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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.



Mardi Gras Jambalaya Sale

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

\$8.00 PER PLATE

(see page 2 for complete details.)



Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 4th

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 4th following the worship service for discussion and approval of the 2018 Mission Spending Plan (Budget). See page 2 for more details.

Lenten Season Begins

On **Wednesday, February 14th**, Peace Church will gather for our Ash Wednesday service which kicks off the Lenten season. This service is a time of repentance and preparation for the Lenten season. Our service will begin at **6:30 p.m.** and include the Imposition of Ashes for those who choose. Communion is also a part of this sacred service. All are welcome!



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Jambalaya Sale

Saturday, Feb. 10th

11:00 — 2:00 p.m.

We will be selling authentic Louisiana chicken Jambalaya, made by our own Rick Owen, as part of a church fundraiser.

A 16 oz. order of Jambalaya will be \$8.00.

Volunteers are needed for food preparation on Friday, Feb. 9th for Jambalaya sales on Saturday.

Place your order by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office.

Spread the word to your friends & family!



**TOWN
HALL**

MEETING

All Peace Church members be sure to join us after service on **Sunday, February 4th in the Fellowship Hall for the Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018 Budget.** Then we invite you to stay for the soup luncheon Town

Hall Meeting immediately following the vote. We will be celebrating that we ended our 2017 year in the BLACK!! This hasn't happened in a very long time and we certainly want to take the time to thank God for His direction and recognize all the hard work and sacrifices everyone in our congregation made/did during the past year. Please join us for lunch after the meeting.



Looking ahead To Lent ...

As part of our Lenten festivities the following activities are "in the works":

- ✦ Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ **Lenten Book Study:** Beginning on the First Sunday in Lent (February 18th), the 'Out of the Box' group will begin a study of *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* by Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann. All are welcome!
- ✦ Maundy Thursday service on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ✦ Good Friday Service on March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 31st from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the church lawn.
- ✦ Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by an all-church Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.; Easter Service at 10:45 a.m.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: SABBATH AS RESISTANCE

Beginning on the First Sunday in Lent (February 18th), the 'Out of the Box' group will begin a study of *"Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now"* by Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann.

This deeply biblical book asks many probing questions of its readers as to how we remain faithful in our world today and how the concept of "Sabbath" can be a tool to help us in the struggle to remain faithful amidst the seductions of our consumer culture.

Copies of the book are \$12.00 and will be ordered for those who sign-up in the Narthex. Make checks payable to "Peace UCC" and put in the memo line: "Book Study". We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. All are welcome!!





*A note from
Elizabeth...*

February brings with it Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. I can't help but think how appropriate it is that Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, February 14th, when the world focuses on love. There could never be any greater love than that expressed by Jesus - to the world and to each of us personally - through His willingness to die for our sins on the cross.

The choir has already started rehearsals on music for Lent. This year the cantata is *Song of the Shadows* by Joseph M. Martin with narration by Pamela Martin. As we approach and enter Lent, please think for a moment about what the concept of *shadows* means to you. Where are you in shadows – either physical or spiritual? Lent is a time to confront our thoughts and where we are in our relationship with Jesus (of course, actually our relationship with Jesus should be considered at all times!). This cantata begins with the title song, *Song of the Shadows*, which is an invitation to come into the shadows surrounding our Lord's life. It ends with *Even the Heavens Are*



Weeping about the shadow of death. The work is filled with emotion as we move through the shadows. As Christians, though, we know we are to look toward the hope of the light on Easter morning.

There could never be any greater love than that expressed by Jesus - to the world and to each of us personally - through His willingness to die for our sins on the cross.

We would certainly welcome you to join us in singing this cantata. We usually spend the last portion of Wednesday rehearsals on the

cantata music. Please consider singing with us!



Wednesday,
February 14th



Hello again Peace Church! As we moved away from the Christmas season we had some exciting and creative lessons this January. Right after the new year we learned about the importance of promises and talked about God's promises to us and our promises to God and each other. Some of the children made promises to themselves for the new year (aka new year's resolutions). We've learned about the importance of Jesus' lesson on being a servant to others and illustrated ways that we can help other's by following Christ's example. We learned about the importance of sharing Christ's love with others by playing some games on that theme. As we approach the season of Lent we will be starting some new and exciting projects that I think everyone will be excited about! Thank you and God bless.



Ted Wilkinson
Youth Director



A baby shower was held for **Olivia Jolliff** on Sunday, January 28th. We had a great turn out and many wonderful gifts, with beautiful decorations and refreshments. Baby boy Archie will be here soon!



Peace United Church of Christ

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Michigan winters are long, cold and often brutal. Last year, a family of five came to Neighbor to Neighbor in Berrien Springs. They needed help staying warm. There weren't many blankets in stock, so the family received only two blankets. "It

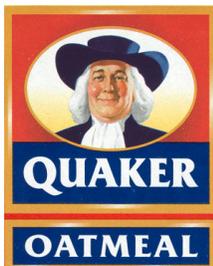
broke my heart that we didn't have enough blankets for each member of the family to have one of their own," said Executive Director Laura Meyer.

Because of generous congregations, Church World Service provided 210 warm, wool blankets to Neighbor to Neighbor to stock their shelves in time for winter. Your generosity helps to provide thousands of blankets each year to agencies across the country as they keep their communities warm. As Laura says, "Sometimes when we distribute a CWS Blanket or other physical item that a person needs, we need to remember that we are giving hope."



The CWS Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men, and women who are struggling against the cold. **Please give generously on Blankets Sunday, February 11th.**

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.



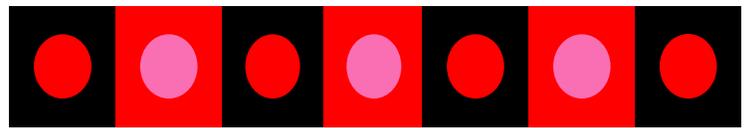
YMCA Warming Center

The YMCA Warming Center will re-open on the coldest nights and needs our donations of coffee, sugar, creamer, hot tea, Styrofoam cups, toilet paper, single-serve snacks, instant oatmeal. Please bring your items on Sundays and they will be delivered immediately. A complete list is available in the Narthex. Donations are needed through March.

December Missions Update

- Greensboro Urban Ministry
Holiday Honor Cards \$1,040
- Heifer International \$2,435

Thank you for your generous support of these organizations!



PEACECARE LEADERS' MEETING



PeaceCare leaders are encouraged to attend the PeaceCare Leaders' meeting on **Sunday, February 11th after the worship service.** The meeting will be held in the Bertha Work Room and will

last one hour. If you did not respond to the recent inquiry via e-mail, you may want to bring that input to the meeting. **Please let Theo Scott know if you will be unable to attend.**



mens fellowship

encouraging • connecting • becoming

Monday, February 19th

7:00 p.m.

We will meet at Nazareth Bread Company,
4507 W. Market Street, Greensboro

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



David Murray writes:

In July, 2006, Mary Ann and I moved to Greensboro from Virginia Beach, VA. We had just been married (both of us were widowed)

and were looking for a church to call home. We visited several churches and they were nice, but not quite what we were looking for.

As soon as we walked in the door at Peace Church, Iris Haislip greeted us and made us feel welcome in an instant. The service was good (John Dieterly was the pastor at that time), the choir was good, the organ and piano were all good, and put that all together and the word "exceptional" comes to mind.

When the service was over, Rev. Dieterly was talking to me and thanked us for attending. I mentioned to John that I was having surgery the next day and was a little scared. Monday morning after my surgery, who was there? John Dieterly. I knew then and there that Peace Church was going to be our home. In these last 11 years, we have found peace, fun, fellowship, and great friends.

I must stay 2 things in closing: First, I find myself looking forward to Sundays so I can visit friends and worship our God to recharge my spiritual reservoir. Secondly, I have become amazed at all the good Peace Church has done and continues to do. Peace Church cares and Mary Ann and I are eternally grateful that the Lord led us here.

Do you have an encouraging story you would like to share about your experiences here at Peace Church? If so, please send it to Sherri in the church office. We would like to feature stories and testimonies here that might be encouraging to our church family.



Peace Church Recipe Corner

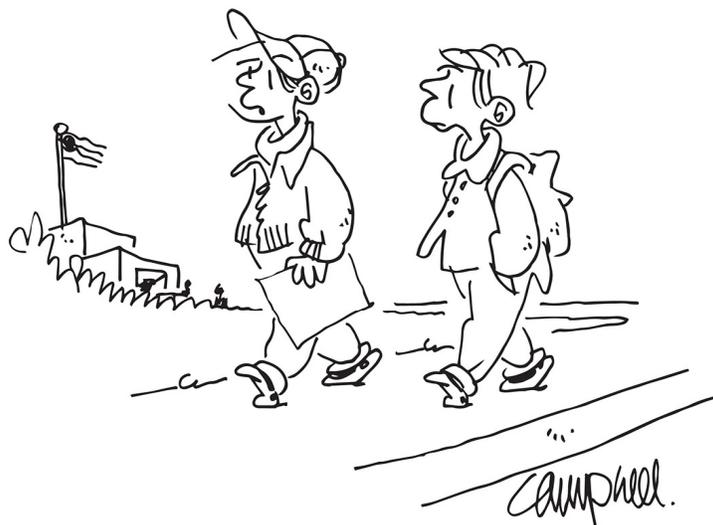
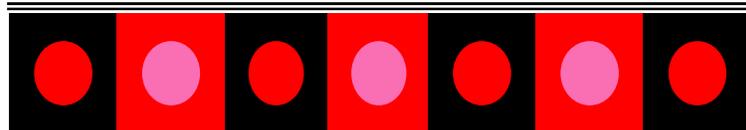
VEGGIE PIZZA APPETIZER

Printed from COOKS.COM

2 pkgs. crescent roll dough
2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch dressing
2 cups shredded cheese
3 cups assorted chopped fresh veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, olives, tomatoes, mushrooms, etc.)



Spread crescent roll dough into a cookie sheet. Press up sides of cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-13 minutes. Cool completely. Beat softened cream cheese, mayonnaise and ranch dressing until smooth. Spread over cooled dough. Top with vegetables and cheese. Pat down into cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before cutting into squares. Serves 10-12.



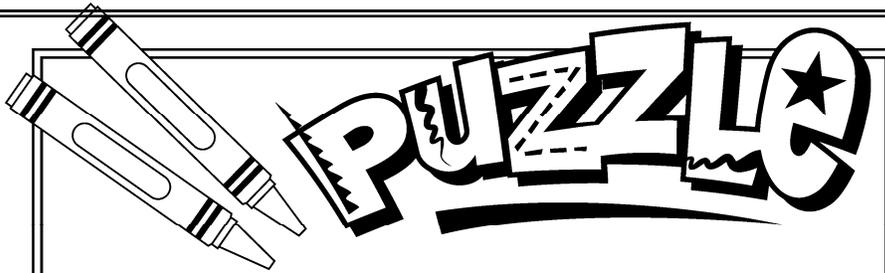
"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.
If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."





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A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

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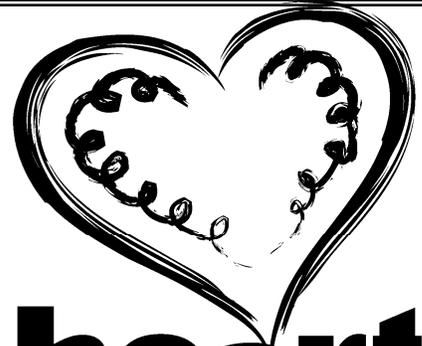
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JOHN 13:34, NIV



heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, 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; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; Marty Morgan; David Murray; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Nancy Peeler; 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); Eric Chapman (nephew of Jane Ford); Janet Faucette (sister-in-law of Yvonne Smothers); Todd Fedor (friend of Femi Quakenbush); 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-

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR JANUARY

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
January 7	5	74	\$3,408	\$ 368
January 14	8	66	\$4,021	\$ 640
January 21	11	68	\$2,346	\$ 235
January 28	9	35	\$990	-0-

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through December 31, 2017)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	26,133	193,144	182,900	10,244
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	22,570	197,623	219,894	(22,271)
Heifer, Honor Cards, Christmas Fund	3,192			



February Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sally McGrogan Skyler Whitfield	2 Kathleen Saunders	3
4 Jennifer Griffin	5 Jean Jones	6	7	8	9	10 Ciaran Leszinski
11	12	13 Logan Hindson Meghan Nelson	14 Sherri Vestal Lucy Washington	15 Lois Bell Scott Icenhower Aaron Virgilio	16	17
18	19	20	21 Cai Bowen Olivia Saunders	22	23	24 Clodagh Leszinski
25	26	27 Phillip Gilbert Harold Poffenbaugh Lucille Waynick	28 Kelly Savage			