



POSTINGS

Weekly Calendar

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





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](#)

Forward in Faith

A Congregation Centered Pilot Project for Property & Mission

What if you could **REIMAGINE** a more economically sustainable model for your church property, **REPURPOSE** your church property to serve God and neighbor, and **REVIVE** your congregation through conversation, prayerful discernment, and action?

To learn more about this pilot project join a Zoom conversation on March 11, 2025, 11:30am-12:30pm

[Register](#)

Participation in the pilot project requires \$300, a team of 3-7 people, and an 8-12 month commitment.



I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. *Isaiah 43:19*



HopeWords
A WRITERS' CONFERENCE

**HOPEWORDS
WRITERS
CONFERENCE**

image courtesy of HopeWords website

April 4-5, 2025

The Granada Theater, Bluefield, WV

...HopeWords Writers' Conference wants to equip and encourage you to tell stories of hope. Once a thriving industrial center, Bluefield's own story is one of boom and bust and of slowly rebuilding; the city embodies that gritty hope we all long for.

Born out of this same impulse, HopeWords calls readers, writers, and thinkers to gather among her fog-topped mountains for a weekend of imagining the work of New Creation. Because of this, the conference is intentionally intimate and spare, believing renewal happens in quiet, steady ways.

Learn More

Hannah Anderson, who was our speaker at the May presbytery meeting will be a speaker at the conference, and has arranged a 25% discount on registration for Peaks Presbytery. Use discount code **POP25**.

Speakers

Christian Wiman
Dr. Craig Keener
Dr. Derwin L. Gray
Dr. Karen Swallow Prior
Amanda Held Opelt
Dr. Lewis Brogdon
S.D. Smith
and Hannah Anderson

**Come Shake Off
Those Winter Blues**

Spiritual Steel

A spiritual experience with a Caribbean feel

Sunday, March 16

4:00 PM



Salem Presbyterian Church

41 E Main St.

Salem, VA

salempres.org

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.

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
MARCH 6, 2025 9AM-3PM
QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LYNCHBURG

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

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HISTORY

MONTH

FEBRUARY 2025



PARTNERING. EMPOWERING. SERVING
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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8:30AM-4:30PM

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