



# POSTINGS

## Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
1-30	1:30 PM	Constitutional Ministries

Registration  
Opens  
2/10!

**Our Next  
Presbytery Meeting  
Thursday, February 20th**

at

**Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**



Full Day with Lunch



**Several grants have deadlines of Feb. 1.**

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**Reports for the Presbytery packet are due into the office by Feb. 6.**



**Necrology Reports due into the office by Feb. 7**



**Statistical Reports need to be completed by Feb. 14**



## Attention Clerks of Session

Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note that 2024 Session Minutes are due for review during 2025. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The schedule for the review of 2024 Session Minutes in 2025 is as follows:

**February 20 – Churches with names beginning with N-W**

June 28 – Churches with names beginning with A-D

October 23 – Churches with names beginning with F-M

When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to EITHER mail hard copies of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed “Session Records Review Form,” to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, OR email digital copies of the Minutes, along with the completed “Session Records Review Form,” to [swills@usit.net](mailto:swills@usit.net).

Contact Shelda with questions.

Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!

# News from around the PCUSA

Rev. Erin Skinner  
named  
New Ministry  
Relations Officer  
for Virginia  
at the Presbyterian  
Foundation

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## The Rev. Erin Skinner joins Presbyterian Foundation as new Ministry Relations Officer

Erin Skinner was eight years old when her family moved from Orlando to the Atlanta area. Her parents, who had belonged to a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) church in Florida, decided to explore the various church...

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Hurricane Helene Update:  
Much help has been provided.  
But much work still ahead.



## After Helene, one Asheville church finds a way to step up

(RNS) — In less than four months, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church has doled out more than \$3.5 million in rent support to hundreds of people who have walked through its doors.

RNS / Jan 23

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## Areas impacted by fall hurricanes face long road to recovery, need support, PDA leaders say

In late October and early November 2024, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Director the Rev. Edwin González-Castillo and Associate for National Disaster Response the Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk traveled to six states a...

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# February Grant Deadlines



Grant	Commission/ Group	Deadline
<b>Shared Ministry</b>	Church Partnership	<b>February 1</b>
<b>Pastoral Leadership</b>	Commission on Ministry	April 1 June 1 August 1 October 1
<b>Community Block</b>	Justice & Mercy	<b>February 1</b>
<b>Black Caucus</b>	Black Caucus	<b>Feb 28</b> May 31 Aug 31 Oct 31

[Click here for more information and applications](#)

or look on the website under Resources>Grants





## Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM Eastern

CEDEPCA's Chocolate Tasting Celebration is back! This delicious online event that built community and delight during the pandemic is returning on the eve of the Lenten season with a cultural twist.

Join us to TASTE delicious Guatemalan Chocolate with the guidance of chocolate expert Nico Silverman; SEE the colorful Lenten processions of Antigua with renowned Antigua historian and tour guide Elizabeth Bell; and best of all, SUPPORT an organization that is changing lives throughout Central America with theological "education that transforms."

Reserve your spot now with Zoom registration and payment of \$60 (includes three bars of artisanal chocolate shipped to your home + a \$30 tax deductible donation to CEDEPCA). Space is limited to 100 Zoom participants – but consider hosting a living room party and sharing your chocolate with others! Registration deadline is February 10.

Can't make the live event? Register through Zoom and receive the recording on March 4. See you then!



[Register](#)



# New Year...New Book Recommendations!

In 2024 a group of pastors from the Peaks and Shenandoah presbyteries embarked on a monthly gathering around different books. Thanks to a grant from the COM the group read six books and discussed them over a meal. As we move into the new year the group would highly recommend these titles to others in Peaks Presbytery.

Here is the list of recommended titles in no particular order.

- Wounded Pastors*** by Carol Howard & James Fenimore  
***Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land***  
by Norman Wirzba  
***The End of Theological Education*** by Ted A. Smith  
***Trevor Noah: Born a Sin*** by Trevor Noah  
***Southernmost*** by Silas House  
***The Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory*** by Tim Alberta

For more information about these books feel free to contact one of the members of the group: Steve Willis, Mark Rackley, Morgan Whitfield, Kim Steinhorst or Anghaarad Teague Dees.

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