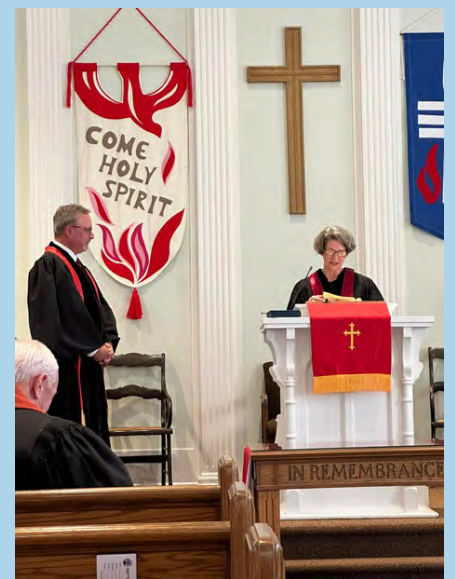
I am on vacation March 13-20.



# Linda Dickerson and Northside 25 Years of Ministry Together



# A Sunday of Celebration in the Peaks



# Steve Willis Installed at High Bridge





**Linda Dickerson**  
*Teaching Elder*  
Moderator

## Commission on Examinations

A cradle Presbyterian, Linda grew up at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. She graduated from Radford College. While she was a special education teacher in Carroll County, she attended Hillsville Presbyterian. After a while, Linda began exploring the idea of returning to school as a Christian educator. But when the materials arrived, they included the seminary catalog and Linda responded to God's call to Columbia Seminary. Linda served several congregations before meeting the Northside congregation at a face-to-face in 1999. They are celebrating 25 years of ministry and life together this year.

If she could spend a day with anyone, she would spend it with her late husband, Doug, who died two and a half years ago.

In addition to singing in a local choral group, Linda's hobbies include, enjoying folk music, crochet and most recently, attending Virginia Tech's Women's Basketball games.

Her favorite book series is the *Masie Dobbs* series by Jaqueline Winspear. She likes the narration of Orlagh Cassidy in the series, as a narrator can make or break even a well written audiobook.

Examinations is a great commission for a theology nerd. She has enjoyed the work of the commission and welcoming new people into the presbytery.

# 5 FAST FACTS *to know about* LINDA



## 1. Family

Between them, Linda and her late husband, Doug, have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She lives with her mom and two dogs.

## 2. Favorite Food

Shrimp alfredo is one of Linda's favorite foods. The two foods she hates are coconut and liver.



## 3. Favorite Season

Her favorite season is spring. She loves seeing the new growth and watching things thrive.

## 4. Favorite Music

Linda loves most music, especially folk, classical and Broadway. She sings in a local choral group.



## 5. Scripture Verse

Isaiah 43:1b-4a

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you.



The Clark Spiritual Growth Initiative of First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg (Virginia) presents a screening of the documentary SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age followed by a professional panel discussion featuring three pastors (Vernie Bolden, Jen Brothers, and Peter Thompson), a local pediatrician, and a Lynchburg City Councilman.



The poster features the First Presbyterian Church logo at the top, followed by the text 'Clark Spiritual Growth Initiative presents'. Below this is a photograph of a diverse group of young people sitting on steps, many looking at their smartphones. The title 'SCREENAGERS' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters, with the subtitle 'GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE' in smaller yellow text below it. Further down, it says 'Workshop featuring viewing of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* documentary with a professional panel discussion'. The date and time are listed as 'SATURDAY, MARCH 9 9:00AM - 12:30PM'. The location is '1215 VES ROAD LYNCHBURG, VA 24503'. At the bottom, it states 'FREE Admission. Space is limited. Light refreshments provided.'

We live in a world filled with screens. SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age was developed to help parents and families understand more of the impact these digital devices are having on young people and support the development of solutions to tackle the growing use of screens. Parents, youth, grandparents, aunts, uncles, mentors, coaches, or anyone interested in the impact of and solutions to the digital challenges faced in our world are invited to be a part of this workshop and discussion. The event is free, but registration is required as space is limited.

To register and/or learn more about the event, head to <https://www.fpcls.org/clark-spiritual-growth-initiative-screenagers-workshop>. We are excited for two Presbytery staff leaders to be a part of the panel discussion and Q & A!

# **BIBLE STUDY** *Women in the Bible*

## **March 2024**

MONDAY, 3/11: "Reframing Eve"

**Genesis 2 - 3**

MONDAY, 3/18: "Hagar: Pushed to the Wilderness"

**Genesis 16; 21: 8 - 21**

MONDAY, 3/25: "Mary 'The Magdalene'"

**John 19: 11 - 18**

...through the lens of these *Scandalous* women,  
discovering present implications through past  
interpretations and fresh perspectives...

## *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





# Holbrook Presbyterian Church, Danville

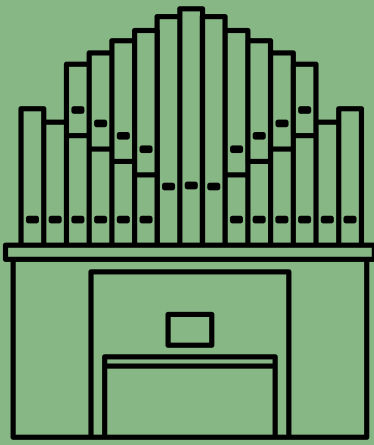
On February 5, 2024, the Danville Transit System celebrated Black History Month by showcasing a bus wrap for its 2024 fleet that paid tribute to 13 outstanding African Americans.



photo credit: danvilleva.gov

“We are happy that our own Elder Carrie Ashe, who is a member of our church, was recognized with the group.” If you would like to learn more about this article, the website is [www.danvilleva.gov/blackhistory](http://www.danvilleva.gov/blackhistory).

Submitted by Elder Rhonda Beavers-Chandler



# Organ Dedication

**Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Where: First Presbyterian Church, Danville**

**937 Main Street, Danville, VA**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

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## BIBLE & CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE 2024

JULY 21-27, 2024

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE - MARCH 25TH

Get \$40 off Your Registration

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS & DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Contact Colleen Earp

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*Spotlight:*



**Your Congregation's  
Peaks Grant Story?**

We'd love to feature how your congregation is using a Peaks grant to strengthen and serve your congregation or community. You can submit your story to [communications@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:communications@peakspresbytery.org) or by clicking the button below.

**SUBMIT**

**Retirement  
Recognition and Celebration  
for Robin Padgett**

**Thursday, March 7**

**1-4pm**

**Liberty Station  
515 Bedford Ave.  
Bedford, Va**

Come help us celebrate Robin's ministry with the Peaks and send her off with best wishes for a joyous retirement!





# ROBERT RUSSA MOTON MUSEUM

Farmville VA

**APRIL 13, 2024**

On **Saturday, April 13**, you are joyously invited to share in a wonderful learning experience as we gather in Farmville VA to visit former Robert Russa Moton High School, now a National Historic Landmark and museum, and the birthplace of America's student-led civil rights revolution.

Dreamed of by 16-year-old Barbara Johns, in 1951, a strike by Moton students to protest the poor conditions of their segregated school led to the construction of the new Moton High School for Blacks in 1953.



**Racial Equity Subcommittee  
Justice and Mercy Commission**



## **April 13 ITINERARY**

**11:30am-11:45am**

***gather at Longwood University***

*\*Brock Commons*

**12pm-1:45pm**

***Lunch & Learn at Longwood***

*\*Dr. W. Taylor Reveley,  
President, Longwood University*

*\*Ken Woodley,  
author "The Road to Healing"*

**2pm-4pm**

***private tour of the Moton Museum***

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES APRIL 3**

**For more information and  
registration, please visit the  
Peaks website here**



*Women's*

**HISTORY  
MONTH**

**MARCH 2024**

**LET'S**

**CELEBRATE**

*International*

*Women's*  
**DAY**

**MARCH 8, 2024**





# Peaks Grants at Work in Our Communities

*Spotlight:*



## ***Clarksville Presbyterian CPC Mini Grant***

In 2023 Clarksville Presbyterian became a Matthew 25 Congregation, focusing on alleviating poverty in our local community. Soon after, we were asked to participate in CarePortal, a partnership between local churches, Mecklenburg County Social Services, and Patrick Henry Family Services, with the goal of helping to meet the needs of families in crisis. We have responded to requests from Social Services for seven families with specific needs -- beds, baby equipment, blankets, bed linens, clothing, toys, etc. The mini-grant of \$500, in combination with donations from our generous congregation, have enabled us to provide these basic items and to develop a connection with the families. Members of the congregation have become fully engaged with this project, and we have recently organized a room to collect some of the items most frequently requested.

*Submitted by Linda Pulliam, Elder for Missions*

# Peaks Grants at Work in Our Communities



## ***CPC 2023 Mini Grants***

Christiansburg Presbyterian	<p>In partnership with three other churches in town (Belmont Christian Church, Blue Ridge Church, and Three Strand Church) we provide a food pantry every Saturday morning for those less fortunate in the area. The pantry, called "For Your Table," distributes 18-30 boxes of non-perishable food items to families in need every week. Our \$500 was added to the food pantry fund.</p>
Forest Hills, Martinsville	<p>Spent the generous grant of \$500 from the Presbytery along with our funds to help a family whom our school had recommended as having a difficult time right now. We provided them with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and holiday presents, along with clothes for school, church, and work. The grant money allowed us to make their lives a little easier during a time that has been very hard for them.</p>
Holbrook	<p>Holbrook Street utilized the \$500 Mini Grant to pay for a cleaning service for our Fellowship Hall and a catered lunch for our Annual Congregational Meeting.</p>
Massie's Mill	<p>Massies Mill Church are in the process of gathering funds and commitments so that we can replace our old plastic sanctuary chairs with some new, more comfortable ones. And as you can imagine, an unanticipated check for \$500.00 will certainly help to accelerate our efforts.</p>
Second Presbyterian, Roanoke	<p>Plans to fund a joint lunch/dinner between Second and Loudon Ave Christian Church as we continue to build bridges through our Bible in Black and White study.</p>



Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests by noon on Mondays to Donna Garrison at [communications@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:communications@peakspresbytery.org) for inclusion in the following issue.

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- 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 pictured 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](http://peakspresbytery.org).



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8:30AM-4:30PM

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