



POSTINGS

Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
11-6		Staff Planning Day
11-7	10:00AM	Justice & Mercy



**The office will close
at noon on
Wednesday,
November 27th and
reopen on Monday,
December 2nd.**

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference 2025 is open!



Advocate applications and group registrations are live. Learn more about leadership, dates, and more at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/msc>



Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta Springs



Whether your congregation has one confirmand or a large group, we can all learn something from each other's church experience and faith journey! \$165 per person, scholarships available. Learn more and register at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/confirmation>

Western North Carolina church leaders share their compelling stories during PDA's solidarity visit



The Rev. Tom Phillips of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina read a poem during his presentation at Montreat Conference Center.
(Photo by Rich Copley)

Hit hard by Helene, Montreat Conference Center hosts dozens of faith leaders **by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service**

MONTREAT, North Carolina — Meeting Wednesday at Montreat Conference Center, pastors and leaders in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina told Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and one another some of the stories of ministry that have occurred since Hurricane Helene struck the region hard Sept. 26-27.

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Bucket Brigade Update

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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October 22, 2024

Dear Presbytery of the Peaks-VA,

On September 28, 2024, Hurricane Helene struck the western part of our region, leaving widespread devastation in its wake. Over 39 counties in Western North Carolina were impacted, resulting in more than 90 fatalities and catastrophic flooding. In times like these, we turn to God for guidance and support. I am proud to acknowledge the resilience of our congregations and community partners who have stepped up to assist during this crisis. As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." Many of us have experienced the ravages of hurricanes and storms, and we understand that it is often the simple, compassionate actions that help us navigate these challenging circumstances.

On behalf of our Regional Minister, Moderator, and Disaster Relief Team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. In just a few days, you helped CCNC collect over 500 clean-up buckets to send to Christmont and the affected areas of Western North Carolina. We could not have achieved this without your support. We are truly Disciples Strong. Your contributions have reinforced our commitment to becoming a vital resource hub as part of our Vibrant Vision. I firmly believe that these buckets will provide much-needed assistance to families as they begin the arduous process of cleaning up and recovering.

While our efforts are not complete, we remain steadfast in our goal of assembling 1,000 cleanup buckets. Once again, we express our deep gratitude to each of you, your congregations, and your partners who have supported this initiative. From the depths of our hearts, we say THANK YOU!

With infinite gratitude,

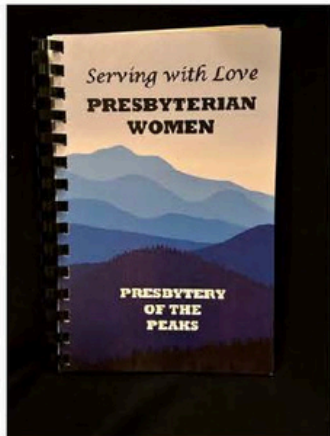
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Presbytery of the Peaks: PW Cookbooks



THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

ORDER YOURS TODAY! \$25 EACH.

Cookbooks will be available for sale and pick-up on November 2 between noon and 1 p.m. at Bedford Presbyterian Church. Enter through the double doors on the right side of the church where the parking lot is located. The cookbooks will be offered just inside the doors.

Those unable to purchase cookbooks at Bedford PC may reserve copies between now and December 7 by emailing Theresa Underwood at tundwood@aol.com. Pick-up points will be set up around the Presbytery depending on orders received.



2025 Presbytery Meeting Dates

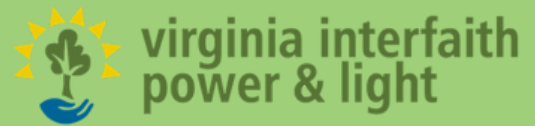
Feb. 20 (Thursday) In-person

March 6 (Make-up Day)

June 28 (Saturday) via Zoom

October 23 (Thursday) In-person

From the Earth Care subcommittee:



A Wide-Reaching Way to Care for the Earth

Virginia Interfaith Power & Light (VAIPL) is a name you should know (hint: it's not an electric company). Virginia Interfaith Power and Light is the state affiliate of a national organization, Interfaith Power & Light, which is dedicated to bringing together all faith communities to mobilize a religious response to climate change through energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

The first step in learning about VAIPL is to visit their website at <https://vaipl.org/> and sign up for the mailing list under the Join Us! tab. You will then begin to receive news about issues of environmental justice in the state, and ways that you can respond. You will have information that you can pass on to members of your congregational community. If you want to take a further step, your congregation can become partners with VAIPL at different levels of engagement.

Congregations of various denominations in Roanoke have established a Roanoke chapter, called Roanoke Area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth or RAISE.

Recent and ongoing campaigns for VAIPL are focused on energy justice, water justice, transportation justice, and encouraging civic engagement. If you would like to become more aware of how many of our neighbors face injustice in these areas, check out recent news here under the About Us tab.

You can also receive a free 2024 Faithful Voter Information guide here: <https://vaipl.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/profile/create?gid=131&reset=1>

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 for inclusion in the following issue.

Guidelines for 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 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 and items within and of interest to PoP and PoP churches.
 - Edit submitted articles/announcements.
 - Limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured, usually to not more than three weeks.
- If you have specific dates you want an item to run, include them when you submit the item. Limited to three weeks.
- Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, peakspresbytery.org.



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