

Sacred Conversations

At the printing of this month's Messenger, we will have had, three of our Sacred Conversations together. Thank you to all who have served as moderator, to all who have participated and offered their comments, and to all who have been present. These are very meaningful moments in the life of our church. As of the writing of this article, we are still dealing with communicating some things:

- 1) What is the goal of the Congregational Council in calling for these conversations?
- 2) How are these individual topics related to the goal?

The sermon on June 23rd will hopefully answer some of these questions but in this space, we can say that PBC Leadership has been working on a practical covenant for our congregation, one that makes clear how we will treat each other, how we will talk to each other, how we will respect and trust each other, and how we can find ways to come to an agreement about the important issues in our church and in our world. We did not want to just hand the congregation a covenant and say, "Agree to this!" That is not how covenants work. These conversations have been set up to offer chances to talk about the concepts which might come up in a covenant, such as what constitutes a good boundary between individuals, what it means to trust each other, what respect looks like and how we might deal with conflict *when* it happens (please notice the word "when" right there). I know that there has been some anxiety about these conversations. I know that you haven't used this process before. But I also know that the only way for us to become one church is for us to talk together in one room, and to speak honestly, and listen attentively. It is the only way.

As I head out on my vacation, (the time for which I am deeply grateful) I want you to know that I pray for you all (or, with the Southern Inclusive Plural Second Person, "All y'all") every day. Sometimes I pray for you individually, but most often I pray for all y'all. I pray for you together. I will be doing that, even in Hawaii.

-Martha



We had an amazing time with Steve Gretz and Leslie Lee! Thank you to all who came out for the concert (and the ice cream). If you would like to order any of their CD's, they are available on their website: www.leslieandsteve.com/store



Upcoming Activities

We have been talking about having some fun events at PBC for our younger crowd and here are a few things we're thinking: July 10th, everyone is invited to PBC for Food and Fun with Freedom School. July 18th, an afternoon hike to Little Otter Creek, or other nearby site, bathing suits and water shoes are encouraged! August 1st, Game Night; kick ball, or whiffle ball on the field, board games or other fun games. When it gets too dark, maybe some flashlight tag! We will start with these and if we want to plan more, we can!

Volunteer Opportunities

This summer, both of our projects just happen to occur in the month of July. You are invited to participate with us in one (or both) of these projects, as your time and availability allow you:

Freedom School: Our week to volunteer at Freedom School is July 8-12. All events, except the Wednesday dinner, will be at Randolph College in Smith Hall. The activities and times we will need volunteers are:

8-9:30 am—Check-in and snack preparation—any day

1-3 pm—Afternoon activities (Tuesday is field trip day)—any day

5:30-8 pm --Wednesday evening Family Dinner

We are inviting Freedom School Scholars, their parents and families and the Servant Leader Interns and administration of Freedom School to join us here at Peakland Baptist for dinner on Wednesday, July 10th—that will be our most significant need for the week. We will have dinner together, and then we will invite the children to our playground where we will have water play set up for all of us to enjoy!

You can contact Martha Kearsse or Nicole about your interest/availability to help with Freedom School that week!

Rivermont Pantry: July 15-19 is our regularly scheduled week to cover the Rivermont Pantry. We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex for two weeks before our week. Any day that week, we will meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran at 11:45am, where the day's leader will collect our names for the day. Then we'll pack the bags together—we have a good time! Look for the sign up sheet up by July 7th.



PBC was able to make 120 starter bags for the Rivermont Food Pantry recently. Thank you to this incredible team of volunteers, we were able to complete our task in one hour and had fun doing it! Thank you All!! Jay Spencer, Susan & Pete Luce, Clif & Bundy Potter, Mary Lee Bell, Richard Bowhay, Deborah Raessler, Nancy Sale, Susan Epling, Susan Spencer, Leslie Willman, Sharon Whitesale





JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bob Bailey
- 4 Linda Hyler
- 6 Ed Lovern
- 8 Harold Templeton
- 9 Barbara Duff
- 9 Georgia Fauber
- 10 Samantha Dempsey
- 10 Sandy Walton
- 13 Matilda Sloan
- 17 Frank Legon
- 17 Bundy Potter
- 17 Katie Sale
- 19 Clif Potter
- 20 Kathy Morland Hammitt
- 20 Anne Showalter
- 20 Annie Willman
- 21 Pat Blackburn
- 21 Paden Garrard
- 22 John Osteen
- 26 Emily Sloan
- 27 Knight Garrard
- 28 William Cook
- 29 Betty Ramsey
- 31 Robert Cook

SUNDAY MORNING

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks
Education Wing downstairs
@ 9:45 a.m.

FORMATIONS

Meets in the Parlor @ 9:45 a.m.

THE FORUM

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

For anyone that may be interested, the minutes from our PBC Congregational Council Meetings are being stored in a binder in the Parlor. As per our policy, these are available to all members at any time.

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.

July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 HOLIDAY *Office Closed*	5	6
7 9:45 & 10 am Christian Classes 11 am Worship	8 Freedom School McNeely 7:30 am	9 Freedom School	10 Freedom School *Family Fun Night* 5:30-8:30	11 Freedom School 9 am Walking Group	12 Freedom School	13
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21 9:45 & 10 am Christian Classes 11 am Worship Congregational Council @ 12:30	22 McNeely 7:30 am	23	24	25 9 am Walking Group	26	27
28 9:45 & 10 am Christian Classes 11 am Worship Guest: Tony Brooks	29 McNeely 7:30 am	30	31			

CHURCH STAFF:

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