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## Missions of Peace Church

Check out our April Missions of the Month on pages 4-5 to see how you can make a difference! The Missions this month are **PLANET EARTH** and the **Greensboro Urban Ministry Grocery Store Food Drive** on Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. Sign up to volunteer for a couple of hours on Friday, April 13 with the Peace Church group at Harris Teeter, Adams Farm location.

## MOTHER ~ DAUGHTER ~ FRIEND BANQUET

Hats Off To  
**WOMEN**

MONDAY, MAY 14TH

6:30 P.M.

Our theme this year is  
"Hats Off to Women!"

# Pastor's Perspective

As our Lenten season comes to a close and we enter into the celebration of the Easter season (there are 7 Sundays in the Easter season), we do so recognizing the victory of life over death which is embodied in the resurrection promise. Yet, in a world where death, in a variety of forms, is all around us, how do we claim the Easter victory?

The cross, often in our contemporary society identified with a shiny piece of jewelry or with the suffering that God somehow intended for Jesus on our behalf, was, first and foremost, a form of Roman capital punishment. This mode of death was reserved for chronically defiant slaves and those who challenged Roman rule. If the Jewish authorities alone had wanted to kill Jesus, they would have used stoning. Instead, Rome nailed Jesus, along with perhaps thousands of others in the first century, to a cross. The Roman Empire was an institution of death.

Crucifixion was designed to be very brutal and very public. The victim was naked and most often took many days to die. Historians of the Roman Empire tell us that many times the body of those crucified was dragged off the cross and eaten by packs of wild dogs. Jesus could have been quietly killed in a back alley or a prison cell if the Roman authorities simply wanted to get rid of him. But Jesus was crucified because it made a public statement; it said to others who might be tempted to step out of line, "This is what we do to those who oppose us." It was state-sponsored terrorism, torture, and death as a social and political deterrent. This type of "policy" continues to be used as necessary by our modern day powers and principalities.

The fact of the matter is that Jesus' passion got him killed. His passion for the kingdom of God on earth is what led to his suffering and death. In this way, Jesus

did not die *for the sins of the world*, but was killed *because of the sins* of the world. The injustice of the Roman domination system killed him. In the life and teachings of Jesus, the justice and compassion-filled kingdom of God ran smack into the greed, violence, hatred and death of Rome.

Rome is alive and well today, although under different names, and its utilization of the power of death has taken ever new forms. Yet, on Easter morning, the powers of death were defeated, and the promises of resurrection live. It is the call of the church to embody resurrection; to live in certainty that the darkness of the world can never overcome the light and hope of the Gospel. For this reason, we get up on Easter morning and declare "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

A new season has begun...a season of life. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!!

~ *Pastor Tom*



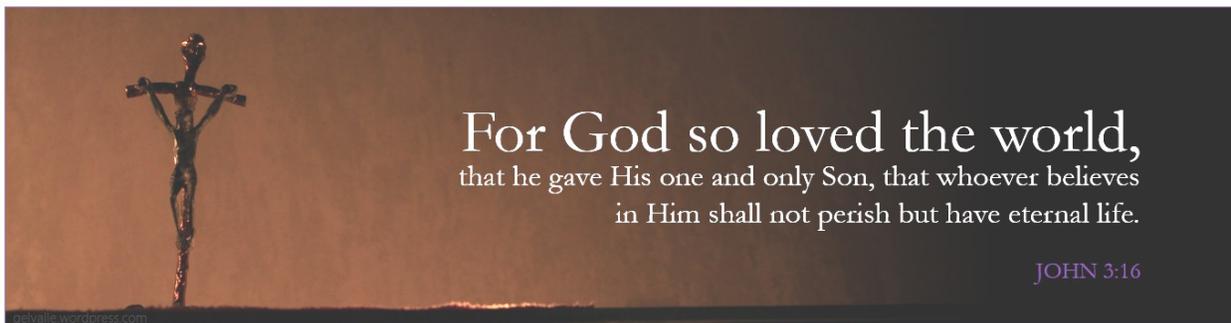
Hands-On had a highly productive session in March, and the delivery results reflect it. There were 12 members, plus one visitor (Ronald Long, Sr.) in attendance.



Here is what we distributed:

Hospice of Greensboro	14
Women's Hospital	16
Cone Palliative Care	13
Wesley Long	17
Piedmont Crossing	<u>12</u>
Total	72

Great job, Hands-On! Keep up the good work.



For God so loved the world,  
that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes  
in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16



It's Eastertide - so I start with saying, "Hallelujah, He is risen!"

I certainly want to thank the choir for their preparation

and singing the worship on Good Friday. Easter was somewhat early this year, so they worked hard in a relatively short amount of time. They were willing, and requested, to have some extra rehearsal time as Good Friday approached. Many, many thanks for their talents and time not only for special services, but also for our regular weekly worship services. They are a blessing and a phenomenal group of people!

It is also spring, and the Bible says:

*See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come... (Song of Songs 2: 11 - 12 (NIV))*

And yes, it is also the time for the congregation to sing again. April is a five-Sunday month, and we will continue our fifth Sunday hymn sing tradition on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Take a moment and look through our hymnal. What would you like to sing? Be ready to suggest it during our hymn sing (anthem) time. Also, if there is a chorus or something you don't see in our hymnal, let me know early and maybe we can find it. If it is available on our license service, we can get it for the congregation. We have not had a fifth Sunday since right after Christmas, so it's definitely time to lift up our congregational voices!

Happy Easter - Happy Spring!

*- Elisabeth Penry*  
Music Director



Hello again Peace Church Family! Has it been a month already? How time flies. As we moved through the season of Lent we first learned about what is important in life and the children made Prayer Banks, like piggy banks but storing up our prayers to God instead of money. We then learned about growing our faith by planting it in the good soil of the church, prayer, and reading the Bible. Next we had a special treat as Melinda Summers led the children in making jewelry that will be sold at the Easter Festival to raise money for the Tiny House Project. And finally we learned all about trusting in God and played a game with blindfolds and tossing (very soft) toys. This coming month we will be learning about Easter and all things involving the resurrection. Until next month Peace Church!



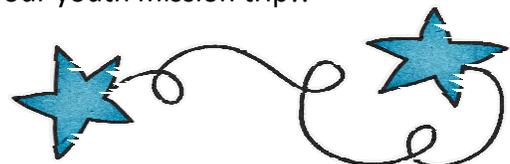
*~ Ted Wilkinson, Youth Director*

## Pizza with the Pastor

Join Pastor Tom for lunch at Elizabeth's Pizza on Battleground Avenue on **Tuesday, April 10th, at 12:30 p.m.** Elizabeth's Pizza (3927 Battleground Avenue) will be giving 10% of their sales to



our Cuba Youth Mission Trip. This is an easy and great way to help our youth raise the funds for their mission trip this summer. If you can't make it for lunch, you can go later in the day. It's all day long, dine in or take out! Simply let the cashier or server know that you are part of Peace UCC and Elizabeth's Pizza will write a check for 10% of sales for those days. Come on out and eat to support our youth mission trip!!



Peace United Church of Christ

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

# Planet Earth!



On **Sunday, April 22nd**, our worship service will focus on celebrating Earth Day. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 and was, in keeping with the spirit of the times, very much a protest. Over the last 48 years Earth Day has become many things to many people.

As people of faith, we recognize this day with an emphasis on the care we are called to show toward God's good earth. As the creation story in Genesis reminds us, "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good (Genesis 1:31).

So, on April 22nd during worship we will give thanks to God for creation and the fruits of creation which we all enjoy. We will also recognize the critical moment we face in regard to the health of our planet and reflect upon what God might be calling us to do in response to the severe environmental threats that we now confront.

As part of our worship we will welcome two guests. **Sarah Horton-Campbell**, the organizing pastor for Common Life Church & Farm (UCC) will be with us from Alamance County to share about her new church start. Sarah is a recent graduate of Duke Divinity School. Also, **Sister Katherine Francis, SP** (Sisters of Providence) from Lexington will be with us to talk about the gifts of Saint Francis of Assisi. Sister Katherine is a Secondary Teacher with a BA in English and a Masters in Religious Education and Theology. She has served in a variety of faith formation settings, working with children, young adults, and adults.

We will conclude the service with a bag lunch picnic outside at our Saint Francis of Assisi Prayer Circle. Sister Katherine will be our key-note speaker on the life and passion of Saint Francis. We will eat, pray, and sing during this casual time. Please bring a bag lunch and lawn chair. All are welcome!

~ Jane Ford  
Creation Care Committee

## RECYCLING FURNITURE, RESTORING LIVES: THE BARNABAS NETWORK

The Barnabas Network is a nonprofit organization that provides basic home furnishings at no cost to qualified families and individuals on the path to self-sufficiency. Our clients are transitioning out of homelessness, recovering from a major setback, fleeing abuse or violence, or overcoming severe poverty.

Our goal is to help people change their living environment so that they break the cycle of poverty and live up to their full potential. The Barnabas Network's focus is on neighbors helping neighbors by providing a "hand up" instead of a "hand out".

Clients are referred to us by more than 200 local agencies, churches, and schools. The items we give away are donated by individuals and organizations, although when need exceeds inventory, we buy mattresses and bed frames.

The Barnabas Network grew out of a local church ministry and became a stand-alone non-profit in 2006. It was named for St. Barnabas, who sold his goods and gave the money to the apostles. Barnabas means "man of encouragement". In an average year, we serve more than 2,200 individuals, give away over 1,000 beds (almost half to children), and accept more than 2,000 furniture donations.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Make a donation ▪ Donate furniture (Free Pick Up) ▪ Visit our retail store ▪ Volunteer your time ▪ Spread the word.

The Barnabas Network, 838 Winston St., Greensboro, NC 27405, 336-370-4002, or visit their website at [www.thebarnabasnetwork.org](http://www.thebarnabasnetwork.org).

### Put Your Bottles to Work this Spring!

Did you know that the simple act of recycling plastic bottles creates well-paying jobs? Plastic bottles can be recycled into new products like shirts, tennis shoes, carpets, and more. By recycling plastic bottles at home, work, school, and on the go, you can be a job creator!

Learn more at [www.YourBottleMeansJobs.com](http://www.YourBottleMeansJobs.com).

## GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY GROCERY STORE FOOD DRIVE APRIL 13TH AND 14TH

Food Drive  
for Hunger



The semi-annual Grocery Store Food Drives on April 13 and 14 at participating grocery stores throughout the city are essential to supply the Food Pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Families are able to get emergency food assistance due to these food drives. Peace volunteers will work Friday, April 13 at Harris Teeter, 5710 W. Gate City Blvd.

Please support this important ministry by shopping on those days and by volunteering for a two hour shift on Friday, April 13. Phone or text Cindy Spillers at 336-420-1099.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry needs volunteers! This program is one of the city's most important in addressing hunger. A minimum of 100 households a day are served.

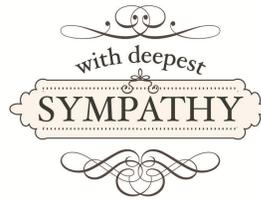
Volunteers need to be 18 years old. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. any day, Monday through Friday. Jobs include sorting food for the emergency grocery shelves, bagging groceries, packing carts with fresh and non-perishable food, and taking food out to meet families who are seeking assistance. Contact Gail Gore-Lewis at [lewis@guministry.org](mailto:lewis@guministry.org) or 336-553-2642.



### A note of thanks we recently received...

*At our March, 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting, we lifted up your congregation in a prayer of thanks. Thank you for the hours you volunteer, the dollars you donate, and the commitment you share with us for meeting the immediate needs of our clients. We could not do our work without you.*

*Peace and Blessings,  
The Board, Staff, Volunteers and Clients of  
Greensboro Urban Ministry.*



We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **Mrs. Nancy Cope Peeler**, 81, who passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at the Hospice Home of High Point.

Nancy was born October 30, 1936, in Davie County, the daughter of Thomas Radford and Ora Lee Summers Cope. Nancy was a member of the graduating class of 1954 at Boyden High School in Salisbury. She retired from Eckerd Drug and was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro.



Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Carol Ann Odell; a brother, James Warren Cope, a grandson, Joshua Crowder, and a son-in-law, Larry Barham. Nancy is survived by her husband, David Calvin Peeler, Sr.; one daughter, Deborah Barham of Greensboro; two sons, David Calvin Peeler, Jr. and wife Cathy of Hattiesburg, MS; Thomas "Andy" Peeler and wife Wendy of High Point; grandchildren, Melissa Dodson and husband Phil of Bradenton, FL; Jennifer Reddick and husband Jesse of Greensboro; Drew Peeler of Gainesville, FL; Tonya White and husband Brad of Lakeland, TN; step-grandchildren Angelia Martin of High Point and Corey Martin of High Point; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Lindsay, Alex, Jonathan, Audrey, Chloe, Rayelyn; great-great grandchildren Ty and Eli; one sister, Brenda C. Fort and husband Bill of Knoxville, TN, and one brother, Tommy Cope and wife Kitty of Morristown, TN.

A graveside service was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018, at the National Cemetery Columbarium in Salisbury, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Nancy's memory to Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 West Market St., Greensboro NC 27403; Greensboro Urban Ministry, 305 West Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27406, or Hospice Home of High Point, 1803 Westchester Dr., High Point, NC 27262.

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.





# Peace Church Recipe Corner

## HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

When the Hummingbird Cake was first submitted to *Southern Living* in 1978 by Mrs. L.H. Wiggins of Greensboro, North Carolina, no one had an idea the cake would become the most popular and beloved Southern cake recipe ever. Without a doubt, the cake is a beauty with its three moist layers topped with cream cheese frosting and pecans; but it's the taste that really keeps us coming back. There are a few rules for success in this recipe that make it truly stand out. First, vegetable oil is used instead of butter to get the moist, quick-bread-like texture of the layers. Second, you need a can of crushed pineapple in its juice, which you will NOT drain. The juice adds so much flavor to the cake batter and keeps it incredibly moist. Lastly, always take the time to toast your pecans. It's a game-changer. Forty years may have passed since we discovered this Southern gem, but we keep making it year after year!



### Cake Layers

3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
3 large eggs, beaten  
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained  
2 cups chopped ripe bananas (about 3 bananas)  
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted  
Vegetable shortening

### Cream Cheese Frosting

2 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 cup salted butter, softened  
2 (16-oz.) pkg. powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### Additional Ingredient

3/4 cup pecan halves, toasted

Preheat oven to 350°F.

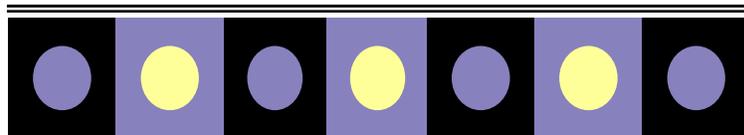
**Prepare the cake layers:** Whisk together flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon in a large bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, bananas, and toasted pecans.

Divide batter evenly among 3 well-greased (with shortening) and floured 9-inch round cake pans.

Bake in preheated oven until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks, and cool completely, about 1 hour.

**Prepare the Cream Cheese Frosting:** Beat cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer on medium-low speed until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Increase speed to medium-high, and beat until fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes.

**Assemble Cake:** Place 1 cake layer on a serving platter; spread top with 1 cup of the frosting. Top with second layer, and spread with 1 cup frosting. Top with third layer, and spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake. Arrange pecan halves (or slightly chopped if desired) on top of cake.



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encouraging • connecting • becoming

**Monday, April 16th**

**7:00 p.m.**

We will meet at Jason's Deli,  
Friendly Shopping Center, Greensboro

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



*Marty Morgan would like express his gratitude for all the prayers, cards, calls, well wishes, and all the acts of kindness extended to him during his recent heart surgery and recovery. It has been very humbling and like nothing else I've ever seen. So much care from this church family and I am very grateful for each one who reached out to me. Thank you all so much.*



***Please keep these members of our church family in your thoughts and prayers:***

**Lois Bell; Dale Benshoff; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; 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; David Peeler; Gertrude Radford; Pansy Slate; Becky Taylor; 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); **Betty Larimer** (aunt of Trish Larimer); **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).

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR MARCH**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
March 4	12	64	\$4,237	\$127
March 11	12	59	\$3,875	\$815
March 18	9	42	\$1,442	\$20,116
March 25	9	57	\$1,869	\$160

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through February 28 2018)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	25,729	38,431	29,972	8,459
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	13,249	27,399	33,398	(5,999)
Blankets+, Hands On	684			



***April Birthdays***

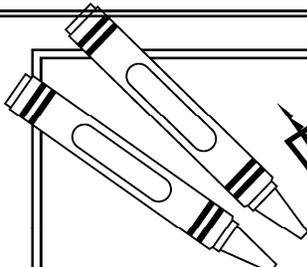


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Greg Haver	11	12	13 Avery Dole	14 Aiden Leszinski
15 Dale Benshoff Buddy Webster	16 Nan Buchanan	17	18 Becky Taylor	19 Beverly Haithcock	20 Theo Scott	21
22 Lucille Bennett	23	24 Richard Graber	25 Brady Dole	26	27	28 Kathy Syster
29 Sharon Mitchell Roy Smith Wendy Washington	30					



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# PUZZLE

## RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



*Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.*

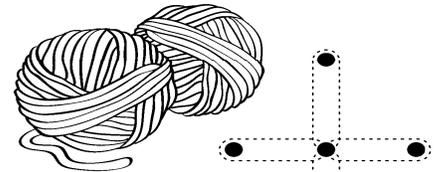
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| 2+2 = ___ united    | 2x3 = ___ death  | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been         |
| 0+1 = ___ if        | 2x4 = ___ we     | 13-1 = ___ him         |
| 2+3 = ___ in        | 20-6 = ___ like  | 2+5 = ___ his          |
| 2x5 = ___ be        | 8+3 = ___ with   |                        |

"For 1 we 2 3 4  
with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,  
8 will 9 also 10 united  
11 12 in a 13  
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

# CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



**What you need:**

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

**What you do:**

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.