



A Note from your Pastor!

God with Us

A blessing can be defined as the formal act of approving, or a desired state of being. In other words, the faithful ask for God's blessing, and relish the reality of obtaining it. In my role as minister I have many opportunities to approach God on the behalf of others who seek this most important connection. The following two offerings, *My Most Favorite Prayer* and *The Blessing of St. Francis*, are attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, 13th century monk and patron saint of animals and ecology.

"My Most Favorite Prayer"

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

"The Blessing of Saint Francis"

The Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and have mercy. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace. The Lord bless you!

Before I moved from Glen Allen, VA, to Corbin, KY, a group of ministers with whom I associated gave me a going away present. The present was a copy of *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers* published by The Upper Room. All who were there signed my copy; however, there was one comment which stood out to me as a testament to God's blessing me as I embarked on a new chapter of service, "Celebrate all that is behind, anticipate all that is ahead, and never forget the Lord is in and through it all. Blessings for your journey." Although we may forget it from time to time, all are privy to that grace from God, all of us are blessed.

May our lives reflect what our faith teaches us day by day.

Your Fellow Servant,
Jim

Peakland's Potato Bar Lunch

The potato bar lunch was a great success on Sunday, January 22nd. Thanks to the following people who helped to make it all possible. Susan Epling, Eleanor Ashwell, Martha Showalter, Becky Rash, Mary Lee Bell, Vicki Mays, Cheryle Angell, Vic Angell, and Georgia Fauber.



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.

February 6 March 6 April 3

A Special Thank You!

Your worship team, under the leadership of
Clif and Bundy Potter,
would like to thank the following people for helping with the
clean up in the worship room after the Christmas holiday!

Martha Jane Arrington	Eleanor Ashwell
Jeff Curcio	Beth Ellis
Susan Epling	Frank Legon
Donna Johnson	Bundy Potter
Clif Potter	Jim Ray
Bill Riley	

A Note of Thanks!



Dear Friends of Peakland,
We are deeply grateful for all the prayers, thoughts, food,
cards, and visits from our faithful friends who have been
reaching out to us these days since Mimi was diagnosed with
pancreatic cancer and undergoing strong chemo. We also
want to thank the prayer warriors in our church who believe
in the power of prayer as God shows us answers daily with
renewed strength and hope.

Love, Mimi and Agustin Hermosa

Circle 1

Our ladies will not meet in
February.
They will gather again on
Monday, March 13th.



Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, February 18th
8:00 a.m.
Carol's Place in Forest
Come join us!



CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Wed, 1st	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 2nd	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	6:00 p.m.	WOM - Dinner/Mtg. - WC
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
	12:10 p.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring - Lunch
Monday, 6th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch with Pastor Jim - WC
Wed, 8th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 9th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 12th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:05 p.m.	Diaconate Punch - Host: Myrna Nein
Monday, 13th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		No Circle 1 this month
Wed, 15th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 16th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 18th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Carol's Place
Sunday, 19th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 20th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 22nd	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Study Group
Thurs, 23rd	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 26th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Council Meeting
Monday, 27th	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.
*Patriarchs - Covenant - Exodus & Promised Land -
The Monarchy*

THE FORUM

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

THE ADULT STUDY The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
Old Testament Covenants

A Note From Your Facilities Team

The Facilities Team recently met with Phillip from Virginia Garden to firm up plans to re-landscape the grounds of Peakland Baptist Church. We have attached surveyor's tape to many of the bushes, shrubs, and trees that will be removed. As you recall, this work is planned in response to the Lynchburg Police Department's Security survey of our facility. The LPD recommended removing many of the bushes that are so large that they provide excellent hiding places for individuals seeking to vandalize or gain unauthorized entry to our church. The landscape changes we plan to make are summarized below.

1. The large boxwoods along the left side of the sidewalk entrance to the sanctuary will be removed. These provide excellent hiding places, preventing the LPD from conducting effective night-time surveys. The bushes will be replaced with grass.
 2. The large boxwoods at the Brooks Center will be removed as well. The Pachysandra ground cover will be removed as well. This area includes the Memorial Scatter garden. A Scatter Garden area will be re-established near the window to the left of the door. We plan decorative, low-maintenance plantings such as perennial bulbs and azaleas.
 3. The over-grown Golden Mop and Nandina plantings on the parking lot side of the Sanctuary will be removed and replaced with very compact Hollies.
 4. The boxwoods around the traffic circle will be thinned by removing every other bush. In addition, the remaining boxwoods will be heavily pruned. The result will be ugly boxwoods for several years, but we are assured that they will fill back in within a few years.
 5. The large Cedar at the corner of the parking lot will be removed since it is diseased.
 6. The smaller evergreen above the back parking lot is dead / dying, and will be removed as well.
 7. The holly hedge at the end of the Educational Annex building will be removed.
 8. Foundation boxwoods at the Educational Annex will be thinned by removing every other one, and the remaining boxwoods will be extensively pruned.
- Other Security upgrades to the building include replacement of the switched outside lighting fixtures with dusk-to-dawn LED lighting fixtures, as well as a camera system to monitor the outside of the building and parking lots. We have already replaced most of the parking lot lights with LED lights to reduce energy consumption, improve the lighting quality, and increase life expectancy.

Churches for Urban Ministry Spring Benefit Luncheon Wednesday, March 15th - Noon - 1:00 p.m. at Lynchburg College

As a member congregation, we have been asked to help in two ways:

- * **Serve as a table host (8-10 people) No charge to attend the luncheon, but it is hoped that every guest will make a donation at the end of the luncheon.**
- * **Seeking nice items for the Silent Auction. Art work, knit work, woodwork, etc.**

Contact Bob Bailey or Susan Spencer to learn more about being a table captain or making a silent auction donation. See the bulletin board outside the office for more details!

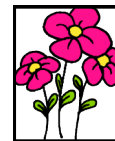
Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 5



Following the worship service on February 5th, we will have a special soup lunch. Contributions of \$5.00 or more per person will be greatly appreciated. All contributions will go to Meals on Wheels and the Rivermont Area Food Pantry. Some of the ladies from Women on a Mission will supply the soup.

Our 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, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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*and *Anniversaries*

1 *Ed and Pat Lovern
 1 Sam Redd
 2 Parks Snead
 2 *Sam and Liz Redd
 3 Ashley Dietz
 3 Kendall Woody
 6 Sandy Garrard
 8 Victoria Riordan
 9 Ellaree Rice
 10 Hattie Bradshaw
 12 Will Lewis
 13 Harry Hammitt

13 Lee Kirstein
 14 *Bob and Myrna Nein
 16 Monica Bowhay
 18 Chuck Garrard
 20 Victoria Grabeel
 25 Pat Lovern
 26 Carlease Burnette
 27 Dennis Taylor
 29 Verna Moseley

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.