



POSTINGS

Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
		No Events



Presbytery Meeting

POSTPONED

Due to Weather

More information below



Note location
change!

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Thursday, March 6th

at

**QUAKER MEMORIAL
LYNCHBURG**



Full Day with Lunch

Please register using the link below or on the
website--EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED for the
February 20th meeting!!

[Register](#)

The Street Level Sanctuary

A Place of Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy
The Ministry of Belmont Presbyterian Church
1005 9th Street SE Roanoke, VA 24013
540-353-6370



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. Jesus came that you might have life and have it abundantly.



Volunteers Needed
Amazon Donation List at
<https://bit.ly/street-level-sanctuary>
540-353-6370 (Pastor Todd Atkins)

**A Place of Rest For
All People in All
Situations**

**Open Tuesdays
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Breakfast and
Lunch Served.
Optional Bible
Study and Prayer
Ministry During
Day**

On Other Days

**Wed Bible Study with
Snacks at 6 pm**

**Thurs Chainbreakers
Addiction Ministry
with Dinner at 6 pm**

Thurs Prayer 630 pm

**Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am**

**“Seeing the people,
Jesus felt
compassion for
them, because they
were distressed and
dispirited like
Sheep without a
Shepherd.
Matthew 9:36**

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.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

INSTALLATION OF REV. ALLISON UNROE

AT
CHRISTIANSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



107 W Main St,
Christiansburg, VA 24073

FEB 23

2025

4PM

What Are
THEY
Doing Here?



THE
BIBLE IN
BLACK
&
WHITE

MARCH 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Second Presbyterian Church | 214 Mountain Ave SW | Roanoke, VA 24016

Some books in the Bible are about a specific person. What makes these stories so compelling is that they often center on individuals who live on the margins—people whose lives seem insignificant in the eyes of the powerful, yet matter deeply to God. These are the stories of God’s powerful work among the powerless.

During the noon hour on March Wednesdays, *The Bible in Black & White* class will explore four of these narratives, seeking to understand what God sees in these individuals—and in all of us. Drs. Bill Lee and George Anderson, along with ministers from other sponsoring churches, will guide the discussion.

Schedule: March 5: *Ruth*, March 12: *Esther*, March 19: *Daniel*, March 26: *Philemon*.

Sponsoring Churches: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, High Street Baptist Church, Hill Street Baptist Church, Loudon Ave Christian Church, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, St. John’s Episcopal Church



LEARN MORE: www.spres.org/the-bible-in-black-and-white/

JOIN THIS POPULAR BIBLE STUDY IN OUR EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE RACIAL DIVIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN OUR CHURCHES.



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.

CELEBRATING

BLACK

HISTORY

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.

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- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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 - 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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