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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.



We honor all the graduates associated with Peace Church this year! See the full list on page 5.

**The Father's Day bulletin** is sponsored this year by the Women's Fellowship and the proceeds will benefit the **Out of the Garden Project**, an agency that provides more than 1250 bags of food each weekend to students and families at nearly 60 elementary, middle and high schools here in the Piedmont Triad. Sign up to honor or remember a special father in your life. Please give generously to help this worthy organization. **Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office by June 13th.**



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## Congratulations Hands-On!



10 years and going strong! Happy Birthday Hands-On! Plan to join us for a church-wide celebration of Hands-On to be scheduled later this year. See page 4 for details of their accomplishments over the last 10 years.

# Peace Village Day Camp



MONDAY, JUNE 26 THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

To register go to [www.peaceucc.com](http://www.peaceucc.com)  
and look for the link on the home page.

# Pastor's Perspective

For the second year in a row, Peace United Church of Christ will be sponsoring a *Peace Village Day Camp*, this year scheduled from June 26th through June 30th. The central focus of *Peace Village* is found in its name: peace. This is a national program that teaches children about various components of "peace", practical skills for developing and living a peaceful existence, and how to have an inner-peace in the midst of a stress-filled world.

Each day the youth rotate between four focus areas dealing with issues related to "peace": Peace with nature, peace with neighbor (conflict resolution), inner-peace (mindful movement), and activity time (creative play/service). Additionally, each day a representative from one of five different faith traditions will be present to talk about "peace" as it is understood and lived from their particular faith tradition.

In a world which is often frantic with obligations and responsibilities, *Peace Village* seeks to teach and nurture "peaceful practices" which the children can cultivate and nurture throughout the entirety of their lives. Additionally, in a "connected" world which grows ever smaller and smaller, introducing youth to a variety of faith traditions and what they teach in regard to peace is critical at this point in history. As the United States lives out its reality as the most religiously diverse nation in the world, having at least a basic understanding of different faith traditions will be very important going forward.

So, it is the goal of the *Peace Village* program to bring together youth in a healthy, fun, and exciting atmosphere where they will make new friends, develop skills that will serve them as they grow and develop, and in some small way help to make our world a better, more peaceful place. Come join this exciting endeavor!

Pastor Tom

**mens fellowship**  
encouraging • connecting • becoming

**Monday, June 19th**

**7:00 p.m.**

## Pastor Tom on Vacation:

From Tuesday, June 13th through Friday, June 23rd, Pastor Tom will be on vacation. For much of this time he and Kim, along with four other friends, will be hiking 60 miles of the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina. On **Sunday, June 18th,**

**Ted Wilkinson** will be our guest preacher. Ted is a graduate of Wake Forest Divinity School and is currently in the process of becoming an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Ted will be available for pastoral care needs while Pastor Tom is gone and can be reached at 301-332-4140. **Rev. John Syster** will also be available for pastoral care while Tom is on vacation. John can be reached at 336-905-7475.



## UCC CUBA 2018 STUDY SEMINAR

Plans are underway for the next cultural immersion trip to Cuba led by Pastor Tom. The dates for this trip are Friday, January 19th through Friday, February 2nd, 2018. There are currently slots open on the trip, so if you are interested or would like to learn more about the trip, please contact Pastor Tom for details.

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 22-24, 2017



The *Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ* will be having its 52nd Annual Meeting from Thursday, June 22nd through Saturday,

June 24th. The theme, "Living Our Faith, Building On Hope, and Sharing Our Love," will be the central expression of this gathering that will be held in Virginia Beach, VA. Our gracious host, the Eastern Virginia Association, will prepare and join with us for what will be a fun, festive, and joyful occasion. Our delegates this year are **David Murray and Kentoya Savage.**

Dear Peace Church  
Congregation:

Our church has a long-standing partnership with the Lavastida Christian Center in Santiago, Cuba. The goal of the Lavastida Center is *"to enlist people to better and more effectively serve the community, through two programs: one of training in the areas of Family Health, Youth, Bible and theology, liturgical renewal, and Ecology; and service projects for agri-food, housing rehabilitation, and alternative energy."*

Pastor Tom has been involved with them for over 7 years and has taken groups of folks from PUCC and other UCC congregations on 4 separate trips over the years, including a month-long stay during his 2009 sabbatical.

In my personal work in children and youth ministry over the past 8 years, I have chaperoned/led over 15 mission trips for youth and children all over the country and internationally. I certainly feel that missions is a part of my DNA, so when Tom suggested to me that I plan to lead a Peace UCC youth trip to Cuba to work with the Lavastida Center, it was a no-brainer!

This trip was heavily advertised to our Peace UCC members as well as the Southern UCC Conference. **On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 a team of 4 adults and 11 youth from Greensboro will leave for a mission trip in Cuba to work with Lavastida Center** on a building project of a new addition of a kitchen and dining room to the center in Santiago! Below is our 2017 PUCC Cuba Mission Team:

Aidan Bradshaw	West Market St. UMC
Chase Bradshaw	West Market St. UMC
Billy Bradshaw (adult)	West Market St. UMC
Chris Byrd	Our Lady of Grace
Rhiannon Kelly (adult)	Peace UCC
Logan Lukhard	Friend of Daniel Warren
Kim Miller (adult)	Peace UCC
Abigail Miller-Warren	Peace UCC
Daniel Warren	Peace UCC
Courtney Sanders	West Market St. UMC
Meliya SanGeorge	Grace Community Church
Lynley SanGeorge (adult)	Grace Community Church
Will Schneider	Our Lady of Grace
John Shepperson	West Market St. UMC
Bobby Stutts	West Market St. UMC



**Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>** will mark the 60th anniversary of the United Church of Christ and its denominational formation in 1957. And our friends from Santiago who direct the Lavastida Center — Elmer and Gisela will be visiting with us here in Greensboro!! Elmer will be delivering the sermon at Peace Church that day.

In conjunction with all of this, the **2017 Youth Mission Team will be preparing, cooking, and**

**hosting a fundraiser lunch in the Fellowship Hall.** The menu will be inspired by traditional Cuban fare and will be at no set cost. We will be asking folks who join us to leave an offering of support to the missionaries to off-set the cost of their mission trip. We will also be in need of folks who can donate items to be used for the meal. There will be a list of needed items coming soon!

Since this trip involves many youth who are not members of PUCC, we expect to have a large crowd from the greater Greensboro community that will hopefully join us for the sermon from Rev. Elmer Lavastida and the fundraising lunch for the mission team. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us at Peace UCC to connect with folks outside of our church walls!

I hope that you all can join us on this special day of celebration, support of our partnership with the Lavastida Center and support of the 2017 PUCC Cuba Mission Team!

We are asking folks who plan to attend the lunch to please email me at [youthdirectorpeaceucc@gmail.com](mailto:youthdirectorpeaceucc@gmail.com) or sign up in the narthex by Sunday, June 11th.

Please let me know if you have questions or ideas surrounding this and if you would like to help to contribute to the 2017 PUCC Cuba Mission Team fundraising efforts!

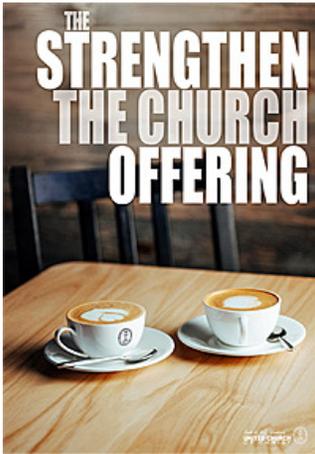
In Christ's Love,

**Rhiannon Kelly**

Director of Youth Ministry



Peace United Church of Christ  
**MISSION OF THE MONTH**



**WHAT IS CHURCH?**

- Worship on Sunday mornings
- Protests and rallies in support of the least of these
- Helping to feed the hungry and support the addicted
- All of the above!

**WHERE IS CHURCH?**

- In the sanctuary and church building
- In breweries and coffee shops
- Around a dinner table
- All of the above!

**WHY CHURCH?**

- To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves
- To be united in Spirit and inspired by God's grace to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all
- To vision a just world for all, united in Christ's love
- All of the above!

**WHERE DOES STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH MONEY GO?**

- To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise
- To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants
- To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering
- All of the above... and so much more!

If you answered "d) all of the above!," then you're not only correct, but you're thinking outside of the buildings and boxes that have defined the message of Christianity for the last several decades. You're thinking on the forefront of the United Church of Christ and the way in which we are Strengthening the Church not only for the church we have grown up knowing, but for the church God is calling us to be!

**Please give generously to the Strengthen the Church offering this month, our mission for June.**

**Congratulations to Hands On  
 Celebrating 10 Years of Touching Lives!**

Over **5500** pillows made and delivered!

We thank the Women's Fellowship for their generous and consistent support.

We thank the Missions Committee for Mission of the Month designations.

We thank the members of the congregation for their substantial donations and encouragement.

We thank our Pastor and Church Secretary for their support of this ministry.

We thank all of the present Hands-On members for their dedicated, enthusiastic participation.

We thank all inactive and deceased members for their gifts of time and energy to Hands-On.

We thank God for the foresight of Ruth Doggett who brought the idea of pillow-making to Peace Church in 2007.

**WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE 2017**

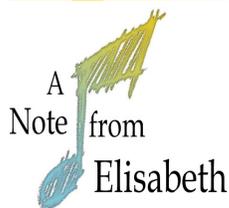
*Sponsored by the Church Women  
 of the Southern Conference UCC*

**Friday & Saturday, June 16-17  
 Black Lake Retreat Center, Asheboro, NC**

**"Cloud of Witnesses"**  
 with the Rev. Lynne Hinton

Program features Bible study, devotions, worship with communion, silent auction, and much more.  
 Contact **Doris Yeattes** for more information.

**Take a trip to the mountains, the beach, somewhere tropical or historical, but otherwise, make sure **YOUR** face isn't missing at church this summer!**



Note from

Elisabeth

It is so thought-provoking and inspiring to read verses of scripture in different translations and see how God provides new insights and revelation. Recently, I was reading Psalm 26 in a version called GOD'S

Word® Translation published by Green Key Books. In this translation the final line of this Psalm says:

*I will praise the Lord with the choirs in worship.*  
(GOD'S WORD® Translation)

The way this reads really spoke to me. In this brief verse, I believe the Psalmist is providing us with three important points:

- it was important for him (and for us) to be in worship;
- there is a choir (or choirs) present in worship;
- praising the Lord together is our purpose in worship.

We certainly have a choir in worship, and we would love to have everyone singing and praising the Lord with us – either up in the choir loft with us or from the pew! Let's worship together regularly during the summer and throughout the year.

And, once again, I ask as the children enter their summer break in June, please pray that they will find constructive ways to use their time. Also, please pray that they will have the food they need. Although some of them struggle, school does provide structure for students' lives and nourishment for their bodies. Please remember our children!

*Please keep all  
school age  
children in your  
prayers  
throughout this  
summer.*

**A very Happy 101st  
Birthday to Gertrude  
Radford on Saturday, June  
3rd! We don't often  
recognize individual birthdays  
like this, but when a girl is  
turning 101 years old... we  
must celebrate BIG!!**



**We love you Gertrude!**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY



We are composing a new list and schedule of volunteers for the Nursery. This is during the worship service to assist our regular nursery attendant, **Abigail Miller-Warren**.

Our Nursery is provided for infants and children up to 4 years old. We have Children's Church available during the worship service for our older children with **Rhiannon Kelly**.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or please contact **Ava Chambers 336-788-0476**.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
GRADUATES!**



We celebrate the 2017 graduates here at Peace Church and in our extended church family. We have a short list this year, but we are proud of each of them!



**Mallory Chrismon** graduated from the 5th grade at Caldwell Academy. Mallory is the granddaughter of Yvonne Smothers.



**Michael Clapp** graduated with Distinction from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He received his Masters Degree of Architecture. Michael is the son of Larry Clapp, who left for a trip to Iceland with Michael after graduation to celebrate his accomplishments!



**Alexander John Robert Benedick** graduated, with honors, on May 21, 2017 from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. His residency will be in the field of Orthopedic Surgery at the University Hospital of Cleveland Medical Center. He is the son of Ronald and Janet Benedick, and grandson of Jean Jones. He is also the great-grandson of Rev. Hoy L. and Thelma Rader Fesperman, former minister at Peace United Church of Christ.

## Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet was a huge success!

A big thank you to **Ava Chambers** who chaired the successful Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet, held on Monday evening, May 15th. Also, thanks to her committee and the church men for serving. Everyone enjoyed the message and musical program provided by Rachel Denny. Thanks to the 68 people who attended and brought friends. We already look forward to next year!

**Karen Haver** and **David Murray** were presented honor memberships for their service to Peace Church. Memorials were given to honor the memory of **Virginia Graber**, **Temple Green** and **Nancy Thompson** for their service to Peace Church. Money was sent by the Women's Fellowship to support the James Lightbourne Scholarship Fund for college students who are members of a UCC church in the Southern Conference.



## Peace Church Recipe Corner

### VIRGINIA GRABER'S RECIPE CREAM CHEESE MINTS

1 (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
1/2 tsp. Peppermint extract  
3 cups powdered sugar  
Food coloring



Mix together cream cheese and peppermint extract. Gradually add powdered sugar, stirring until mixture is smooth. Knead in last of the powdered sugar.

Roll mixture into long roll, 1 inch around. Cut into small pieces. Cover with a paper towel, and let dry overnight.

Put in refrigerator in an airtight container. May be frozen. Yields 60 to 100 mints.

(Virginia Graber was known for many great things here at Peace Church, and these mints were her specialty! We enjoyed them at the Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet, and this recipe is included this month in memory of Virginia.)

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### GENERAL SYNOD 31 IN BALTIMORE JUNE 30 — JULY 4, 2017

The 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be held June 30th through July 4th in Baltimore, Maryland. This is the bi-annual national gathering of representatives from the over 2,000 congregations of the United Church of Christ. This is the meeting where the UCC, in all its glory and diversity, meets to worship, discuss issues, and set ministry goals for the future of local congregations and national UCC instrumentalities and offices. This year a resolution from our Southern Conference regarding U.S. policy toward Cuba is coming before our national body for consideration. For more information about General Synod go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).



Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to the Mother's Day bulletin. \$228.00 was collected for support of those in eastern NC who continue to suffer from the flooding devastation of Hurricane Matthew.

PEACE  
ARE



The **PeaceCare** booklets in the Narthex are for everyone. We all need to be aware of who the leaders are, which group we belong to, and who our fellow group members are. You also need this information for every other church member in case you

learn of a concern. This is terribly important. Only 50 copies were made and only about 30 have been taken so far.



Congratulations to **Amy Williams** upon the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Evelyn Christine Williams, born on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 3:35 a.m. Evie weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. Mommy and baby are both doing well at home now, and big sister, Haley, is pretty proud, too!

Thank You!

**Marcy Neal** would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, prayers, and other acts of kindness extended to her during her

recent recovery from back problems that resulted from a fall. Thank you so much to each and every one.

Welcome



We welcome to our church family, **Debbie Kaynor**, who joined us on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Debbie is a long-time UCC church member from Connecticut. She moved here to Friends Home and we are so happy she chose Peace Church as her home. She is just delightful and you will enjoy getting to know her. Be sure to welcome Debbie and get acquainted!

We extend our condolences to Peace Church member and Consistory President, **Russ Haver**, upon the death of his father, **Mr. Russell Haver Jr.**, 89, on April 22, 2017 at Westchester Manor.



Mr. Haver was born July 27, 1927 in Dunellen, New Jersey, a son to the late Russell Haver Sr. and Florence Vilet Haver. He served in the U.S. Navy and later worked for Central Railroad of New Jersey until retiring in 1990 and moving to North Carolina. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, June May; a brother, Gerald Haver; and three sisters, Elsie Kane, Dorothy Burgess and Cora Tesauro.

Surviving is his wife of 65 years, Geraldine Haver, of Winston-Salem; a daughter, Sherrie Dean and husband James of Middletown, NJ; six sons, Russell Haver III and wife Karen of High Point, Gary Haver and wife Sue of High Point, Glenn Haver and wife Chris of Winston-Salem, Larry Haver and wife Susan of Randleman, Marc Haver and wife Lisa of Lexington and Terry Haver of High Point; a sister, Virginia Risley of Pennsylvania; a son-in-law, Vernon May of West Keansburg, NJ; twenty one grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Peace United Church of Christ. Charitable donations may be made to Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



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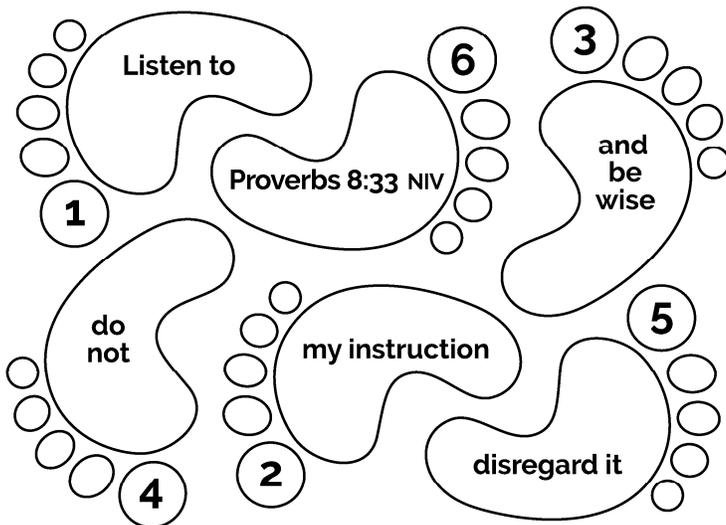
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## FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

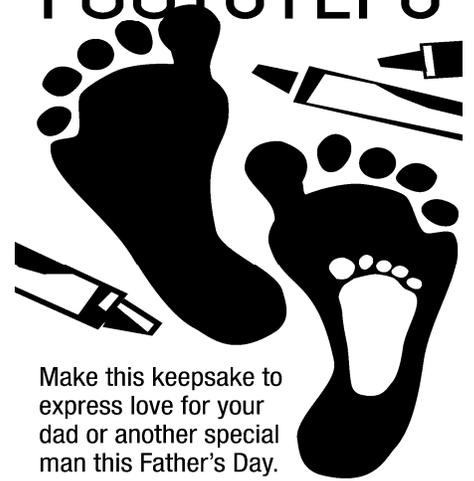
*Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it."

## In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

### What you need:

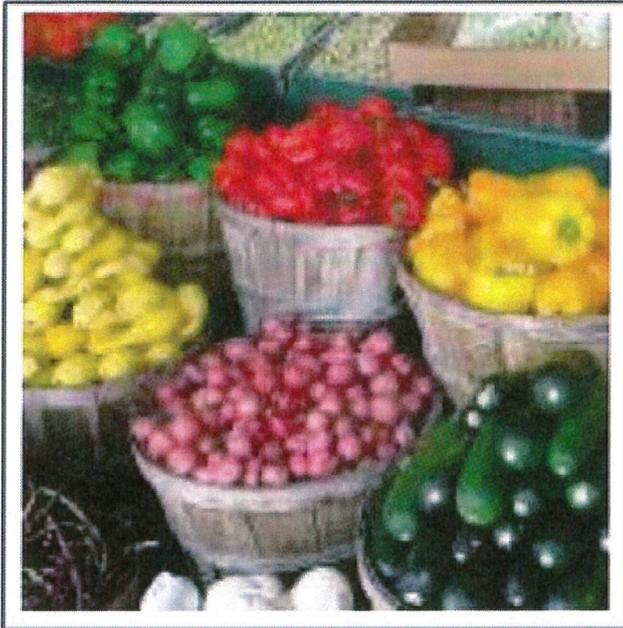
- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

### What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

# Suggested Reading by the Creation Care Team

## Fight climate change: Buy local



Did you know that the food that you eat travels an average of more than 1,500 miles to reach your plate?<sup>1</sup> When you buy local food or products that were manufactured in your country or even more locally, you are helping your nation's economy. You also are supporting farmers directly. Most importantly, you are also reducing how much pollution you are causing indirectly through consumption. Local consumption can really help reduce your greenhouse gas emissions and your impact.

Buying items from farmer's markets as opposed to buying from supermarkets is incredibly less energy intensive. Brian Halweil of the Worldwatch Institute found that a typical meal bought from a conventional supermarket chain uses 4 to 17 times more petroleum for transport than the same meal using local ingredients.<sup>1</sup>

### Why buy local?

It's good to buy local grown food for many different reasons. Reducing your food miles, fresher taste and better nutrition when eating in season. By eating what's in season locally we put less stress on the Earth. Like by growing food at an unnatural time or shipping foods from far away. Shopping at farmers' markets and specialty local food shops all have fresh locally grown foods.

Buying local food at a farmers' market or farm stand cuts that travel significantly. It also gives you an opportunity to get to know your local farmers as well as learn how your food was grown. At your regular grocery stores and supermarkets, read the labels when you shop. Or talk to the produce manager to help make choosing food that is locally produced easy throughout the year. Buying local from farmers' markets or from anywhere else just makes sense for you and your family.

**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; Sue Smith; Lucille Waynick; Betty Webster; Buddy Webster; Doris Whitley; Kelly Wyrick.**

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

**Lyn Ann Bailey** (niece of Harold Poffenbaugh); **Chris Barnes** (nephew 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); **Theresa Grill** (neighbor of Sue Smith); **Butch Holt** (brother-in-law of B.J. Blocker); **Betty Larimer** (aunt of Trish Larimer); **Ann Moran** (friend of Susie Cressman); **Beatrice Rosenthal** (mother of David Dole); **Annette Sarty** (sister of Yvonne Poffenbaugh); **Michael Shoffner** (grandson of Edith Sink); **Ralph Stevenson** (brother-in-law of Linda Fesperman); **Tom & Rhoda Taylor** (niece & her husband of Harold Poffenbaugh); **Lindsay White** (great-granddaughter of David & Nancy Peeler).

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR MAY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
May 7	N/R	60	\$4,658	\$ 691
May 14	N/R	63	\$2,547	\$ 316
May 21	14	55	\$2,159	\$ 70
May 28	N/R	59	\$1,051	\$ 21

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through April 30 2017)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	19,602	64,709	60,782	3,927
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	14,448	72,626	74,049	(1,423)
OGHS, Hands On, GUM Food Drive, Lenten Offering	190			



***June Birthdays***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gary Blocker	2 Roger True	3 Dustin Hittepole Gertrude Radford
4 Jeff Hindson John Syster	5	6	7 Richard Hearn	8 Jean Morgan	9 Susie Cressman	10
11 Sherry Barlow Amanda Hindson	12	13	14 Gabby Baker Emily Blocker Roy	15	16	17
18 Cassidy True	19	20	21	22 Ted Wilkinson	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	