



# POSTINGS

## Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
12-11	1:00PM	Bills & Overtures
12-12	9:30AM	Commission on Ministry

*Merry Christmas*



**The office will close  
at 4:30pm on  
Thursday, December  
19th and reopen on  
Thursday, January  
2nd.**

# We Want to Hear from You!

We want to get a sense of what could be helpful for your congregation to further God's mission: the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming the Good News of God's love, together, now and into the future.

Thank you for adding your voice to the conversation as we seek to discern where the Spirit is calling us by filling out the Google Form.

The survey is short--eight questions including contact information.

You can use the link provided or from the slider on the website homepage.

[Survey](#)



**There will be no Postings  
December 24th or 31st.**

# Finding God in our Community



Look at what "2 Cents" can do!



## PULASKI DAILY BREAD

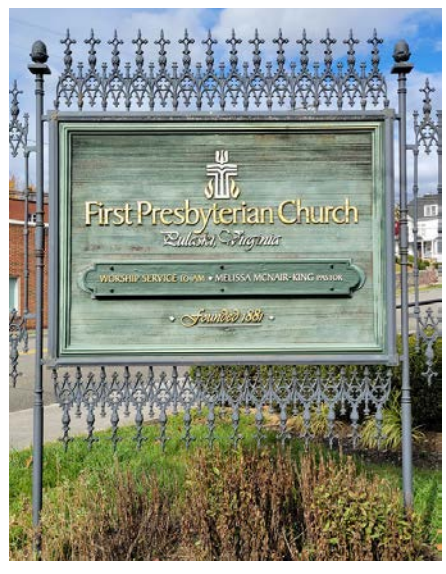
Endorsed by First Presbyterian Church, in Pulaski, VA, **Pulaski Daily Bread** aims to reduce food insecurity within the community by providing a free lunch to any and all who might need, no questions asked.

the program began with two meals served on its first day nearly 37 years ago, but now averages 120 meals a day and nearly 2000 per month.

During a tour of the facility and the opportunity to share a meal, Director Michael Boothe (pictured above) shared that

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

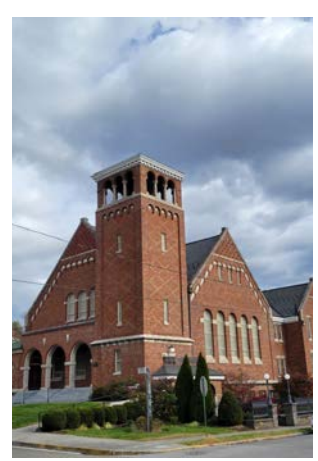
Operating out of the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian,



Aren't you glad that we can find encouragement, hope and possibilities all around us? We can find God in the **Pulaski Daily Bread** of Pulaski, VA.



YET, not only here, but also where you are!  
**Remember:** Give a little to Help a lot...!  
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his return to his hometown of Pulaski from North Carolina has included the rewarding experience of working with the program. He explained that he has built relationships with the guests, the limited staff and numerous volunteers. "It's amazing how God will lead you..." AMEN to that!

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

301 Patton Avenue NW Roanoke VA 24016



# Blue Christmas

*Remember Reflect Restore*

Love one another as  
I have loved you...  
John 15: 12



We invite you to share in a worship experience designed to care for the needs of those who might feel “blue” at this time of year...

**Thursday, December 19th @ 6pm**

*\*Join us in the sanctuary or by Zoom\**

**Zoom ID: 899 7446 9009 Passcode: 911220**

**Call in: 1 (305) 224-1968**

# LUNCH WITH LOWE AND FRIENDS

Come join us as we celebrate beautiful music of the season!  
Friday, December 13th at 11:00 AM  
Covenant Presbyterian Church



Featuring Ronn Lowe-organist  
Special performers: Julee Hickcox-flute  
Karen Harwood-piano, Mark Overacker-soloist

*Lowe & Friends*  
*Advent/Christmas Concert*  
Friday, December 13th at 11:00 AM

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1831 Deyerle Road SW ~ Roanoke

Reservations for lunch are closed  
but we hope you will join us for the concert!  
(There is no charge for the concert)

## Christmas Concerts at Covenant, Roanoke



Caroline  
Moledor

Jazz pianist!

Outstanding vocalist!

Returning to Covenant!

Sunday, December 22, 2024

at 3:30 PM ~ in the Sanctuary

Save the date for *A Jazzy Christmas*

Bring your family – and a friend or two

They'll be glad they came – and so will you

Light reception following, for one & all, in Heritage Hall

**Make it a thing &  
let your heart sing!**

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

REJOICE! IT'S A BOY

Seasonal Selections Proclaiming our joy and Wonder

SUNDAY 15 AT 4.00 P.M.

DECEMBER

Covenant Sanctuary Choir and Friends  
Ronn Lowe organ, Karen Harwood piano  
Full orchestra

WORLD PREMIERE OF "RISE UP SHEPHERDS"  
BY MARY WALSH COMPOSER/ARRANGER

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1831 Deyerle Rd Roanoke Va 24018

# Free Children and Youth Bibles



During Covid the PCUSA offered Bibles to congregations to connect with students.

One is a Children's Bible (6 available) and one is a teen Bible (9 available).

Both are hardbound NRSV.

They are free to anyone who can use them and available at Forest Presbyterian. Contact Joan via email: [office@forestchurch.org](mailto:office@forestchurch.org)

*If Bibles are not claimed this week, they will be donated elsewhere.*



## Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025

**IN-PERSON**

at

**Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**

More information to follow in the new year.

Firearms continue to be the leading cause of death for US children and teens...

...with most unintentional child shootings occurring in and around the home



# BE SMART

**S**

**Secure** all firearms in your home and vehicles.

**M**

**Model** responsible behavior around firearms

**A**

**Ask** about the presence of unsecured firearms in other homes

**R**

**Recognize** the role of firearms in suicide

**T**

**Tell** your peers to be S-M-A-R-T

**Secure Gun Storage Saves Kids' Lives**

Get **SAFE FIREARMS STORAGE TRAINING**

The next "Be SMART" for Kids training will be held on Zoom Jan. 14, 8:00 pm ET. Register [HERE](#)

*Justice & Mercy Commission*

*"Be SMART" is a Presbyterian Peace Fellowship recommended resource.*



# Our Whole Lives Retreat For 9 & 10th Grade Peaks Youth February 21-23, 2025

Greetings,

In February of 2023, youth from Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church, joined together for an overnight retreat to explore how our faith should and does inform the decisions we make throughout our lives, particularly the decisions made about our intimate relationships. The retreat was well-received by both youth participants and chaperones, with one youth commenting “It was lots of fun, really interesting, and not cringe at all!” The retreat is led by a trained facilitator in the Our Whole Lives curriculum. Following the success of the pilot retreat in 2023, our hope is that this retreat will become a presbytery-wide retreat for 9th and 10th graders offered every other year.

Our hope is that this time together will build healthy expressions of love for ourselves and others as image-bearers in the world.

Ben Brannan [benb@spres.org](mailto:benb@spres.org)

More information, a recording of the Youth Leaders Meeting, a letter from our Facilitator, Overview of Curriculum, Sample Parent/Youth Letter, Sample Participation Waiver and registration are available at the link below.

[\*\*More Information\*\*](#)



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Monday-Thursday  
8:30AM-4:30PM

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