

# PEAKS POSTINGS

## JAN. 15, 2019

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds budgeted for Block Grants each year. These are for local community organizations such as tutoring programs, clinics, adult care, jail ministry or other community care programs. The money for these grants is dispensed by the Grant Workgroup of the Mission Committee. To access the application information, visit [www.peaks presbytery.org](http://www.peaks presbytery.org). Go to Ministry/Mission, then 2019 Community Outreach Block Grant information. Questions?

Contact Denise Pillow,  
[denisepillow@gmail.com](mailto:denisepillow@gmail.com) , 540-968-0025

### CLERK INFORMATION

**The last day to enter Church Statistical Reports is Feb. 14, 2019.**

**Necrology Reports are due into the office by Feb. 8, 2019.**

### IRS MILEAGE UPDATE!

The IRS has changed the mileage reimbursement rate for 2019. **Effective January 1, 2019, the business mileage reimbursement rate is 58 cents.** This is a significant increase over the 2018 rate of .545 cents.

Minister mileage reimbursements for 2019 should reflect the new rate of 58 cents. The Presbytery 2019 Minimum Financial Terms of Call have been updated to reflect the mileage increase (the revised document can be found on the Presbytery website- [www.peaks presbytery.org](http://www.peaks presbytery.org)). Contact Robin Padgett at the Presbytery office with any questions.



**Do you have a Youth Sunday? Let us know! Rachel Shepherd would love to be there and see our young people doing ministry.**

**Please contact Rachel at 434-845-1754 or [rachel.shepherd@peaks presbytery.org](mailto:rachel.shepherd@peaks presbytery.org).**



Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council hosts the  
**2019 Middle School and High School Retreat**



# TRUE COLORS

**Romans 12:1-8**

**When: February 22-23**

**Where: Camp Bethel**

**Cost: \$55/person**

**Registration Deadline: Feb. 11**

For more information contact Rachel Shepherd, Presbytery of the Peaks, at (434) 845-1754.

**For more details of to access the Registration Packet, [click here](#).**



## 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

The Presbytery of the Peaks is planning to take a group from our Presbytery to the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University, July 16-20, 2019. Churches, we ask that as you begin planning your budgets for next year, please consider scholarship money to help support the youth that are interested in participating in this trip.

If you work with the youth of your church, the Trip Overview and Application are now available.

Come join 5,000 Presbyterians from around the US for an amazing week of faith filled activities and worship.

**\$50 non-refundable deposit due with the registration form by 2-1-19**

## CLERKS AND PASTORS: YOUR SPECIAL DAY IS COMING SOON !!!

**What : Workshop on Session/Congregational Meeting Minutes & OGA Statistics**

**When: Saturday, January 19 ( This is our snow make-up date.)**

**Where: Bedford Presbyterian Church**

**Time: 10 AM to Noon**

The workshop is being offered for the following purposes:

- Provide information for new clerks and a refresher for experienced clerks;
- Provide detailed explanation of the "Session Records Review Form";
- Provide helpful handouts, including a *Handbook for Clerks of Session*
- To explain the procedure for the review of 2018 Session Minutes
- Presbytery Staff will discuss changes to annual OGA statistics report
- Eat **donuts** and meet and exchange information with other Clerks
- Answer questions -- The Stated Clerk, John Wiederholt will be available

**Contact Dave Hayes at 540-818-1847 or [davidlavhayes@gmail.com](mailto:davidlavhayes@gmail.com) Chair of the Session Records Work Group with questions.**



## TREASURER INFORMATION

The last date the Presbytery can receive remittances for 2018 is **January 13, 2019**. Any monies received after this date will be credited in 2019. Thanks for all you do for your churches!

The Presbytery of the Peaks mailing address is  
108 Melinda Dr.  
Lynchburg, VA 24502

We are no longer receiving mail at the 1022 Floyd St. address.  
Please update your records.

Thank You!



In the event of inclement weather please go to our webpage at [peaks presbytery.org](http://peaks presbytery.org) to check for cancellations or postponements.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

*Sunday, February 3rd*

More than 29 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. To learn how your youth/congregation can participate in this effort to assist the more than 46 million food-insecure people in this country, visit [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org)



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Covenant Presbyterian Welcomes

THE  
ROANOKE VALLEY  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Sunday, January 20  
at 10:30 AM Worship**

**1831 Deyerle Road SW, Roanoke  
[covroanoke.org](http://covroanoke.org)**





## Presbytery of the Peaks

## CEDEPCA Trip



October 28 – November 3, 2019

Take part in this Listen and Learn Trip led by  
CEDEPCA's Intercultural Encounters program.



In the United States, we celebrate All Saints Day, honoring those that have died in the past year or more. On the Presbyterian (USA) website, the following is cited: All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

El Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead), also known as El Día de los Difuntos (Day of the Deceased) or *Todos Santos* (All Saints) in places in Latin America is celebrated in different ways all throughout the continent. In Guatemala, the Day of the Dead is celebrated on November 1st. People around the country gather in cemeteries to celebrate and remember their loved ones who are not here anymore.

One of the most unique celebrations takes place in the Sumpango, Sacatepéquez (Guatemala) where a giant kite festival is held. It's believed that the kites will fly to communicate with the spirits of their loved ones. Preparations for this celebration start months before the celebration.

The vibrantly colored designs on the kites, made of cloth and paper with bamboo frames, depict religious or folkloric themes and are flown in the nearby Sacatepequez cemetery to honor the dead. The locals dress up in colorful clothing and head to the cemetery to spend the day cleaning up the graves of their loved ones, then decorating the graves with flowers and items their loved ones loved and then picnic next to them.

Traditionally, building the kites takes 40 days, the first day marked by the village's unmarried men heading out to the coast at 4:00 a.m. to laboriously collect the bamboo for the kite frames. They then use part of nature's bounty to construct them using a mixture of yucca flower, lemon peel, and water, ropes made of the maguey plant and tails from woven cloth.

This practice has been part of the Day of the Dead celebration for over 3,000 years and is believed to be a tool for communicating with the beyond.

You can be a part of this celebration in October 2019. Contact Sandy Schlaudecker for more details related to this Presbytery of the Peaks trip.. 540-941-1314 or [spspas@aol.com](mailto:spspas@aol.com)



## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
1/16/19	9:30 a.m.	Examinations Committee	Peace PC
1/16/19	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Administration	POP Office
1/16/19	1:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting	POP Office
1/17/19	10:00 a.m.	Care and Investigative Team Training	Second PC
1/17/19	1:00 p.m.	Interim Pastors Gathering	POP Office
1/19/19	10:00 a.m.	Clerk of Session Training	Bedford PC

### Next Presbytery Meeting

February 21, 2019

9:00 - 4:00

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Snow make-up day: March 7, 2019

[On-Line Calendar](#)

**Peaks Postings** is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests **by noon on Mondays** to Julie Dyke at [julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org) for inclusion in the following issue.

#### Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in **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 within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, [Presbytery of the Peaks](#).

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