

December 2022

WINTER SCHEDULE AT PBC

Worship: 11am in our Sanctuary

Communion—Every 1st Sunday

Love Feast —12/18 in Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Service—12/24 @ 5pm Christmas Day Brunch—11am –2pm

@ the Parsonage

New Year's Day Service and Communion -11am

Music: Choir Practice—Thursdays @ 7:15pm Sundays @ 10:30am

Spiritual Formation:

Searchers Sunday School: 9:45am, McNeely Rm

The Forum: Contact Harry Hammitt Wednesday Bible Study: 10:30am every Wed.

Classes from Outside Vendors:

Yoga W/ Carolyn Kardan—Tuesdays @ 2:30pm

Mission Projects:

Food for Thought Bags—1st Sunday 12pm

***January FFT—**JANUARY 8TH** AFTER WORSHIP

<u>Jericho Toy Barrell</u> - through December 15th

Events:

<u>Firepit Friday</u>—12/9 7pm—McNeely Room Games inside—firepit outside

Church Business Meeting—Dec. 11th 12pm

Repeat Events:

Brown Bag Lunch - 1st Thursdays Food for Thought Bag Packing—1st Sundays

<u>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP-DEC</u>

What's involved?

- Lead Call to Worship/Invocation/Offering
- Read Scripture
- Maybe light some candles

Who's eligible?

People who can read

How do I sign up?

Go to the Signup Genius link:

PBC: Worship Leaders, Fall 2022 (signupgenius.com)

Email Martha

marthakearse@peaklandbc.org Dates Available: Dec. 4, 11, 18,





Love Your Neighbor Interfaith Craft Fair

Thank you to everyone who knitted, sewed, cooked, potted, melted, collected, baked, presented, or brought items to the craft fair! We raised over \$3000 for Interfaith Outreach Association and had a great time doing so! Pictured here, you see the fair in the Fellowship Hall, our friends, Tim and Sue Coleman and Billy Worley sharing some

fantastic music, Jim Ray, who

acted as cashier for the whole fair, and the visit from "Frozen" star,



Elsa (aka, Mattie Kearse), who had wonderful helpers in singing, "Let

It Go!" In addition to PBC, Church of the Covenant, Grace Episcopal, Agudath Sholom Synagogue, First Unitarian and IOA all had tables. Thanks to all for a great event!

DONATIONS FOR FOOD FOR THOUGHT REQUEST FOR DECEMBER



Individual Serving Mac & Cheese Bring to our FFT Box in the Breezeway!

Don't Forget —We pack bags Sun., Dec. 4th!

Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

- Thursday, Dec. 1, 12pm
- Drinks/Chips/Cookies provided
- McNeely Room
- Everyone is welcome!
- No sign-up necessary—just come!

Firepit Friday and Game Night

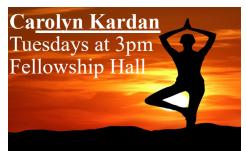
Dec.9@7pm

Meet us in the McNeely Roomwe'll set up our firepit right outside the door and play darts, pingpong, pool, card games whatever sounds fun! Join us and



feel free to bring goodies to share if you'd like...

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 24-26 ONE PBC WEEKEND





December Events

- 1—Brown Bag Lunch –12pm
- 2—Rivermont Pantry Refill—1-2pm

@ Holy Trinity

- 4—Communion/Food for Thought Bags
- Congregational Council Meeting—12pm 9—Firepit Friday and Game Night—7pm Meet in McNeely Room (Firepit will be outside :-)
- 10—Historic Downtown Church Open House 10am-2pm
- 11—Congregational Meeting –12pm

Budget and Leadership Approval

- 18—<u>LOVE FEAST—Bring treats to share</u>
- 24—Christmas Eve Service—5pm
- 25—Christmas Day Brunch—11am-2pm Parsonage

Office Schedule—December

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

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday Dec. 26-Jan. 2

December Birthdays

- Chris Bailey
- Harry Haga
- Angela Heer Tracy Moon
- Noah Burton 14
- 15 Melissa Dempsey
- 16 Donall Sale
- Horace Russell
- 18 Kelly Fleming Dietz
- 20 Mike Sloan
- 28 Brad Barden
- 30 Janna Russell
- 31 Laura Bailey
- 31 Christ Webb

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www.peaklandbaptistchurch.org Rev. Dr. Martha Dixon Kearse, Pastor **BRING YOUR NEW** TOYS TO FILL THE TOY BARREL FOR JERICHO BAPTIST **BEFORE DECEMBER 15TH**



Finance Team Letter on 2023 Budget Draft

Dear Members and Friends of Peakland Baptist Church,

We treasure the fact that our fellow church members share a deep love of Peakland Baptist Church and embrace our church as a vital and nourishing community. As such, we know we all want to ensure that our church continues long into the future with strength and love. The draft budget you will receive this week provides for significant cuts in expenses. Estimated contributions for 2023 are based on actual contributions expected in 2022. The resulting 2023 budget shows a loss of over \$100,000.

The Finance Team has grappled long and hard to come up with a fiscally responsible 2023 budget that continues essential programs designed to retain current members and attract new ones. The budget being presented to you herein has been recommended to Council by the Finance team. It has been discussed by the Council and is expected to be approved by them on Sunday December 4 at their regular meeting. It is being provided to you for consideration now in order to give you adequate time to consider it before you are asked to vote at the Congregational meeting to be held after the Worship Service on December 11.

We considered a more drastic budget which included salary reductions as well as additional programing cuts; however, we could not gain consensus around that version as it would severely hamper our ministry and not reach our goal of sustainability. Despite the reduced number of currently contributing members, we have the financial resources to support our budget in 2023.

Accordingly, we are submitting to you one budget that provides cuts from the previous year but dips substantially into our cash reserves. The attached 2023 budget is a call to action. We must plan for our future. Your commitment and involvement are essential as we work together to articulate our values and establish goals so that our church can thrive. We need you. We have a profound sense of hope that if we all pull together over the next year, we will enter 2024 with greater strength. We ask for your prayers and support as you consider our proposed budget for 2023-- a year that is critical for our future.

Respectfully yours—PBC Finance Team Amy Ray (Treasurer), Ed Burnette (Assistant Treasurer), Georgeann Snead and Kathy Hammitt (Co-Chairs), and Farshid Shahrokhi (Valued Team Member!)

