



POSTINGS

Weekly Calendar

Date	Time	Event
4-26	10:00AM	PW Spring Gathering
4-29	10:00AM	Cabinet in-Person



The Presbytery Office will close at 4:30pm on Thursday, April 17th and reopen 8:30am on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Postings will not be published on Tuesday, April 22nd.

*Happy
Easter*

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

Contact Jen for Information

Dave Baker elected Acting Stated Clerk

Betsy Soto has taken a full-time chaplain residency and has resigned her position as Stated Clerk.

At the March Presbytery Meeting, David Baker (TE) was elected to serve as Acting Stated Clerk and a search committee formed to call a new Stated Clerk.

We welcome Dave back to the presbytery staff. He can be reached at statedclerk@peakspresbytery.org.

And we wish Betsy all the best as she serves God in her new calling!



We're on the Lookout for Commissioned Pastor Candidates!

The Commission on Ministry is seeking new candidates for its Commissioned Pastor program. We know there are many talented Elders who would make outstanding Commissioned Pastors. Please help us identify and promote these talented folks for service in our Presbytery! You may contact Jan McGilliard at janmcgilli@gmail.com for further information.

Contact Jan



Celebrating
Earth Day
APRIL.22



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Get through the
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Prayer and Devotions

Wednesdays in May
@ 6:45am ET



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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Presbyterian Women of The Peaks

April 2025 Edition

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US!

PW SPRING GATHERING

Mission—Education—Service—Fellowship

April 26, 2025

**Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
21206 Timberlake Road
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502**

You may access Timberlake Road (also known as 460 Business) from Route 460 or Route 501.

Use the main driveway into the church. Take a right in front of the church building.

Drive to the back of the building. Use the FELLOWSHIP HALL entrance. See you there!

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Gathering: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: A SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

The subject of this discussion will be domestic abuse, featuring:

**The Honorable H. Cary Payne, Judge, 24th Judicial District Juvenile and
Domestic Relations Court, and**

**Amy Lingenfelter, Advocate Manager, CASA (Court Appointed Special
Advocates) in Central Virginia**

WARNING: THE DECLARATIONS ARE CHILLING.

Hands-On Mission: As The Peaks PW traditionally focuses on mission at its Spring Gathering, in support of domestic abuse survivors, you are invited to bring any of the following items for Miriam's House, Lynchburg:

PAPER TOWELS TOILET PAPER TISSUES

DIAPER PULL-UPS DIAPER WIPES

We will not be receiving a monetary offering at the Spring Gathering.

--Brief memorial to celebrate the lives of women who died in 2024--

Last chance to send Betty Oliver, Historian, the names of the women in your church who passed away in 2024 for inclusion in the memorial recognition at the Spring Gathering. Please include name of the church, name of the deceased, and the 2024 date of death. Email Betty at bjboliver09@gmail.com or call her at 434-384-0222 by April 16, 2025.

Cookbooks will be available at the Spring Gathering for \$25 each.

Presbytery of the Peaks PW Cookbooks!

We still have cookbooks available at a cost of \$25 each. Order copies by emailing Theresa Underwood at tundwood@aol.com. Pick-up points will be made available throughout the Presbytery. Your support makes it possible for the Presbytery PW to remain active, leading the way for mission.



Massanetta Springs Capital Campaign



Thank you PW in The Peaks for continuing to make donations to the Massanetta Springs Capital Campaign. Massanetta Springs wishes to acknowledge and celebrate your support at the PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering June 12-15, 2025. **Join the celebration! We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Gathering!**



PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering June 12-15, 2025

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center
712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

RECONNECTING TO OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

Rhashell Hunter, author, 2025-26 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, will briefly summarize the study during two plenaries and lead two workshops at the Summer Gathering. You won't want to miss information about our next Bible Study from the actual author.

In addition, our mission speaker, Ann Waple, Disaster Recovery Coordinator of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, will give us an update of the work being done in that area after Hurricane Helene. A mission offering will be received to assist our sister presbytery in its recovery efforts.

Early Bird registrations must be postmarked by April 28, 2025. PW Moderators and contacts in the churches have the registration form, or you may request it from Janet Rakes at jimjanetrakes@comcast.net or 540-951-4282.

IF ATTENDING THE SUMMER GATHERING, SAVE SHIPPING COSTS BY ORDERING THE 2025-26 BIBLE STUDY BOOKS AND PICKING THEM UP AT THE GATHERING. Email Carissa Herold at carissa.herold@pcusa.org or call 502-569-5322 to place your order for delivery at the Gathering. The Study books are \$14 each, and you may pay for them when you pick them up.

Join Us for a Special CEDEPCA Mission Trip Information Session!

April 24, 2025 at 7 PM

“Caring for God’s Creation and God’s People” A Guatemala Mission Week with CEDEPCA

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve, connect, and grow in faith? Join us for an informational Zoom session to learn more about an incredible mission opportunity in Guatemala with CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America).

Mission Trip Highlights:

- ✦ Deliver life-changing water filters to rural communities
- ✦ Plant trees in a vital reforestation project
- ✦ Explore the breathtaking Atitlán Nature Reserve
- ✦ Deepen your understanding of our connection to Creation
- ✦ Strengthen relationships with CEDEPCA and their impactful ministry
- ✦ Experience God’s presence through the inspiring people of Guatemala

Trip Details:

July 14-21, 2025

Cost: \$1,120 + international airfare

This is more than just a trip—it’s an opportunity to engage in service, discover new perspectives, and renew your spirit. Whether you’re feeling called to go or just want to learn more, we invite you to join our Zoom information session!



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Hosted by the CEDEPCA Subcommittee & the Justice and Mercy Commission.

We hope to see you there!

Teresa Auldrige, tauldrige@gmail.com
CEDEPCA Subcommittee

Register for the
Zoom Call



“...Rachel (is) weeping for her children... because they are no more...”

Jeremiah 31: 15

As parents, grandparents and other adults, we grieve that gun violence is the top cause of death for U.S. children and teens.

The key causes of gun violence for children and teens are: access to unsecured guns, gun marketing to children, poverty, and a lack of healthy role models and positive alternatives. This violence includes unintentional and intentional shootings, school and mass shootings, and an alarming increase in child/teen gun suicide.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly voted unanimously to call on every Presbyterian congregation to “take some specific action of love and responsibility for children” to prevent gun violence.

Other denominations are taking similar steps to alert adults to the epidemic of child and teen gun death, injury and trauma.



[Find Out How You Can...](#)

**Learn how to organize a Guns to Gardens gun surrender event:
April 24–May 22, two sessions each Thursday, noon and 7:30 pm ET.**

**Attend the James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage,
Sept. 24–27 Massanetta Springs Conference.**



Justice & Mercy Commission

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BOOK LAUNCH *+ Program*

APRIL 29
6:45 PM

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Program with David Zahl

The Urgency of Grace For a Worn-Out World

Join author David Zahl as he explores the beauty and depth of God's grace afresh, outlining how it provides deep relief from the accelerating demands that characterize so much of modern life. To do so, he'll draw on personal stories, cultural examples, and the witness of Scripture. Just don't forget to bring your sense of humor!

David Zahl is the founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, editor-in-chief of the *Mockingbird* website (www.mbird.com), and co-host of both *The Mockingcast* and *The Brothers Zahl* podcasts. He and his family live in Charlottesville, VA, where he also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church. Zahl is the author of *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What To Do About It* and *Low Anthropology: The Unlikely Key to a Gracious View of Others (and Yourself)*. His next book, *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World* comes out in April 2025 from Brazos Press. His writing has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, and *The Guardian*, among other venues.

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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.
- 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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