



The Messenger

April 2023

Peakland Connects

With unanimous approval from the Congregational Council at their March 14th meeting comes a new opportunity for PBC: **“Peakland Connects.”** The need for such a program arises out of the recognition that, while many people at PBC are cared for in our Care Groups, there are some who cannot join Care Groups for reasons of health or age. The opportunity of **Peakland Connects** involves individuals from the church connecting with those people in our community who are not able to connect through our Care Groups. The program will work like this: the year will be divided into four quarters; each quarter, volunteers will sign up for a **one week term** during that quarter and **each volunteer will be given three names** from a list created by me, Bonnie Benedict, as I have agreed to head up the program. The list will be made up of people who may be dealing with illness, or who are homebound, or who might be in need of some general encouragement, such as students or those who are looking for jobs. At the end of your week, I will be in touch with you for your update. Each volunteer will cover four weeks/year. It is that simple.

Volunteers may sign up to cover their four weeks during one quarter, and then have the option to sign up again the next quarter. At some point during the year, everyone should receive care from a **Peakland Connects** volunteer and everyone will have had a chance to be a volunteer!

Seven members of the Congregational Council have already agreed to participate. There are no meetings, just one on one contact with me. We plan to begin in June. It is a pleasure to present this opportunity. Say **“YES! I want to be part of Peakland Connects!”**

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Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lily Dedication form will be available by March 12th-complete the form and return to church office. You may make a financial donation if you wish.



PBC SPOTLIGHT

One PBC Weekend and Values Discussion

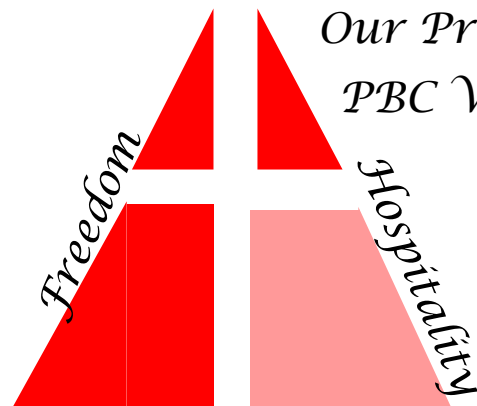
We had a wonderful weekend together for our **One PBC Weekend!** Thank you to everyone who brought food, participated in hymn sing, games and discussions, led a workshop or discussion, worked on our projects and was generally willing to spend time together this weekend.

We plan to continue our discussions on our values over the next few months, with plenty of chances to talk about the specifics of the wording and to consider whether these values express the true consensus among us about what is most important to us in our identity as Peakland Baptist Church.



Saturday afternoon, we had a group who cleaned out and organized the kitchen cabinets, another who cleared brush and opened up the top of what (we hope) will become a meditation trail and a pair of sisters who painted a soothing coat of blue paint on what will become our Quiet Room. We forgot to take pictures, but come by and see for yourself!
PBC Trivia: Where is the angel in the sanctuary?

Our Proposed PBC Values



Spiritual Journey

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April Birthdays

Happy April Birthdays!



4-Patty McCue

6-Dana Garrard

7-Doris Cann

25-Peter Arrington

9-Bill Cook, III

27-Gideon Cheek

9-Eleanor Sloan

27-John Cook

9-Sydney Moon

27-William Agee Cook

13-Georgeann Snead

27-Betsy Garrard

15-Jean Cook

16-Eleanor Ashwell

Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom to discuss and unpack scripture. We have chosen to study the book of John—we're on chapter 12.

Join us at 10:30am each Wednesday via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86502791928>

New Stuff at PBC

A lovely new handrail, crafted by Tom Willman and installed by Jim Ray



Landscaping on the hill by Jim Ray, Leslie Willman and Rhonda Cesavsky—planting clover soon!



A Note of Thanks to the Prayer Team

We want to give a word of great thanks to Georgia Fauber, Susan Epling and Vicki Mays for the many years they served our church as our Prayer Team. Begun initially by Loraine Legon, with her husband Frank, the Prayer Team met by phone each week to say prayers for those in the church who were dealing with illness or recovering from surgery or dealing with other needs. For many years, they kept those who were homebound and dealing with illness connected to the rest of the church and helped the church keep in our prayers those who had requested prayers on their behalf.

In recent months, the demands of caregiving have made it impossible for the members of the Prayer Team to continue to make those connections and complete a weekly Prayer List.

The plan to begin Peakland Connects will, hopefully, help fill the gap of communication and care that has opened up as the Prayer Team has needed to let go of their work. Please be sure to let Georgia, Susan and Vicki know how much you appreciate all they have done for the last several years.

Welcome New Members!



Karen Shaver, by letter from Rivermont Ave Baptist Church

Robert and Cindy Ferguson, by letter from Rivermont Ave Baptist Church



April Events:

1- Sounds of the Mountains Trip

2-Palm Sunday

Food for Thought Bag Packing after Worship

Narrating Ourselves Class—4pm

Deliberate Thoughts w/ Monica Prahinski—4pm

6-Brown Bag Lunch

2-8-Holy Week

Labyrinth available (with instructions)

In Memorial Garden parking lot

after Monday

9--Easter Sunday

10--Church Office Closed

20-Seeds of Hope Program—11:30am

23--Lunch & Values Discussion after Worship

Every Tuesday: 2:30pm—Yoga with Carolyn Kardan

Wednesday Dinners—email Martha at

marthakearse@peaklandbc.org

Wednesday Dinners

At the Parsonage

Please feel free to sign up for another week if you have come already but would like to meet new people! Get a group of people you don't know and sign up for the same night!

Here are the dates still available:

April 5

April 13 (Thursday)

May 3

May 18 (Thursday)

Email Martha at marthakearse@peaklandbc.org to sign up today!

Church Office March Schedule

Our Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Friday—9:30am-2pm

Martha in Office or available by phone:

Monday-Thursday—9am-5:30pm

Day Off—Fridays

Leslie in Office or available by phone:

Monday-Tuesday—9:00am-2pm

Thursday-Friday—9:00am-2pm

Day Off—Wednesdays

Susan Allen is available by email at:

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