

Merry Christmas from your Peakland Baptist Staff!

May your season be filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
and may you find Light in the darkness!

From Martha

Thank you to all of you who gave to our Thanksgiving/Poinsettia Offering for Humankind and Miriam's House. As of today, you have given \$1200 to help those two organizations in their efforts to make sure families have food and shelter over the holidays. I know that both organizations will make sure that money goes a long way. You can still give by sending a check to the church office with "Humankind" or "Miriam's House" in the memo line.

Please remember that as of January 1, 2021, we will officially be using the new email addresses for all contacts and will no longer be checking the old addresses. Make sure to change these addresses in your contacts:

Martha Kearse: marthakearse@peaklandbc.org

Nicole Zulauf: pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org

Susan Allen: pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org

Spiritual Formations - Team Report—Advent

Advent Book—Advent Books have been distributed by email and by mail—if you have not received a print copy, but would like one, contact the church office.



Congregational Hybrid Meeting—December 6th at 5pm

At this vital meeting we will:

Vote on a budget for 2021;

Vote on our slate of leaders for 2021;

Decide on important issues for the coming year, including questions like:

--What are our financial options if we need them and how will we decide which ones to use?

--What is our strategy for our employees in 2021?

--How will we continue to support each other in the coming months?

We will NOT offer an in-person option for this meeting as we are trying to listen to the words of caution about gathering.

YOU ARE NEEDED AT THIS MEETING!

You can join through Zoom by tablet, computer or phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89034226310?pwd=ZDMzWDRtNnF3bVJCcWNRdmxZYmhCQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 3422 6310

Passcode: 448229

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You should already have received your budget, leadership slate and ballot, along with information about returning your ballot. Your participation in this meeting is vital and we hope everyone will plan to be with us that day!

Spiritual Formations Offerings

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study, which meets at 10:30 am each week via Zoom sign-in information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83386060036?pwd=QWN5ZTFoRHNWZE44WVNvZUVGbZwQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 8606 0036

Passcode: 024784

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Our **Small Group Zoom** is on **Sunday evenings at 5pm**. It is just for fun and we usually discuss books, TV, movies, things our families are up to, food and how our week has gone. All are welcome!

Meeting dates for **December are the 13th and the 20th**—Let's do Ugly Sweaters and Favorite Movies (including discussion of what constitutes a Christmas movie and "Is 'Die Hard' the best Christmas movie ever?" and Holiday Reading—also welcome other topics of conversation!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84148120196?pwd=Ry9sY3NacFZrU3paS0lNaW5RenFjQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 4812 0196

Passcode: 861397

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The Searchers Class

The Searchers Class meets each Sunday morning at 10:00 by Zoom and is reading Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. If you would like to join these lively thought-provoking discussions, please contact Parks Snead or Deborah Raessler for the Zoom link.

Congregational Council

This is our leadership for 2021:

Moderator: Kathy Hammitt is already on board as our Moderator for 2021;

Assistant Moderator (becomes Moderator in 2022): Georgeann Snead

Treasurer: Amy Ray

Assistant Treasurer: Ed Burnette

Finance Chair: Vic Angell

Facilities Chair: Jim Ray

Personnel Chair: Fran Christie

Spiritual Formations Chair: Susan Epling

Missions Chair: Linda Williams

Fellowship Chair: On hold for 2021

Deacon Chair: Will be voted on by Deacons

Clerk: Becky Howard



Thank you to 'Santa's Helpers!'

We wanted to decorate but decided that due to the fact we could not worship in our normal manner, we went for a more minimalistic look. Special thank you to Martha, Becky, Cheryl, Nicole, Valerie VanStean, and Kevin Moore!



December Birthdays

3	Chris Bailey
5	Harry Haga
7	Angela Heer
11	Tracy Moon
14	Noah Burton
15	Melissa Dempsey
16	Donall Russell
17	Horace Russell
18	Kelly Fleming
18	David Garrard
20	Mike Sloan
24	Ann Weber
28	Brad Barden
29	Matt Williams
30	Janna Russell
31	Laura Bailey
31	Bruce Rockwell
31	Chris Webb



December Worship—Theme for Worship: Light Out of Darkness

Worship— Each Sunday's worship will be pre-recorded in an effort to allow more of our community to be involved.

Dec. 6—Peace

Dec. 13—Joy (Gaudete Sunday)

Dec. 20—Love—Moravian Love Feast outside with hot cider and gingerbread at 11:30am

Dec. 24—Pre-recorded service is live at 5pm; in-person element at 5pm with Candles and Carols
in church parking lot

Engaging in Worship at Peakland Baptist Church is happening right now in the following ways:

- Online access to worship through Facebook Live, our website, Youtube link,
and emailed copies of sermons;
- Sending worship resources and sermons by email and mail to those who do not
have internet access;
- Offering space for those who wish to worship in person, with face masks and social
distancing on Sunday mornings.