



# POSTINGS

## Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
3-27	9:30am	Cabinet Meeting

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



# 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 in new ways, and **REVIVE** your congregation through conversation, prayerful discernment, and action?

**Applications due  
by noon, April 22, 2025.**



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*



For more information or an application,  
contact [jen@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:jen@peakspresbytery.org).



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**SUNDAYS**  
*with*  
**AVENUE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**  
*@*  
**RALEIGH COURT**  
**HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER**

**2pm**

1527 Grandin Road SW  
Roanoke VA 24015



**March 30; June 29; August 31; November 30**

in-person or Zoom ID: 893 2944 7595 Password: 856037

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOUTH BOSTON VIRGINIA



DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Dear friends of the South Boston community,

As you know, our neighbors in western North Carolina were extremely hard hit by the Hurricane Helene disaster. Many people have helped, and others have wondered, "How can I help?"

We at First Presbyterian Church have partnered with God's Pit Crew (GPC), from Danville, VA, in several ways. We have sent financial contributions, some of our members have traveled with GPC to the Asheville area to help with clean-up efforts, and others have volunteered at the GPC warehouse in Danville. Now we are setting our sights on a much larger project and need your help!

- ❖ **Project: GPC Mobile Blessing Bucket Packing Event**
- ❖ **Objective: Assemble 1,008 Blessing Buckets**

GPC distributes Blessing Buckets nationwide to individuals affected by natural disasters, tragedies, or poverty. These five-gallon, hope-filled buckets contain essentials for life, and have been delivered to places like Western NC, FL, GA, and CA in response to hurricanes and wildfires. They contain items such as toilet paper, snacks, bottled water, deodorant, shampoo, and much more. GPC has discovered these items help restore hope, when everything else is lost.

- ❖ **When: May 17, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**
- ❖ **Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 N Main St, South Boston, VA 24592**

Two tractor trailers will arrive in our parking lot. One with supplies, and the other needing to be filled with 1,008 Blessing Buckets assembled by our church and ministry partners. We want this to be a community event, supported by money and volunteers from all over Halifax County!

We are raising **\$40,000** to support this mission, so we are calling on our generous congregation, the surrounding church community, as well as local businesses to help raise the necessary funds. There are several levels of financial support available. **Individuals and organizations can sponsor buckets for \$35 each, or a Pallet of buckets for \$1,920.** Larger contributions would be an amazing blessing! 100% of donations will be forwarded to GPC.

This effort requires **60-70 volunteers**. Volunteers can sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A8A92EA2FC1-54792710-may17#/>.

The link is also available on the First Presbyterian Church Facebook page in the Event Details.

Scan the QR code for more info and a video about GPC Blessing Buckets ministry.



**Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus,  
loving our neighbors as ourselves!**

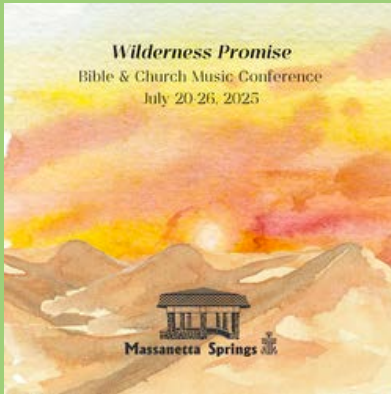


- ❖ **All contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to:**
  - **First Presbyterian Church South Boston, Memo – GPC Blessing Bucket Event**

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# Massanetta Springs



## **Bible & Church Music Conference July 20-26**

Family camp meets continuing education at this conference for all ages of worship leaders. Whether you are ordained or a layperson, staff or volunteer or congregant, there are plenty of opportunities to learn, practice, and worship together. Scholarships are available, and first timers only pay for lodging and meals! More details here:

<https://massanettasprings.org/programs/bcmc>

**CALLED  TOGETHER**

A retreat for Married Couples in Professional Ministry

## **Called Together July 28-31**

Clergy couples are invited to be part of this ecumenical retreat. This ecumenical retreat welcomes clergy couples serving in a variety of ministries for renewal, learning, and growth. If your family includes kids, there's programming for them too! Learn more and register at

<https://massanettasprings.org/programs/calledtogether>

# News You Can Use

Resources from around the denomination.  
Click on each story block to learn more.



## Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program

The Presbyterian Foundation received a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to help pastoral leaders...

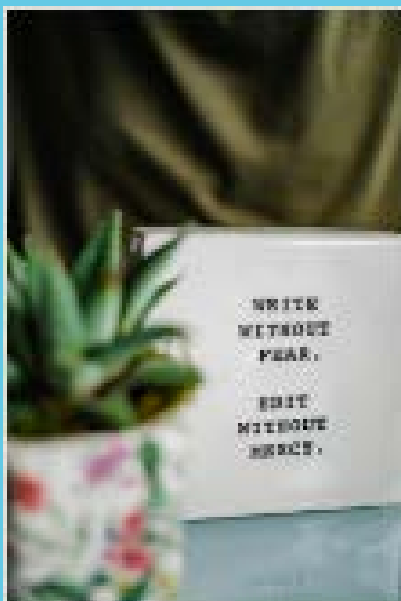
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## Quarterly Leader Formation webinar focuses on the Trinity, justification and...

The first webinar for the formation of ruling elders and deacons planned for 2025 took place on Marc...

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## Workshop outlines the dos and don'ts of grant writing

NEW YORK — The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, a seasoned and successful grant writer, led the informative "Gra...

[pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)

# Two-Cents a Meal & Church Partnership grant applications are due April 1st!

*Commission on Ministry & Earth Care  
grants considered on a rolling basis.*

## Apply Now!



### Commission on Ministry Grants

These grants are for ministers and commissioned pastors focusing on opportunities unique to their ministry.

Books for a clergy book group and a retreat for women clergy are two ways these grants have been used



### Church Partnership Commission

These grants strive to build partnerships between congregations and to help foster discipleship within the presbytery

Combined youth education, discipleship retreats and CeltFest are a few ways these funds have been used.



### Justice & Mercy Commission

These grants fund caring for our planet, caring for our neighbors here and around the world, and supporting racial equity.

Educational trips, hunger relief, composting, and education in South Sudan are some ways these funds have been used.

As part of the budgeting process, the presbytery sets aside money to help pastors and congregations build relationships, try new things and explore ministry opportunities.

You can find more details about all the grants available from the presbytery and some additional grant opportunities on our website at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>.



**For More Information or an Application:** <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>





## Now Available: 2025 Older Adult Ministry Resource Guide

POAMN presents the 2025 Resource Guide for Older Adult Ministry, filled with valuable tools and ideas for older adult ministry activities at your church or community.

[Learn More](#)





CELEBRATING

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2025

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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](mailto: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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  - 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](http://peakspresbytery.org).



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

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