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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.



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 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.

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2017 Stewardship Campaign

Journey to Generosity

The Way of Jesus

Matthew 9:35-10:23

See Stewardship Campaign information on page 5.

Pastor's Perspective

In the United States, October 31st is almost universally recognized as the day we celebrate Halloween. With its wild costumes, parties, and trick or treating, Halloween is a joy for many children and their families. Yet this year, October 31st will be the celebration of something much more central to our Christian faith: the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

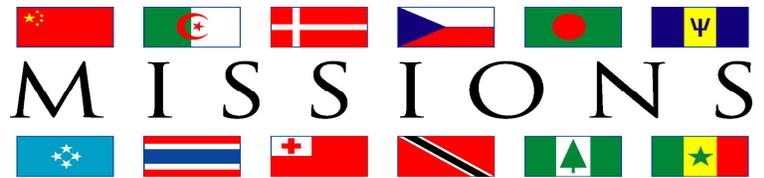
Dated to 1517, the Protestant Reformation is associated most closely with Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses, a series of written accusations against the Roman Catholic Church which he nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Among many other concerns, Luther condemned the sale of indulgences, the practice by which individual "sinners" could essentially purchase their forgiveness with a monetary donation to the church. In a well-known example of this questionable practice, a Catholic priest by the name of Brother J. Tetzel once promised to those who sought the purchase of indulgences for deceased loved ones that "as soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs." Yeah, right.

As members of the United Church of Christ, we are firmly located within the tradition of the "protestant" church. Our predecessor denominations all can be directly traced back to the era of the Reformation (16th century). We are called "protestant" because our ancestors "protested" again the excesses of the Roman Catholic Church and finally broke off to become the denominations that would be identified, up to this very day, as Protestant.

While there is much that qualifies the United Church of Christ as Protestant, perhaps one of the most important characteristics is its understanding of the centrality of scripture. According to Martin Luther (and many of the other great reformers), scripture is the sole source of authority in the church. Luther coined the phrase "sola scriptura" to refer to the idea that the church receives and acts upon its authority "by scripture alone"; not by hierarchical church structures or authoritarian leadership. This was not a declaration of infallibility or rigid fundamentalism, but an understanding that the Bible is the Word of God because in it Jesus, the Word Incarnate, comes to us. We learn of Jesus through the biblical accounts of his life. Thus, constant and thorough biblical study – even arguing with scripture— is central to the Protestant experience.

The Protestant Reformation, and especially its practice of "sola scriptura", has come with many blessings and curses. Yet its' historic call for both lay people and clergy to take the Bible seriously as a source of inspiration, hope, and challenge remains with us to this day. So in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, I encourage us all to "crack a Bible." Read it, study it, argue with it, learn about its development, how it was edited over time, and what it has to say to our day and time. The Bible is indeed a fascinating, complicated, and at times, frightening book. Yet, in it we find out, again and again, that God is still speaking...Hallelujah!!

~ Pastor Tom



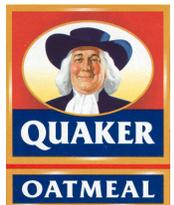
MOBILE MEALS OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offering for Mobile Meals in August. Peace Church is pleased to sponsor one person for one year with our donation of \$1,315.00. Also, we welcome **Lou Hearn** as a new volunteer for Mobile Meals. Lou is partnering with **Doris Yeattes**. Thank you, Lou, for your service.

OATMEAL UPDATE

Oatmeal donations (1 lb. box):

June	45 boxes
July	81 boxes
August	61 boxes
September	74 boxes



Thank you for your support of this commitment to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry. Oatmeal is a very popular item and is always in short supply, so please take advantage of sales or remember to donate \$1.00 in the oatmeal box in the Narthex every Sunday, if possible.



A Note from Elisabeth

It's hard to believe we are three-fourths of the way through 2017! That means we are in October and this year it is a five Sunday month and that means we will have our second Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing on October 29th! Please look through the

hymnal ahead of time and find a hymn that is special to you. We will try to sing as many as possible for the anthem that Sunday. As I mentioned last month, a couple of people have requested "old" songs that are not in our hymnal. We do have access to the words of these songs through our CCLI license, so we will be able to print them for the congregation. If you have a special request, old or new, please let me know early in the month so I can check to see if we have legal permission to use it in the service. If a song is old enough to be in the Public Domain, then there is no problem at all. If a copyright were renewed, then hopefully whatever it is will be in the CCLI listings. But of course there are lots of songs in our hymnal, so it should be a joyful time of singing together.

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On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who asked about my daughters during hurricanes Harvey and Irma. It still seems unbelievable that I only have two daughters and one would be in Houston and the other in Florida. Both of them were so fortunate to have no real damage where they live. A few branches and leaves in the yard for Kendra in Houston, and a few shingles off the roof and a few days without power for Claudia. No flooding and nothing that is a real problem. God blessed them both, and I really appreciate the concern expressed for them.



We are in need of volunteers to provide refreshments (cookies, lemonade, etc.) on the third Sunday of each month for our fellowship time in the Narthex.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex for a Sunday of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Smothers at 336-339-9867.



Ted Wilkinson is Interim Youth Director!

We welcome Ted Wilkinson as our Interim Youth Director. Ted has graciously agreed to serve until January 1, 2018. In the meantime, we are beginning the search for a new Youth Director. We hope to have someone in place at the beginning of the new year.

~ Ava Chambers



FOOD DRIVE

GUM
Fall Food Drive
Oct. 20-21



The semi-annual Greensboro Urban Ministry Grocery Store Food Drive, October 20-21, will be held at participating grocery stores throughout Greensboro. These food drives are essential to restock the shelves at the food pantry which provides emergency assistance to families. Record numbers of households receiving groceries over the summer have left the shelves nearly empty. Peace Church volunteers will work Friday, October 20th at Harris Teeter, 5710 W. Gate City Blvd. Volunteers are needed to greet shoppers, hand out the needed foods list, and collect the donated items. **Please contact Cindy Spillers, 336-852-0478, to schedule a time to help between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.**



Richard Graber would like to express his appreciation to everyone for all the kindness extended to him over the past few months since Virginia passed away. So many cards, calls, and just many things people did for him and he is so grateful for each person who reached out to him during this difficult time.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Baptisms and New Members!

On Sunday, September 10th, as part of our Rally Day festivities, we celebrated the baptism of Evelyn Christine Williams, daughter of Amy Williams and sister to Haley.



Two weeks later we rejoiced to have SIX new members join Peace Church (L to R below): Beth Troy, Jennifer Wall Miller, Kairi Miller, Michael Miller, Holly Williams, and Michael Williams. Welcome to all our new members!!

Looking forward, on Sunday, October 8th, Aaron Anthony Virgilio, son of Kathryn and Chris Virgilio will be baptized during worship. On Sunday, November 12th, Kairi Jane Miller will be baptized.

We are so happy and blessed to have our new members and baptisms!!



Peace Church Recipe Corner

BAKED APPLE FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

8 cups day-old French bread, torn into chunks
7 large eggs
2 cups milk
2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp salt
4 apples, cored, peeled and sliced
4 Tbsp. butter
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13" casserole dish, then add shredded bread. Make sure to cover the entire bottom of the dish evenly, then set aside. In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk eggs, then add milk, vanilla and salt. Pour mixture over bread and set aside.

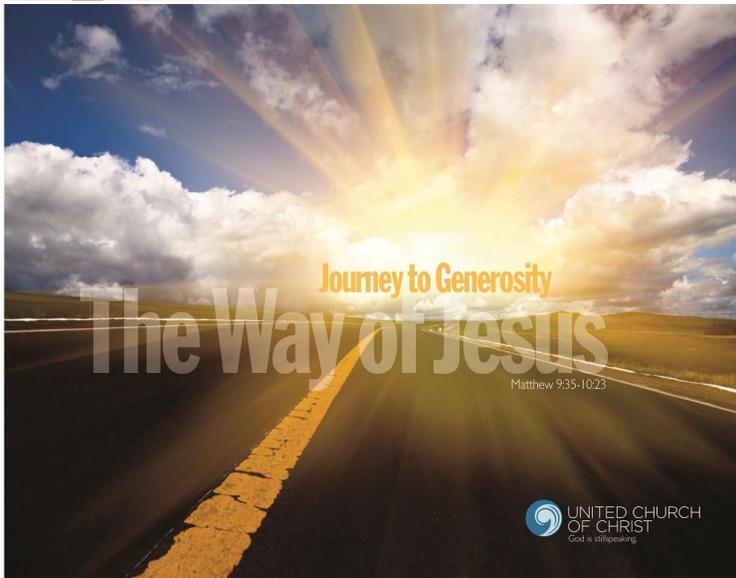
In a large skillet over medium heat, combine butter and apples. Stir ingredients until they are evenly coated, then cover pan to let the apples steam and soften for about 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Uncover, then stir in cinnamon and brown sugar. Continue cooking until tender and caramelized—about 3 minutes. Next, carefully pour apples into a casserole dish on top of shredded bread. Using a wooden spoon, gently push ingredients around to distribute evenly.

Bake for 45 minutes, or until nicely browned on top. Remove from the oven then top with maple syrup. Enjoy!

Notes: Prepare this delicious baked apple French toast casserole the night before you're ready to please a crowd! It's easy to make and is a perfect recipe to serve in cooler fall months.

Use Macintosh apples for the best sweet and tart flavor.





October 29th is Stewardship Sunday!

As we look in our rear view mirrors, we see summer slipping away with fall and the holiday season coming fast. The fall season means CROP Walk and Stewardship Sunday at Peace Church. Our Stewardship/Finance Committees have started the process of putting a budget together for 2018. This is the time of the year when the congregation plays a big part in the type of budget we will submit to the Consistory in November. As you consider your pledge for 2018, we ask that you prayerfully consider raising your giving by \$20.00 a month or more over what you gave in 2017.

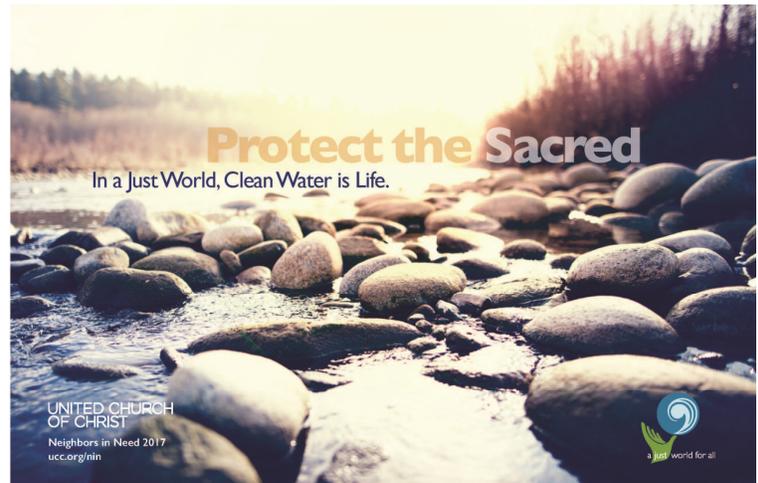
For some, volunteering your talents could be part of your giving. Just keep in mind that no organization can survive without monetary contributions to cover its operating costs. Your benevolence is a big part of what is used to operate Peace Church. Stewardship Sunday will be October 29th, when we as a congregation will submit our pledge cards during the offering period of the service. The Stewardship/Finance Committee will construct a budget on what is pledged. For those who do not turn in a pledge tithing card, the Committee will estimate from what you gave in 2017.

Our prayers go out to you on this difficult decision as we continue to make Peace Church a striving entity in our community and the world.

May God bless you all,

Russ and Karen Haver
Stewardship/Finance Committee Chairs

Peace United Church of Christ MISSION OF THE MONTH



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The 2017 Neighbors In Need theme is "Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life." Please give generously to this important mission.

mens fellowship
encouraging • connecting • becoming

Monday, October 16th

7:00 p.m.

**We will meet at Newk's Eatery
in Friendly Shopping Center**

**great food • great friends •
wonderful fellowship**



We are pleased to welcome two new members to Hands-On. **Mary Long** (Ronald's mother) joined us in September as an attending member, and **Elizabeth Hittepole** is now on board as an at-home machine sewer. We extend a hearty "**Welcome**" to both of them.

Members, please plan an extended session (which most of you love) for October 11th. We will start making our Christmas pillows. This means we will meet from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

August was a banner delivery month with the post-anniversary delivery of 77 pillows bringing the total to 89. September was a re-grouping month with 55 delivered. Good work, as usual.

Members also need to bring ideas for our Christmas event to this session. So think about lunch or brunch, potluck or a catered meal. We will make a decision and move forward with our plans for a festive occasion.



Please remember that we are all PeaceCare members, and as such, we must all be aware of the care needs of our congregation. This means that not only are our PeaceCare Leaders keeping up with their members, it means **EVERYONE** should let

the Pastor, Theo, and/or the Leader know when there is a concern. This also means that PeaceCare leaders should be in touch with their **ABSENT** members. We are aware that there are "inactives" on the list, but we need to be vigilant when those who join us regularly are suddenly not in the pews. Remember our guidelines. If two Sundays are missed, we should make a contact unless we already know the reason for the absence.

We appreciate all of you and all that you do to build us up as a family of God.

Theo Scott
PeaceCare Chair



Here are some pictures of the progress of the playground as it stands today, and an illustration of the planned layout for the future Outdoor Learning Environment. The top left picture was, of course, the playground equipment still in place. The lower left picture is after the equipment was sold and removed and the foundation broken up. The area is now locked and is not available for entry. The playground equipment was sold for \$400.00. (Thanks to Clodagh Leszinski for listing it on Craig's List!)

RESPOND

TO THOSE IN NEED

HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

WAYS TO HELP

GIVE generously to support hurricane relief and recovery efforts by donating at your local UCC congregation marked for “Hurricane Relief” with the request they be sent through your Conference office or to the UCC national office. Donations may also be sent directly to United Church of Christ, Financial Services - 6th Floor, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Your gifts will go to support the relief and recovery efforts of international partners and your gifts will be meeting the unique needs of vulnerable individuals and families in the United States. In the United States, UCC Disaster Ministries fills gaps in services through the following provisions:

- Spiritual care
- Community organizing
- Repair and reconstruction of homes
- Tools
- Building materials
- Volunteer coordination

VOLUNTEER — Volunteers around the country are needed in the months and years ahead. Individuals to be trained and serve for periods of 6-12 months will be needed for leadership. Groups will be needed to come for a week at a time to rebuild homes and walk with people as they recover their lives and dreams. Past volunteers in long-term disaster recovery have removed carpet and drywall from flooded homes, installed

framing, listened to local stories of the disaster, and wrote guest editorials in their local news outlets.

Skilled roofers are needed in Volusia County, FL now in response to both Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. On September 14, 2017, Volusia County emergency management director Jim Judge said Irma caused at least \$319 million in damage in the county. Go to http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers to register to help.

UCC Disaster Ministries discourages U.S. volunteers in disaster recovery in the Caribbean as we support the activity of local people and our support helps rebuild the local economy as part of the recovery.

PRAY

PREPARE — Use this time of attention to disaster to prepare your family, your congregation, your community.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	O	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ”
 _____ 1:17, NIV



We have several babies in our church and they are so precious! Here is **Becky Taylor** with sleeping **Evie Williams**. Sweet!



Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, 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; Millie Harmon; Laura Langley; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; David Murray; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Gertrude Radford; Kelly Savage; Pansy Slate; Lucille Waynick; Betty Webster; Buddy Webster; Doris Whitley; Kelly Wyrick; Doris Yeattes.

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); **Donna Green** (friend of Maria Smith); **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**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
September 3	N/R	51	\$3,659	\$680
September 10	17	81	\$3,664	\$458
September 17	19	70	\$2,310	\$940
September 24	16	67	\$1,402	\$3,825

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through August 31, 2017)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	11,565	118,406	121,714	(3,308)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	12,967	132,297	146,980	(14,683)
Hurricane Recovery, Mobile Meals, CROP	1,342			



October Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Carol MacDonald Tyler Overbeck	2 Linda Fesperman Mary Lillie	3	4	5 Dominic Hittepole David Murray	6 Yvonne Poffenbaugh	7
8	9	10	11 Merrissa Menas Kelly York	12 Sue Smith	13 Sherri Kluttz	14
15 Bill Kluttz	16 Jean Scott Garry Washington	17	18	19	20	21 Taylor Hochwarth Koltyn Wyrick
22 John Dilworth	23 Ken Cressman	24	25	26 Mary Ann Murray	27	28 Robbie Menas Marty Morgan River Washington
29	30 Iris Haislip Nancy Peeler	31 Corrine Nelson				