



# The Messenger

July 1, 2018

## Moving Forward!

And so we're off! June 10<sup>th</sup> was a glorious day, if you ask me. This church voted to move forward in the following ways:

- Evaluating and restructuring (as needed) our leadership systems;
- Evaluating and restructuring (as needed) our missions and giving systems;
- Renovating our Ground Floor (former youth lounge) room for the use of our church people, with specific attention to our oldest and youngest members.

"That's great!" you say, "What now?" Well, what is now is prayer. Right now, I would ask that each of you begin prayerfully considering what you would like your role to be, what part you would like to play, in moving us forward when we begin these tasks this fall. Would you like to focus more on leadership? Or missions? Or the renovation? We are certainly going to need people to engage in all three, but it would be good if each of you had some idea where you would like to put most of your personal energy. You might be willing to show up to help with a renovation project, but really focus your talents and skills in helping us work on leadership structures. Or, you might really care about missions, and want to be part of setting up that structure, while being content to let others lead on the other two projects.

In September, your current Peakland leadership will each be looking for people to help them in their area. In order to ensure that **NO ONE GETS STUCK CARRYING THINGS BY THEMSELVES**, we will **EACH HAVE TO PICK UP OUR PART OF THE BURDEN**. So, this summer, while you're lounging around the pool, or hanging out at the golf course, or sitting on the porch on a lovely Lynchburg summer evening, we're requesting that you begin the work of asking yourself this question: **What meaningful work would I like to be part of to help PBC MOVE FORWARD?**

## August Community Event

Some members of the PBC leadership have been discussing the possibility of holding a community event this August. At this event, we would invite the larger community (focused on Boonsboro and Rivermont) into our space for a Saturday morning.

We have talked about:

- Offering music in our sanctuary, and inviting people to enjoy our beautiful space
- Offering bingo or other games in our Ground Floor Room for those who might not want to be outside
- Building a GIANT SLIP AND SLIDE on our back hill for children, youth, and adults to enjoy
- Having snack foods and drinks—possibly hot dogs—or inviting local food trucks to be here for the day
- Having information about the church available

This would not necessarily be an "evangelical" event—in other words, we are not really looking to gain members. We are more interested in creating goodwill with the community and letting them know we are here. In order to do this, we will need larger buy-in from the church. We will need volunteers in three categories:

- Messaging—creating advertising and signage for the event; preparing brochures or other information about the church to have available on that day;
- Hospitality—preparing the building to receive guests and ensure their safe, happy experience here; preparing and serving food and beverages;
- Activities—preparing the events that would happen both inside and outside the building on that day.

The date we are considering is August 18<sup>th</sup> which is the Saturday after school begins. **If you are able and willing to help, send an email to Donna ([peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net](mailto:peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net)) with your name and the category in which you can offer help.**

## Volunteers for Document Sorting

**We are looking for a small number of volunteers who can take on the boxes of information which are currently in our parlor. We need to know what to keep, what can be thrown away, and how we could safely store this information. If you can help, please email or leave a note for Donna in the church office ([peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net](mailto:peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net)).**

## 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!

## Church Office Closed on Fridays for the Summer

*Please make a note that  
Peakland's church office will be  
closed on Friday during the summer months!*

*If you have an emergency and you need  
to get in touch with Pastor Martha,  
please call the church office phone  
and leave a message or call  
Martha on her cell phone.*

Thanks!

## Come Grow With Us

### SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.  
*An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor  
(9:45 a.m.)

Summer Sundays will find the Searchers class leaders choosing topics from *The Best American Spiritual Writing 2008*, edited by Philip Zaleski, or from their own experiences or resources.

### 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  
*Lesser-Known Prophets* (10:00 a.m.)

# CALENDAR



## PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday, 1st	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
Monday, 2nd	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Friday, 6th		Church Office Closed
Sunday, 8th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 9th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Friday, 13th		Church Office Closed
Sunday, 15th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 16th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Friday, 20th		Church Office Closed
Sunday, 22nd	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Michael Cheuk, Pulpit Guest
Monday, 23rd	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
Friday, 27th		Church office Closed
Sunday, 29th	9:45&10a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

## The Formations Sunday School Class

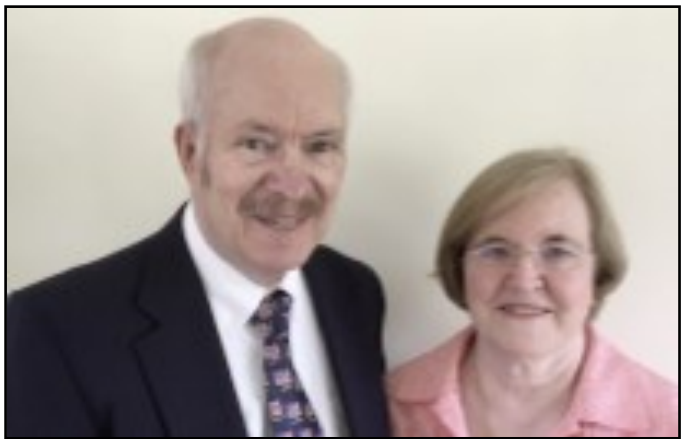
The Formations Class meets weekly on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock. We are a Bible Study Group, using material developed by Smyth & Helwys, the publishing arm of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Our lessons are insightful and provide an opportunity to explore fundamental biblical truths that are still relevant today. Our summer studies for July are from the Book of Deuteronomy and for August, from selected Gospel texts involving "Jesus' Priorities." We welcome returning members and newcomers alike to meet with us in the church parlor and find ways to make the Bible "come alive" for our faith journey today.

Jim Patterson and Dwight Mays, Co-Teachers

## Men's Breakfast!

Our men will take a break  
for the summer. Join them  
in September, 8 a.m.,  
Acorn Hill Bistro  
2134 Old Forest Road





**Dave and Becky Howard** decided to join Peakland Baptist after a couple of months of attendance at the worship services and Dave's association with Martha in her youth.

Dave, a Boonsboro native, and Becky, an Amherst resident, married in 2006 and live on Stillhouse Run off Coffee Road.

Becky, a Madison College (JMU) graduate, taught math at Nelson County High School for 30 years.

Dave, a graduate of E.C. Glass H.S. ('65) and Lynchburg College (B.A. '77), M.Ed. ('82), taught exceptional children for 35 years in Lynchburg City and Nelson County Schools. Dave, a USAF veteran, enjoys doing family genealogy, is a member of several lineage organizations and active with area Masonic lodges. Becky volunteers with the Nelson County Historical Society, edits its newsletter, and works a few hours each week at the Nelson County Visitor Center. Already with several friends at Peakland, they both look forward to many more. So introduce yourself!



### 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.*

***Dan, Deborah, and Sarah Raessler***  
*is one of these families!*

*Dan, Deborah, and Sarah are very dedicated to Peakland Baptist Church. Behind the scenes you will find Deborah proofing bulletins and newsletters for the church office. All three of them are dedicated to their Sunday School class and participate weekly. Whenever asked, Deborah and Sarah step up to the plate to be our worship leaders. They always say yes, without hesitation. And you will often see Dan and his smiling face as an usher. Thank you Raessler family. You are all appreciated!*

#### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

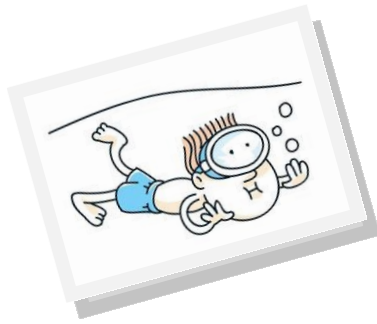
Contact the Church Office (434) 384-2031  
Email: [peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net](mailto:peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net)  
The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse  
Email: [mdkearse@outlook.com](mailto:mdkearse@outlook.com)

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

#### Women on a Mission

WOM will enjoy the summer and will not meet again until September. Of course, they will always step up to the plate if a special need arises.





# July, 2018



AND



01 Bob Bailey  
 04 Linda Hylar  
 06 Ed Lovern  
 08 Sandy Jamerson  
 08 Harold Templeton  
 09 Barbara Duff  
 09 Georgia Fauber  
 09 \*Bill and Louise Riley  
 09 \*Norm and Debbie Snidow  
 10 Bea Carter  
 10 Samantha Dempsey  
 10 Sandy Walton  
 11 Kyle Ryder  
 12 Paul Hermosa  
 12 \*Sam and Donna Johnson  
 14 Mollie Daughtrey Poland  
 17 Frank Legon  
 17 Bundy Potter  
 17 Katie Sale

19 Clif Potter  
 20 Kathy Morland Hammitt  
 20 Anne Showalter  
 20 \*Bill and Phyllis Thomasson  
 20 Annie Willman  
 21 Pat Blackburn  
 21 Paden Garrard  
 22 John Osteen  
 26 \*Donnie and Nancy Sale  
 27 \*George and Kristin Cook  
 27 \*Monty and Martha Kearse  
 27 Knight Garrard  
 28 William Cook  
 29 Betty Ramsey  
 31 Robert Cook

## CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Kim Morales	Bookkeeper

## 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.*