



# *The* Messenger

*May 2020*

## **From Martha**

Thank you to everyone who has called or dropped by or emailed or messaged or commented on Facebook to let us all know you are still around. I hope that everyone is doing well in the place where you live. In the last week or so, several of our teams and our Congregational Council have met and want to report the following:

You have been financially faithful and are continuing to be so. This newsletter has a report from the Finance Team and the Treasurer, but the basic news is that we are doing well and that you have been very faithful. Thank you.

The Finance Team voted to send our entire yearly donation to our Missions partners this month. Ordinarily, we send them a part of our payment quarterly, but the team decided to allow those not for profits which the church voted to support have access to those funds right now.

We have not received any news that anyone in our community is currently suffering with the coronavirus, and that those who are part of our community long-distance who have been dealing with the illness are healing and doing ok. That is wonderful news!

We have two New Members and a new program—you can read about them further down in this newsletter.

Jeff Curcio spent a great deal of time in April finding the right software and hardware to enable us to stream our services to Facebook Live through our camera; in addition, we have been figuring out ways to have music, communion and worship leadership as the weeks have advanced. Thank you to all of you who have made that possible!

As the weeks continue, we are all aware that our mental health is becoming just as important as our physical and financial health. Please do not hesitate to call each other or your minister if you need some help there. I have needed help on a weekly basis—I do well most days, but some days it all just gets to me. Many of you have been very kind in helping me and I hope you know that I am available to help you in any way I can.

## **Spiritual Formation Offerings**

Our **Wednesday morning Bible Study**, which meets at **10:30am** each week, is now available on Zoom—the sign-in through May is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/475481699>

Meeting ID: 475 481 699

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## **Moving4Good: A New Program To Help Those Who Need Food**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Rivermont Pantry last week. So many people are food insecure right now that many of these organizations have been overwhelmed with requests for help. On Sunday, the Congregational Council endorsed a new program for PBC, which we are calling Moving4Good. The idea is that any person who wants to can:

Register for the program and set an exercise goal for one month—something challenging like “Walk 100 miles,” or “Ride my bike 250 miles,” or “Walk for an hour each day” or “Swim 100 miles.” All exercises are welcome and each person sets their own goals. When you register, you get a free t-shirt from us that says “Moving4Good” and has PBC’s logo.

Then, you solicit donations from friends and family on social media, posting the organization you want to support (Parkview Missions, Meals on Wheels, Daily Bread, Interfaith Outreach Association, etc.) with a link to that organization’s website. Donors can donate directly to the organization in whatever way they like—by the mile, or a straight donation. Participants never handle money—donations are online. Wear your t-shirt while you move! Post pix and progress!

When you complete your goal, you bring or send your t-shirt back to PBC and we will tie-dye it in the colors of your choice to show that you met your goal!

We hope that with this program we can raise money for organizations which are currently helping people have access to food, we can keep ourselves healthy and sane with exercise and camaraderie, and even competition, and we can build our community by doing something great together! We are working on a logo, but right now we are looking for **people who would like to be on a task force for Moving4Good to help with marketing, mailing and tie-dying t-shirts.** Email Nicole ([peaklandbc@outlook.com](mailto:peaklandbc@outlook.com)) or Martha ([mdkearse@outlook.com](mailto:mdkearse@outlook.com)) if you would like to be on this task force to make Moving4Good happen!







Peakland Baptist Church would like welcome Elaine and Gregg Moody, the most recent members of our church!

### May Birthdays

- 1 Becky Howard
- 4 Hunter Russell
- 5 Gerald Duval
- 6 Gary Christie
- 6 Margaret Daniel
- 8 Spence White
- 8 Ryan Cox (Thelma's grandson)
- 11 Caroline Russell
- 16 Emma Kate Russell
- 17 Kelsey Hammitt Brochon
- 18 Elsie Chambers
- 18 Ashely Cook Feuerstein
- 17 Debbie Riley
- 20 Dwight Mays
- 21 Richard Bowhay
- 22 Mary Cook
- 24 Martha Hickson
- 26 Agnes Kirstein
- 27 Liz Redd
- 27 Dave Riley
- 28 Sharon Whitesell
- 29 Buddy Daniel
- 30 Liz Jennings

### Worship

We are in the Season of Easter through May 24<sup>th</sup> and our theme for this season is "Changed for Good." We have been talking about transformation and how the resurrection event changes people in ways that bring out the best of who they are. So far, we have talked about Jesus, who becomes The Christ, Simon Peter (stumbling block or cornerstone) and Thomas (angry doubter or thoughtful, compassionate intellectual). The rest of our schedule is:

10—Mary and the Women--Luke 10:38-42; John 20:11-18—Sermon Title: "Cleaning Up"

17—Phillip--John 1:43-51 and 20:19-23; Acts 8:26-40—Sermon Title: "All In"

24—James--Matthew 20:20-38; Acts 12:1-5—Sermon Title: "Reckless Hate"

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, which is Pentecost Sunday (the birthday of the church), YOU will offer the sermon. The text is Acts 2, and the theme is "Changed for Good." The liturgical color is red (the fire of the Holy Spirit). You can:

- Sing and record a song
- Write a poem or piece of prose
- Take a photograph
- Paint a painting or make other visual art and take a photograph or bring it to sanctuary
- Record a video of dance or other performance
- Other?

Submit by email ([mdkearse@outlook.com](mailto:mdkearse@outlook.com)) or mail 4018 Peakland Pl 24503 or in person.