



# POSTINGS

## Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
6-12	12:00PM	Church Partnership
6-13	9:30AM	Commission on Ministry
6-17	7:30PM	Peaks Reads

**The Presbytery  
Office  
will be closed  
on June 19th in  
observance of  
Juneteenth.**



# 2024 General Assembly



*Live Into Hope*

*June 25-July 4, 2024  
Salt Lake City, Utah*

## Did You Know You Can...

Watch the GA online for free?

See all the Bills & Overtures that will come before the GA?

Ask to speak in Public Hearings?

Visit the GA website for more information and to register to observe online.

[\*\*GA Website\*\*](#)

## Virtual Visit

Want to get a taste of the flavor of the PCUSA churches in the area without traveling to Salt Lake City?

Check out this [video](#) to see how they make a difference in their communities.

[\*\*Play Video\*\*](#)

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## Commissioners

Commissioner	Congregation	Committee
Vernie Bolden, TE	Fifth Avenue	Polity
Joyce Perez, RE	Mercy Seat	Race, Sexuality, and Gender Justice
Peter Thompson, TE	First, Lynchburg	General Assembly Entity Coordination
Mike Whorley, RE	Amherst	Environmental and Climate Justice

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# Commission on Ministry Neighborhood Meetings

## **WHAT:**

*The Commission on Ministry will be hosting meetings to touch base with clergy and congregations and provide information about the Board of Pensions changes coming in 2025. Meals will be provided and RSVPs are required.*

## **WHO:**

*Clergy, clerks of session, whoever is responsible for Terms of Call and BoP benefits.*

## **WHEN AND WHERE:**

*July and August 2024 around the Presbytery.  
See registration form for specific dates and locations.*

[Register Here](#)

# Finding **God** in our Community



Look at what  
"2 Cents"  
can do!



## FOOD FOR KIDS PACK A SACK

Endorsed by Villamont Presbyterian Church, **Food for Kids** aims to reduce weekend food insecurity for some K-5 children in Bedford County.

Every Thursday during the school year, 15-20 volunteers gather in Moneta, Virginia to fill

approximately 470 "sacks" with nutritious, shelf-stable food.

Robyn Holmes, Grant Coordinator, sees God's blessing in the vision of the program to "...increase the ability for children to learn..." by assisting with nutrition on the weekends.

*"...God is at work here...!"*

Aren't you glad that we can find encouragement, hope and possibilities all around us? We can find God in the **Food for Kids-Pack a Sack Weekend Program** of Bedford County



YET, not only here, but also where you are!  
**Remember:** Give a little to Help a lot...!

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A tour through the workspace at Celebration Avenue revealed a palpable excitement from the volunteer staff. Not only was joy to be found in the work they were doing, but the program had recently been **donated** the facility! As Robyn indicated, no more worries about where they will be from year to year!





**Jen Brothers**

is

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:  
JULY 8-SEPTEMBER 8**

Like educators, Jen Brothers, Church Leadership Ministry Specialist, serves the presbytery on a 10 month contract. She will be out of the office beginning on July 8th. On September 9th, she will be back in the office to support our ministries and with new ideas to share.



## **Pastoral Wilderness Experience Survey**

I am a Master of Divinity student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a candidate in the ordination process under the care of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. I am in the beginning stages of designing and facilitating a restorative wilderness experience for pastors as part of my Adaptive and Innovative Ministry Emphasis project, as I seek to integrate my professional background in Adventure Education with my calling to ministry. I am gathering data from pastors to gauge the viability of this experience and learn about pastors' needs for restoration. The survey includes some more information about the experience. I am hoping that pastors far outside the Pittsburgh Presbytery will consider applying for this experience.

Grace and peace--Emily Cowser

**[Survey](#)**

# Coaching for thriving in ministry and life.

Ministers spend most of their time thinking about and serving others. There is precious little time--or permission--in their schedules to consider the patterns of behavior and thinking that might be getting in the way of making progress on personal and collective goals. If you are interested in strengthening your capacity to manage conflict, hold to boundaries, or engage in experiments to increase your leadership bandwidth, coaching is for you. If you want to learn more about adaptive leadership theory and practice, coaching is for you. If you want to consider new questions, and reframe old challenges, coaching is for you. All sessions are confidential. You set the goals. You set the pace.

Reflection is expensive. It always costs time. Sometimes it costs money. The Presbytery of the Peaks currently offers FREE coaching for pastors and ministry staff. If you are interested in coaching support, contact Rev. Jen Brothers, Leadership Ministry Specialist at [jen@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:jen@peakspresbytery.org).

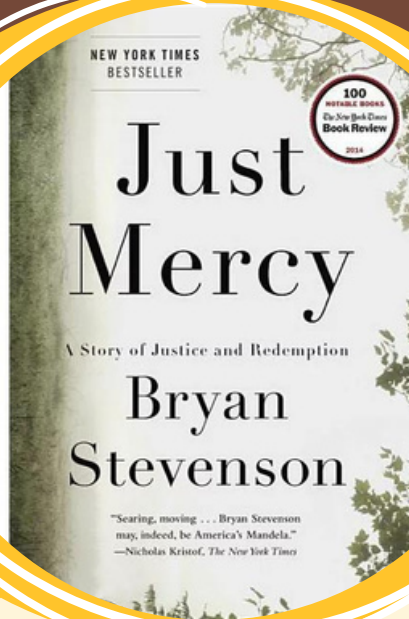
## Free for Peaks' Pastors and Ministry Staff

**For information or to get started:**

**Contact Jen**



**It's  
almost  
time...!**



**Peaks  
Reading  
Together**

## **PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS BOOK STUDY**

On the four Mondays during the month of June, join with other Peaks Presbytery members to discuss Bryan Stevenson's book, "Just Mercy," and be encouraged in seeking justice for all.

**MONDAY  
JUNE 3:**

**INTRODUCTION THROUGH CHAPTER 3**

**JUNE 10:**

**CHAPTERS 4 - 7**

**JUNE 17:**

**CHAPTERS 8 - 12**

**JUNE 24:**

**CHAPTERS 13 - 16**

**7:30PM TO 8:30PM**

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

**RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION**





# Music in June at Covenant, Roanoke



**Covenant's Annual Summer Concert  
with 360 Band is back!  
Friday, June 14th  
6 PM**

**360 Band will once again be bringing their upbeat favorites to the church lawn of Covenant. We will be grilling hamburgers & hot dogs, with all proceeds supporting our Preschool!**

**Join us for an amazing summer evening of lawn games, great music, & yummy food. Bring your lawn chairs or a picnic blanket!**

**Covenant Presbyterian - Roanoke  
1831 Deyerle Road SW  
[covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org)**

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- Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, [peakspresbytery.org](http://peakspresbytery.org).



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