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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.



As part of our Lenten festivities the following activities are planned:

- ✠ On **Wednesday, March 1st**, Peace Church gathered for our Ash Wednesday service which kicks off the Lenten season. This service is a time of repentance and preparation for the Lenten season.
- ✠ 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. *(See page 4 for more information.)*
- ✠ 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. The choir will perform their cantata.
- ✠ Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the church lawn.
- ✠ Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by an all-church Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

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## Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>



We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 12th 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 2016 Annual Report.

# Pastor's Perspective

For those who follow the lectionary, our 2017 Lenten season will be a journey through the stormy seas of first century Palestine. This journey will take us through Jerusalem tears, the call to repentance, anointing and betrayal and the triumphal entry, culminating in ultimate victory over the death-dealing powers and principalities of the Roman Empire.

The first Sunday in Lent (March 5th) finds Jesus face-to-face with temptation (Matthew 4:1-11), forced to choose between demonic, earthly alliances and his allegiance to the God of justice and Torah-based righteousness. While in the end victory is assured, the gift of Easter begins in the uncertainty of wilderness. Like his ancient ancestors, Jesus will spend 40 days fasting before the demon-sponsored seductions of empire.

The first challenge to the famished “Son of God” is to turn stone into bread. The title “Son of God” provides some context. In first century Palestine there was only one “son of god,” namely Caesar. When the gospels rename Jesus as such, it is not simply a theological claim, but a direct challenge to the sovereignty of the Roman Empire. The devil does the bidding for Rome, seeking to separate Jesus from his allegiance to the God of Israel. The true “Son of God” could do such bread making magic, but Jesus cites scripture instead (Deut. 8:1-3), insisting that God will define his mission and use of power.

The second leg of the Trinitarian temptation comes in the form of the Jerusalem Temple. Jerusalem, the center of first-century secular and religious power, is the locale which permeates the gospels in particular and Jewish life in general. Here, the devil — perhaps in frustration — mimics Jesus by quoting scripture, attempting to show that the command to “throw yourself down” is all under God’s control (Ps 11a, 12). Pulling out the Torah for a third time (Deut. 6:16), Jesus declares that he will not demand any display from God, but will trust and act at God’s direction only. Although the scene ends with yet another demonic challenge successfully met, Matthew hints -- with the shadow of Jerusalem looming — that the devil will be back at an opportune time.

Although he fails to tempt the true ‘Son of God,’ the devil ups the ante. The kingdoms of the world are now on the table. These kingdoms and their power are in



possession of the demonic one (vs. 9). The offer is now made concrete: “If you will worship me, it will all be yours.” The proposal made here is not one of generic power, but of worldly power — the social, economic, political, and religious power which permeates everyday life in every age, perhaps historically and most powerfully embodied by Rome. The term used here for “kingdoms” is the Greek *basileias*. When Herod is introduced in the second chapter, the same noun for king (*basileus*) is used. Thus, according to Matthew, Herod is an ally and agent of Satan. His kingship, derived from the devil and allied with Rome, contrasts with Jesus who is king by God’s calling. Again citing his God revealed in the “second law,” Jesus affirms his steadfast fidelity to the “Lord your God” (Deut. 6:13; Luke 4:8).

Lent is a season of confession, repentance and spiritual cleansing; indeed, an opportune time for personal renewal. Yet, in our historical moment, as in Jesus’ moment, many of our individual temptations and failings are directly related to the impersonal powers and principalities under which we live. The Gospel of Matthew challenges the faithful to recognize and confront the ubiquitous power of empire and its social, economic, religious and military manifestations.

May this Lenten season be one in which we are all strengthened to confront the seductions of the imperial darkness that surrounds us. As it was two centuries ago, we are called today to follow the true Son of God, living out our lives in deep conversation with the Lord of life.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom





Dear Peace Parents and Guardians,

Did you realize there are **168** hours in each week? I have the honor and blessing to spend **1** of those hours each week with your children on Sunday mornings teaching them and engaging them with God, Jesus, and the Bible. Is that enough time for children to work on building their foundation in Christ and their relationship with God? I am sure we can all agree it certainly is not NEARLY enough time! Below are some faith-building tips for parents from Children's Ministry Magazine that I thought you may all find helpful. Some of these tips may need to be altered a bit for your specific child's age or personality, but I think they are pretty simple and practical ways to help your children engage with God throughout the week.

**1. Doodle Prayers:** Carry a Magna Doodle drawing toy (or white board or just pen and paper!) in your vehicle. On the way to school each morning, have one of your kids be responsible for doodling prayer requests for the day. After you drop off your kids at school, pray for their needs. When you pick them up at the end of the day, let them know you prayed for them, and ask how things went.

**2. God Sighting Sticks:** We share our weekly *God Sightings in Children's Chapel* every week so this would be a great way for them to prepare for what they will share on Sunday morning! Use a fun container to store paper strips with conversation prompts to get kids talking about God sightings throughout their day. Use these sticks to spark conversations with your kids after school. To make the strips more durable you can glue strips to craft sticks. Use the sticks during after-school snacks or at dinner to help your kids see how God works in their world.

- ♥ *Today God helped me at school when...*
- ♥ *I showed someone God's love today when I...*
- ♥ *I experienced God's power today when...*
- ♥ *I trusted God today*
- ♥ *I know God loves me because today...*

**3. Bus Stop Jingle:** Sing this cute song (to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game") with your kids to remind them that God is always with them as they wait for the school bus.

*Take me out to the bus stop.  
Take me out with my friends.  
Buy me some school supplies, it's okay.  
Let me pray, pray, pray every day;*

*'Cause I need help through the school year.  
God's with me, he's on my side,  
'cause it's one, two, three cheers for me,  
as I start school, YEA!*

**4. Blessing Cards:** Read aloud John 13:34-35 and discuss with your child what it means to show God's love to others. Brainstorm different ways your child can show love to others at school. Then tell your child he or she can bless people at school by giving kids and teachers a special card during the school year.

Please let me know if you would like to meet and discuss some more individualized ways your family can incorporate faith into your daily lives.

Peace & Blessings,

**Rhiannon Kelly**

Director of Youth and Children



*A note from  
Elisabeth...*

As we enter March, we find ourselves in the season of Lent, traditionally a time of personal reflection and renewed commitment. Often we think of it as a quiet time of prayer and confession.

As we personally reflect during this time, a focus hymn might be page 211 in our hymnal, *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*. This is a Spiritual that emphasizes the personal walk and introspection that Jesus demonstrated, and then each of us is challenged to follow. That walk requires time, thought, prayer, meditating on God's Word, and commitment, but that is what Lent and life are about. It is a personal experience, but in the church we also walk this path together as we share in Jesus's love and grace.

During this month and the entire Lenten season, the choir anthems focus on Jesus and His love for us and His sacrifice on the cross. The mood of the selections is thoughtful.

We are spending part of choir rehearsal each Wednesday on Hal Hopson's *Tenebrae* in preparation for Good Friday. We would love to have you join us as prepare for the quiet of that service and then the celebration of Easter!



Peace United Church of Christ

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### One Great Hour of Sharing



In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to reclaim the spiritual discipline of solidarity. Christians are summoned to adopt and live out a “theology of *acompañamiento* [accompaniment],” in the words of the theologian Roberto Goizueta. As natural, economic, and political forces disrupt and uproot communities, the Church is called to stand in solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward a promise of healing and peace.

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we, as the body of Christ, have opportunity and power to help those who are living in despair as refugees. If refugees had the choice to return home, many would not have a place to return because their home most likely has been destroyed — either burned, severely damaged, or is still an unsafe place to live.

This year as you consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, for one moment, think of what it would be like to not have a place to call home, and then make your very best gift. Let us make Ruth’s promise our own. Let us live out the call of solidarity with all people, especially those displaced by disaster, war, and famine.

**Please give generously in this special mission offering on Sunday, March 26th.**

# Lenten Bible Study

Tuesdays, March 14 — April 11, 6 pm

We will have 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.

Here is biographical information about Dr. Myers, as well as a brief synopsis of the study program:

Dr. Jason Myers is the assistant professor of Biblical Studies at Greensboro College and is now in his second year at the college. He received his Ph.D. from Asbury Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 2015. His dissertation focused on the theme of obedience in Romans. His interest in the Apostle Paul has led to numerous presentations, a forthcoming book on Paul for IVP (2017) co-written with his advisor Dr. Ben Witherington III, and teaching in India, Nigeria, Estonia, Turkey, Italy, and England. Jason is active in both the academy and the church and has preached and taught at several churches here in Greensboro. Jason is married to his wife Lisa, who is a fitness professional and a certified personal trainer and attempts to keep him in top physical shape. They recently celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary.



### Course Description

Four Stories: One Life provides an introduction to the four gospels. The course provides a introduction to the Four Gospels in their social, cultural, and literary settings. The first week looks at the genre of the New Testament Gospels and it’s implications for interpreting and understanding the Four Gospels. The following weeks will provide a brief insight into the main themes of each gospel and how they make a unique contribution to our understanding of Jesus. The course provides both a social and historical understanding of the Gospels while also addressing what the Gospels mean for the church and its mission today.



The Spring/Easter Carnival will be held on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There are many volunteer positions available... lots of opportunities to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Rhiannon at youthdirectorpeaceucc@gmail.com.

If there is something specific you are interested in helping with, please let her know.

**Save the date...** Peace Village will be held June 26-30! Put it on your calendar!

# HAPPY 114TH BIRTHDAY PEACE CHURCH!

On March 1, 1903, the Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. D. Andrew convened interested people in the Friends Meeting House and the First Reformed Church of Greensboro was organized with 17 charter members.

Theological student, Shuford Peeler was commissioned by the Board of Missions as minister to the congregation. He was licensed to preach by the Classis of North Carolina on May 20, 1903, and two months later, July 12, was ordained to the Christian ministry.

114 years have passed, and the ministry of Peace Church continues. We are a blessed people with many exciting days and years on the horizon. Happy Birthday Peace UCC!



So baby Virgilio decided to arrive early! Congratulations to **Kathryn and Chris Virgilio** on the birth of a baby boy, **Aaron Anthony Virgilio**, born on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 7:52 a.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 15.9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. The baby and mom are both doing well.



## PeaceCare Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 30, 2017

5:30 p.m.

A Peace Church Family Event



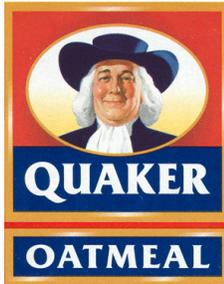
A big thank you to **Rick Owen** and all the people who participated in the success of the Jambalaya event! There are still a few more pint containers of Jambalaya available for purchase in the freezer.

Also, thank you to those who assisted in setting up, providing food and help during the receptions for families of Nancy Thompson and Temple Green.

# Bits & Pieces

## Record Oatmeal Donation in February!!

Thank you Peace Church for your response to the food shortage at Greensboro Urban Ministry in recent weeks. Our monthly donation of oatmeal totaling 128 pounds in February helped restock the empty shelves at the Food Bank. The first Sunday of every month is Oatmeal Sunday at Peace. Please bring oatmeal or one dollar to purchase a one pound box of oatmeal.



We have now combined Circle #1 and Circle #3, and will be meeting at the 10:00 a.m. time on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday each month. We are

excited about the change and look forward to working (and playing) together! New members are always welcome! Come and join us!

## Faith Voices for Clean Energy Advocacy Day Tuesday, March 21, 2017

You are invited to join NC Interfaith Power & Light's congregational lay and faith leaders network on Tuesday, March 21st at the NC General Assembly in Raleigh for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith Voices for Clean Energy Advocacy Day.

We will lead with our "Advocating with Compassion" message as we meet with members of the NC General Assembly to hear their visions for North Carolina and to express our support for new and existing clean, renewable and energy efficient policies.



## Peace Church Recipe Corner

### Chicken & Asparagus Lemon Stir-fry

1-1/2 pounds skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes

Kosher salt, to taste

1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth

2 Tbs. reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 Tbs. cornstarch

2 Tbs. water

1 Tbs. canola oil, divided

1 bunch fresh asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces

6 cloves garlic, chopped

1 Tbs. fresh ginger

3 Tbs. fresh lemon juice

Fresh black pepper, to taste



#### Directions

Lightly season the chicken with salt. In a small bowl, combine chicken broth and soy sauce. In a second small bowl (or cup) combine the cornstarch and water and mix well to combine.

Heat a large non-stick wok over medium-high heat, when hot add 1 teaspoon of the oil, then add the asparagus and cook until tender-crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger and cook until golden, about 1 minute. Set aside.

Increase the heat to high, then add 1 teaspoon of oil and half of the chicken and cook until browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes on each side. Remove and set aside and repeat with the remaining oil and chicken. Set aside.

Add the soy sauce mixture; bring to a boil and cook about 1-1/2 minutes. Add lemon juice and cornstarch mixture and stir well, when it simmers return the chicken and asparagus to the wok and mix well, remove from heat and serve.

*Note: I have made this several times and it is delicious! My husband calls it a homerun! I have also used fresh broccoli instead of asparagus and that worked just as well. (S. Vestal)*

Our hearts are saddened at the untimely death of **Virginia R. Graber**, 73, on Friday, March 3, 2017, at Moses Cone Hospital. She was born on April 18, 1943, in Rockingham County, the daughter of Raymond and Virginia Robertson. She worked until her retirement as the office manager of Handi-Clean Products. Virginia was an active member of Peace United Church of Christ which she dearly loved.



Virginia is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Richard C. Graber of the home; sister, Annie Cobb and husband David of Columbia, SC; niece, Loretta Cobb; brother, Dillard Robertson of Eden and sister, Patricia Jorgensen of Texas; nephew Michael Robertson of Eden, NC; two goddaughters, DeLorea Blackburn and Gabrielle Baker and numerous other

nieces and nephews.

She was a loving wife, sister, and friend to many. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27403.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Nancy Scott Bell Gilbert Thompson**, 81, who passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Spring Arbor Assisted Living in Greensboro, NC.

Born in Greensboro on March 6, 1935, Nancy was the daughter of the late Boyd Ernest and Beulah Scott Bell. She graduated from Greensboro High School and worked for the State of North Carolina. Nancy began her career with the state working for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She went on to work for North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Services as well as the Greensboro, North Carolina Parole Office.

Nancy was a life-long and active member of Peace United Church of Christ, faithfully serving wherever needed. She and her husband, Roger, were committed to caring for others and spent much of their retirement picking up, sorting, and delivering produce, bread, and doughnuts from local markets to Greensboro Urban Ministry and to those in need.



Nancy was born to be a mother and grandmother. She loved and adored her boys, Dick, Jeff, Philip, and Kemp and delighted in their lives. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she was her happiest when caring for them.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by husbands, Roger Murphy Thompson, and Richard L. Gilbert, Sr. (her children's father); her sisters, Mary Kathryn Farmer and her husband A.C., Barbara Jean Cargal, and brothers, David Ira Bell and James Boyd Bell.

Nancy is survived by her sons and their spouses, Richard L. and Mary Thomas Gilbert, Jr., Jeffrey Scott and Katherine Gilbert, Philip Andrew and Joanne Gilbert, Duane Kemp Gilbert and wife, Dr. Kelly Mitchell; grandchildren, Richard L. Gilbert, III, Tanner Levi Gilbert, Maxton Thomas Gilbert, Callison Scott Gilbert, Hannah Jane Gilbert, Noah Jeffrey Gilbert, Emma Scott Gilbert, Virginia Grace Gilbert, Seth Kemp Gilbert, Blake Christian Gilbert, and Mitch Warren Gilbert; sister, Phyllis Ann Goforth; sisters in law, Barbara Bell, Rosemary Bell, Ruth Thompson, and Pat Gunn; brothers in law, R. C. Thompson, James Gunn, and Guilford Cargal, his wife, Sue; as well as, numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts in honor of Nancy Thompson may be given to **Peace United Church of Christ**, 2714 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27403; **Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro**, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405; or **Greensboro Urban Ministry**, 305 West Gate City Boulevard, Greensboro, NC 27406.



Christian condolences are extended to the family of **Mrs. Flora "Temple" Griffith Green**, 87, who passed away February 11, 2017 in Cary, NC. The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 18th at Peace United Church of Christ.



Temple was born on December 10, 1929 in Pulaski, Virginia to the late Charles and Kitty Griffith. She was preceded in death by her sister Jeanette and husband, Leonard Green.

Survivors include five loving daughters Leslie, Donna, Kelly, Lenne and Charlotte. Surviving sons-in-law are Jeff Smith of Cary, NC, Dr. Gary Bowen of Cary, NC, Dr. Michael Barri of Wilmington, NC and Greg Beck of Mooresville, NC. Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Dr. Jeffrey Smith of Sumter, SC; Kelly and husband Peter Jones of Arlington, VA; Christopher Bowen of Chapel Hill, NC; Natalie and husband Dr. Robert Peterson of Chapel Hill, NC; John and Eva Barri of

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*(Temple Green, continued from page 7)*

Wilmington, NC; Jake Chesnick of Apex, NC; Hunter and Sam Beck of Mooresville, NC.

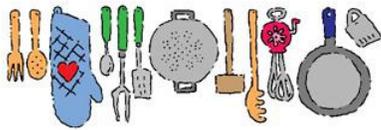
Surviving great grandchildren include Cameron, Susannah, Charlotte and Wyatt Peterson of Chapel Hill, NC; Kemp and Grayson Smith of Sumter, SC; Quinn and Spencer Jones of Arlington, VA.

She is also survived by her loving and supportive in-laws, Kenneth "Red" Greene and wife Shirley of Charlotte, NC. Surviving nieces are Vicky Jorgenson, Rebecca Fennewald and nephew Paul Greene.

Following high school graduation in Reidsville, NC she attended UNC-Greensboro and later transferred to Appalachian State University where she received a BS in education in 1951. Her teaching career spanned 25 years in NC which concluded at Ben L. Smith High School where she taught for 14 years. She was an active member of Peace United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday School and enjoyed Women's Fellowship for many years. Temple was passionate about travel and music and had the opportunity to live in Europe for four years while her husband was employed by the Department of Defense Dependent Schools – Europe. Her trip to Israel to celebrate her lifetime of faith was her most treasured travel experience. As her friends and family well know, she had a tremendous love for the piano which she lovingly shared with her children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers consider donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 401 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary, NC 27513; SPCA of the Triad, 3163 Hines Chapel Road, Greensboro, NC 27405 or Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27403.

#### **FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE**



Thanks from the Kitchen Committee to all of those who returned clean towels or gave new ones. Our supply is replenished! Also a big **Thank You to Cindy Spillers** who detail cleaned our three refrigerators! Do your part; mark anything you put in these refrigerators to show who they belong to and what event they are for.

## ENJOY CHURCH SUPPERS?

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**Mt. Hope UCC, Whitsett, NC**

Chicken Pie & Bar-B-Que Supper

Serving from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Plates are \$8.00, BBQ \$7.00/lb.

**mens fellowship**  
encouraging • connecting • becoming

**Monday, March 20th**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PRESENTS TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Peace Church has been asked to host a Town Hall Meeting on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**. The meeting is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will be led by Southern Conference Minister, Dr. Edward Davis, and Western North Carolina Association Minister, Rev. Jerry Rhyne. Peace Church member, Jeanne Bryan serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference, Dale Bennett and Ave Chambers serve on the Board of Directors of the Western NC Association. A flyer can be found on page 10 of this newsletter with information.

The Southern Conference launches its series of "Town Hall Meetings" to be held during the Lenten Season.

As we begin to observe this season of repentance and reflection during Lent, let us use this time for prayer and preparation by engaging ourselves in reflective question and answers.

In these forty days of reflection from Asheville to Virginia Beach and everywhere in between, Town Hall Meetings will be held in our churches throughout the Southern Conference. It will be open to clergy, lay and community. It will be titled, "**The State Of The Church In Society.**"

Now is the time for us to engage in healthy dialogue that captures the essences of who God is calling us to be. These are truly the times that "try our souls". It will be a time to listen, talk, and discern. We will talk about the issues of today and try to minimize the idea of **us vs. them**. We will talk about what unifies us and what divides us. During this time of discernment, let us come out and talk about the issues of the day and ask ourselves how we can be the church together for such a time as this.

Let us use this time for prayer and preparation as we engage one another and discover ways to be the church of Jesus Christ for such as this. And, may God find pleasure in the people.

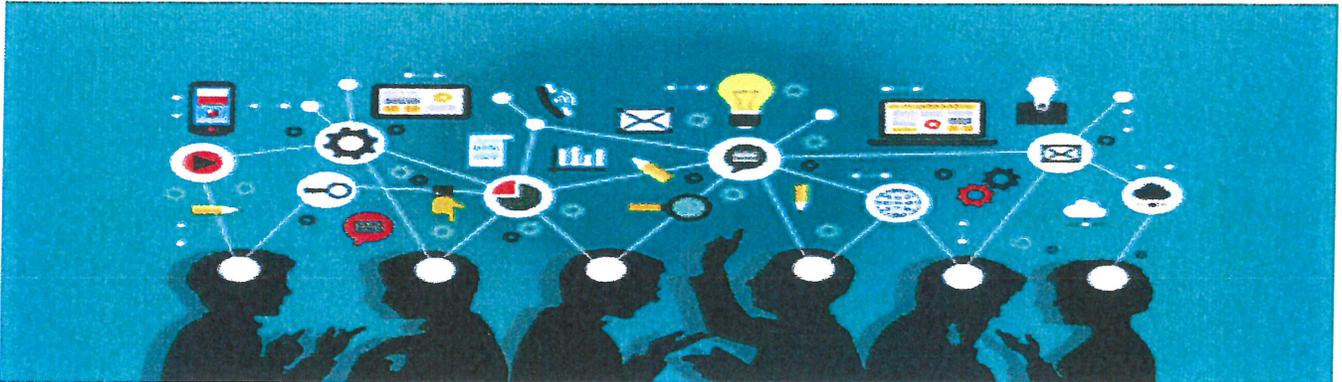
# Community Garden gears up for 2017



**SAVE THE DATE - AND GOD'S CREATION!** Join the SOC's Creation Justice Network for "Creation Justice Pathways in NC," co-sponsored by the NC Council of Churches, **Friday March 24-26**, Parkway UCC, Winston-Salem. We will kick off with a potluck on Friday evening at six, followed by our presenters on Saturday, 9:00-2:30: Marilyn Marsh-Robinson, Environmental Defense Fund; Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler, NC NAACP and Justice Action Mobilization Network; Nicole Johnson and Susannah Tuttle, NC Council of Churches and NC Interfaith Power & Light; and Dr. Daniel Vermeer, director of Duke University's Energy Development and the Global Environment department. On Sunday, Rev. Dr. Sadler will lead worship at eleven. There is no fee, but we will accept donations to cover the cost for lunch on Saturday. For more information, contact Karen Richardson Dunn, [krichdunn@gmail.com](mailto:krichdunn@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
Presents  
TOWN HALL MEETINGS  
“Lenten Series”



Affordable Health Care

Education

JUSTICE

It is not about **Us vs. Them:**  
**Liberals vs. Conservatives**  
**Blacks vs. Whites**  
**Democrats vs. Republicans**  
**Young vs. Old**

Immigration

Poverty

Now is the time for us to engage in “**Healthy Dialogue**” that captures the essence of who God is calling us to be!  
What Unifies Us? **What Divides Us?**

STATE OF THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY!

How is God calling us to address the issues of Our Day?

How Are **We** the Church **Together** for Such a Time as This?



**Come! Let us Listen. Talk. and Discern!**

All voices are welcomed and valued!  
“An initiative of the Leadership Development Institute”

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

Lois Bell; Dale Benshoff; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; Richard Graber; Ramona Griffin; Millie Harmon; Laura Langley; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Sally McGrogan; Dorothy Meeks; Sharon Mitchell; David Murray; 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); 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 FEBRUARY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
February 5	19	71	\$4,535	\$177
February 12	22	73	\$2,679	\$580
February 19	19	67	\$2,438	\$1,563
February 26	16	64	\$1,191	\$880

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through January 31, 2017)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	15,525	15,525	15,208	317
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	16,507	16,507	16,338	(169)
Hands On	502			



***March Birthdays***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Dorothy Meeks	3	4
5 Marion Hearn	6	7 Chris Bowen	8	9 Ruth Doggett	10	11
12 Rachel Cumberland	13 Abbie Wheeling	14	15 James Baker Teynon Bowen Jack Neal	16	17	18 Dot Benshoff
19	20	21	22 Cindy Spillers	23 Lucille Hege David Peeler	25	25
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# PUZZLE

## The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

*Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.  
 Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.*

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	___
A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	___
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R T U V W X Y Z	___
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When I am in \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
 because you \_\_\_\_\_ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

# PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



### What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

### What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV