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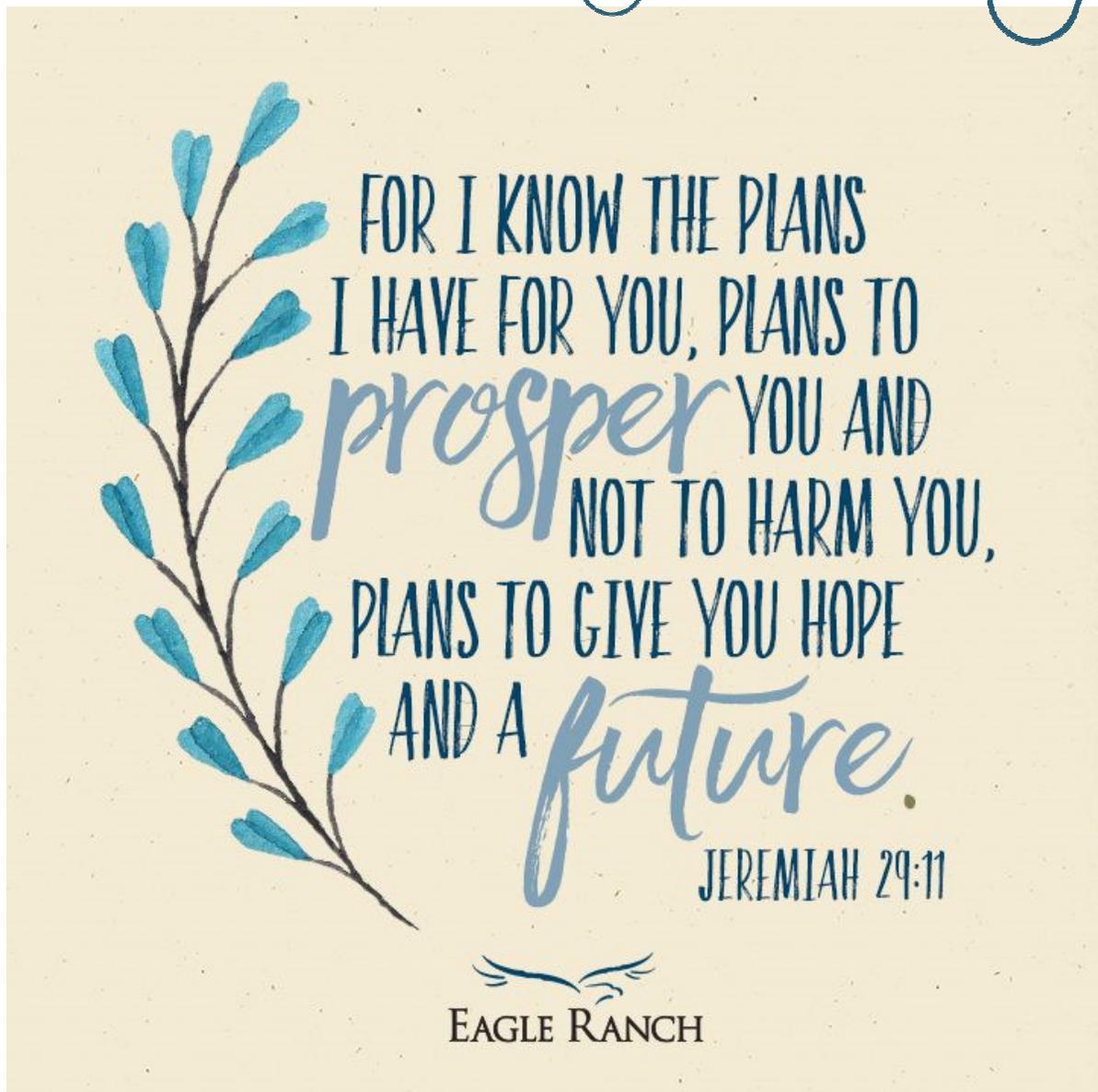
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Pastor's Perspective

Every January since 1986, the United States has recognized a national holiday in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK Day, as it has become known, is a time for Americans to reflect upon the struggle for civil rights that was led by Dr. King (among many others) in the 1950's and 1960's. The struggle, of course, continues on, but the memory of Dr. King's efforts has largely been boiled down to his "I have a Dream" speech. Yet, there was so much more to his vision, a vision largely informed by his Christian faith.

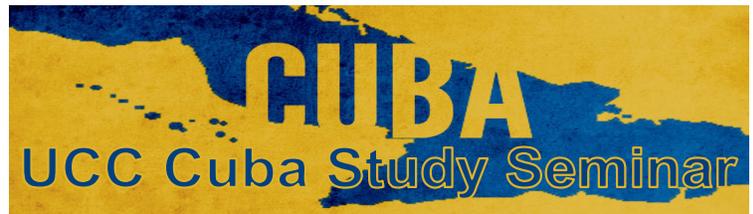
Dr. King embraced deeply an ethic of nonviolence, using this strategy in all the campaigns and protests that he led. This ethic was inspired by both the teachings of Jesus (see Matthew 5:8-48) and Gandhi. He felt that violence undercut the power of love, and thus he acted and modeled for many an ethic of 'nonviolent love'.

In the later years of his witness, Dr. King began to advocate for the rights of poor people and increasingly condemned the Vietnam War. These stances provoked criticism from many, even some in the civil rights movement who thought he had overstepped his bounds and might be undermining the larger goals of the civil rights effort. None-the-less, under enormous pressure, Dr. King kept speaking his mind on issues of both civil rights and global peace. Jesus, he understood, was a love warrior committed to God's kingdom where ALL God's children lived in peace and dignity, whether in the inner cities of America or the rural villages of Southeast Asia.

In our day and time, the words and Christ-inspired vision of Dr. King is needed more than ever. We are all called, as was Dr. King, to do our part for peace in the world. Some of us may march and protest, but many more of us will quietly reach out to our neighbor in compassion, generosity, and love. We all are required by our faith to be ambassadors of good will, working for the common good. As the words of Jesus remind us, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25: 40).

May we be inspired in our faith to embody a Christ-centered ethic where love overcomes hate, peace overcomes war, and hope overcomes despair. This was the vision of our Savior; the vision Martin Luther King embodied and lived until the end. Let this be our dream too!

~ Pastor Tom Warren



WHILE PASTOR TOM IS IN CUBA

Pastor Tom will be traveling to Cuba on Thursday, January 18th through Friday, February 2nd as leader of the United Church of Christ Cuba Study Seminar.

The guest preacher for **Sunday, January 21st** will be the **Reverend Gary Owens** and **Reverend Dale Starr** will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, January 28th**. Be sure to come and be a part of these special services!

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

Each year the Human Relations Commission of the City of Greensboro sponsors a Martin Luther King Day Memorial Breakfast. This year's event will be on **Monday, January 15th at 7:30 a.m.** The event will be held at the Koury Convention Center. The keynote address for this event - "Ever Forward" - will be given by the Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman. Tickets for the breakfast and program are \$20.00. Please see Pastor Tom if you would like to go.

Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



The **2018 Altar Flower Calendar** has been placed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice to place the flowers for your special celebration or memory. The cost is \$40.00 (**payable to the Women's Fellowship**), and you can take the flowers with you at the end of the service, or they can be taken to one of our shut-ins. Sign up today!



*A note from
Elisabeth...*

Happy New Year! Emphasis on the word "New." Twelve new months full of hopeful expectation of what God

will lead us to do.

I want to begin with a very heartfelt "thank you" to the choir for their hard work and dedication. The cantata requires extra time, and the choir is so willing to give of their talents. Thanks to them and thanks to the congregation for your warm and encouraging words that you offer to us. We do sometimes have people who sing with us just for the Christmas or Lent/Easter cantatas, and that is wonderful. We appreciate all who join us. This year Easter is coming early. Maybe the easiest way to remember the dates is: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on Valentine's Day (February 14), and Easter is on April Fool's Day (April 1). We will begin rehearsing for Lent and Easter very soon. Please join us!

And ... I certainly want to be sure to express a huge THANK YOU to the people of Peace Church for all the beautiful cards, gifts, and expressions of love that you extend to me – not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Your generosity and love are greatly appreciated!

~ Elisabeth Penny



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Peace Church! This is Ted, your new Youth Director. The youth have had a busy Advent season here at Peace Church. For the first week of Advent we made Advent wreaths so their families could celebrate each week of advent at home. On the second week the children made Christmas cards for some of the members of Peace Church who are unable to make it to church anymore. And for the third week of Advent we had our Christmas Party for the children where they played games and made stockings, Christmas ornaments, and Santa hats. I want to thank everyone who helped and attended our Advent activities this season and I look forward to doing many more fun and biblically based projects in the New Year.



"Ronald Long with Friends" Concert

Ronald Long will be performing a concert at Peace Church on **Sunday afternoon, January 7th at 3:00 in the Sanctuary.** Ronald has been a part of Peace Church for many years and we look forward to having him back here for a concert. He will be accompanied on the piano by Dr. Allison Gagnon from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. A love offering will be received. This promises to be a fantastic performance!!



American violinist Ronald Long has worked and performed with the Penderecki, Lafayette, Emerson, Guarneri, and American String quartets.

Ronald earned a Bachelor and Master's Degree from the Manhattan School of Music studying with Patinka Kopec of the Pinchas Zukerman Program and finished up his studies at the Conservatoire de Paris with Boris Garlitsky.

Ronald, along with violinist Ani Kavafian toured with Kenneth Cooper's Berkshire Bach Society in 2014. He is a regular substitute for the New York Trio, a contemporary music ensemble established in 2015. Ronald has also appeared on hit tv-series Mozart in the Jungle and American Idol's Sing My Jingle commercial which aired for 4 seasons.

He is a winner of the 2013 Lillian Fuchs Chamber Competition and his hometown's Concerto Competition in 2008. In the same year, Ronald was granted a 1717 Guarneri violin to perform for conductor Gerard Schwarz; "He's got great talent." Ronald has performed in concert halls such as the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and National Sawdust (NYC).

Ronald, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, began violin lessons at age five and is a high school graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. During his high school and undergraduate years, he received full scholarships to attend various summer festivals, including Eastern Music Festival (three summers), the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival, and The Castleman Quartet Program (two summers).

Ronald Long hopes to continue his studies and pursue a career in chamber music, teaching and inspiring other young musicians. Mr. Long is currently borrowing a 2006 Samuel Zygmuntowicz violin, hoping to own a violin for himself one day.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

LAVASTIDA CHRISTIAN CENTER

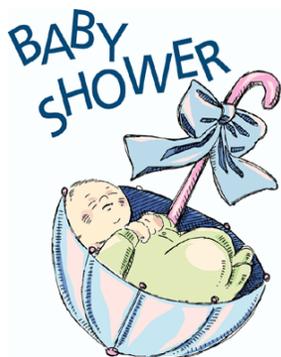
On the first two Sundays in January (the 7th and 14th), we will receive an offering to benefit the Lavastida Christian Center of Santiago, Cuba. The Lavastida Center is the Christian outreach center developed by the Reverends Elmer and Gisela Lavastida, who have visited with us here on two occasions.

The mission of the Lavastida Christian Center is to promote personal and community growth through training and social service outreach programs. The center organizes and promotes Biblical and theological courses for lay people, domestic violence education and counseling for women, support for those struggling with cancer and HIV/AIDS, workshops on liturgy and worship for church leaders, ecological consciousness, and marriage counseling to name only a few of their outreach programs.

Please give generously as even a small gift goes a long way in Cuba. After our collection on January 14th we will give the money to Pastor Tom to personally deliver to the Lavastida Center when he is there January 19th - February 2nd. He will return with a receipt for the gift and a report on the activities of the Lavastida Center and the UCC Cuba Study Seminar trip as a whole. Checks should be made payable to Peace United Church of Christ with "Lavastida Center" in the memo line. Thank you!

~ *Peace Church Mission Council*

BABY SHOWER FOR OLIVIA JOLLIF



There will be a baby shower for Olivia Jolliff on **Sunday, January 28th** in the Narthex following the worship service. She is expecting a little boy (Archie!) to come along in March. Please plan to join us for the shower!



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encouraging • connecting • becoming

Monday, January 15th

7:00 p.m.

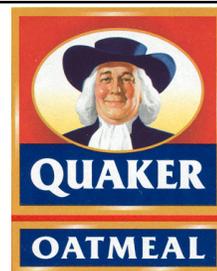
We will meet at Newk's Eatery
Grandview Ave. in Friendly Center

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



The Men's Fellowship Christmas Dinner was a wonderful event that honored the women of the church for all the work they do to keep this place running smoothly. However, only one person would allow their picture made with Steve Somers, the magician, who entertained us for the evening. Wonder who that person was??!! 😊 David Murray is a good sport and did a lot of work to plan the evening and gather door prizes from the vendors who supported the event. We can only imagine what will transpire at the event next year!

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.



NEWS & Notes

INSTALLATION OF NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS / OFFICERS

On **Sunday, January 7th**, there will be a Service of Installation for our 2018 Consistory members. This will take place during our morning worship service. Those being installed include Russ Haver (President), Jane Ford (Vice President), Elizabeth Hittepole (Treasurer), Jeanne Bryan (Assistant Treasurer), Rick Owen (Secretary), Kentoya Savage (Assistant Secretary), Grant Jolliff,

Mick McGrogan, Harold Poffenbaugh, Yvonne Smothers, and Ted Wilkinson.

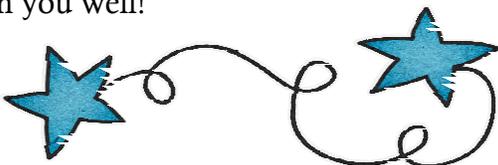


All Committee Chairs & Department Leaders

Please get your Committee/Department's annual report in to the church office by **Friday, January 19** to be included in the 2017 Annual Report. The Annual Report will be published and mailed in mid-February.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Some bittersweet news! John and Miriam Dieterly have sold their home here and moved to Hendersonville, NC just before Christmas time. They have settled into their apartment and will enjoy living closer to their grandsons! **Please make a note of their new address: 50 Cider Mill Drive, Apt 104, Hendersonville, NC 28792.** Their new home phone number is 828-595-2338. We sure will miss you guys here, but wish you well!



Peace Church Recipe Corner

BACON CHEESEBURGER SOUP

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled*
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup shredded carrots
- ¾ cup diced celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups peeled and diced potatoes
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup sour cream



Instructions

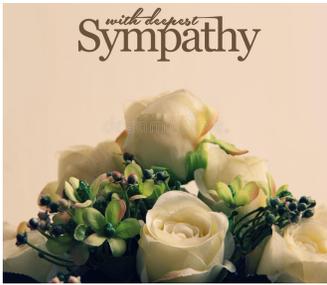
Brown the ground beef in 3 quart saucepan. Drain and set aside. In the same saucepan add 1 Tbs butter and add onion, shredded carrots, parsley flakes, basil and celery. Sauté until tender. Add the broth, potatoes and beef and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

In small skillet melt remaining butter (3 Tbs) and add the flour. Cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to the soup and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in the cheese, milk, heavy cream salt and pepper. Cook and stir until cheese melts. Stir in the cooked and crumbled bacon. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Mary Doris Everhart Whitley**, 90, who died on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, NC.

Doris was born November 15, 1927 in the Arnold/Welcome community of Davidson County. She grew up a farm girl, daughter of the late Elmer Riley and Ella Mae Sink Everhart. She graduated from Catawba College, where she met Oliver Gaines "Chick" Whitley, Jr., to whom she was married for over 60 years. They made their home in Greensboro, where Doris taught in the Greensboro City Schools for over 30 years. She and Gaines were long time members of Peace United Church of Christ and served in many capacities throughout their years here.

Doris was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sister, Patsy Everhart Palmer, and her son-in-law, James Brent Holcomb. She is survived by her children, Julia Whitley Holcomb of Graham and Richard Gaines Whitley and his wife Wilda of Raleigh; her sister, Ann Everhart Clodfelter; her grandchildren, Heath Holcomb and wife Jen of Durham, Alison Holcomb Cockrell and husband Will of Charlottesville, Julia Whitley Sheets and husband Nate of Durham, and Amanda Whitley Edwards and husband Mark of San Francisco. Doris had four great-granddaughters, Eleanor Ada Holcomb, Clara Emilie Sheets, Anna Dare Cockrell, and Evelyn Whitley Sheets, who was born December 4, 2017. Also surviving are a host of dear nieces and nephews and their children.

A memorial service was held at the May-Foley Chapel at Twin Lakes Community in Burlington on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 2 p.m. Memorials are welcome to Greensboro Urban Ministry or Kopper Top Life Learning Center.

GIFT OF APPRECIATION FROM NEW ARRIVALS STUDENTS

On Thursday, December 14th, the New Arrivals Institute had an end-of-the semester holiday party in which the students and teachers were recognized for their efforts and achievements during the fall term. As part of this event, Peace Church was given a large, beautiful ceramic vase in deep appreciation for the support that Peace Church gives to the NAI program and all the students who benefit from the classes taught in the course of the year. Pastor Tom received the gift from NAI student Doha Altaki.



The following greeting was inside the card that the NAI students gave with the vase:

"We New Arrivals Institute students feel great gratitude for the help and collaboration and for giving us the opportunity to learn and be part of this society for today and for the future. Thank you to Pastor Warren and the Peace Church members for opening the doors and we want to wish you also Merry Christmas 2017!!"



Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery each Sunday. We have a full-time nursery attendant, but our insurance requires an assistant as well. Please see Yvonne Smothers to volunteer.



Hands-On closed out 2017 with a joyous Potluck Luncheon on Friday, December 15th. It was our largest attendance ever, 26 people, including 20 of our 25 active members. AMAZING!!! We were thrilled to have **Ronald Long**, **Harold Poffenbaugh**, and **Peter Savage** as guest spouses. There was a lot of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.



Thanks to all who made this a great event in addition to "being there." Hats off to all who brought food and beverages, those who helped set-up (especially Pastor Tom Warren, Roy & Sue Smith, and Harold & Yvonne Poffenbaugh who came early), and the clean-up folk who jumped in and left the kitchen looking great (no small feat).

Now, down to business.

Hands-On members and one guest (**Debbie Kaynor**) went to part two of the event, the completion of our pillows made out of Christmas fabrics. Two days later, they were bagged and ready for delivery as follows:

Wesley Long Hospital	14
Hospice of Greensboro	17
Kid's Path	13
Women's Hospital	16
Piedmont Crossing	11
Moses Cone Pediatrics	13
Moses Cone Palliative Care	<u>11</u>
	95 total

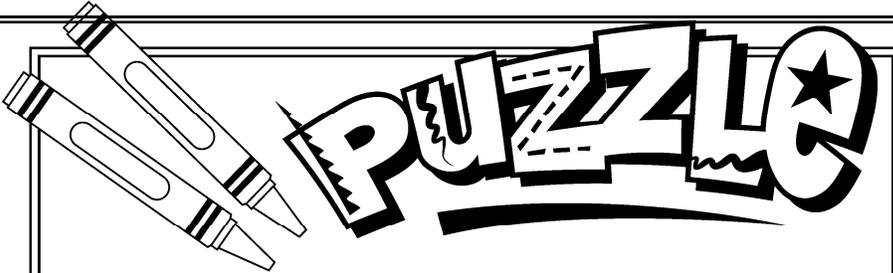
And that brings us to our **largest annual total** ever delivered in a year.....**793!** We hope our recipients had a **merrier Christmas because of their Hands-On pillows.**





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A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
 QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
 MEGTHWEOFLEXHASSGZONL
 ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.

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; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; David Murray; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Gertrude Radford; Pansy Slate; Lucille Waynick; Betty Webster; Buddy Webster; Marjorie Wegner; 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); Cindy Brown (sister of Sherri Vestal); 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); Tom & Rhoda Taylor (niece & her husband of Harold Poffenbaugh); Lindsay White (great-granddaughter of David & Nancy Peeler).

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
December 3	19	77	\$4,209	\$1,055
December 10	7	45	\$13,348	\$1,670
December 17	9	96	\$2,110	\$1,110
December 24	7	58	\$2,118	\$390
December 31	64	3	\$2,471	\$750

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through November 30, 2017)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	20,409	167,012	167,538	(526)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	11,090	174,894	201,665	(26,771)
Neighbors In Need, GUM	100			



January Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bryan Morgan	3	4 Ellen Mason	5	6
7	8	9 Don Willoughby	10	11	12 Kevin Hege	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Jeanne Bryan	24	25	26 Debbie Kaynor	27 Dorn Yeattes
28 Femi Quakenbush	29 Kim Miller	30	31 Sophia Lewis			