

Wandering

I love Lent. I know that seems weird, since it is supposed to be a time of sacrifice. But I don't see it that way. I see it as a time of focus. A time to set goals and do self-examination. This year, I haven't been able to go to Lenten services very much (although I plan to go this Wednesday, and I will preach next Wednesday, April 3, at the Court Street UMC Ecumenical Lenten Services at 12pm). But I have been saying the prayer of Thomas Merton a lot—singing it, really (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QO2hCpb3Uk>), and I have been making prayer beads to help me. I hope your wandering is going well, and that you are gaining some insights into yourself, and the role that God plays in your life. I continue to be praying for each of you, as well as for our community.

New Activities Groups

Thank you to all of you for your feedback and interest in starting some community-wide groups here at PBC. Our two groups are continuing:

Thursday Walking Group—meets at PBC every Thursday at 2pm—whichever shows up walks!

Tuesday Crafting/Needle Ministry Group—meets at PBC every Tuesday at 2pm—See our picture below of us learning how to use a loom to make hats! Jean Cook taught us one week, and Leslie Willman joined her the next week. We will also be learning how to make crocheted scrubbies, and may work on other skills along the way. We are having great fun!



Trip to Storytelling Festival—Bonnie Benedict is helping us organize a trip to the Storytelling Festival at Camp Bethel in Fincastle, VA on April 13th. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the church and return around 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00, and if we have enough people, we will take the bus (otherwise, we will carpool). Let Bonnie know if you want to join us!

Missions 2019

I am going to be continuing to go to EC Glass on Friday mornings to do the pantry, and anyone who wants to join me is welcome to come. We also decided on a couple of other things:

1) We will join Food for Thought at their big pantry (on the bottom level of Pittman Plaza) for a Wednesday night bag-packing one Wednesday in April (probably April 24th).

2) We are continuing to try to keep our missions activities focused—we had a fun time untangling coat hangers (although my particular ministry that day, beyond setting things up, was holding the beautiful Emilia Sawyer while I talked to her lovely mother, Amy). WOM sponsored the Kid's Haven dinner on March 25th, and we have talked about the possibility, in May, of partnering with Brook Hill Farms on an activity (TBD).

Bible Study Group

Every Wednesday - 10:30 a.m.
Church Parlor - Come join us!



Come Grow With Us

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SEARCHERS Meets in the Brooks Education Wing
downstairs (9:45 a.m.)
Devotional Classics

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 (9:45 a.m.)
The Cross and the Resurrection

Men's Breakfast!

April 20th, 8 a.m.,
Acorn Hill Bistro
2134 Old Forest Road

Come join us!



Women on a Mission

Thursday, April 11th
Meeting and dinner
Milano's, 6:00 p.m.
Be sure and mark your calendar!

PULPIT GUEST

Sunday, April 28th, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dwight Mays

BIRTHDAYS AND *ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

03 Paige Riley
04 Patti McCue
05 Marge Sellick
06 Dana Garrard
07 Doris Cann
07 Amy Sawyer
09 Bill Cook, III
09 Sydney Moon
10 Ernie Sawyer
12 *Richard & Monica Bowhay
13 Georgeann Snead
14 *Ron and Becky Rash
15 Jean Cook
16 Eleanor Ashwell
17 Gus Lamond
24 Jack Flippin
25 Peter Arrington
27 Gideon Cheek
27 John Shields Cook
27 William Agee Cook
27 Betsy Garrard
28 Martee Morland
30 Karen Painter
30 Jim Ray

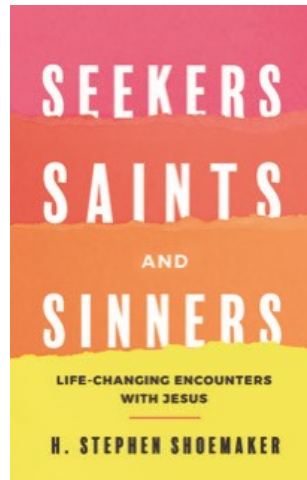


Medical Supply Room

We have a good variety of
medical supplies in the room.
If you ever have a need, just simply
come by and sign it out!



Vagt/McNeely Lecture Welcomes Dr. Stephen Shoemaker



Peakland Baptist Church is so proud to be able to welcome **Dr. Stephen Shoemaker** to our community on May 4th and 5th to share with us his new book, *Seekers Saints and Sinners: Life-Changing Encounters with Jesus*. Copies of his book are available in our church office or can be ordered through Judson Press (<https://www.judsonpress.com/Products/J269/seekers-saints-and-sinners.aspx>). We invite you to join us for conversations with Dr. Shoemaker on Saturday, May 4th, and then during the Sunday School hour on May 5th. Then, in worship on May 5th, Dr. Shoemaker will offer our message. Both challenging and beautifully written, Shoemaker uses 11 stories of encounters with Jesus to explore what it means to meet Jesus in real life. We invite you to save the dates to join us for this special time with a wonderful teacher and speaker, and wonderful time together.



CONGREGATIONAL DINNER/MEETING

*Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Church Fellowship Hall*

Bring your favorite side dish. Meat and drinks provided.

Susan Allen—Peakland's Financial Assistant

Susan is a native of Lynchburg and the mother of four beautiful daughters ranging in ages 13 - 20. She earned her degree in Environmental Science from Lynchburg College, then later pursued accounting courses and worked for a local accounting firm for 18 years. Currently mid-way through a Master of Divinity through Lexington Theological Seminary, she is finding balance between accounting work and working as a relief chaplain for Centra.

She enjoys writing, gardening, music, and naps.

Susan's office hours are on Mondays, 10-2 p.m.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 am McNeely Book Group	2 2:00 pm Crafts/ Needling Ministry Group	3 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Congre- gational Dinner/ Meeting	4 2:00 pm Walking Group 7:30 pm Choir	5	6
7 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship (Communion)	8 7:30 am McNeely Book Group	9 2:00 pm Crafts/ Needling Ministry Group	10 10:30 am Bible Study	11 2:00 pm Walking Group 6:00 pm WOM Mtg/Dinner (Milano's) 7:30 pm Choir	12	13 7:00 am Camp Bethel, Storytelling
14 Palm Sunday 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship	15 7:30 am McNeely Book Group	1 2:00 pm Crafts/ Needling Ministry	17 10:30 am Bible Study	18 2:00 pm Walking Group 7:30 pm Choir	19	20 8 am Men's Breakfast at Acorn Hill Bistro
21 Easter 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship	22 7:30 am McNeely Book Group Church Office Closed—Holiday	23 2:00 pm Crafts/ Needling Ministry	24 10:30 am Bible Study	25 2:00 pm Walking Group 7:30 pm Choir	26	27
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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.

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