



# The Messenger

June 2022

## Summer at PBC

We have some wonderful plans in place for this coming summer —hopefully, the first summer in a while we can actually expect to keep all our plans! Put these dates on your calendar and join us for as many as you can:

### Worship

#### June:

12—Family Dedication

19—Father’s Day and Juneteenth

26—Move to Fellowship Hall and begin 10am worship

#### July:

10am Worship all month

3—Table Fellowship Communion

#### August:

7—Table Fellowship Communion

### Fellowship:

“Second Wind” Band at PBC—July 17 –5-7pm

Trivia Nights in McNeely Room:

June 14

July 12

August 16

River Float—July 16

Perseid Meteor Shower Camp Out —August 12

### Children/Youth:

June 9-11—Trip to Williamsburg/Busch Gardens

July 10—Tubing w/ Holy Trinity Youth

July 18-22—Day Camp

August 3—Cooking for Parkview Missions

We know that people will be traveling and having family events, so come when you can and enjoy time with us this summer!

## PBC SPOTLIGHT

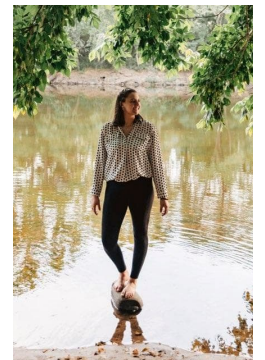
### OUR 2022 GRADUATES!

Emma Kate Russell  
Randolph College  
BS in Biology and a minor in Psychology  
What’s next: Masters in Athletic Training  
University of Lynchburg



Caroline Hunter Russell  
E. C. Glass High School  
Early College Program  
Associate’s Degree  
Central Virginia Community College  
What’s next: Randolph College

Anna Sloan  
Brookville High School  
Virginia Governor’s School  
For Math and Science  
What’s Next: New York City



## Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

- Thursday, June 16, 12pm
- Drinks/Chips/Cookies provided
- Fellowship Hall
- Everyone is welcome!
- No sign-up necessary—just come!



## Care Groups

Our Care Groups are still forming! We now have a Dinner Group, the Searchers Class group, and a Missions Group (see the message in “The Leslie Report!”). All of these groups are open if anyone wants to join.

You can contact the church office if you’d like to join one of these groups 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!



John Cook  
Rice University in Houston  
BS in Environmental Engineering and  
Minor in Spanish  
What’s Next: Environmental  
Engineering in Houston

## SUMMER WORSHIP: JUNE 26-AUGUST 28

We begin our summer worship schedule on June 26th (June 12th we have a Family Dedication and June 19th is Father’s Day). During the weeks listed above we will:

- Begin worship at 10am
- Meet for worship in our fellowship hall
- Invite everyone to dress casually
- Have coffee/water/drinks/snacks available
- Focus on the significant words from the covenant approved by the entire congregation last year, which expresses our intention to be a “safe haven for all.”

Using passages from Acts and Romans, along with a weekly meditation on Luke 10:27, we will work on our answers to these questions: what does safety look like (physical, emotional, spiritual, economic? How do we make a haven out of the space we have been given? Who is included in the “all” and what does it look like to make a safe haven for them? Join us whenever you can!

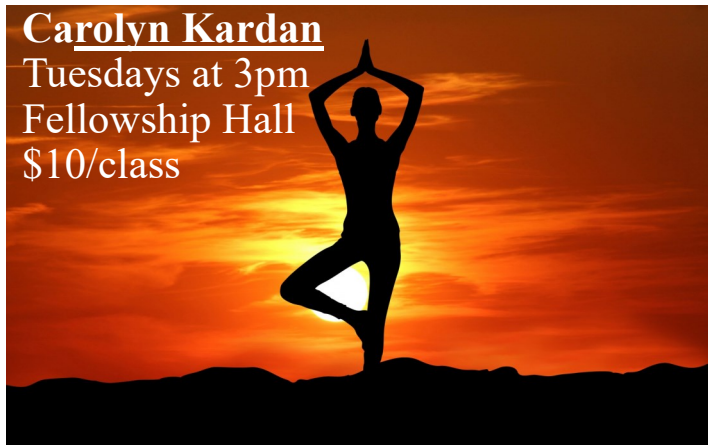


OUR WEEK:  
JUNE 13-17

SIGN UP TO WORK A DAY —NOTIFY  
SHARON WHITESELL OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE



**Carolyn Kardan**  
Tuesdays at 3pm  
Fellowship Hall  
\$10/class



**June Events**

2—Brown Bag Lunch—12pm—Fellowship Hall  
5—Pentecost Sunday—Wear Red to Church  
9-11—Children and Youth to Busch Gardens  
12—Family Dedication during Worship  
13-17—Rivermont Pantry  
20—Church Office closed in observance of Juneteenth Holiday  
26—Worship in Fellowship Hall Begins  
10am—Casual Dress

**Office Schedule—June**

Martha—M-Th—9-5pm—day off: Friday  
On vacation: June 27-July 4  
Leslie—M-T and Th/F —9am-2pm—day off: Wednesday  
Susan—available by email any time: [pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org](mailto:pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org)

**Children and Youth—Spring and Summer!**

**June 9-11**—Youth trip to Busch Gardens —will need to sign up for this one!

**July 10**—Tubing with Holy Trinity Youth Group

**July 18-22**—Day Camp and Family Nights

**August 3**—Cook for Parkview Missions

**THE LESLIE REPORT!**

Leslie continues to work on organizing documents and pictures from our history—she welcomes anyone who would like to come help her look through these docs and pics and scan them in digitally, so we can preserve them for the future.

Leslie also wants you to know that she would like **to form a Care Group around Missions: this group would be for anyone who wants to help with Food for Thought (the E. C. Glass bags); the Rivermont Pantry, the Craft Fair or Freedom School.** Projects would only be once/month and would include some social time (such as going to Mi Patron’s before or after a project). Those who wish to help with these projects but have another Care Group would still be welcome!




June 12, 2022

Service of

**Family Dedication**

Matt and Marcey Anderson  
Parents of  
Wills Traynham Anderson  
Born December 30, 2021

CRAFTERS! Yes YOU! Now is a great time to begin getting ready for our Holiday Craft Fair for Interfaith Outreach Association. This year, we will host the fair here at PBC and we are planning to hold the fair inside on **November 13th.** So on with the knitting, the crocheting, the wood-working, the tie-dying, the pottery-making, the jam and jelly cooking! We had a great time last year—a great turn-out and a great success with our fund-raising. We plan to do even better this year!



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12 James Cook  
12 TJ Russell  
14 Richard Dietz  
14 Leigh Ann Woody  
15 John Cook  
16 Donna Johnson  
17 Amy Ray  
22 Jane Sloan  
28 Wendy Moseley  
30 Bill Phillips  
30 Lily Brochon



**Message from the Searchers Sunday School Class**

Members and Friends of PBC -- This to invite you to consider participating in our "Searchers" book discussion and care group.

The Searchers has existed for many years within PBC as a group of people actively engaged in seeking out, reading and discussing meaningful books on religious beliefs, practices and history. The Searchers group generally meets every Sunday to discuss a selected book -- the group currently meets in the McNeely Room (ground floor of the Brooks Center) prior to the worship service, but is also set up to meet remotely (by Zoom) at need. Discussion books are selected by group member consensus, and are discussed (in segments) over several sessions.

The Searchers is also a designated PBC Care Group, focusing not only on group member needs, but also on the needs of members and friends who might find it difficult to maintain close church affiliation.

The Searchers will begin discussion of a new book, *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* (by Bart Ehrman) on May 22. Other books reviewed and discussed during the recent past include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Resurrecting Easter* (John and Sarah Crossan)
- The Difficult Words of Jesus* (Amy Jill Levine)
- Holy Envy* (Barbara Brown Taylor)
- Days of Awe and Wonder* (Marcus Borg)
- Listening for the Heartbeat of God (J. Philip Newll)adical Spirit* (Joan Chittister)
- Gilgamesh: A New English Version* (Stephen Mitchell)
- The Universal Christ* (Richard Rohr)
- The Return of the Prodigal Son* (Henri Nowen)
- Jesus Before the Gospels* (Bart Ehrman)
- The Good Book: Writers Reflect on Favorite Bible Passages* (ed. Andrew Blauner)
- Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups* (ed. Richard Foster, James Smith)
- An Altar in the World* (Barbara Brown Taylor)
- Convictions* (Marcus Borg)
- Searching for Sunday* (Rachel Held Evans)

If you are interested in learning more about our Searchers group, you can contact a current member -- or just show up in the McNeely Room Sunday at 9:45 for a weekly book discussion. You will be welcomed. The Searchers Class is taking a hiatus for the summer, but will resume meeting on September 4th.

Any of these Searchers members can tell you more about our group:

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| Ed Burnette  | Cliff Potter |
| John Cook    | Amy Ray      |
| Linda Jones  | Parks Snead  |
| Bundy Potter |              |

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**JUNE 5, 2022**

**WEAR RED**

**11AM WORSHIP**

