

## Reports from Congregational Council

Your Congregational Council met on 7/18.

The following were Action Items approved by the CC:

- Council authorizes \$1000 from the Daughtry Youth Fund be made available for the PBC youth program in August for special activities.
- Council authorizes \$750 to repair and raise the surveillance camera in the PBC parking lot.
- Council authorizes Martha to obtain an administrative assistant not to exceed previous salary from temp agency or other source as needed and until a new position can be defined and filled.

The CC also discussed our progress in our Second Sunday events and small group discussions. There are some proposals on the table for 2022 which will be discussed in our August Small Groups and then brought back to the CC in our September meeting.

The CC is made up of the following positions, which need to be filled every year:

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Team Leaders for

Facility

Fellowship

Missions

Finance

Deacons

Spiritual Formation



The intrepid Jim Ray and his partner, Monty Kears, fix the security camera on top of the light pole.

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## Second Sundays

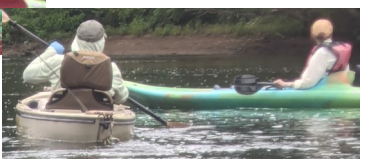
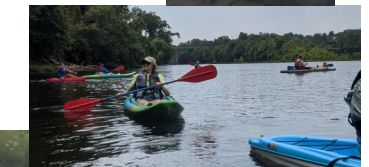
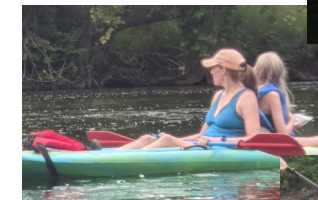
We have had excellent attendance and participation in our Second Sunday events so far! We've had plenty of help with set up and take down, great responses during our more interactive worship and wonderful conversations in our small groups afterward.

Here are some of the ideas that have arisen out of our small group conversations:

1. Music and the Arts are one of our main shared interests and skill sets;
2. We want to rebuild a sense of community; there is a need for us to attend to getting to know one another;
3. Our communication, both inside our community and outward to the world is an area for us to work on;
4. The question of our Mission—what should we Do/Be in the world?
5. The question of activities—what are the social/community needs of the church? (related to #2)
6. We would like to become a place that is broadly safe and inclusive—to cultivate our hospitality;
7. We have a need to apply the Baptist Freedoms, which we have said are a core value, to our church and individual practices.

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## PBC River Float Pix





## Second Sundays, cont'd

Our next Second Sunday is August 8th; on that Sunday, we will begin to directly address these questions and thoughts that have arisen so far.

Worship on 8/8: 9:30am in our Memorial Garden parking lot—dress cool!  
Feedback/Snack Time—10:15-10:30  
Small Groups—10:30

**Parlor: Our Property**—This group will walk around our buildings and discuss what we have, beginning the process of dreaming about what we want to use our space to do.

**Fellowship Hall: Our Community**—This group will be discussing our people and how we might get to know each other better. They will be introduced to an idea from our Congregational Council about a possible program for 2022.

**McNeely Room: Our Identity**—This group will talk about what we want to say to ourselves and to the world around us about who we are, what we stand for, what we do with what we have.

All of these discussions will be the start of this process of focusing in on these questions. What we hope is that, by November, we have a good vision for what we can do in 2022. It may take us a while to find the complete answers to these issues and, because this is how life works, none of the answers will be permanent! But beginning the process will give us a good direction for 2022. From there, we can take the time to let things evolve and become what they are supposed to be.

God is in this work with us—we are never alone.

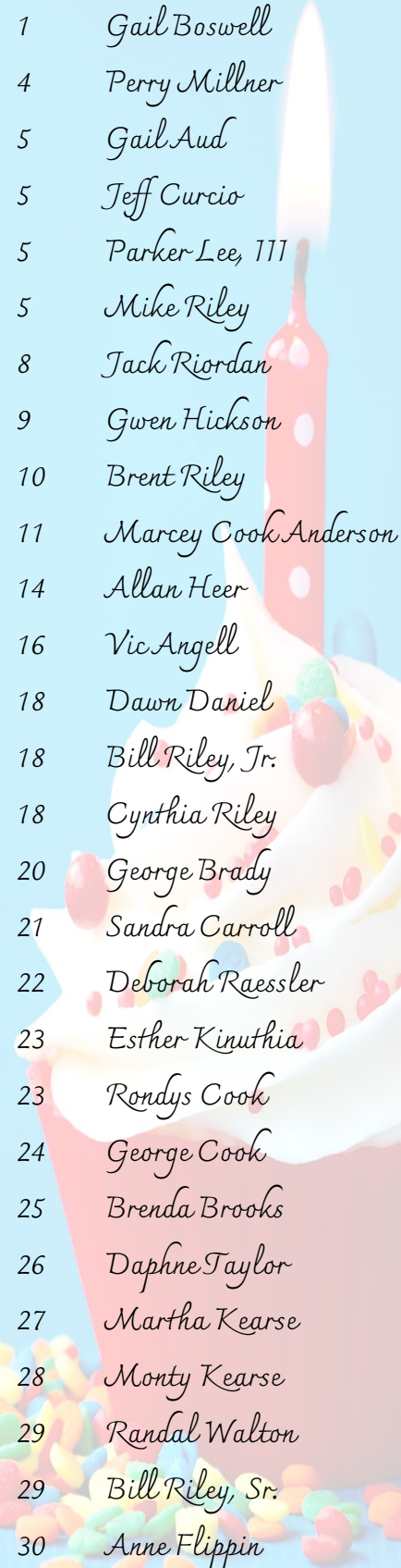
The **Searchers** Class is currently meeting in our McNeely Room (basement) at 9:45am on Sundays. Contact Parks Snead or Deborah Raessler if you would like to join them.

The **Formations** Class continues to meet in our Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

The **Focus** Class is checking in with each other regularly.

SS Classes do not meet on Second Sundays.

## *August Birthdays*



1 Gail Boswell  
4 Perry Millner  
5 Gail Aud  
5 Jeff Curcio  
5 Parker Lee, III  
5 Mike Riley  
8 Jack Riordan  
9 Gwen Hickson  
10 Brent Riley  
11 Marcey Cook Anderson  
14 Allan Heer  
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  
24 George Cook  
25 Brenda Brooks  
26 Daphne Taylor  
27 Martha Kearse  
28 Monty Kearse  
29 Randal Walton  
29 Bill Riley, Sr.  
30 Anne Flippin

## August Events

3, 4, 5—Caring Wildy

Mini-Camp for Our Children

8—Second Sunday

9:30am Worship

10:30am Small Groups

20—7pm—Live from the Deck!

(there was homemade peach ice cream at the last one...)

23-29—Martha Kearse—vacation

## In September:

5—Communion and Blessing of the Hands (a service where we bless our hands for the work we will do in the world)

12—Second Sunday—details TBD

## Caring Wildly Mini-Camp

Through the summer, the parents of our children and I had several conversations about whether some family events or a small summer camp might be possible. In the end, we found some days this first week of August for the elementary and middle-school aged children to have some fun! Monty and I invited our youngest daughter, Anna, who has extensive training and certification in Outdoor Leadership and Safety, to help us have three days of activities, during which we will talk about care of ourselves, care of the natural world, and care of other people. We have been very fortunate to partner with Susan Williams at Holy Trinity to do some activities with her group, including serving dinner at Parkview Mission on Wednesday evening and having some fun water play here at PBC Tuesday evening. We will share some pictures, but expect to have an amazing time together! We are grateful to the church systems and the Daughtry Fund for making it possible!

## Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom to discuss and unpack scripture. This summer, we have been in the Psalms, a rich collection of poetry and worship liturgy that reflect the entirety of the human experiences of the people who wrote them. We miss 8/4, then meet 8/11 and 8/18; we are off for 8/25 and 9/1, and resume our regular schedule—Wednesdays at 10:30am—on 9/8.

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## What Is Communion?

On Sunday, August 1st, we tried another way of sharing communion with each other. We enjoy the ritual of communion, but we also remember that the meal that Jesus shared with his friends was a full meal in celebration of the Passover. It was a party that allowed people to eat well and spend time together, having a good chance to talk while they ate and drank well. So, we left our sanctuary room and went down to the Fellowship Hall, where we had lovely treats from Montana Plains Bakery, along with fruit and juice and bread and coffee. Several people said, “We should do this more often!”

It has been hard, during this pandemic, to be without such times. And we do not know what the next months will hold. But, when it’s possible, we can share communion in this way as often as we would like.

Communion is a remembrance, of course. It recognizes a sacrifice made on our behalf. But it is also a celebration of our salvation and of a God who never leaves us but is present in the bread and drink we have every single day.