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The mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to reach our community for Christ, develop disciples, and empower all people for ministry.



## Mardi Gras Jambalaya Sale

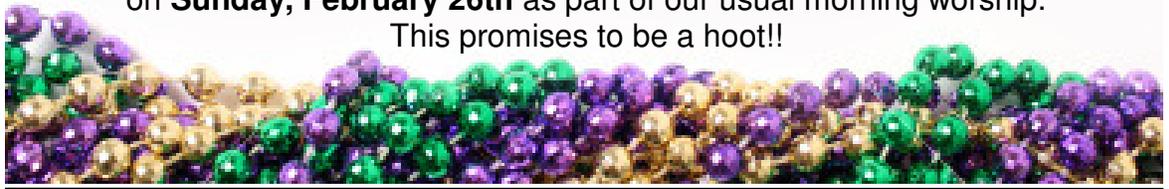
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH  
11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.  
\$7.00 PER PLATE

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Get ready for our 3rd Annual Jambalaya Sale scheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Orders can be placed by signing up in the Narthex.

Also, in conjunction with this sale we will have a **Mardi Gras Jazz Service** on **Sunday, February 26th** as part of our usual morning worship.

This promises to be a hoot!!



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## Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 26th

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26th at the conclusion of the morning worship service for the purpose of ratifying the actions of the 2016 Consistory, which you will find in your Annual Report, to be mailed shortly.

## Lenten Season Approaches

On **Wednesday, March 1st**, Peace Church will gather for our Ash Wednesday service which kicks off the Lenten season. This service is a time of repentance and preparation for the Lenten season. Our service will begin at **6:30 p.m.** and include the Imposition of Ashes for those who choose. Communion is also a part of this sacred service. All are welcome!

# Pastor's Perspective

*“Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.” (1 Kings 19: 11-12)*

I write this article on a morning when it is 7 degrees above zero. The earth is snow-covered and the house is decidedly chilly. We just came through a Sunday in which church was cancelled; a rarity even here in North Carolina. It all reminds me of my growing-up years in central New York. Those were the days when the snow came in by Thanksgiving and stayed around until Easter. Back then, winter seemed endless.

In the past few days, as Greensboro has tried to dig out of the significant snow and deep freeze we have been in, I have noticed a number of people who have made comments about the snow. The comments, surprisingly, have not been about the amount or the beauty of the white blanket that surrounds us, but about the silence.

## *The sounds of silence.*

No cars on the streets, not many people outside, and an 8 inch blanket covering the earth like a divinely-inspired insulation.

## *A holy silence.*

My neighbor told me that when the earth is covered with snow it gives her time to catch her breath and just “take it all in.” She’s a public school teacher who welcomes the snow days. She welcomes, even longs for, a day to just be. No classes, no after-school activities, no meetings, just unstructured time when we are required to be nowhere and produce nothing.

## *A holy silence that roars.*

By the time this article is read, the snow will be long gone and our lives will be back to the frantic pace we are all so grudgingly used to. But let us not forget the power of the silence. The joyful weight of time spent only with the sounds of creation. Time spent simply in contemplation of our lives and what God is doing among us, with us, and in the larger scheme of history.

Silence reminds us that, in the end, we are not in control. We are only here on earth for a moment. We must not let this moment pass us by, preoccupied with the tasks and noise of the work-a-day world.

When the snow is gone, let us not forget its gift. Let us take a moment to listen for, and talk with, that still small voice of God; discovered in the sheer sound of the silence.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom



## Looking ahead To Lent ...

As part of our Lenten festivities the following activities are "in the works":

- ✦ Ash Wednesday Service on March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- ✦ A five week **Lenten Bible Study** led by Dr. Jason Myers, Professor of Biblical Studies in the Department of Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy at Greensboro College. He will facilitate a discussion **each Tuesday evening beginning March 14th** on one of the four gospels and then have a wrap-up session on Tuesday, April 11th. Each evening will begin with a meal of soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. followed by the study and discussion session at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to come to what promises to be a stimulating discussion of our New Testament gospels and the foundations of our Christian faith.
- ✦ Maundy Thursday service on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ✦ Good Friday Service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 15th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the church lawn.
- ✦ Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by an all-church Easter Feast at 9:00 a.m. Easter Service at 10:45 a.m.



Dear Peace Parents and Guardians,

As I am finalizing my submission for the Peace UCC 2016 Annual Report, I am feeling so grateful for how the youth and children's ministry has grown and so hopeful for all that 2017 will bring! The first Sunday in February we will begin a new curriculum in Children's Chapel that focuses on the life of Jesus- what a great way to get the year started! Also, remember our "Make A Difference in 2017" initiative: on the Youth and Children's bulletin board in the Narthex there are fliers by age group where families can discover ways they can make a difference together this year.

I have started to plan out this year and started to think about what the focus event of each month will be for Youth and Children and have listed that below for you. Some of the things are subject to change and I will be sure to make you all aware of upcoming events by posting in the Sunday bulletin, putting up fliers on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and sending out emails. Please let me know if you have ideas for any Youth and Children events and/or if you would like to volunteer in any area of the ministry.



**February:** Family Service Project  
**March:** Fun & Fellowship Event  
**April:** Spring Carnival and Palm Sunday Music  
**May:** Family Service Project  
**June:** Peace Village Day Camp  
**July:** High School Youth Mission Trip to Cuba  
**August:** Pool Party  
**September:** Rally Day  
**October:** Halloween Party  
**November:** Family Service Project  
**December:** Christmas Program

Peace & Blessings,

**Rhiannon Kelly**  
 Director of Youth and Children



Music is a great way to learn and remember. Think for a minute – how did you learn the ABCs? Are you singing them again as you read this? What you sing and memorize becomes a part of you and may come to mind at an unexpected time.

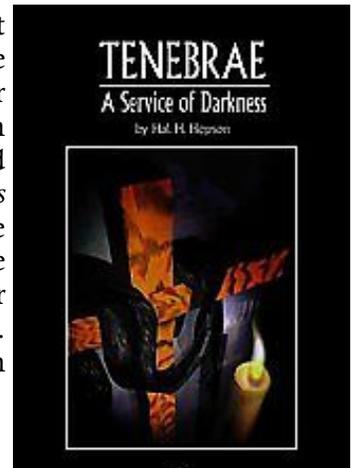


A concept we have used at school the last couple of years is called "quick write." The students get a topic right as class begins and quickly write about it. Recently I asked some of my classes to write briefly about writing a song about an historical person or event. Who or what would they choose and why and also what style would the song be. How could music help us learn and remember history? How do they connect?

So just a quick write challenge for February: if you could choose a Scripture or Biblical person to write a song about who would it be and why? What comes to mind quickly? What style music do you like – what style would you use? (You don't actually have to write the song, just think about what it would be!)

Try it – in your mind or on paper – what is that really important part of your faith that you would like to hear in a song? How does music help us learn and remember scripture?

We have also begun our Lent and Easter preparations in the choir. We will be singing for the Good Friday Service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The work is entitled *Tenebrae A Service of Darkness* written by Hal Hopson. We would greatly welcome anyone who would like to join us for the Lent and Easter season. Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Tuesday,  
 February 14th



Peace United Church of Christ

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

Burr! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets every night to stay warm as we fall fast asleep. Now imagine a man on a cold bench or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster... How will they find warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.



For declining neighborhoods outside of major cities in the U.S., families struggle to make ends meet. For example, in Detroit, the Brightmoor neighborhood has seen decline in the last years. When 80 CWS blankets were delivered to a local shelter, it boosted the morale of the community — a small gesture, to show that they mattered and others were thinking of them.



The CWS Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men and women who are struggling against the cold.

This Valentine's Day is a perfect time to give thanks for the warmth in our homes, our churches and our hearts by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Your generosity has not only the ability to help but to change lives and communities. Let's blanket the world with love this Valentine's Day!



# Advent Food Drive Results

Our food drive during Advent filled 4-1/2 large Greensboro Urban Ministry collection boxes for a total of 895 pounds of food. The GUM Food Bank provides emergency food assistance for families. Thank you for helping end hunger in Greensboro with your very generous donations!

Celebrating a special occasion?  
Honoring a loved one?

Say it with  
**FLOWERS**

Sign up to provide flowers for the altar

If you wish to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor of a special occasion or memorial, please sign up for the date of your choice on the Altar Flower Calendar in the Narthex. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00, and the flowers are yours to take following the worship service. Be sure to sign up now for dates throughout the year so you are sure to get the date(s) you desire.



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

## Widows' Valentine Luncheon

Doris Yeattes invites all the widows of Peace Church to join her for their annual Valentine Luncheon on **Tuesday, February 14th**, at Oakcrest Family Restaurant on Battleground Avenue at 11:30 a.m. Ya'll come!

## COMING NEXT MONTH...



**ERNIE HAASE & SIGNATURE SOUND  
IS COMING TO WINSTON-SALEM!**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 — 6:00 pm**  
**Oaklawn Baptist Church**  
**3500 Kernersville Rd.**  
**Winston-Salem, NC**

Tickets are \$15.00 each.

Buckle your seatbelt and get ready for the most energetic & enjoyable gospel concert you've ever attended!

Christian entertainment and ministry at it's best.

Contact Sherri Vestal in the church office for more information.

[www.erniehaase.com](http://www.erniehaase.com)



## Peace Church Recipe Corner

### Ham & Cheese Roll-Ups

Package of sliced sandwich ham (rectangle shape)  
 Finely shredded cheddar cheese  
 Can of 8 crescent rolls, pull apart and make into 4 rectangles using 2 wedges for each rectangle  
 Sesame Seeds



On each rectangle of dough:  
 Spread with mustard or honey mustard  
 1 slice sandwich ham  
 Sprinkle cheese

Roll tightly from the short end and smooth the dough so that it closes the rollup. Roll in sesame seeds.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray baking sheet with cooking spray. Cut rolls into about 1/4" slices and place on baking sheet. Bake for about 10-12 minutes or until golden.



Most of our dishcloths and dishtowels have disappeared from the kitchen. If you have taken them home to wash, please return them to the kitchen. Also, if you have any to donate (new or used), please place in the plastic bins in the bottom cabinet closest to the heat/air return.

Plans are being made to clean the refrigerators in the church. Unlabeled and old items will be discarded. Contact Abbie Wheeling if you are willing to help.



# mens fellowship

encouraging • connecting • becoming

## Monday, February 20th

### 7:00 p.m.

**great food • great friends • inspiring and  
educational programs • wonderful fellowship**



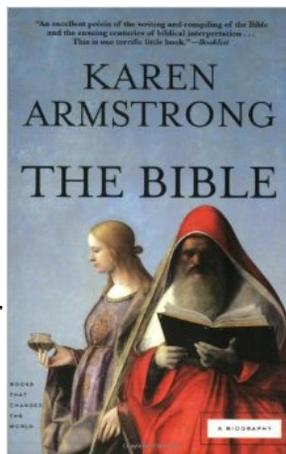
### *The Bible: A Biography Book Study*

The "Out of the Box" study group will begin discussing Karen Armstrong's 2008 book called *The Bible: A Biography* on Sunday, February 5th.

This powerful book is part of *Atlantic Monthly's* Books That Changed the World series, and ambitiously undertakes discussing not only the Bible itself (including its history, authorship and origins) but more than 2,000 years of its interpretation by Christians and Jews. In eight short chapters, Armstrong brings the story of biblical interpretation from the early church fathers through the rise of monasticism, medieval Kabbalists, and Renaissance inquiry up to the Reformation and the Enlightenment.

This is a great opportunity to learn about how the Bible became the book that we claim as our own and how it has been interpreted throughout history and up until this very day.

The 'Out of the Box' group is open to all Peace Church friends and members, meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those who are interested in the class should sign up in the Narthex and purchase a book on their own.



Our newsletter is available on our church website at [www.peaceucc.com](http://www.peaceucc.com). Click on the "Newsletter" tab. You will not receive a copy in the mail unless you are one of our members who does not use email (or computers), and in that case, the newsletter will be printed and mailed to you. A few copies of the newsletter will be available in the Narthex if you are one who likes to "hold it and read it". This is a new venture for us, so please help us work out the details as we go along. If you have suggestions, please send them to Sherri Vestal at [peaceucc2714@gmail.com](mailto:peaceucc2714@gmail.com). If you know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please have them send an email to the church office and we will add them to our distribution list.



Connecting...

Communicating...

Caring...

New CareNotes are available in the Narthex. You may recall these little brochures addressing specific areas of concern. Many also lift you up when you are feeling low. Here are our new titles:

- ◆ Living with Cancer
- ◆ Facing the Uncertainty of Cancer
- ◆ Living and Dying with Alzheimer's
- ◆ Overcoming Loneliness After Loss
- ◆ What to Say to Someone Who is Grieving
- ◆ The Grief You Feel Before the Loss
- ◆ Final Conversations with a Dying Loved One
- ◆ Keeping Up Your Spirits in the Hospital
- ◆ The Spirituality of Wellness
- ◆ When God Feels Far Away
- ◆ Holding On to Faith in the Midst of Suffering

Please take a moment to learn if any of these materials would be helpful to you, your relatives, or friends.

**Please keep these members of our church family in your thoughts and prayers:**

Lois Bell; Dale Benshoff; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; Virginia Graber; Temple Green; Ramona Griffin; Millie Harmon; Laura Langley; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Sally McGrogan; Dorothy Meeks; Sharon Mitchell; Mary Ann Murray; Gertrude Radford; Pansy Slate; Lucille Waynick; Betty Webster; Buddy Webster; Doris Whitley; Kelly Wyrick.

**Remember these wider church family and friends:**

Lyn Ann Bailey (niece of Harold Poffenbaugh); Katie Bowen (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Bowen); Eric Chapman (relative of Jane Ford); Janet Faucette (sister-in-law of Yvonne Smothers); Sophia Fineron (mother of Karen Haver); Theresa Grill (neighbor of Sue Smith); Gerry Haver (mother of Russ Haver); Larry Haver (brother of Russ Haver); Butch Holt (brother-in-law of B.J. Blocker); Pat Jorgensen (sister of Virginia Graber); Betty Larimer (aunt of Trish Larimer); Ann Moran (friend of Susie Cressman); Shirley Morrison (mother of James Baker); Beatrice Rosenthal (mother of David Dole); Michael Shoffner (grandson of Edith Sink); Ralph Stevenson (brother-in-law of Linda Fesperman); Lindsay White (great-granddaughter of David & Nancy Peeler).

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR JANUARY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
January 1	No report	45	\$2,563	\$278
January 8	NO SERVICE DUE TO SNOW			
January 15	5	60	\$5,058	\$415
January 22	11	58	\$2,406	\$490
January 29	11	86	\$1,459	\$135

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through December 31, 2016)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	18,094	205,342	187,009	18,333
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	16,908	216,674	255,866	(39,192)
GUM Honor Cards, CROP Walk	320			



***February Birthdays***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sally McGrogan Skyler Whitfield	2 Kathleen Saunders	3	4 Jennifer Griffin
5 Jean Jones	6	7	8	9	10 Ciaran Leszinski Curtis Patterson, Jr.	11
12	13 Logan Hindson Meghan Nelson	14 Sherri Vestal Lucy Washington	15 Lois Bell Scott Icenhower	16	17	18
19	20	21 Cai Bowen Olivia Saunders	22	23	24 Clodagh Leszinski	25
26	27 Philip Gilbert Harold Poffenbaugh Lucille Waynick	28 Kelly Savage				



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*Love your neighbor as yourself*

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love.  
 How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here:  
 (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

- (1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_

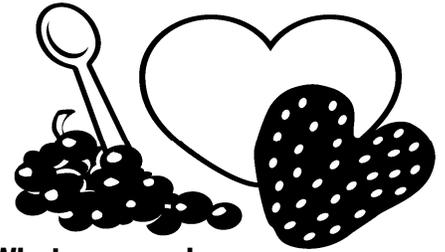


♥ "Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your  
 \_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

# Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



**What you need:**

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV