

## From Martha

Happy New Year! I have been thinking about 2020—what a strange year for it to actually be! When I was young, all the movies about 2020 had us living on Mars and driving flying cars—or else fighting alongside Mel Gibson in a post-nuclear dystopia. But here we are, in a world of relative normalcy, the chief difference from our past being that now we find ourselves trying to enunciate to “smart” devices so that we can turn on the lights or open our garage doors. I have told my children that I wasn’t raised to be prepared to rub electronic devices so much—it’s disconcerting. Still, we live in interesting times. As we turn out of the holiday season and back to the realities of winter and the real world, I want to express how excited I am by the results of all our hard work in 2019—we paved the way for some very good things to happen in our community this year. Two events in particular I would like to point out:

First, on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will ordain our deacons during our worship service. This service is deeply sacred and special, and I hope that everyone who can be here will come to be part of it. Second, on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**, we will share lunch with our Teams after worship, and then come together to bless and open our McNeely Room (formerly the Basement Room or Youth Room). This will give each team a time to meet each other and to set meeting schedules, and perhaps begin planning for the year. **If you have not yet joined a team, but would like to do so, you can come have lunch with any team (with the exception of Finance and Deacons, who are voted into positions) that day to talk about what they do.** The teams welcoming any new members are:

Spiritual Formations      Facilities      Fellowship      Missions (formerly Worship and Education)

The year 2020 promises to be a great year for us, one in which we will have many opportunities to live out the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love we have expressed in the holiday season!



\*\*\*In the event our office is closed or we cancel Sunday classes and Worship due to winter weather, please check your email or our church website. We will also report to WSET and send out a phone blast. \*\*\*

## 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.

### BIBLE BASICS

Meets in the McNeely room @ 9:45 a.m.

**Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

## 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:

1.12\*    1.26    2.23    3.29  
4.26    5.24

**\*Additional date added to make up for missed week in November**



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.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Contact the Church Office:

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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.*

### CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse  
Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III  
Nicole Zulauf

Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Office Administrator

Susan Allen  
Debbie Burton  
Allan Heer

Financial Assistant  
Music Director  
Organist



## McNeely Room

As we begin offering programming in our McNeely Room, we want to invite anyone in our congregation to feel free to schedule the use of the room. We will be working on official policies in the next few months, but as we have talked about the use of this room, the general idea has been this:

Any person who is a member or a consistent participant at PBC may schedule the use of the room. That person will be responsible for opening the room, setting up, care of the room while it is in use, cleaning up and removing garbage if food has been served. Scheduling is done through the church office with Nicole Zulauf and must be confirmed (i.e. leaving a message on the phone is not enough—Nicole must contact you with confirmation).

We will be offering some “open hours,” sponsored by the church. Whenever the room is open, anyone can come and make use of the room. When we have open hours, the church will require a **host be present the entire time**—that is, a church member or consistent participant who takes responsibility for the care of the room (i.e., no one is breaking things) and for the care of the people in the room (i.e., prepared to call 911 if necessary). We will be in the process of looking for hosts and training hosts this winter.

The room may not be used for “For Profit” ventures, but it is possible that the church could work with members and consistent participants who may want to offer a class at which attendees would reimburse them for their time and talent, for example an art class or a yoga class.

All these policies are pending approval and affirmation of Congregational Council and congregation, but hopefully this gives a good general idea of where we have been talking about going with this room.

## Directory 2020

We’ve spent some time, this year, finding out who would like to be identified as a member here at Peakland and preparing to create a new directory that will better serve our needs. The Congregational Council has decided that this directory will be made in-house, and that it will be formatted to offer each family one page, front and back, for pictures and information, to go in a three-ring binder. In January, we will be sending out the template for the information for each family page. For right now, we are ready to begin receiving digital pictures of your family. Pictures should be sent as JPG files, and should be pictures of:

Family members, where each family member’s face is clearly visible and identifiable

Extended family (perhaps, adult children or relations who are former members and still connected to Peakland Baptist)

Family enjoying activities or hobbies

We are asking for FOUR (4) pictures/family—you can let us know if you need more and we will work with you. Send your pictures with For Directory in the subject line to [peaklandbc@outlook.com](mailto:peaklandbc@outlook.com) or [mdkearse@outlook.com](mailto:mdkearse@outlook.com). If you do not have digital pictures and do not know how to make printed pictures into digital pictures, let us know! We can help!

# January

## 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: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

## January

1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED

5 Deacons meeting

12 Bible Basics

9 WOM Meeting at Oakwood Country Club \*6 pm\*

12 Deacon Ordination

12 Brief Diaconate Meeting following worship service in the parlor

17-19 Martha will be attending the Summit in Charlottesville with some of our congregation's youth

20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—OFFICE CLOSED

26 Bible Basics, Team Sunday Lunch

## January Birthdays

3 Wanda Templeton

5 Garrett Lois Sawyer

7 Mason Williams

9 Ryan Riley

9 Tyler Riley

10 Debbie Snidow

11 Marvin Templeton

15 Beth Ellis

15 Denise Riley

17 Martha Jane Arrington

18 Jim Patterson

19 Priss Riley

20 Phil Sanders

21 Nicole Zulauf

23 Andrew Cook

24 Nancy Cook

27 Grady Zulauf

28 Bonnie Benedict

29 Cheryl Curcio

29 Norman Moon, Jr.

29 Marguerite Wile