



The Messenger

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Directory 2022

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Directory 2022

Over the last two months, Leslie Willman and I have been working to update our directory. Sadly, there were several different “directory” files on the computer at various levels of updateness. We have appreciated very much those who have sent us their own updates and any updates they know about.

Today, you will receive via email the most up to date version we have as a PDF—through the year, we’ll send out the updated PDF version to you every few months. We will

print directories once/year and have them available at the church. Circumstances precluded our having them ready this past Sunday, but we’ll print them today and they will be ready the next time you are here. **If you would like a copy mailed to your address and you are not already on our home-bound list, you will need to call or email and request to have one mailed to you.**

Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

- Thursday, March 10—12pm
- Drinks/Chips/Cookies provided
- Fellowship Hall
- Everyone is welcome!
- No sign-up necessary—just come!
- If no one comes, Leslie and I will eat the cookies!



Care Groups

Our Care Groups have begun forming! We now have a Dinner Group, the Searchers Class Group and a Food for Thought Group! All of these groups are open if anyone wants to join. Other ideas that have been floated:

- A movie-going group
- A power-tool group (chainsaw Saturday, anyone?)
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You can contact the church office if you’d like to join or launch any of these, or if you have an idea for a Care Group you’d like to form. This is one of the best parts of church life!

Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival

When? April 9, 2022

Where? Fincastle, VA

What? Day trip

Who? Anyone who is interested

Cost? \$25/adult, \$11/under 18

How? Room for 14 on rental bus; drivers for extras come free!

Process? Email Martha at marthakearse@peaklandbc.org before March 4 (ish) to sign up!

Info? (click and hold control and click on link:)



[Sounds of the Mountains Story Festival - Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival](#)

PBC SPOTLIGHT!



At halftime of the UVA/Miami game, **Jean Cook** was called To mid-court to compete in the basketball scramble. She won a \$250 gift card to Diamond Direct! Can’t wait to see her new bling!

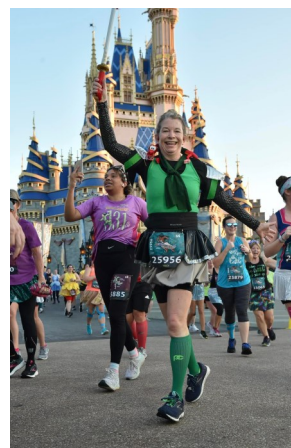


Congratulations to **Caroline Russell** (pictured here with co-winner, Henry Scruggs) for winning the E. C. Glass Booster’s Excellence Award for Swim and Dive! Way to go Caroline!

And in more Russell news: **Emma Kate Russell** and several her teammates at Randolph-Macon earned All-ODAC Honors—quite an achievement!



I don’t know about you, but I didn’t know that



Tracy Moon was such a great runner AND such a Disney fan! Tracy ran in the Dopey Run at Christmas time, which is a 5k, then 10k, then a half-marathon, then a marathon! Then this past weekend she ran 22.4 miles for the Princess Weekend! Beyond impressive and so much fun!

After a winter of training, **Beth Hart** and **Emily Sloan** had planned to compete in a marathon/half-marathon event in February— their event was actually cancelled, so Zane set up their own, personalized marathon/half marathon at Blackwater Creek trails! Pretty impressive to run that far just for fun!



Welcome Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Todd Blake



On **Sunday, March 6th**, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Todd Blake to our pulpit. Todd (pictured here with Kim, his wife) and his family, Kim and daughters Hannah and Emma, joined our church last fall. Between shut-downs and holidays, we haven't really had a chance to get to know their family, but having a chance for you to hear from Todd will be a good start!

Todd is the Executive Director of Parkview Missions, while Kim works as trainer, coach, and teacher over at Westminster-Canterbury. Hannah and Emma both play soccer and are getting started into the spring season. We are very fortunate to have the chance to hear from him!

March Events

- 2—Ash Wednesday—Imposition of ashes at PBC all day
- 6—Directories available at PBC
- 10—Brown Bag Lunch at PBC—12pm
- 13—Daylight Savings Time—Spring Forward!
- 13—Church-Wide Business Meeting—12pm
- 20—First Day of Spring!
- 26—Children/Youth Day at the Mall—12-4

Office Schedule—March

Martha—Women's Retreat in Charlotte—4-6; M-Th-9-5
Leslie—M-T and Th/F —9am-2pm—day off: Wednesday
Susan—available by email any time: pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org

Easter Lilies

If you would like to remember a loved one this Easter, please email their names to

pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org.

Please include a note with their names indicating whether you would like them listed "In Honor" or "In Memory."



We have ordered our lilies and will print an insert for our Easter bulletin with the names of those our church families would like to honor or remember at Easter. If you would like to make a donation for the cost of the lilies, you can do so; otherwise, just letting us know their names will ensure that they are listed in our insert.

Children and Youth—Spring and Summer!

March 26th—12pm-4pm—Fun Day at the Mall —we'll do Seaquest, the bouncy house place, lunch, shopping, and whatever else looks fun!

May 1st—Children—Afternoon on the Parkway—12-4

***May 13-14**—Youth trip to Busch Gardens —will need to sign up for this one!

***June 27-July 1**—University Camp (we'll talk more about this)

***July 18-22**—Wisdom School (think VBS)—Ages 5 and over

***August 1-5**—Day Camp and Family Nights

(* indicates that we hope to do these things pending group approval and parental scheduling)



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- 3 Niki White
- 5 Andrew Lewis
- 8 Juanita Phillips
- 8 Will Thomasson
- 13 Anna Kearse
- 15 Ebo Fauber
- 15 Anna Sloan
- 17 Kelly Mack
- 17 Gregg Moody
- 19 Purnell Pettyjohn
- 20 Susan Epling
- 20 Farshid Shahrokhi
- 23 Cheryle Angell
- 24 Lee Gibson
- 24 Nancy Rice
- 24 Sam Whitesell
- 31 Suzanne McNeely



Items for Discussion—Church-Wide Meeting
March 13th—12pm

In our Congregational Council meeting last month, several items were discussed that will be brought before the church. The first, and simplest, is that the gutters around the edge of the sanctuary have been leaking water and have caused water damage to the wood underneath them. These require repair, which our Facilities Team has estimated to cost around \$12,000. Any amount that goes over \$2500 which is not in the annual budget requires approval from the church, which we will be asking for at our **Church Business Meeting, Sunday, March 13th, after Worship.** This meeting should be relatively straight-forward and will be available to anyone who cannot attend in person via Zoom.

In addition, the CC discussed the gift from the estate of Margaret Osteen. This incredible gift of \$189,000 is an amazing chance for us to talk about what we do with funds that are given to the church outside of the pledges right now. The general policy of PBC has been that those gifts go directly into the Endowment, which, currently, is a very healthy \$1.5 million in all. After a good, healthy discussion, the CC decided to allocate this gift toward three different goals:

1. In service of our community, we have allocated 10% (around \$19,000) to be used for local missions with some of our mission partners—this is an element for a discussion of the whole church in future months;
2. In service of the future of this church, we have allocated 45% (around \$85,000) to go into our endowment fund;
3. In service of the work this church wants to do in the next year, we have allocated the last 45% (around \$85,000) to be used for special projects—another element for discussion in the church body.

We are exceptionally fortunate to be in this position and, after the next CC meeting, will let the church know about the process we will use to make decisions about the use of those funds. **We look forward to seeing everyone on March 13th at 12pm!**

Lenten Worship Theme:
Ours is the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 5:2-12 contains the verses we call "the Beatitudes." During Lent, we will take these verses one by one and talk about healing and recovering from trauma. How could being "poor in spirit" be a blessing? What if we read Jesus' words in light of healing from trauma? Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of Heaven certainly included healing. Join us through the season of Lent to spend time in worship meditating on these verses and considering some of the ways the Kingdom of Heaven offers us healing in the hardest times of our lives.