



A Note from your Pastor!

*A Note of Encouragement During the Bleak Mid-Winter
Epiphany is On the Horizon*

We miss you when you are not here. This simple statement reflects the sentiment shared by churches all over the world, and we are no exception. Each person who calls our congregation home adds character and color to the portrait that is Peakland Baptist Church. Of course we count those who are unable to be present as often because of health concerns or professional responsibilities as equal in investment to the rest of us colorful characters; however it remains a challenge for some who are able to be present to realize their impact. Christian author and critical thinker C. S. Lewis addressed this concern in a letter he wrote in December, 1950:

The New Testament does not envisage solitary religion; some kind of regular assembly for worship and instruction is everywhere taken for granted in the Epistles. So we must be regular practicing members of the Church. Of course we differ in temperament. Some find it more natural to approach God in solitude; but we must go to Church as well. For the Church is not a human society of people united by their natural affinities but by the Body of Christ, in which all members, however different, (and God rejoices in their differences and by no means wants to iron them out) must share the common life, complementing and helping one another precisely by their differences.

All of us have something to share, something which is needed in the larger body of church. We may not realize what that something is, however I agree with Lewis' assessment that God rejoices in our differences and calls us to common life for a greater purpose. We miss you when you are not here. Sometimes it is your magnetic personality which is missed, sometimes it is your quiet strength or encouraging hand; ultimately it is your ability to assist in making our congregation a richer, more colorful portrait.

Epiphany Sunday is January 8th. This is the day churches around the world recognize the arrival of the Magi, and the beginning of the spread of God's message to non-Jewish (Gentile) people. It's a celebration of divine light, of new beginnings, and great time to re-engage the church community after the rush of the holidays.

I hope to see you again very soon!

Happy New Year,
Jim

¹Wayne Martindale and Jerry Root, eds., *The Quotable Lewis*, (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1990) pp. 105-106.

Lunch With Pastor Jim

Westminster Canterbury 2017

The following dates are scheduled for lunch with Pastor Jim Hunter.

Everyone who would like to be a part of this event is welcome.
Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. in the Fauber Room next to the café.

No January gathering
February 6
March 6

A Special Thanks!

Your Peakland staff would like to thank the Personnel Team and the church for the generous Christmas bonus and for the wonderful Christmas lunch at Oakwood Country Club on December 13th.

It was a delightful lunch and great fellowship. Everyone was able to attend.

Circle 1

Our ladies will not meet during the months of January and February. They will gather again on Monday, March 13th.

Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, January 21st
8:00 a.m.
Carol's Place in Forest
Come join us!



CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Sun, 1st	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion) (New Year's Day)
Monday, 2nd	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group Church Office Closed! No - Lunch with Pastor Jim-WC in Jan.
Wed, 4th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 5th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 8th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 9th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Clean Up the Sanctuary!
Wed, 11th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 12th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 15th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 16th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 18th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 19th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 21st	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Carol's Place
Sunday, 22nd	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:05 p.m.	Potato Bar Lunch!
Monday, 23rd	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 25th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 26th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 29th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 30th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting

Come Grow With Us



SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer by John Dominic Crossan

RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
Nature of God

THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.

THE ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
The Light of the Lord



New Year...New Look!

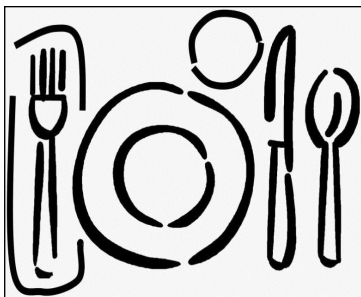
We will no longer be publishing the Prayer List in our monthly Messenger or the weekly bulletin.

We will have the prayer list available each week in the Narthex.

If you would like a copy emailed to you each month, please let the church office know.

Potato Bar Lunch

Come and enjoy a potato bar lunch and fellowship on Sunday, January 22nd following the worship service.



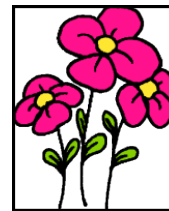
Sanctuary Clean Up Day!



Come and help us put away all the Christmas decorations.
Monday, January 9th
10:00 a.m.

Display Window

If you would like to prepare a display for the display window in the Narthex, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for our Sunday morning services, you can do so on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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Women on a Mission

We are planning an exciting new event for the month of January.

Church wide book exchange

Details to follow!

January, 2017



*and *Anniversaries*

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| 3 Wanda Templeton | 20 *Bill and Margaret Phillips |
| 4 Susan Hunter | 20 Phil Sanders |
| 5 Garrett Lois Sawyer | 23 Andrew Cook |
| 9 Ryan Riley | 24 Meredith Haga |
| 9 Tyler Riley | 24 Nancy Cook |
| 10 Debbie Snidow | 25 Chase Templeton |
| 11 Marvin Templeton | 28 Bonnie Benedict |
| 15 Beth Ellis | 29 *Sam and Nancy Cardwell |
| 15 Denise Riley | 29 Cheryl Curcio |
| 16 Martha Jane Arrington | 29 Norman Moon, Jr. |
| 17 Nancy Dirom | 29 Marguerite Wile |
| 18 Jim Patterson | 29 Judi Handel |
| 19 Priss Riley | |

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Jim Hunter, II	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Judi Handel	Financial Assistant

VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.