



# The Messenger

November 2022

## FALL SCHEDULE AT PBC

**Worship:** 11am in our Sanctuary

Communion— Every 1st Sunday

All Saints' Day—11/6

Commitment Sunday —11/20

Love Feast —12/18 in Fellowship Hall

**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.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854433417>

Meeting ID: 818 5443 3417

Meditation for Monkey Brain (5 classes):

Sundays—In Fellowship Hall @ 4:30pm

Classes from Outside Vendors:

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

**Mission Projects:**

Food for Thought Bags—1st Sunday after worship

Rivermont Pantry —October 31-November 4

Love Your Neighbor Craft Fair—11/13 1pm-4pm

**Events:**

Crafts Fair (also a Mission Project): 11/13 1-4pm

**Repeat Events:**

Brown Bag Lunch - 1st Thursdays



## Update on our Natural Gas Furnace Conversion Project:

As of October 31st:

- Pipe has been laid for Columbia Gas
- Meter being installed

In the next weeks:

- Conversion of burner

Goal:

We hope to be able to return to the sanctuary for worship by mid-November. In the meantime, big “Thank You’s” to Leslie Willman, Jim Ray, and Jeff Curcio for working out ways for us to have worship in the parlor, to Debbie Burton and Allan Heer for their continued flexibility, and to our congregation, who have all made this switch without any complaint! Thank you!



## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP-NOV/DEC

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 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

- Email Martha @ [marthakearse@peaklandbc.org](mailto:marthakearse@peaklandbc.org)

Dates Available:

Nov. 6, 13, 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Christmas is on a Sunday!)



## Brown Bag Lunch at PBC!

- Thursday, November 3, 12pm
- Drinks/Chips/Cookies provided
- Fellowship Hall
- Everyone is welcome!
- No sign-up necessary—just come!



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT INTERFAITH  
OUTREACH ASSOCIATION

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR INTERFAITH CRAFT FAIR

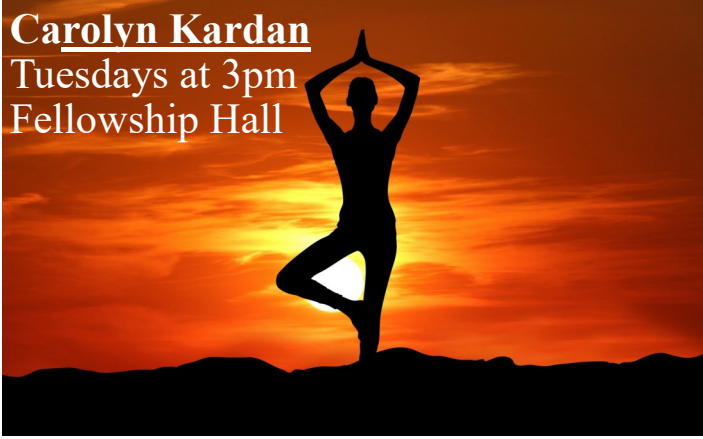
11.13.2022 4018 PEAKLAND PLACE  
1PM-4PM



DONATIONS FOR FOOD  
FOR THOUGHT REQUEST FOR  
NOVEMBER:  
INDIVIDUAL SERVING  
MAC & CHEESE  
BRING TO BOX IN BREEZEWAY

## SAVE THE DATE!

## NOVEMBER 20—COMMITMENT SUNDAY



**Carolyn Kardan**  
Tuesdays at 3pm  
Fellowship Hall

## State of our 2022 Finances

As we have concluded 9 months of 2022, the Finance Team is reporting to our congregation the financial results for the period ended September 30, 2022, as compared to the same period last year and our 9 month budget. **These results are difficult news, and it is important that we look ahead to our budget process with great caution while remembering both our mission and the importance of sustainability. This is not a time for panic, but it is a time for prudent planning and prayerful deliberation. As we talk about our budget, we will also be talking about our vision for the church and its future. Our budget serves our vision—not the other way around.**

### Operating Results

	Sept 2021	Sept 2022 Budget	Sept 2022 Actual
Contributions, and other	\$183,565	\$143,520	\$144,619
Expenses	197,009	241,889	246,883
<b>Operating (Loss) Income</b>	<b>\$ (13,444)</b>	<b>\$(98,369)</b>	<b>\$(102,264)</b>

### Non Operating Revenue Received

Bequest- Myrna Nein	35,000		
Sale of Church Van	\$16,010		
Market Increase/decrease	87,702	\$ 0	\$(320,979)

Total non-operating income \$138,712 \$ 0 \$(320,979)

As you will recall, our budget for 2022 was built on approximately \$30,000 LESS in contributions and included additional funding for several initiatives such as support for our youth and children, new sanctuary carpet, work on the playground, and sealing our parking lot. Additionally, we approved necessary gutter/soffit repairs in the spring and our conversion to gas heating in late summer. All of these projects are underway, and some like the gutters, carpet, playground, and the parking lot sealing, have been completed for a total cost of about \$30,000. The result is that we are close to our budget, even though we are showing an operating deficit for the year of (\$102,264).

The real problem is that we now are expecting an operating loss for the year of approximately \$(180,000), an issue which, unaddressed, puts us on a path to spend our savings down completely in less than three years.

The market value of our investments through September has decreased by (\$320,979) or 25%. As you are aware, we do not consider this spendable cash as we know it is our long-term savings and can be very volatile. Keep in mind that over the prior 2 years our investments had actually increased \$325,000 without any added funds. Currently, our investments total \$956,000 and our cash on hand is \$310,000 so we are not dependent on our investments to fund our operating expenses.

**We are thankful that we have a faithful congregation. As we face forward together, it is important that we all continue to remember the church, with our participation, offerings, and prayer.**

As always, if you would like more information, you may obtain detailed financial statements from the church office or contact me with questions.

Amy Ray, Treasurer

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## November Events

- 3—Brown Bag Lunch –12pm
- 6—All Saints' Day/Communion/Food for Thought Bags
- 6—Meditation for Monkey Brain—4:30pm
- 11—Set-up for LYN Craft Fair
- 13—Love Your Neighbor Craft Fair
- 20—Commitment Sunday/Hanging of the Greens
- 27—First Sunday of Advent

## Office Schedule—November

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 Thanksgiving—11/24-25

## November Birthdays

- 4 Norman Moon
- 4 Parks Snead, III
- 9 Tom Willman
- 10 Mary Ann Vinson
- 11 Harrison Cook
- 12 Elizabeth Taylor
- 13 Gwynn Ramsey
- 14 Thomas Cook
- 15 Diane Russell
- 15 Leslie Willman
- 17 Vicki Mays
- 19 Lucy Cook
- 20 Bill Carroll
- 20 Susan Luce
- 23 Thelma Naff
- 28 Lucy Sloan



BRING YOUR NEW TOYS TO FILL THE TOY BARREL FOR JERICHO BAPTIST BEFORE NOVEMBER 20TH

*Emmanuel, Alpha & Omega, Light, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, True Vine, The Way, The Truth, the Life,*

*Lamb of God, Christ*

*Advent 2022*

