



# The Messenger

August 2023

## Parsonage Plans

Thanks to the Congregational Council and the quick movement of the resource team who volunteered to make things happen for our parsonage rental plan, we have lined up a rental agency to manage our property as we go forward with plans to rent the parsonage.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Team, the vote to approve a contract with Brownstone Properties was approved unanimously. The next step in the process will be for the whole congregation to vote on whether or not to approve the use of this company for the management of our property. **Sunday, August 6th, we will come into business session immediately following worship to answer questions and call for a vote on this issue.**

At our meeting on 8/6/23, we will also present a plan to authorize Church Trustees to send a letter to our neighbors on Hilton Place in order to renew the offer to sell them the small triangle of property we own that adjoins their lot. The parcel mentioned is the small piece of land on the other side of the creek which the owners of that property typically maintain.

Be sure to join us on **Sunday, August 6th**, to help us discuss and vote on these property issues.

## Guest Speaker—Rev. Stella Perrin



On Sunday, August 27, we welcome Rev. Stella Perrin who has been endorsed as one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Field Personnel to

serve in Cyprus, beginning this September. Stella is a good friend of mine (Martha's) from seminary and recently visited to share about her journey to seeing herself serving in Cyprus, which she visited for the first time in June.

Stella has served in several churches, working with children and youth and as associate pastor. Her passion for children is at the forefront of what she wants to do in Cyprus, where she will be focused on helping the refugee population there.

Stella will share some of her story and experiences with us when she comes and will offer us the chance to follow her work as she begins this new adventure, including learning multiple languages in order to help refugees from many different countries.

Be sure to be with us on Sunday, August 27th, to hear from Stella!

## New Member Notebook

It's Here! All the information you've always wanted to know about Peakland Baptist Church and then some! Leslie Willman has been hard at work collecting the important documents from our church, such as:

- Our covenant and history
- Our bylaws and leadership structure
- Our budget and updated reports
- Our proposed statement of PBC Values

In addition, the booklet has some inserts and brochures, including:

- Cornerstone Society
- Memorial Garden & Columbarium
- Messenger
- Principles for Giving
- Directory
- Architecture & Christian Symbolism of our building

Anyone who would like to have a copy of our notebook is welcome to have one by requesting one from the office

([pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org](mailto:pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org)). New members and friends will receive one the next time we see you. Get yours today and be the envy of all your friends and the next party when you know the answer to the question, "How do you get things done at Peakland Baptist Church?"



## Communion Volunteers –September-December

Leslie and Tom Willman joined PBC more than a decade ago and were promptly asked to take over the duty of preparing communion each month, a task which they have faithfully carried out since then.

With gratitude for their willingness to cover this task for so long, we're letting them step down and opening up a chance for each of you to participate in worship leadership by preparing communion one Sunday each year. Email Martha ([marthakearse@peaklandbc.org](mailto:marthakearse@peaklandbc.org)) to sign up for the simple task of **preparing communion on one of the following Sundays:**

**Sept. 3                      Oct. 1                      Nov. 5**  
**Dec. 3**

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



## August Birthdays

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 5 Jeff Curcio           | 23 Rondys Cook   |
| 5 Parker Lee, III       | 24 George Cook   |
| 5 Mike Riley            | 25 Brenda Brooks |
| 10 Brent Riley          | 26 Daphne Taylor |
| 11 Marcey Cook Anderson | 27 Martha Kearse |
| 14 Allan Heer           | 29 Randal Walton |
| 16 Vic Angell           |                  |
| 18 Bill Riley, Jr.      |                  |
| 18 Cynthia Riley        |                  |
| 22 Deborah Raessler     |                  |



## CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 12TH—1-4PM  
Peakland Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall

Start crafting today to  
make items to sell to  
holiday buyers!

All proceeds go to support  
Interfaith Outreach  
Association!

### Prayer Requests

Lou and Mindy in the loss of Lindsay,  
their daughter (Fran Christie's grand-  
niece)  
Bill Phillips' sister, Gwen—had a liver  
transplant and is doing well  
Care-givers  
Purnell Pettyjohn—fell and broke her  
elbow—  
Martha Kearse in the loss of her  
cousin, Cathy Hendrix

### Bible Study

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

### The Peakland Baptist Podcast

Our second podcast episode deals with the value of  
Bible Freedom. Three of our fellow Baptists from the  
area, Rev. Dr. Derik Hamby, Rev. Paul Dakin and Rev.  
John Moxley, join with me to talk about what Bible  
freedom means for them. We talk about how to help  
people navigate difficult passages, what the Bible is  
used for and how people see the Bible, as well as  
discussing the importance of biblical literacy. Some  
recommended resources are:  
N. T. Wright—*The Last Word* and *Surprised by Scripture*  
Peter Enns—*The Sin of Certainty*  
Frances Taylor Gench—*Encountering God in Tyrannical  
Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority  
of Scripture*  
Walter Shurden—*Not a Silent People*  
Kenneth Leong—*The Zen Teachings of Jesus*  
More editing is needed, but Martha will send the link  
out as soon as it is available. In the meantime, if you  
missed it, here is our first episode, on Religious  
Freedom:  
[Stream Pbcpod.freedomrel.tylerblake.com/](https://stream.pbcpod.freedomrel.tylerblake.com/)  
[| Listen online for free on SoundCloud](#)

### **August Events:**

- Every Tuesday/Thursday: 2:30pm Yoga  
with Carolyn Kardan
- Every Wednesday—Bible Study @ 10:30am
- 3—Brown Bag Lunch—12pm—Parlor
- 6—Congregational Meeting—After worship
- 8—Westminster-Canterbury Lunch—  
11:30am on the bridge
- 18—Firepit Friday—Bring Ice Cream to share

### Church Office August 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:  
[pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org](mailto:pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org)