

Sacred Conversations

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Sacred Conversations we had in the sanctuary this summer. Your leadership valued, so highly, hearing your voices, hearing your love for this church and each other, and even hearing some of your concerns. We also heard some concerns, as well as a bit of confusion, about the process we chose through which to have these conversations. What we hoped to be solving for was:

1. Finding a time when the majority of the church community could be together;
2. Exploring ways to bring God's presence into the conversations we are needing to have about our church community, including the idea of a covenant between us.

Following some feedback that expressed some of this confusion, your leadership decided to finish four of the conversations in the sanctuary, and then find different ways to complete the conversations. We voted to offer a conversation on August 25th (the last Sunday in August) during the Sunday School hour, offering breakfast (pancakes, bacon, waffles—the whole nine yards) and time for small group discussion.

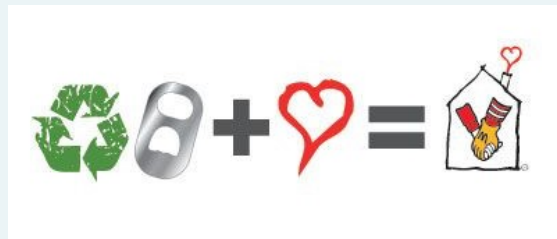
Working on a covenant is something that may take us some time, and we plan to take all the time we need.

Here at PBC we are always looking for ways to help in our community. We have decided to start a **“Pull for the House”** initiative! We will have a few containers set up around the church to collect aluminum pull tabs. We will be sending them to the Charlottesville Ronald McDonald House.

About Ronald McDonald House:

When a child becomes critically ill, the first concern is always for the child's well-being. Seeking medical treatment is primary. Secondly, the family must have a place to live while the child is hospitalized or receiving out-patient treatments. Before Ronald McDonald House, out-of-town families had to endure the discomfort of sleeping in the hospital or take on the incredible expense and isolation of staying in a hotel. Ronald McDonald House offers families:

- * A comfortable private bedroom and bathroom
- * Home-cooked meals
- * Laundry and play rooms
- * Outdoor play area
- * Shared living areas
- * Computers with internet access
- * Ongoing support from staff, volunteers, and other families in similar situations



It's just so simple! Pull tabs are easy to collect and store and are less messy than collecting the entire cans. Not to mention, there is more concentrated aluminum in Pull Tabs than in the cans, so they are able to get more money for something a lot smaller. The local recycling center will weigh the collected tabs and cut a check to Ronald McDonald.

100% of the money earned is used towards the operating cost of Ronald McDonald House and to provide the families with their needs. You can easily see that the little pull tab you used to throw away is very valuable to the guest families at the House.

Look for the collection containers around the church. Thank you for your support!

Activities

We had a GREAT time at our game night in July! We hope to have more game nights, including some more focused on card games, trivia, or whatever else you might be interested in playing! This month, we invite you to join us for:

August 1st—Community Meal at Fairview Center-6-8pm. This event is sponsored by Lynchburg's Bridges to Progress organization, through its Interfaith Leaders task force.

August 9th—Bring a lawn chair and come down to our field to watch the Perseid meteor Showers. We'll have some snacks and play some outdoor games. The meteor showers don't really show up until 9:30 or 10pm, so this would be a late evening, but all are welcome. Come around 7pm for games and stay as long as you like!



Can you believe it? August has arrived, that means some of our local kids will be heading back to school soon. Please keep this in mind when you are traveling around town. Use extra caution near schools, playgrounds, crosswalks and bus stops. Have a great 2019/2020 school year!



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.



AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Gail Aud
- 5 Barbara Burnette
- 5 Jeff Curcio
- 5 Parker Lee, III
- 5 Mike Riley
- 9 Gwen Hickson
- 10 Brent Riley
- 12 Marcey Cook
- 14 Allan Heer
- 16 Aurelia Faulconer
- 16 Vic Angell
- 18 Dawn Daniel
- 18 Bill Riley, Jr.
- 18 Cynthia Riley
- 20 George Brady
- 21 Sandra Carroll
- 22 Deborah Raessler
- 23 Esther Kinuthia
- 23 Rondys Cook
- 26 Brenda Brooks
- 26 Daphne Taylor
- 27 Martha Kearse
- 28 Monty Kearse
- 28 Randal Walton
- 29 Anne Flippin
- 29 Bill Riley



The Children of Agustin & Miriam
Hermosa
Kathy Brandt, Ruth Gillespie, & Paul
Hermosa

Request the honor of your presence

to

*Celebrate their 50th Wedding
Anniversary*

Saturday afternoon, August 17, 2019
At the home of Bill & Ruth Gillespie
1152 Presidential Circle, Forest, Virginia
Open House from 4-6PM

Please RSVP to (434)610-0347 or
runnermom23@gmail.com





Sundays in August

Aug. 4th—In addition to our First Sunday Communion, this Sunday, we will welcome Gus Lamond and some of his fellow clowns to celebrate International Clown Week. As you may or may not know, Gus is a member of the Shriners and the Kiwanis Clubs, and when he comes to church on Sundays, he has often spent his week driving a young child and his or her parent to a hospital somewhere in the country for treatment. Clowning is only one of the ways he spreads his love in the world!

Aug. 11th—“Lean On Me” Sunday, the last Sunday in our Sacred Conversation sermon series.

Aug. 18th—We will have a brief, called business meeting at the end of worship to vote on the proposal from the Basement Assembly Room (BAR) Task Force to spend \$10,000 to install a suspended ceiling in the room and to buy furniture.

Aug. 25th—Breakfast and Conversation—We will open our doors for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall around 9:30am, and then have time to have pancakes, waffles, bacon and other breakfast treats (gluten free available!) as well as time to have some conversations around our tables.

PBC Activities & Events for August

August 1	Community Dinner	6-8 pm
August 1	Walking Group	9 am
August 4	Christian Education	9:45 & 10:00 am
August 4	Worship *Communion*	11:00 am
August 5	McNeely Group	7:30 am
August 8	Walking Group	9:00 am
August 9	Davidson Wedding Rehearsal	3:30 pm
August 9	Meteor Shower Viewing	7:00 pm
August 10	Davidson Wedding	4:00 pm
August 11	Christian Education	9:45 & 10:00 am
August 11	Worship	11:00 am
August 12	McNeely Group	7:30 am
August 15	Walking Group	9:00 am
August 17	Hermosa 50th Anniversary Celebration	4:00—6:00 pm
August 18	Christian Education	9:45 & 10:00 am
August 18	Brief Business Meeting immediately following worship	
August 19	McNeely Group	7:30 am
August 22	Walking Group	9:00 am
August 25	Breakfast with Sacred Conversation	9:30 am
August 25	Worship	11:00 am
August 25	Stewardship Meeting	5:00 pm
August 26	McNeely Group	7:30 am
August 29	Walking Group	9:00 am

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse
Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III
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Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
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Susan Allen
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Financial Assistant
Music Director
Organist

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.