



The Messenger

June 2023

SUMMER 2023 AT PBC

Lots of good stuff going on this summer! We hope you are able to connect with us at several of these events:

Worship:

- Communion Sundays—Hymn Sing
- All Other Sundays—Interactive Sermons
- On Our Values

Events for All:

- Firepit Fridays—first one is June 16th
7pm @ 238 Coffee Rd
- Movie Nights —first one is June 24th
7pm—”The Swimmers”
- Doggie Happy Hours—Tuesdays from
5pm-7pm on our field—Begins
June 20th

Events for Under 18 Crowd:

- Play Days at the Coffee House—TBD
- Trip to Water Park and Whitewater Center-
Looking at July 20-22

Peakland Connects

Peakland Connects begins this month! This program is designed to bridge the gap between people who are in one of our Care Groups and people who cannot join a Care Group for reasons of health or mobility.

The program works like this: you choose any four weeks out of the 52 weeks from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Join at any time!

Week One: I will give you 3 PBC names from the list of people who may be dealing with illness/recovery from surgery, who are homebound, or who might be in need of some general encouragement, like our students or those who are looking for jobs.

You will choose how you would like to make contact with those on your list. At the end of the seven days, I will make contact with you for your update. The subsequent three weeks of your choice will work exactly the same way. Our goal will be that, at some point during the year, everyone will 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. It is a pleasure to present this opportunity. Say “YES! I want to be part of **Peakland Connects!**”

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PBC SPOTLIGHT

Communion Volunteers –July-December

After more than a decade of preparing communion each month, Leslie and Tom Willman are stepping down after the June 4th communion celebration.

We need each first Sunday of the month covered.

Email Martha (marthakearse@peaklandbc.org) to sign up for the simple task of **preparing communion on one of the following Sundays:**

July 2	Aug. 6	Sept. 3
Oct. 1	Nov. 5	Dec. 3

Leslie is happy to show you the process this coming Sunday. Let us know which Sunday works for you!

Our Values Discussions

Beginning last fall, your Congregational Council started talking about how we might find language around the PBC identity—a clear “elevator speech” that would encompass all our values and would constitute a clear foundation for policies and programs going forward. The result was what was shared with you this spring:

Four Baptist Freedoms
Hospitality
Spiritual Journey



We have had two lunch discussions about these proposed values, the result

of which is a renewed commitment to reading the original PBC Covenant together in worship and the updating of a New Members folder, which helps those who have joined us in the last few years to connect with our policies and understand how we do things here.

During worship services this summer (except for communion Sundays, which will include a hymn sing and a short homily), the sermon time will be focused on those three values, beginning with the Four Baptist Freedoms in June, then Hospitality in July and the Spiritual Journey in August. During the sermon time, we’ll define our terms, talk about the language of our values documents and allow space for your comments and questions and thoughts. Hopefully, by August, everyone will have had a chance to participate in these conversations and to feel comfortable with the task of adopting these values. Not only will that help us all to have a clear sense of our identity, but it will help us market our church to others. As Clifton Potter always says, “See you in church!”

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Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

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| 4 Bill Fleming | 28 Wendy Moseley |
| 12 James Cook | 30 Bill Phillips |
| 13 TJ Russell | 30 Mattie Kears |
| 15 John Cook | |
| 16 Christopher Taylor | |
| 16 Donna Johnson | |
| 17 Amy Ray | |
| 20 Donald Riley | |
| 22 Jane Sloan | |
| 22 Bev Petty | |

Book Club at PBC & Life @ Lynchburg

Interested in diving deep into conversations about fiction and non-fiction? About literature and culture and the intersection of both with life and theology and meaning? **Book Club** meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in the McNeely Room. Contact Ed Lovern for more info!

Cindy Ferguson invites everyone over age 50 to check out

Life @Lynchburg, programs for life-long learners:
LIFE@Lynchburg - University of Lynchburg

Parsonage Update

First, let me say a word of thanks for the opportunity to live in the parsonage these last five years. It is a lovely home, and the hospitality of the church has been wonderful. My decision to buy my own home was one that had to do with my own finances and personal situation.

The Congregational Council met on the subject of the parsonage and is offering two recommendations to the church about its future use:

- 1) That the church should rent the parsonage, using a rental management company to provide upkeep and monitoring of renters;
- 2) That \$10,000 be allocated for repairs to the parsonage:
 - a leak in an upstairs toilet caused damage to the ceiling of the downstairs bathroom;
 - paint on the ceilings in the kitchen and bathrooms needs to be redone because of peeling due to the moisture.

Jim Ray estimates that the cost of these repairs will not reach the \$10k allocated, but requested that amount for unexpected expenses.

On June 4th, we will meet briefly after worship to vote on those two proposals. We will stay in the sanctuary for this brief meeting.

My new address is

238 Coffee Rd 24503

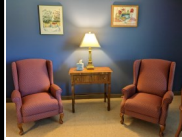
I look forward to the chance to host all of you when you come for firepit Fridays or drop bys or play days or whatever reason you might come by to see me!

Thank you, again, for your hospitality—Martha

Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom to discuss and unpack scripture. We have chosen to study the book of John
Join us at 10:30am each Wednesday via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86502791928>

**New Stuff at PBC
The Quiet Room**



Looking for a little peace and quiet in your life?



Some space to meditate or pray, to connect with God or with your own



thoughts? Church seems like a good place for that and so we have created a Quiet Room, located on our first

floor (which is actually the middle floor in the logic of buildings built on the side of a hill), this room offers



comfortable chairs (recliners)



for reading or sitting or napping, a multitude of items for coloring, tangling or painting, and a peaceful atmosphere. Thanks to Jean and Mary Cook and Jim Ray, the room has been

recently painted in a peaceful blue; thanks to Leslie Willman, the room has been organized so that items are easy to find. The room is open during the day from 9am-5pm, but if there are other times you'd like to access it, just let us know! Come by and check it out!

June Events:

Every Tuesday/Thursday: 2:30pm Yoga with Carolyn Kardan

Every Wednesday—Bible Study @ 10:30am

1 (or any Thursday) - Brown Bag Lunch—12pm

4 Congregational Meeting—Parsonage Plans—
After worship in the sanctuary

5-9 Rivermont Pantry

11 Rev. Dr. Todd Blake, Pulpit Guest
Religious Freedom

13 Westminster-Canterbury Lunch—11:30am

16 Firepit Friday—238 Coffee Rd—7pm

18 Father's Day

19 Juneteenth —Office Closed

24 Movie Night —"The Swimmers" -7pm
McNeely Room

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 Out: 6/7-6/15

Leslie in Office or available by phone:

Monday-Tuesday—9:00am-2pm

Thursday-Friday—9:00am-2pm

Day Off—Wednesdays Out:6/16

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