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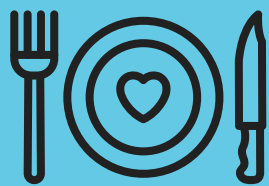
Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
2-11	2:00 PM	Commission on Administration

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN CHRIST
TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES OF FAITH
TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST
FOR THE WORLD.



**Our Next
Presbytery Meeting
Thursday, February 20th
at
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**



Full Day with Lunch

[Register](#)



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

Dr. Rodney Sadler to Lead Worship

Dr. Sadler will bring us a message based around Matthew 12:33-35 and 25:31-40. Following, there will be a time for facilitated discussion.

Soloist Gena Chandler-Smith, accompanied by Alice Brooks-Sanders will join him in leading us in worship.

The worship and education portions of February's presbytery meeting have been planned and coordinated by the Racial Equity Subcommittee of the Justice and Mercy Commission.



DR. RODNEY SADLER

He is associate professor of Bible and director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He frequently lectures within the church and wider community on race in the Bible, African American biblical interpretation, the image of Jesus, biblical archeology, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

We are excited for this opportunity to learn from a leader in the field of biblical studies and social reconciliation.



PRESBYTERY MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 9AM-3PM
BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

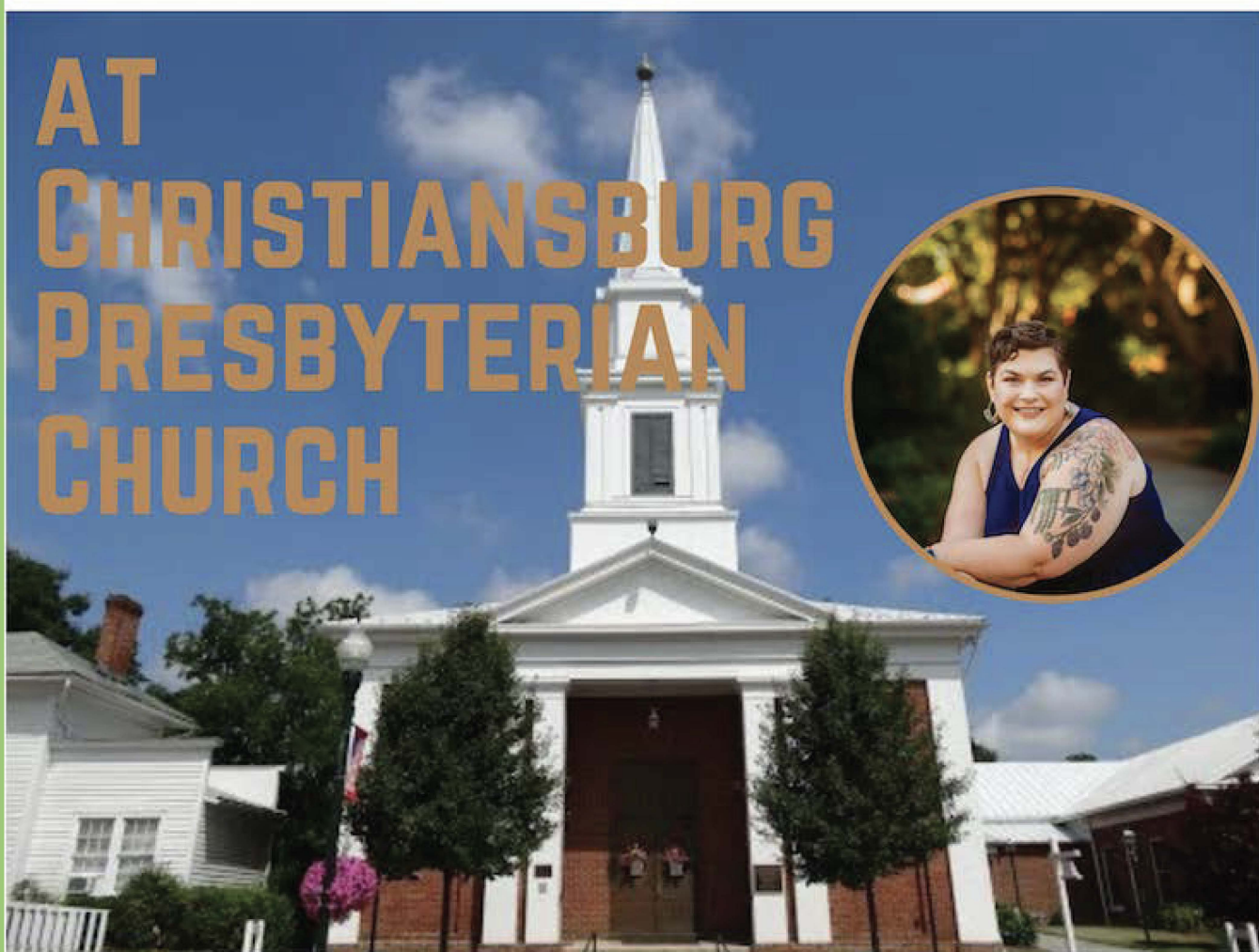
When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to EITHER mail hard copies of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed “Session Records Review Form,” to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street,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

Contact Shelda with questions.

Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!

INSTALLATION OF REV. ALLISON UNROE

AT
CHRISTIANSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



107 W Main St,
Christiansburg, VA 24073

FEB 23

2025

4PM

Lexington

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Continuing Education Webinar



OUR STORY: FACING RACISM & OUR FAITH

Rev. Vernie Bolden
Feb. 20, 2025 6:30-8 p.m. ET

During these divisive and disconnected times in which we live, conversations revolving around race and systemic racism can be difficult and challenging. However, as members of the body of faith (the Church), the stories of our experiences and learned wisdom are valuable in guiding the community towards healing, repair, and wholeness. In a created safe space, join our conversation as we share with one another, learn from each other, and grow together as we face the difficult conversation of racism through the lens of our faith.

Rev. Vernie Bolden Jr. is the Justice and Mercy Ministry Specialist for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (USA). His work for the presbytery resides among the concerns for food scarcity, systemic poverty, and structural racism and their dynamic intersection. A graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary ordained by the Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he also serves as the Stated Supply Pastor of 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Va. In addition to continued participation as a facilitator for the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Committee for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Virginia Region, Vernie also serves on the steering committees of the Roanoke Reparations Group and Roanoke Justice Ministries.

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

**BE
SMART**



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

Firearms continue to be the leading cause of death for US children and teens since surpassing car accidents in 2020. The 2021 National Firearms Survey found that 4.6 million children live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unsecured. More than seven in 10 unintentional child shootings occur in and around the home. Nearly one in three unintentional shooters are five years old and younger. Since 2015, over 1,000 toddlers and preschoolers have found a loaded firearm and shot themselves or someone else.

More than half of parents think they have hidden firearms away from children. That assumption is usually wrong. A survey of parents and their children who agreed to participate in a study revealed that the majority of children are aware of where their parents store their guns. Many of those children reported they have secretly handled the "hidden" firearms.

Recognizing that gun violence profoundly impacts American children, the 226th General Assembly in 2024 voted that every PC(USA) congregation take action of their own. One action suggested is to promote secure gun storage. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship issued an updated 2024 Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit which recommends the "Be SMART for Kids" safe storage training that is also used by major hospitals, the American Academy of Pediatrics, law enforcement agencies, schools and others.

**Get
SAFE FIREARMS
STORAGE TRAINING**

**The next
"Be SMART"
for Kids training
will be held on
Zoom March 10,
7:00 pm ET.
Register
[HERE](#)**



**Secure Gun Storage
Saves Kids' Lives**

Justice & Mercy Commission

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

News You Can Use



Lenten Resources

from Presbyterian News Service

New resources for Lent are available from the PC(USA) and its partners. Offerings include lectionary lists, music ideas and an action calendar...

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Financial Analysis Tool

from Presbyterian News Service

Financial Health Assessment tool helps churches discern future paths. Presbyterian Foundation offers a tool to help treasurers, stewardship teams and pastors learn more about their church's finances...

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MONTH

FEBRUARY 2025



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TOGETHER

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

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