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Rally Day is September 10th!!

2017 RALLY DAY

Get the full scoop on page 3!

Summer vacation is done and lots of activities resume this month at Peace Church.

Here are a few:

- The Women's Fellowship resumes their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 10:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of the month.
- Handbells rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 6:30 p.m.
- Hands-On continues their normal working time on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
- The Churchmen's Fellowship resumes their regular monthly dinner meetings on Monday, Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m. The Churchmen's Fellowship meets the third Monday of each month.



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37TH ANNUAL GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER Walk

is Sunday, October 15th!

See more details about signing up and donating on page 5.

Pastor's Perspective

As we begin the month of September, we do so by celebrating the church tradition of Rally Day. This event was originally conceived as a way to honor and celebrate the beginning of a new school and church year, with a special focus upon the youth. Indeed, on Sunday, September 10th we will honor and celebrate the youth of Peace Church.

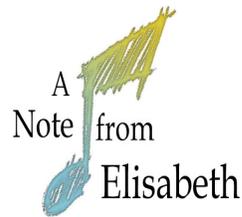
For the adults of our congregation, Rally Day 2017 will include the beginning of an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. Our class will meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall and is open to all members and friends of the church. It is my hope that a lot of folks will join in this study as the Book of Revelation has much to teach us about early Christian history as well as the current moment in which we live.

Revelation has been widely used and abused in the Christian church, primarily as a predictor of end-of-the-world scenarios in which all is lost and the chosen few are saved. Indeed, as recently as the August 21st solar eclipse some voices from the Christian tradition warned that the eclipse was predicted in the Book of Revelation and that the “end times” were at hand. Well, Revelation is about a hoped-for end, but not a generalized end-of-the-world, but a hoped-for end to the historical political, economic, and military systems and injustice which oppressed the first century followers of Jesus (and others) who lived in the first roughly 100 years after Christ’s death.

Reading and studying Revelation, while paying close attention to the historical context within which it is written and to which it is responding, will help us to understand this incredible book and the lessons it has to teach us about our historical moment in 2017. The insights are fascinating and at times disturbing, but will help us to better understand much of what Jesus was about, what the early church was up against, and what the church of our day and time similarly confronts.

So I invite all members and friends of Peace Church to join me in what promises to be an enjoyable, insightful, and perhaps even disturbing study. In the end, Revelation is a book of great hope, one which the church desperately needs to reclaim for our day-and-time. Join me in this reclamation of God’s holy Word!

~ Pastor Tom



The choir has begun preparations for Christmas. This year the cantata is *The Song Heard ‘Round the World* by Joseph M. Martin. This work includes carols from several different countries and focuses on peace and our common bond in Jesus Christ. We did purchase the part dominant CDs, so you can hear your part loud and clear and rehearse while in the car or at home. Please consider joining us for the Christmas music – we would sincerely love to have you sing with us!



We are always in search of singers and bell ringers. Regular rehearsals for both groups are on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary with bells at 6:30 and choir at 7:30. Remember, you do not have to be a trained musician – we’ll help you!

Speaking of this great singing congregation, thank you so much for the enthusiastic participation in our fifth Sunday hymn sing in July. There have been a couple of “old” songs suggested for the next one including *There Is Power in the Blood*, and *Dwelling in Beulah Land* (do you know these?). If you think of something that is not in our hymnal, please let me know. I can’t promise that we can locate it and be able to do it, but we’ll try. Looking forward to singing with the congregation again in October.

And, finally, school is back in full session again. Please remember all aspects of the education system in your prayers – the students, leaders, the activities, safety for all. Please make it a daily part of your prayers. Thanks!

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Summer Travels Winding Down

Sherri Vestal will be on vacation Saturday, September 2nd through Friday, September 8th.

Pastor Tom will be on vacation from Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th. (The church office is closed on Monday, Sept. 4th for the Labor Day Holiday.) On Sunday, September 3rd, the **Reverend Dr. John Syster** will be our guest preacher. Also, while Pastor Tom is on vacation Reverend Syster will be on call for pastoral care duties; he can be reached at 336-905-7475 or on his cell phone at 941-374-4417.

RALLY DAY IS SEPT. 10!!

2017 RALLY DAY

Bertha Work Class Bible Study

9:45 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Book of Revelation Study

9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Youth Leadership

10:45 a.m.

- Baptism of Evelyn Christine Williams

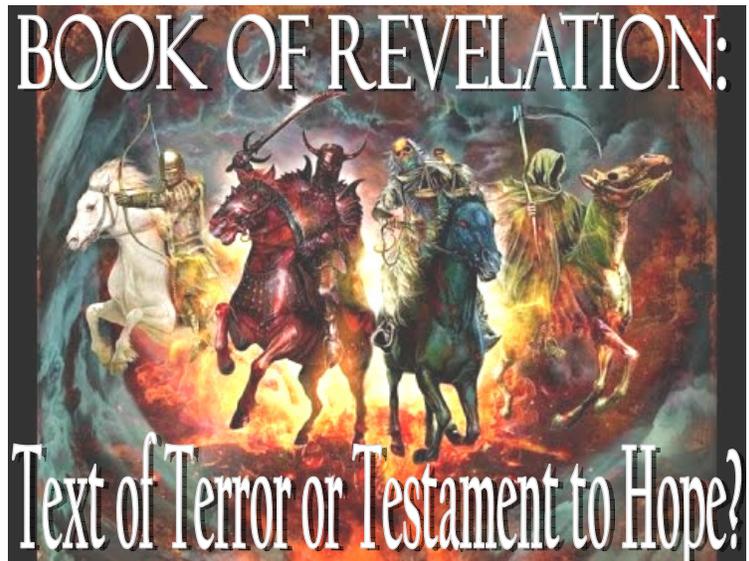
Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m.

- Consideration of Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE)
- Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social

Rally Day Exceptional Opportunity: We will be raffling off a **Duke University** football game package which includes 4 premium seats, free parking, and 4 pre-game field passes. There are four choices of games to choose from during this fall season. Whoever bids the most wins the package!! Place your bids at the Rally Day Pizza Party.

Sunday School
learning to live the life



For many people, the Book of Revelation is a confusing, disturbing, and sometimes frightening book. Others are drawn to Revelation by its surreal imagery and assumed promise of the "end of days."

The Book of Revelation has been used and abused over the years, often times leaving people of faith deeply misinformed as to the powerful, *this-worldly* message of hope that Revelation is, in the end, all about.

Beginning on Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Tom will be leading a 12-week study of the Book of Revelation. This study will take a close look at the historical context of Revelation, striving to make connections with our world today and what Revelation has to teach us as people of faith.

All Peace Church members and friends are invited to this study and are asked to bring a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible for the discussion. We hope to see you all there on Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m.!!



Thank you Peace Church for your response to the food shortage at Greensboro Urban Ministry in recent months. The first Sunday in every month is Oatmeal Sunday here at Peace Church. One dollar buys one box of oatmeal, so please remember to bring a dollar or a box of oatmeal the first Sunday every month! The oatmeal collected, along with other non-perishable food items, is given to Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Bits & Pieces



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **Women's Fellowship** begins its new year in September. All women of the church are invited to join us every month (September through June) on the first Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in the parlor at 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us. Please contact Yvonne Smothers at 336-339-9867 for additional information.

Church Women United Human Rights Celebration 2017 will be held on Friday, September 8th at Raleigh's Crossroads United Methodist Church, 715 Guilford College Road in Greensboro. The theme this year is **"Kindling New Fires of Hope."** The speaker will be Jenn Foy from World Relief of High Point. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., worship celebration program is at 11:00. The Ecumenical Action Committee request please bring **NEW** washcloths and towels for World Relief of High Point. Also may bring school supplies to help needy school children.

The **Fall Enrichment Meeting** of the Church Women of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the UCC will be held on **Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC.** Plans for carpooling can be made. If you can attend or would like additional information, contact **Yvonne Smothers (336-399-9867)** or **Doris Yeattes (336-299-7285).**



The Women's Fellowship presented this lovely permanent floral arrangement to our church in loving memory and grateful appreciation of **Virginia Graber** for her dedication and faithful service to Peace Church. It will be available for use whenever needed to enhance our altar.



Peace Church Recipe Corner

HAM & CHEESE PARTY ROLL-UPS

It's football season, so next time you have a gathering at your place and you have to throw something together that's quick and tasty try these easy Ham & Cheese Party Roll-ups. Here's what you need:

- 1 can refrigerated Pizza Dough
- 3/4 lb deli ham (thinly sliced)
- 12 slices Swiss cheese (thinly sliced)



For the Glaze:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 2 TBSP brown sugar
- 1 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
- 1 TBSP Dijon mustard (or honey mustard)
- 1 TBSP poppy seeds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.

Flour your cutting board and roll out your pizza dough. With a rolling pin, roll out the dough till it's roughly 12 x 18 inches. Next place the Swiss cheese across the dough. Once the dough is covered with cheese slices you can add the deli sliced ham over the cheese. Gently roll up the dough. When you reach the end use your fingers to seal up the roll-up with your fingers. Next cut the roll into 1 inch slices. Next in a baking dish, put the roll-up slices on their side (flat).

In a sauce pan, combine the butter, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and poppy seeds. Stir over medium heat until it becomes a glaze-like consistency. Brush the glaze over the tops of the roll-ups in the baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR REV. C. L. "CURLY" STUMB

**Saturday, September 23, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

A celebration to honor Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb to recognize the impact of his 40+ years of ministry by the waters of the Johns River in Collettsville, NC. Our own Pastor Tom Warren serves on the Board of Directors for Johns River Valley Camp.



GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK

Join us on Sunday, October 15, 2017 for the 37th Annual Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk!



The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is a 5K community event that raises funds to fight hunger by supporting Church World Service and Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen. CROP helps provide seeds and tools, wells and water systems, technical training and micro-enterprise loans to empower people to meet their own needs.

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is the second largest CROP event in the nation, attracting over 5,000 participants annually and raising over \$5 million since 1981. 25% of the funds raised through our local walk go to Potter's House, which serves a hot meal to over 500 people every day. Please volunteer to be a walker or to sponsor a walker for the event on Sunday, October 15th at 2:30 p.m. at First National Bank Park, 408 Bellemeade St. in downtown Greensboro. **Grant & Olivia Jolliff** will

be our team Captains and will share with the Congregation in the coming weeks more information about the Crop Walk.



A Thread of Hope

This angel was crocheted by a friend who spent 42 years on death row and is now serving a life sentence in prison. A few years ago, a new warden on death row confiscated all the inmates' crochet hooks and refused to allow the men to order yarn, putting an end to a lifeline of creativity and hope in a very dreary and difficult place. Our friend fashioned a crochet hook out of the wire off the broom that he uses to sweep the prison floors. He's allowed to order large white towels, so he orders lots of them. At night, between guard checks, he sits on his bunk in his cell in the dark and unravels the towels so that he has thread for crocheting and secretly makes angels. He sends them to Joyce Hollyday, a UCC pastor in Asheville who has been visiting him for 21 years, with the request that she share them with folks who "need a reminder that God loves them." They have been sent all across the U.S. as well as to peacemakers in Northern Ireland and South Africa, and have been carried to Cuba. This angel is a gift from Joyce, a reminder to the sisters and brothers of Peace UCC that God can "make a way out of no way" – and that there's always a thread of hope.



Food Drive
for Hunger



Greensboro Urban Ministry Grocery Store Food Drive is coming up next month, on Friday October 20th. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Save the date for volunteering!

Pillows, Pillows Everywhere...

Cut Pillows, Sewn Pillows, Stuffed Pillows

Pillows in the pews, Pillows on the tables, Pillows in bags

In all... on Sunday, August 27, there were at least 125 pillows at Peace Church, including 85 in the Sanctuary! Congregants arrived to pillows on every pew. Congregants left delivering the pillows to bags to be taken to our receiving institutions.

We are **Hands-On** and we make pillows.
We just celebrated our tenth year by exhibiting our pillows in grand style.



The service featured a presentation/meditation by Theo Scott, Hands-On Chair. Special guests included Ginger Penley, Director of Volunteer Services at Women's Hospital, and Cathy Lohr, Director of Volunteer Services for Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro. A reception followed while Hands-On members showed how they do their jobs. Attendees also enjoyed a beautiful and delicious array of homemade cakes (Weren't they great?).

Thanks to all who helped in the organization and set up of the event, participated in demonstrations, baking cakes, and serving refreshments, and everyone who came to enjoy the festivities.



Hands-On will meet for our regular work session on Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Theo Scott if you would like information.



Thanks!

Western NC Association

Peace Church is a member of the Southern Conference which is composed of three associations: the Eastern Virginia Association (EVA), the Eastern North Carolina Association (ENC) and the Western North Carolina Association (WNCA). The WNCA is composed of 68 churches of about 12,015 members in four program districts: Catawba, Rowan, Guilford-Randolph, and Davidson-Forsyth.

The purpose of the Association is to promote the interest and general welfare of the churches and ministry within the Association, within the guidance of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and within the Southern Conference. The WNCA unites all 68 churches in Christian Fellowship and seeks to develop an understanding of the work of the UCC in its spiritual life, stewardship, sacrificial giving, and promote Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

The Association has officers, a Board of Directors, three committees and one commission to carry out the work of the Association. The Associations are responsible for selecting and placing "in care" candidates for ordination, we assist churches who are seeking pastors. Also, the Board is currently visiting churches in order to build relationships. Rev Jerry Rhyne serves as the pastor of the WNCA with offices in Salisbury, NC.

We are blessed in the Western Association to have two retirement communities: Piedmont Crossings in Thomasville, NC, Abernethy Laurels in Newton, NC, and Carolina Senior Care in Lexington, NC, which assists seniors who wish to live in their homes. Also, Elon University and Catawba College are located in the Association. Our Outdoor Ministries hosts Blowing Rock Conference Center in Blowing Rock, NC and Johns River Valley Camp in Collettsville, NC.

Our WNCA Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7 at Abernethy Laurels in Newton, NC. I feel very honored to serve on the Board of Directors. If you would like more information, please contact me and also join the WNCA Facebook page.

~ **Ava Chambers**

Member, WNCA Board of Directors

mens fellowship
encouraging • connecting • becoming

Monday, September 18th

7:00 p.m.

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

2017 LINC Mission Trip
October 22-27, 2017

The LINC Mission Trip for 2017 will be to Lumberton, NC, where work will be done on houses damaged by flood waters in October, 2016. The group will be working under the direction of Disaster Response of North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church (NCCUMC).

The group will be staying at Trinity United Methodist Church, 309 Trinity St., Fairmont, NC and sleeping on mattresses on the floor with some cots. We can bring mattresses as well. The church can accommodate sixteen persons. The group will be traveling by bus, leaving from the parking lot of Grace Reformed UCC, Newton, NC Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 1:30 pm. The group will return on Friday, October 27, 2017 by 9 pm to the same location. Cars may be left in the church parking lot during the mission trip but keys will need to be left in the church office. Volunteer workers will need to bring their own towels and bedding and some personal tools. There are restrooms in the church and shower wagons on the church site as well as washer and dryer.

The group will need to prepare their own meals. There is a kitchen and dishes enough for everyone. Volunteers are needed to plan the meals and supervise meal preparation. Persons will be assigned to help with meal preparation and food will be purchased in quantity. The group will eat several meals out during the week, Sunday evening and Friday evening for sure. The group will need to prepare its own lunches to be taken to the job site and several coolers will be needed. Everyone

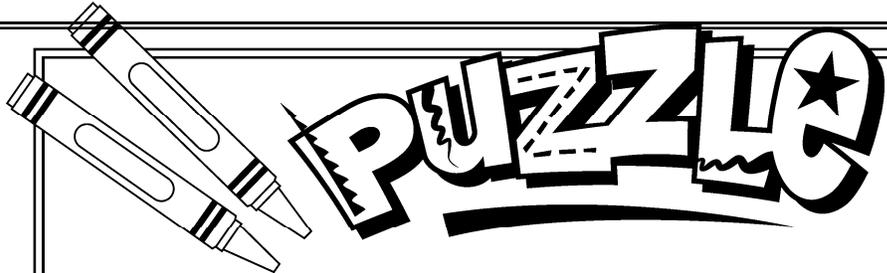
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word.
 Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

(“LINC Mission Trip”, continued from page 7)

will need to join in to help both with meal preparation and cleanup. Assignments will be made.

Plans are to travel for 4 hours on Sunday afternoon, arrive at Trinity Church and settle in and then go out to dinner together. Orientation will be Monday morning at the Lumberton Site Office for Disaster Response work with NCCUMC. The site manager is Ann Wade and the construction coordinator her husband Just Wade. They have relocated from Lynchburg, VA to take on this coordination ministry for several years.

The cost of the trip has been established at \$150 per person for food and transportation, calculated on having no more than 16 volunteers in the group. Some scholarship money is available. Volunteers are responsible for their own expenses during travel times. Snack food or drink items to be shared during the week can be brought by volunteers.

While our goal is to provide service to others through a week of labor, this should also be a fun experience with singing, laughter, devotions, and good fellowship. Volunteers will be asked to take turns leading evening devotions. The group leader will lead a discussion each evening to give time for sharing and community building. There is a chapel that will be available to us.

For additional information contact Coordinator Larry Bolick, 828-612-8146 or 704-636-2354

Answer: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” Psalm 17:8, NIV

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; Beverly Haithcock; Millie Harmon; Laura Langley; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Sally McGrogan; Dorothy Meeks; Sharon Mitchell; David Murray; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Gertrude Radford; Kelly Savage; 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 (nephew 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 AUGUST

| DATE | SUNDAY SCHOOL | WORSHIP | REGULAR OFFERING | OTHER OFFERING |
|-----------|---------------|---------|------------------|----------------|
| August 6 | N/R | 71 | \$2,580 | \$ 173 |
| August 13 | N/R | 70 | \$4,762 | \$ 165 |
| August 20 | N/R | 72 | \$1,267 | \$2,402 |
| August 27 | N/R | 65 | \$1,195 | \$ 355 |

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through July 31, 2017)

| | Current Month | Year to Date | YTD Budget | Amount Over (Under) Budget |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts | 14,808 | 106,805 | 106,606 | 199 |
| Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities | 13,322 | 119,330 | 128,746 | (9,416) |
| | | | | |



September Birthdays



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Jimmy Nelson | 5 | 6 | 7 DeLorea Baker Madeline Owen | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Emma Gilbert | 11 Joe Small Amy Williams | 12 | 13 Desmond Smith | 14 | 15 Cynthia Bowen Tom Warren Betty Webster | 16 Annette Green JoAnn Vockel |
| 17 Misty Nelson Marjorie Wegner | 18 Roberta Bowman | 19 Kathryn Virgilio | 20 Sue Britain | 21 Kenny Savage | 22 Sylvia Lippard Doris Yeattes | 23 James Leszinski |
| 24 Marcy Neal | 25 | 26 | 27 Grace Gilbert | 28 | 29 | 30 Alexandra Dodd |