



# The Messenger

August 2022

## End of Summer at PBC

We continue to have a wonderful summer, with several special events. Here is what is happening in August:

### **Worship**

#### August:

7—Table Fellowship Communion

14—Return to 11pm worship in Sanctuary

### **Fellowship:**

River Float—August 7—1:30pm—Wilderness Canoe Center—Natural Bridge

Perseid Meteor Shower —August 12—Bring a lawn chair  
And join us after dark behind the McNeely Room to see the stars put on a show

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

#### September

4—Labor Day Weekend—Blessing of the Hands

25—Church Anniversary Celebration

## Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

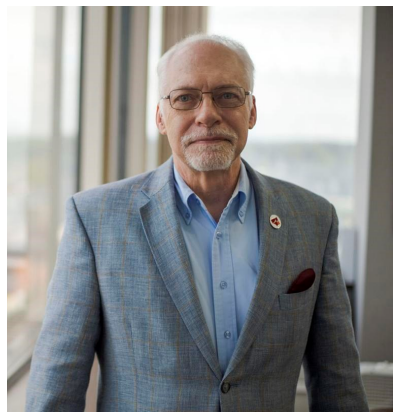
- Thursday, August 4, 12pm
- Drinks/Chips/Cookies provided
- Fellowship Hall
- Everyone is welcome!
- No sign-up necessary—just come!



## CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

Gary Christie retired as Executive Director of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission after 16 years in the position. In his position, Gary gained a reputation for excellence in helping local government agencies and employees coordinate efforts and cooperate effectively. He told the *News & Advance* that he felt “bittersweet” about retiring because he had enjoyed the relationships and the people that he got to work with in the various city governments. He was instrumental in creating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which brought together local governments and other economic forces to work together to create a list of priorities and goals on which to cooperate.

Fran has looked forward to having him home and we know they will enjoy their time together!



Robert Cook is also retiring, after practicing Urology in Lynchburg for 35 years. He is still doing some work, helping his partners a few days a month, but won't be seeing patients in the office any more. He says, when people ask him what he will be doing with his time from now

on, he answers, “Whatever Lucy wants.” He hopes to do some flyfishing getting back into golf and spending time in Virginia Beach. He said that mostly he is looking forward to spending more time with Lucy!

We wish both families well as they make the adjustment to the retired life!

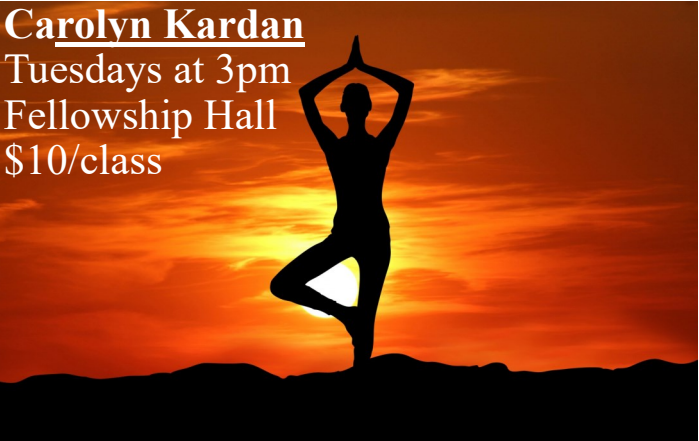


## SAVE THE DATE!

## SEPTEMBER 25-CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



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




**August Events**

4—Brown Bag Lunch –12pm—  
7—Table Fellowship Worship in Fellowship Hall—10am  
7—Kayak Trip down the James  
12—After Dark—come watch Perseid Meteor Shower  
14—Return to sanctuary and 11am worship

**Office Schedule—August**

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



*Kayak the James*


**Church River Trip**

**What:** Kayak down the James River together!  
**When:** August 7th  
**Who:** All who are interested  
**Time:** 1:30pm-5pm  
**Cost:** \$25 (for kayak rental)

**Details:** We'll meet at Wilderness Canoe Company  
<https://goo.gl/maps/aYLgaP19yxGjcH6q6>  
Those who wish to can meet early (12-ish) for a Picnic lunch!  
Email Martha to let her know if you are coming if you have not already signed up

**“BETTER TOGETHER”**

We had a great time at our “Better Together” camp, practicing skills like cooperative learning (getting across an acid river isn’t easy) and working on our awareness of our comfort zones so that we can address our fears where possible and work through for learning and growth when we can! Here, a camper is walking the slack rope blindfolded, while spotters keep an eye on her in case she slips and a director tells her how she is doing and where she might move next. We ended the week with a trip to Holliday Lake where several tried kayaking and paddle boarding, and then enjoyed a last day of decorating the fantastic capes that were made for us! We had a great week and enjoyed the time together!



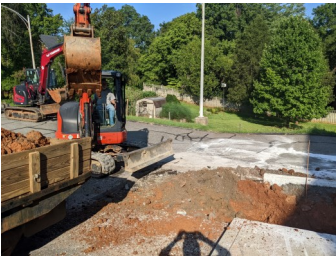


1	Gail Boswell
5	Gail Aud
5	Jeff Curcio
5	Parker Lee, III
5	Mike Riley
8	Jack Riordan
10	Brent Riley
11	Marcey Anderson
14	Allan Heer
16	Vic Angell
18	Dawn Daniel
18	Bill Riley, Jr.
18	Cynthia Riley
20	George Brady
21	Sandra Carroll
22	Deborah Raessler
23	Esther Kinuthia
23	Rondys Cook
24	George Cook
25	Brenda Brooks
26	Daphne Taylor
27	Martha Kearse
28	Monty Kearse
29	Anne Flippin
29	Bill Riley
30	Anne Flippin



**Oil Tank Removal**

As many of you may know, we discovered, this summer, that the oil tank for our furnace was leaking oil into the soil, which is not only problematic for us, but breaks codes of safety for the protection of the soil and groundwater. In conjunction with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Jim Ray (chair of Facilities) and Leslie Willman (our Church Administrator) have been working toward the safe removal of our oil tank, which is happening today (8/3/22). The Facilities Team recommended to the Finance Team and Congregational Council that we take the opportunity to convert our furnace to use natural gas, which was approved. That process will begin after the oil tank removal is complete. Jim Ray and the Facilities Team (Jim, Jeff Curcio, Tom Willman and Leslie Willman) have also been working on the new fence around the playground, a leak in the 1st floor bathroom, a wonky smoke detector in the elevator shaft, and several other issues that occur in our buildings. **I am taking this chance to say to anyone who is reading this, “WE NEED HELP ON OUR FACILITIES TEAM!”** In September, we will begin talking about leadership and team membership for next year, but I hope several of you will consider helping us with the work of maintaining our facility and keeping an eye on our finances.



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