

## Sacred Conversations

Over the last several months, our Congregational Council, as well as those working on by-laws and on diaconate structure, have had wonderful conversations about our church. We've talked about our systems and what has worked in the past and what has not. We've been listening to each other respectfully and talking about how we could facilitate a church culture where everyone feels "safe, loved, and heard," as our young guest last Sunday, Sarah Courtney, described it. Recently, we have realized that the time has come to bring those conversations to the whole congregation, inviting everyone into the discussions of our systems and our agreements and working to make sure everyone has a chance to be heard. In service of this goal, we have planned to alter our summer worship schedule to include space for those "sacred conversations."

At our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, we agreed to the following schedule:

Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have an abbreviated schedule in worship, with only two hymns, one piece of special music and a shortened homily, working to complete formal worship in 40 minutes. Then, using our "Passing of the Peace" as a transition time, we will invite everyone who wants to do so to move forward and sit closer together, and we will spend the last 15-20 minutes inviting conversation about the topic of that day's worship—or other topics that might be important to those in the room. This time for conversation allows us eight Sundays during which we can discuss elements of how we engage with each other and how we each experience safety, what makes each of us feel loved.



We look forward to having these sacred conversations with you  
this summer!

# Brook Hill Farm



May 21, we had an excellent time at Brook Hill Farm! We met the horses and some of the staff and young people who are part of the program there. We're all grateful to Bonnie Benedict for arranging our trip to the Storytelling Festival, and to Georgia Willis for making our trip to Brook Hill Farm possible.

We had a great trip to the Storytelling Festival in Fincastle on April 13<sup>th</sup>—we had a good group and enjoyed some amazing storytelling, including tales about breaking the ocean and at least one good story involving a Christmas pageant gone awry.

Thank you!



Please join your friends from  
**PEAKLAND BAPTIST**  
 For lunch together in the  
**FAUBER ROOM**  
 June 6th, 2019 11:30am

**This gathering will be our first monthly lunch together—we will gather on the first Thursday of every month in the Fauber Room to have table fellowship together. You are welcome to invite friends to join us and do not need to be a W-C resident to attend. Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse will be joining the group each month and we will talk about whether we want an agenda at our lunch or just want to visit.**

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# JUNE

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

**SEARCHERS**

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs @ 9:45 a.m. Reflects on how we experience and live the Christian faith.

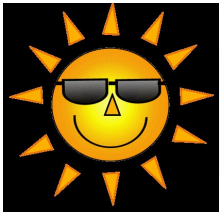
**FORMATIONS**

Meets in the Parlor @ 9:45 a.m. Silas-Acts 17:1-13

**THE FORUM**

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs @ 10:00 a.m.

Human Kind will have their Annual Walk at Peakland Place on June 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30a.m. We will be closed during that time.



**Bible Study, craft group and WOM are on hiatus for Summer Break**



**Men's Breakfast  
June 15th  
Acorn Hill @ 8:00 am**



*(Italics indicates Anniversaries)*

04	Marianne Daughtrey
04	Bill Fleming
05	Katherine Flippin
06	<i>Robert &amp; Lucy Cook</i>
08	Sarah Raessler
09	Marlene Daughtrey Colucci
09	Myrna Nein
10	John Daniels
10	<i>Clif &amp; Bundy Potter</i>
12	James Cook
12	<i>Parker &amp; Barbara Lee</i>
12	TJ Russell
13	<i>Wayne &amp; Judy Adams</i>
14	Richard Dietz
14	Margaret Osteen
14	Leigh Ann Woody
15	John Cook
15	<i>Parks &amp; Georgann Snead</i>
16	Donna Johnson
17	Amy Ray
17	<i>Farshid &amp; Pat Shahrokhi</i>
19	<i>Christopher &amp; Linda Webb</i>
22	Bev Petty
25	Wayne Adams
25	<i>Daniel &amp; Deborah Raessler</i>
30	Lily Brochon



**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.*

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am	3 7:30 am McNeely	4	5	6 WC Lunch 11:30am Fauber Room Walking	7	8 Annual Humankind Walk 7:30- 9:00am
9 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am	10 7:30 am McNeely	11	12	13 Walking Group	14	15 Men's Breakfast @ 8 am Acorn Hill
16 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am	17 7:30 am McNeely	18	19 CONCERT Leslie Lee & Steve Gretz	20 Walking Group	21	22
23 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am	24 7:30 am McNeely	25	26	27 Walking Group	28	29
30 9:45 & 10 am Christian Education 11 am						

## CHURCH STAFF:

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