



The Messenger

October 2019

What a lovely month September has been! Our choir is back and has already given us many beautiful moments of worship. We celebrated baptism with Nicole, Cooper and Grady Zulauf and their family out at Smith-Mountain Lake (and established that we live near Smith-Mountain Lake, and not Lake Norman). We will end the month with the celebration of our 64th anniversary as a church, with a reception after church, as well as our Quarterly Meeting to update you all on all the good things going on here at Peakland Baptist. October promises to be just as lovely...

October

6—World Communion Sunday

12—Trip to Saunders Apple Orchard—Farm Animal Day at the Orchard!

20—Apple Butter Making—Lunch provided after worship—Spend the afternoon making apple butter—some to take home and some to share in our Thanksgiving boxes!

31—Costume Contest and Trick or Treat Fun at the Parsonage—Prizes for Everyone!

October Missions Focus: Our Members Who Cannot Attend

Activity: Writing notes and sending small treats to those in nursing facilities and students in college.

Women's Dialogue Group: We are currently looking for any women who might be interested in a monthly gathering to discuss a variety of issues. Topics will include (but are not limited to):

- Personality and identity, using the Enneagram personality scale and other tools to aid discussion;
- Gender roles;
- Partnering and Parenting;
- Living out our faith

Chocolate will be made available at each meeting, as will childcare, as requested. If you are interested, let Martha Kearsse know; once we have the names of those interested, we will work to find a time that works for as many as possible.

November

10—Blue Grass Mass—Special Worship Service—11am in Sanctuary

3-17—Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

24—Basket Delivery

November Missions Focus: Interfaith Outreach Association

Activity: Thanksgiving Baskets

December

1—First Sunday of Advent—Under 18's meet after church to plan our Special Christmas Project

8—Open House at the Parsonage

14—Cookie Baking and Parent Shopping Day—10am-2pm—Parents can drop off children of any ages to go do any Christmas preparations they need to do (or to just go rest up!)—teens 14 or over will be paid \$\$ to help!

24—Christmas Eve Service

December Missions Focus: Global Missions and Jubilee Toy Drive

Activity: Jubilee Toy Drive

As the leaves go down to gold and red and orange, we have many ways to celebrate together!



New Spiritual Formation Offerings

Bible Basics: This is a once-monthly class, offered during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings). This class is open to all ages, and will focus on gaining Bible knowledge—learning the books of the Bible, learning how the Bible was formed, learning about the different genres of Bible books, and what each one means in terms of interpreting those books. We will play games, have Bible drills and enjoy breakfast snacks together on the following dates:

9.29	10.27	11.24	1.26
2.23	3.29	4.26	5.24

Open Sanctuary Quiet Hours: Wednesday mornings from 7am-9:30am our pastor will be present in the sanctuary to offer quiet hours. Reading materials will be available and the sanctuary will be open for anyone who would like to come and sit quietly. The sanctuary will also be open during the week when church staff is in the building (9am-2pm most days) for anyone who would like to come sit quietly and pray or read or meditate.

Basement Renovation

As we complete the last elements of our basement room renovation, we are turning our eyes toward programming for the use of that room. Among the things which have been mentioned are:

Morning and afternoon hours available, with a church host present, for book clubs, card groups, craft groups, and individual use (i.e.-a quiet place to come sit and have a coffee);

Afternoon and/or evening hours available, with a church host present, for teens and young adults to use the room, including, possibly, study hours with tutors available, and game tournaments;

Evening events for young adults, with a church host present, including open mike nights, karaoke, darts (pool, ping-pong, Ms. PacMan) tournaments;

Possibly, morning hours, with a church host and a nurse present, to offer caregivers some time on their own.

You may have other ideas, or specifics for these ideas which you would like to share. **If you would like to discuss your ideas for the use of this room, you are invited to join Martha Kearse for lunch at Milano's on October 6th immediately following worship.**

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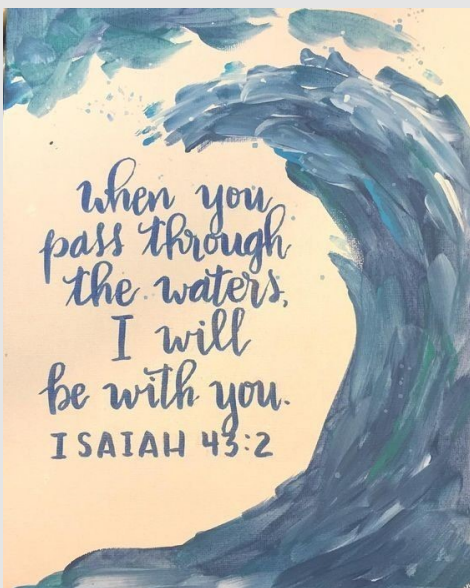
VISION STATEMENT

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.

BAPTISM



On September 22nd, we celebrated Baptism with Nicole Zulauf (PBC office administrator) and her sons, Cooper & Grady Zulauf at Smith Mountain Lake. It was a very special time for us as a church and for the family. Nicole would like to send a thank you to all of you that sent cards, emails and words of encouragement and especially those who were able to attend. We will all certainly remember this very special day!



PBC Weekly Happenings

Sunday: Christian Education 9:45 & 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

Monday: McNeely Group 7:30 am

Tuesday: Craft Group 2:00 pm

Wednesday: Bible Study 10:30 am

Thursday: Walking Group 9:00 am
Choir Practice 7:30 pm



JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS!

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.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

SEARCHERS CLASS OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

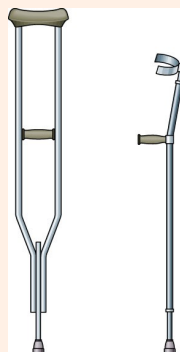
October-November will find the Searchers Class discussing a section of *Devotional Classics*, edited by Richard Foster and James Smith. "The Compassionate Life (The Social Justice Tradition)" includes writings by William Temple, John Woolman, Hannah Whitall Smith, Jeremy Taylor, Elizabeth O'Connor, John Wesley, Catherine of Siena, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Thank you to all of the volunteers that continue to sign up for Food Pantry, Ushers and Worship Leaders. Sign up sheets for various opportunities to volunteer are in the narthex. Contact Deborah Raessler if you would like to be our Worship Leader.

Medical Supply Room

We have a variety of medical supplies that are available to sign out. Call the office to find out what we have available and to sign out equipment.



October Birthdays

2 Mimi Hermosa
2 Mackenzie Woody
4 Fran Christie
5 Nancy Cardwell
8 Loise Riley
13 Woods Cook, Jr
13 Nancy Sale
14 Elizabeth Cook
15 Gus Hermosa
18 Debbie Burton
18 Phyllis Thomasson
19 Dona DuVal
20 Jackie Asbury
21 Nikki Leggett
23 Sam Cardwell
27 Trey Moon
31 Mary Lee Bell