



A Note from your Pastor!

Looking Ahead with Peakland

During the past four years we've worked toward the next chapter in Peakland's story by several means, three of which include:

- 1) Cottage Meetings with discussion focused on youth and children's ministry viability.
- 2) Family Focus Events aimed at replacing some of the lost elements from conventional youth and children's ministry.
- 3) V.I.E.W (Vision, Inspiration, Education, and Worship) Team's year-long assessment of present realities and bright spots.

All of these assessments and experiences leave us now at a point where many realize Peakland's future depends in part on things we've been doing all along, as well as sustained connections we haven't yet been able to realize.

I introduced the following proposal to those in attendance at the Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon on February 5th. I believe the energy so many of our individual congregants seek, as well as the way forward for Peakland as a whole, is through **forming consistent ministries with a handful of mission organizations in our community**. One path would require reallocating local mission dollars to four or five such mission organizations that demonstrate Peakland's ministry priorities. Doing so could provide at least four key benefits to assist Peakland in defining its future:

- 1) Identify the ministry priorities of Peakland's congregation.
- 2) Provide continual service opportunities for individuals and groups within Peakland's congregation.
- 3) Identify Peakland as a serious investor to select local mission organizations, and the Greater Lynchburg community by offering significant dollars and regular presence.
- 4) Provide the best public relations possible by showing our community what Church does.

If my proposal doesn't turn out to be the best option for directing Peakland's future energies, perhaps the conversations around this proposal will lead the congregation to discover the best path forward.

The conversation will begin at this Wednesday's Congregational Dinner!

Looking ahead,
Jim

Lenten Season

March 1	Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes - <i>Jesus Stories</i> - Chapter 21-23
March 8	<i>Jesus Stories</i> - Chapter 24 - Epilogue
March 15	Churches for Urban Ministries Luncheon - bus leaves at 11:15 a.m.
March 22	Court Street United Methodist Church Lenten Service and Luncheon - bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.
March 29	Westminster Canterbury Lenten Service - bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.
April 5	Court Street United Methodist Church Lenten Service and Luncheon - bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.
April 12	Westminster Canterbury Lenten Service - bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.

Lunch With Pastor Jim

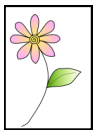
Westminster Canterbury 2017

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.

March 6 April 3 May 8

With Sincere Appreciation!



Since May, 2015, I had been travelling to Charlottesville for procedures, MRI's, and consultations related to a problem in my pancreatic duct. At my most recent appointment with the doctor in Charlottesville, I was told that I would not have to return there for a year unless a problem arose. My local internist will continue to monitor me and my condition from here.

For those of you who have supported me during the past year and a half with your thoughts, prayers, and telephone messages, those who transported me to and from my numerous appointments in Charlottesville, I am extremely thankful for your willingness to do so and to be a part of my treatment and well-being.

Your care and concern brought me much comfort and reassurance.

Martha Showalter

Circle 1

Our ladies will gather on
Monday, March 13th.
11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker will be
Michael Justice from
Gleaning for the World
(Bring a dish to share for lunch)



Next month, Clif and Bundy Potter will be
our guest speakers!

Men's Breakfast!

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



CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Wed, 1st	10:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday - Study Group and Imposition of Ashes
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Dinner/Meeting
Thurs, 2nd	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	6:00 p.m.	WOM - Dinner/Mtg. - Place TBA
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
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
Tues, 7th	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting - Parlor
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: Vicki Mays
Monday, 13th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Circle 1 - bring a dish to share for lunch
Wed, 15th		No Wednesday Study Group
	11:15 a.m.	Churches for Urban Ministry - Lunch
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, Forest
Sunday, 19th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:10 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting - Youth Room
Monday, 20th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 22nd	11:30 a.m.	Court Street UMC-Lenten Service & Lunch
Thurs, 23rd	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 26th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes (Pete Enns)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Pulpit Guest: Pete Enns)
Monday, 27th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 29th	9:45 a.m.	Westminster Canterbury Lenten Service
Thurs, 30th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Come Grow With Us

SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs by: Pete Enns

RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
The Monarchy; Exile; Return & Messianic Expectation; Stories of Repentance and Grace

THE FORUM

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

ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
Holy Living

*Dr. Peter Enns
is coming back to Peakland!*

“The Bible for Normal People”

Welcome Bible scholar,
teacher, and author Pete Enns,
our latest McNeely Lecturer,
who will be in town
March 25-26.



Dr. Peter Enns (PhD, Harvard University) is
Abram S. Clemens professor of Biblical Studies at
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA. He has taught
courses at several other institutions including
Harvard University, Fuller Theological Seminary,
and Princeton Theological Seminary. His most
recent books have been the subject of several of
our reading groups: *The Bible Tells Me So: Why
Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to
Read It* and *The Sin of Certainty: Why God
Desires Our Trust More Than Our Correct
Beliefs*.

We have scheduled an informal brunch
conversation at Acorn Hill Lodge
at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 25th.
Mr. Enns will be delivering the Shumate lecture,
“The Sin of Certainty,” at 7:30 that evening
at the Lynchburg College Chapel.

He will meet with our adult Sunday School
classes on Sunday morning, March 26,
and preach in the 11 AM service.

We are appreciative of the continued support of
the Vagt family in making these guest visits possi-
ble. The Jennie Cutler Shumate Lecture on Chris-
tian Ministry is organized and funded through the
Lynchburg College chaplain’s office.

Please contact Taz Daughtrey at
taz.daughtrey@gmail.com
for further information.

Churches for Urban Ministry Spring Benefit Luncheon

Susan Spencer is hosting a table for this event.
If you would like to attend, please call Susan or
the church office today.

There will also be a silent auction!

Wednesday, March 15th ~ 11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
at Lynchburg College

HOUSEKEEPING

We have recently seen a troubling spike in our water usage, and hence our water bill, which seems to be caused by bathroom fixtures failing to properly shut-off after use. Please make sure that any bathroom fixture that you use is completely turned off, or finished flushing before exiting the bathroom. This will minimize high water bills caused by wasted water.

Also, the recent bill for our color copier usage exceeded the charge for all of 2016. A review of church projects could not identify any usage that would have caused this. If you have a project that requires more than just a few color or black and white copies, please let the church staff know so that the proper account may be charged, and so that the staff knows to expect it.

Thanks, The Facilities Team



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9th

Maundy Thursday

*Thursday, April 13th
Service at 7:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday

*Sunday, April 16th
Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Service, 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:15 p.m.*

*We will have our lily order form
available very soon!*

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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*and *Anniversaries*

3	Niki White	21	Hayden Dietz
8	Juanita Phillips	23	Cheryle Angell
8	Mary Rockwell	24	Bill Chambers
8	Will Thomasson	24	Nancy Rice
10	*William and Sandra Carroll	24	Sam Whitesell
10	*John and Rashell Riordan	26	*Kendall and Leigh Ann Woody
15	Don Riley	27	Tom Aud
16	Lois Sanders	31	Suzanne McNeely
18	Barbara Lee	31	Taylor Riley
19	Purnell Pettyjohn		
19	John Sellick		
20	Susan Epling		
20	Farshid Shahrokhi		

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.