

## "Welcoming a New Pastor"

I am so excited that Rev. Martha Kearsse has agreed to be Peakland Baptist's new Pastor! I met Rev. Kearsse yesterday when she came to Peakland to take care of some preliminary details. I was impressed by Martha's energy and passion for ministry, and her love for the church of Jesus Christ. In preparation for the arrival of Martha, her husband Monty, their children Mattie, Connor, and Anna, I'd like to share this revised excerpt from Mike Clingenpeel's editorial in the July 8, 2000 issue of *The Religious Herald*. I offer it as a way to help us welcome the Kearseses as they move to Lynchburg and as Martha begins her work here on April 2.

**Repeat your name** to Martha and her family every time you see them, at least until you are sure they know who you are.

**Include Martha in your events.** But don't get upset if she has to decline your invitation.

**Don't expect her to remember everything you've told her.** If it is something important, write it down or email it to her, and make an appointment to see her.

**Let her have her own style.** There is more than one way to be a pastor, to lead a ministry, to deliver a sermon, to make a visit. That difference is a function of her unique giftedness. It's a good thing!

**Be tender.** Everything that is thrilling about coming to our church is matched by something sad about leaving her former church.

**Show up.** Nothing is more encouraging than your attendance and participation in the various ministries that she is leading. A pastor's enthusiasm feeds off the energy of the congregation and vice-versa. Your presence is a vital ingredient of the synergy you hope to build.

**When you have a complaint, tell the pastor directly.** Why go to the pastor and tell her directly? Because it is the biblical way to deal with disagreements (Matthew 18:15). It is also the courteous thing to do, and it is the only proven method for redeeming relationships.

**Make the following assumption about your pastor.** She wants to serve you. She wants to be your friend. She is a human being, and needs sleep, a day of recreation, and uninterrupted time with her family. Show her a gracious deed and add capital to her emotional piggybank. She longs to cooperate with you and God to see people identify their lives with Jesus, to watch people grow in the likeness of Christ, and to see an authentic work of God in our community through our fellowship. She is praying for you daily as you pray for her and her ministry.

**Finally, let her family decide how they would like to be involved in the life of the church.** You've called Martha and not her family to be your pastor. Allow her family members the time and space to find the most life-giving ways to connect and be involved in the life of Peakland Baptist.

You have shown all these qualities to me and my family in the past months, and I've so appreciated it! I know that you will do the same for Martha and her family as you welcome them with all the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, *Michael*

## Congregational Lunch/Meeting

Please note that we will not have our regular quarterly congregational dinner/meeting on Wednesday, March 7th. Instead, we will have a congregational lunch/meeting on Sunday, March 11, at 12:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It will be catered. Just bring \$5.00.



## *Installation Service - Sunday, April 8th*

*The installation service for our new minister, The Reverend Martha Dixon Kearsse, will occur on Sunday, April 8th, at Peakland's 11 a.m. service.*

*She will be installed by The Reverend Nathan Brooks and the message will be given by her father, The Rev. Dixon.*

*There will be a lunch after the service and the food will be furnished by the church.*

*Please plan to join us on this happy occasion.*

### Narthex Display Case

If you would like to prepare a display for the display case 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!

Thanks!



### Holy Week

Palm Sunday      Sunday, March 25th

Maundy Thursday      Thursday, March 29th  
Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday      Sunday, April 1st  
Easter Service, 11:00 a.m.  
(Bring your flowers to adorn the Cross)

Men's Breakfast!  
Saturday, March 17th  
8:00 a.m.



Acorn Hill Bistro  
2134 Old Forest Road  
Come join us!

## CALENDAR



### PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Thurs, 1st	6:00 p.m.	WOM, Dinner/Mtg, Boonsboro Pizza
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
Monday, 5th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 8th	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 11th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:10 p.m.	Congregational Lunch/Meeting
Monday, 12th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	12:00 noon	Circle 1 - home of Fran Christie
Thurs, 15th	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat, 17th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Acorn Hill Bistro
Sunday, 18th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 19th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 22nd	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 25th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Palm Sunday)
Monday, 26th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Thurs, 29th	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service in the Fellowship Hall



#### SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.  
*Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*  
by Marcus Borg (9:45 a.m.)

#### RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.  
This class is not currently meeting.

#### THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs (10:00 a.m.)

#### ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor  
*Jesus Teaches and Heals* (10:00 a.m.)

### With Special Thanks

*Peakland has so many people working behind the scenes each week, volunteering their time and talents. We want you to know how much we appreciate each and every one of you.*

*Bill Riley*  
*is one of these people!*

*Bill is a dedicated member of  
Peakland Baptist Church.*

*On Sunday mornings, Bill is the first  
to arrive - cutting on lights, adjusting the  
heat/air, lighting the candles, and  
as Head Usher, his smiling face greets us all  
each Sunday at the front door.*

*Bill is always on board to help with  
organizing ushers for funerals.  
He is also available anytime we call  
to come by the church and sign checks.*

*Thanks for all you do. You are appreciated!*



**Daylight  
Saving Time  
begins on  
Sunday, March 11th**

**Spring forward one hour  
on Saturday night, March 10th!**

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Contact the Church Office (434) 384-2031  
Email: [peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net](mailto:peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net)  
or Michael Cheuk, Interim Pastor  
(434) 878-2225

Email: [michael@michaelcheuk.com](mailto:michael@michaelcheuk.com)

Georgia Willis Fauber, Diaconate Leader  
(434) 386-9672  
Email: [willisgeorgia@yahoo.com](mailto:willisgeorgia@yahoo.com)

### Volunteers for March Needed

#### Rivermont Food Pantry

**March 5th - 9th**

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### TURNER-WARREN LECTURE ON LIFE AND FAITH

*Pope Francis: How Is He Changing the Church?*

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

#### JENNIE CUTLER SHUMATE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*Ageless Wisdom: Lifetime Lessons from the Bible*

Monday, March 19, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

Snidow Chapel, Lynchburg College

Dr. Christopher M. Bellitto, Ph.D., is a professor of History at Kean University. He is a frequent public speaker and renowned author whose writings have been honored by the American Catholic Historical Association and the Catholic Press Association.

Lectures are free and open to the public.

### Interfaith Outreach Association

*is hosting the very popular educational program*

**Virginia Coop Extension Poverty Simulation**

**Tuesday, March 20th**

**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**in the undercroft of St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

*This is a free action packed 2-hour session that will give you first hand view of what it is like to live in poverty. If you would like to attend, you must make a reservation. You can RSVP to Shawn Farmer, [ioashawne@ntelos.net](mailto:ioashawne@ntelos.net) or call her office at 846-6098.*

### Circle 1

Our ladies will meet  
on Monday, March 12th,  
12:00 noon for lunch  
at Fran Christie's house!





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## *and \*Anniversaries*



03 Niki White  
 06 Denise Hunt  
 08 Juanita Phillips  
 08 Mary Rockwell  
 08 Will Thomasson  
 10 \*William and Sandra Carroll  
 10 \*John and Rashell Riordan  
 15 Don Riley  
 16 Lois Sanders  
 17 Kelly Mack  
 18 Barbara Lee  
 19 Purnell Pettyjohn

19 John Sellick  
 20 Susan Epling  
 20 Farshid Shahrokhi  
 21 Hayden Dietz  
 23 Cheryle Angell  
 24 Nancy Rice  
 24 Sam Whitesell  
 26 \*Kendall and Leigh Ann Woody  
 27 Tom Aud  
 31 Suzanne McNeely  
 31 Taylor Riley

### **CHURCH STAFF:**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk	Interim 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.*