



# The Messenger

April 2022

## Really, Really Good News

In December of 2021, PBC received a gift from the estate of Margaret Osteen in the amount of \$189,000, a gift we did not expect. Typically, our policy has been that any such gift would go into our endowment fund. Because we've been cast into a very different time over the past two years, the Congregational Council proposed to the congregation that we could, in this instance, vary our policy by allocating the funds differently. At our Congregational Meeting on March 13th, the congregation vote to allocate this gift in the following way:

- 10% (or around \$19000) would be allocated for mission work in our community in partnership with one or more of the organizations with whom we already do mission work;
- 45% (or around \$85000) would go into this year's budget, with each team offering proposals for its use and the opportunity for broad involvement in the conversations about its allocation
- 45% (or around \$85000) would go into the endowment fund.

## **How can you be part of the decisions about the use of these funds? GLAD YOU ASKED!**

1. Join a team—Missions, Finance, Fellowship, Facilities, Personnel and Spiritual Formations will all be discussing what proposals they would like to offer for the use of this money. Once teams have made proposals to the Congregational Council, the CC will bring its recommendations to the church.
2. Attend the Congregational Meeting when those proposals have been sent to the congregation and share your voice in conversation with us on these decisions.

End of list! No Teams are looking to create a lot of meetings—most of these conversations can take place through email. Let us know in the church office if you would like to add your voice!

## Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

- Thursday, April 7; 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 are still 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 walking group

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!



On March 21, Wyatt Miles (pictured here with his friend, Joshua Hearne) ran 13.1 miles in the Shamrock Half Marathon in Virginia Beach! Wyatt is an avid runner—like several of you out there!



The Nelson Gallery guest artists exhibit during April is...

"Gray Dodson, David Eakin & Purnell Pettyjohn"

Opening Reception: Friday, April 1, 2022, 5-7pm



Purnell Pettyjohn, one of the many talented artists in our church community, has a show this coming month at the Nelson Gallery (27 West Washington St. Lexington, VA). The show will also feature Gray Dodson and David Eakin. There is an opening reception on Friday, April 1st and you can visit Wednesday—Saturdays, 11-5pm. Purnell also often has paintings at Findings in the Boonsboro Shopping Center.

Ever heard of The Greater Experience? A popular band in the 1970's from Lynchburg, VA? Featuring a young Ed Burnette, playing the trumpet to a Chicago/Earth, Wind and Fire style beat? If not, your next chance is coming up! Ed and his friends from The Greater Experience have rekindled the spark of their band and have started performing locally (hopefully, for us sometime this summer!) Check out the article in the News & Advance and the accompanying video:

[1970s song by Lynchburg band makes a comeback | Local News | newsadvance.com](#)



## 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](mailto:marthakearse@peaklandbc.org) to sign up!





### Yoga at PBC with Carolyn Kardan

Starting April 5  
Tuesdays at 3pm  
Fellowship Hall  
\$10/class



### April Events

3—Make Food for Thought Bags After Worship  
Fellowship Hall—12pm  
4-8—Rivermont Food Pantry  
5—Yoga—Fellowship Hall—3pm  
7—Brown Bag Lunch—Fellowship Hall—12pm  
10—Palm Sunday  
10-16—Labyrinth Available in Memorial Garden  
Parking Lot  
17—Easter Sunday  
18—Church Office Closed for Easter Monday  
30—Movie Night—"Coda"—7pm


### Office Schedule—April

Martha—M-Th—9-5pm—day off: Friday  
Leslie—M-T and Th/F —9am-2pm—day off: Wednesday  
Susan—available by email any time: [pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org](mailto:pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org)

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to remember a loved one this Easter, please email their names to [pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org](mailto: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!


**May 1st**—Children—Afternoon on the Parkway—12-4  
**June 9-11**—Youth trip to Busch Gardens —will need to sign up for this one!  
**\*June 27-July 1**—Unidiversity Camp (we'll talk more about this)  
**\*August 1-5**—Day Camp and Family Nights  
(\* indicates that we hope to do these things pending group approval and parental scheduling)

Don't forget to bring flowers for our flower cross on Easter Sunday!



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

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| 3  | Paige Riley        |
| 4  | Patti McCue        |
| 7  | Doris Cann         |
| 7  | Amy Sawyer         |
| 9  | Bill Cook, III     |
| 9  | Elanor Sloan       |
| 9  | Sydney Moon        |
| 13 | Georgeann Snead    |
| 15 | Jean Reynolds Cook |
| 16 | Eleanor Ashwell    |
| 24 | Jack Flippen       |
| 25 | Peter Arrington    |
| 27 | Gideon Cheek       |
| 27 | John Shields Cook  |
| 27 | William Agee Cook  |
| 27 | Betsey Garrard     |
| 28 | Martee Morland     |
| 30 | Karen Painter      |
| 30 | Jim Ray            |





### Interfaith Outreach Association

Inerfaith Outreach Association invites us to participate with them in two upcoming events:

April 9—Bake cookies for the Summer Blast Off Event at Miller Park—help connect kids with great summer activities/sports  
**If you can bake cookies, you can drop them at the church before April 7th and we will get them to Miller Park**

April 28—Seeds of Hope Luncheon—IOA invites all church members to join them for their annual lunch at the Academy of the Arts—11:00am  
RSVP to Martha Kearse if you would like to attend!



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Help. Healing. Hope.

FIRST SUNDAYS—APRIL 3, MAY 1—12PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL—HELP US PACK FOOD BAGS FOR E. C. GLASS HS STUDENTS!

### Eastertide Worship Theme: You and the Land Are One

Eastertide is a time to celebrate renewal, to think of new life and our connection to all that is living. During our worship in Eastertide, we will meditate on the theme of our relationship to the earth, how resurrection is enacted in nature and how we can find a good theology of our place inside of the natural world. April 22 is Earth Day, a time when we consider, as a culture, our responsibilities as stewards of the planet. As people of faith, believing that we are part of a cosmic whole that includes us, along with the world we live in, care of the planet, as well as a recognition of our neighbors, is a vital part of who we are.

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