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A Global Mission Church

May, 2018

The mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to reach our community for Christ, develop disciples, and empower all people for ministry.

MOTHER ~ DAUGHTER ~ FRIEND BANQUET



MONDAY, MAY 14TH
6:30 P.M.

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

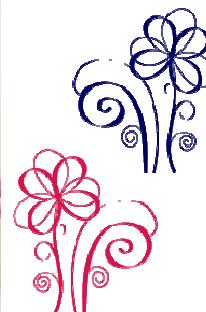
Tickets are \$9.50 each and are available in the Narthex. Come join us!
Please see **Ava Chambers** to get your tickets.

TOWN HALL
MEETING

**Town Hall Meeting
& Lunch
Sunday, May 6th
12:00 p.m.**

For more information, see article on page 5.

*With love and great pride, this month we honor
our mothers...
...and our veterans*



SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT PEACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 27TH!

MISSIONARIES FROM PUERTO RICO TO SPEAK

On Sunday morning, May 27th at 9:30 a.m., UCC missionaries, Dr. Doris Garcia Rivera and Rev. Raul Santiago-Rivera, from Puerto Rico, will speak about their work in the wake of Hurricane Maria. This Category 5 storm devastated this Caribbean island on September 20, 2017 – an event from which they are still very much in recovery. Their talk will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Doris and Raul will also briefly address the congregation during worship, focusing on the work of Global Ministries, a joint effort of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Peace Church is a Global Mission Church.



Doris J. Garcia Rivera, new president of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, the first woman to hold that position. —*Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico*

Doris J. García Rivera has a wealth of educational experience in Central America and Mexico, including 23 years as a missionary in Latin America, particularly in Costa Rica and Mexico, where she founded theological centers and worked with indigenous groups, youth, women and other vulnerable populations. She has a B.A. in biology and chemistry from the University of Puerto Rico, where she also earned a master's degree in microbiology and medical zoology. In addition, she holds a Master of Arts in religion and multiculturalism from the Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts and completed a Ph.D. in biblical and historical studies with a concentration in Hebrew Bible and sociology at the Boston University School of Theology. García Rivera — who enjoys teaching, working with women, biblical studies and sociological issues — has spoken at many international conferences and has taught at several educational institutions in Puerto Rico and the United States.”

Rev. Raul Santiago-Rivera-Reverend Santiago-Rivera is a professional accountant and has a Master of Divinity from the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. He is also a pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Rosa Gonzalez, in Caguas, Puerto Rico, treasurer for the Presbytery of San Juan and SEPR Board Member. He has served as the Treasurer of the Retirement City Home Shelter, an ecumenical housing project for the elderly and as a Board Member of the Puerto Rico Council of Churches.

CHURCH: AN EXILIC REMNANT IN BABYLON? — A SERMON IN THREE VOICES —

Also on Sunday, May 27th, there will be a special, and somewhat unusual, sermon given as part of our worship service. On this day **Dr. Seth Bartee, Rev. Dr. John Syster, and Rev. Tom Warren** will present a sermon titled "Church: An Exilic Remnant in Babylon?" This sermon will give voice to the question of where the Christian church in America is in relationship to our culture and what our orientation might be toward our culture as we look to the future.

Dr. Seth Bartee is the Professor of History at Guilford Technical Community College and a member of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh. **Rev. Dr. John Syster** is a retired UCC pastor with his Doctorate in Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary. **Pastor Tom Warren** has a Masters Degree in Sociology from the University of South Florida and a Masters of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary along with an honorary Doctorate of Divinity.

As the Christian church, in all its variety, continues to decline in numbers and influence, this sermon seeks to explore the realities of our current situation in America, connect it to the experience of the ancient Israelites, and struggle with what God's call to the church may be in the 21st century. Join us for what promises to be a stimulating and thought provoking morning!!

Pastor's Perspective



Well, finally we are into the spring season with summer right around the corner. This is a busy time of the year with plans for the summer taking shape and programs and ministries going full speed ahead.

Peace Church is building houses (Tiny Houses!), constructing environmentally sound play spaces (Growing Peace!), reaching out in support of our recent tornado victims, all the while engaging and continuing the usual activities of our church. We are, as David Murray likes to say, a "small, but mighty church!" Yes, indeed.

As we continue to do the work of the church, let us also not forget to take care of ourselves. We take care of ourselves by nurturing our minds, bodies, and spirits. Physical exercise, intellectual stimulation, and spiritual disciplines (prayer, study, meditation, etc.) are all critical to our overall wellbeing as children of God.

So, as we slowly move into summer, be sure to find time for self-care. Treat yourself to something you love to do. Nurture yourself. Give to others. Spend quality time with loved ones. Get out and enjoy God's beautiful creation.

Summer will pass all too quickly. Let's make it count!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

Early Summer Vacation Dates for Pastor Tom

Friday, May 4th, Pastor Tom will be traveling to Saint Simons Island, Georgia to conduct a baptism on Saturday, May 5th for a college friend and his wife. He will return to Greensboro on that Saturday evening.

Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day) and Tuesday, May 29th, Pastor Tom and Kim will be in Greenville, South Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday, June 10th (music weekend!) and Sunday, June 17th (Appalachian Trail) Pastor Tom will be on vacation. **Reverend William Chrystal** will preach on June 17th and **Reverend John Syster** will preach on June 10th.



During April, we had two Sundays (in addition to hymn sing Sunday!) when the congregation was asked to sing along with the choir on the anthem. It's always a joy to hear people singing! The words for *Every Morning Is Easter Morning* and *Touch the Earth Lightly* were provided for the congregation. Also, on the hymn sing Sunday, the words and music for *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* were provided for the congregation.

*A note from
Elisabeth...*

For each one of these songs, the copyright information was given, and the source was SongSelect®. This is a service we subscribe to that allows printing of words for sing-along purposes. It is part of Christian Copyright Licensing International or CCLI, so our CCLI license number also appears when we use a song. We have participated in CCLI since before I came to Peace, but we joined SongSelect® a little more recently. Periodically we have to report for a six month period all of the songs we used and how we used them during that six months. We were last in a reporting period from October of 2016 through March of 2017. We pay each year to maintain our license and additional for the SongSelect® portion, and it gives us the legal right to use many, many songs, but not all songs. We do have to check their catalog to determine if the copyright owner is a CCLI participant. Copyright can be complicated, but it is so necessary for songwriters and publishers to be paid fairly for what they do. This service gives us the opportunity to perhaps learn new songs and to fully understand the message of the words.

During May, we have Pentecost. We are planning to sing our traditional anthem, *Come, Holy Spirit*. This song is also a part of SongSelect®, so we can provide you with words. Please join us anytime you hear an anthem you know or see new words or just listen and want to sing!



Please notify the church office by May 21 if you have a child or family member who is graduating from any level of school — kindergarten, grade school, middle school, high school, college... We would like to "brag" a little on our church family in the June issue of the newsletter!

Peace United Church of Christ

MISSION OF THE MONTH

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

The Strengthen the Church offering will be received on May 20, 2018. Please give generously.

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY GROCERY STORE FOOD DRIVE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

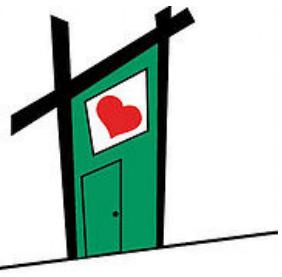
Volunteers from Peace UCC collected 1,043 pounds of food and \$86.00 at Harris Teeter for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Grocery Store Food Drive on April 13th. For helping to end hunger in Greensboro, we are grateful to **David and Linda Fesperman, David Murray, Harold and Yvonne Poffenbaugh, Debbie Shiner, Yvonne Smothers, Pastor Tom Warren, Abby and Don Wheeling.**



FOOD DRIVE

The Tiny House Project

we are building for a homeless veteran is moving forward and will have its inaugural work day on **Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our building area will be in the upper parking lot closest to Market Street.



This is an exciting project for Peace Church which can involve everyone at some level.

Workers at every skill level (or with no skills!) are invited to sign up in the Narthex to participate in this great project. Professionals will be on site to instruct and oversee our work. We will supply our own tools, so please pick up a list of needed tools in the Narthex. (a list is also provided below)

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunch on work days. Please sign the volunteer sheet and indicate "lunch".

Tools and volunteers are needed, so please sign up in the Narthex. Speak with **Team Leaders, Dustin Hittepole** and **Melinda Summers** for more information.

Tools & Equipment Needed for Tiny House Project :

Individual volunteers will need a hammer, safety glasses, tape measure, pencil, try square

Additional Tools Needed:

1. Power Miter Saw
2. Electric drills (2) and bits
3. Battery drills with screwdriver bits (3)
4. Saw horses (2-3 sets)
5. Circular saw (1)
6. Power cords
7. Portable compressor
8. Generator

Please contact **Dustin Hittepole** (dhittepole@yahoo.com) or **Melinda Summers** (summomom@nc.rr.com) to let them know what you have to offer.

All tools will be returned at the end of the project.

A Town Hall Meeting on **SUNDAY, May 6th** in the Fellowship Hall following worship featuring a delicious pasta dinner prepared by **Karen Haver**. We will have homemade sauces with many different toppings/extras for you to add to your choice of pasta, so this is not just an ordinary spaghetti lunch! This is a time for fellowship and updates/conversation about church issues and ministries. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and the children eat free. Please plan to join us for a great meal, fellowship, and to find out what projects that the Consistory is working on and things affecting the church.



let's do lunch

Hands On
Annual Spring Potluck Lunch
Wednesday, May 9th, at 12:00 p.m.

Our regular work session will follow lunch. Please contact **Yvonne Poffenbaugh (336-706-7766)** for information.

A note of thanks from Pastor Sarah...

Thank you for inviting Common Life Church & Farm to worship with you last Sunday [April 22]. We enjoyed sharing with you and are energized by your encouragement. We look forward to having you to the farm this fall.

*Peace,
 Pastor Sarah Horton-Campbell
 Organizing Pastor*

2018 CUBA YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Opportunities to Support the Youth Mission Trip to Cuba

The following events are opportunities to support the 11 youth participating in the youth mission trip to Cuba, scheduled from July 21st - 28th.

Tuesday, May 8th: The final chance to feast at *Elizabeth's Pizza* (3927 Battleground Ave.) to benefit our youth mission trip, lunch or dinner, eat in or take out! 10% of all sales will benefit the local youth going on our trip. Our local youth include Avery Dole, Payton Herring (her mother Leighann set-up the Elizabeth's Pizza fundraiser!), Rachel Johnson, Abigail Miller-Warren, and Daniel Warren. You can call in your order at (336)-288-1515. Just be sure to tell them you are with Peace Church.



Sunday, May 20th: Cuban Luncheon fundraiser and program with Cuban sandwiches provided by La Palma Caribbean Restaurant. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex. Program will include Cuban music, a power point presentation about the trip, good food and great fellowship. This is also *Pentecost Sunday* so come on out and feel the Spirit!!



Saturday, June 2nd: Youth Car Wash from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. When you come out to see our Tiny House project at work...get your car washed!! Donations accepted.



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

SAUSAGE EGG ROLL IN A BOWL

1 lb. ground pork sausage (can also use ground beef, or another protein of choice)
 6 cups coleslaw mix or shredded cabbage
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 1 tablespoon ginger, minced
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 1/4 cup chopped green onions
 1 tablespoon sesame oil



Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the sausage and cook, stirring often to crumble, until cooked through. Do not drain.

Add the coleslaw mix, garlic, ginger, and soy sauce to the skillet with the sausage. Cook for 3-4 minutes or until cabbage has softened a bit.

Remove from the heat and top with the green onions and drizzle with sesame oil.

Delicious low-carb/high protein dish ready to serve in 20 minutes!



Ramona Griffin would like to thank all the thoughtful, kind, and loving members of Peace Church. "I received many cards, phone calls and visits, and I appreciated the prayers while I was taking chemo and radiation. I am through with the treatments now but have lots of follow up. I am doing well and hope to see you all soon. I love Peace Church and all of you and we do have a great pastor and his family."



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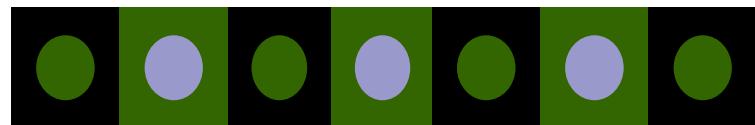
encouraging • connecting • becoming

Monday, May 21st

7:00 p.m.

We will meet at Newk's Eatery,
Friendly Shopping Center, Greensboro

great food • great friends •
wonderful fellowship



We Welcome New Member
William Chrystal!!

On Sunday, April 8th, the Consistory discussed and voted unanimously to welcome the Rev. Dr. William Chrystal into our membership at Peace Church. Rev. Chrystal is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ who lives in Charlotte Court House, Virginia — about 2 hours north of Greensboro.



He will be formally welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, June 17th, and will on that same day be our guest preacher while Pastor Tom and Kim are on the Appalachian Trail.

While Dr. Chrystal will worship with us only on occasion, he looks forward to participating and sharing some of his passions as his schedule allows. Among his many interesting gifts is his 'in costume' "performance ministry" and lecture focusing on our Founding Fathers Alexander Hamilton and John Adams. Along with many years of local church ministry, William was also a Chaplain in the Navy for five years. To find out more about William, visit his web page at www.William-G-Chrystal.com.

The United Church of Christ requires clergy in good standing to have a local church membership. We rejoice that Dr. Chrystal has chosen Peace UCC as his local church home!! Welcome aboard William!!



Hundreds of folks from around the community came out and enjoyed the Easter/Spring Festival! A beautiful day of games, bouncy houses, food, egg hunts, fun and fellowship. Thanks to all those who volunteered and worked so hard to make this a success!



Our Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 22, featured a picnic lunch at the Saint Francis of Assisi Prayer Circle. **Sister Katherine Francis, SP** (Sisters of Providence) from Lexington was our keynote speaker at our picnic focusing on the life and passion of Saint Francis. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her and many nice remarks were shared about the program. (Note: Sister Katherine Francis will also be speaker at the Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet on Monday, May 14. Don't miss that!)



In April, the Women's Fellowship made a \$100 donation to the Peace UCC Love fund in honor of our Peace Church shut-ins. We thank each of them for their continued support of Peace Church and miss them in our weekly activities.

TIPS FROM THE CREATION CARE TEAM (CCT)

RECONSIDERED GOODS

EST. OCT 2016

What is Reconsidered Goods?

Reconsidered Goods is a Creative Reuse Center with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Our Mission is:

- to promote creativity
- to promote environmental awareness
- to build community through reuse.

Individuals and Businesses Donate Materials:

- for purchase in our retail store, located in Greensboro, NC.
- workshops
- events
- private parties
- as a destination for school field trips & more

We Specialize in Materials That Are:

- hard to find
- affordable
- destined for landfills

Have more questions and want to learn more?

What items do we accept as donations?

When is the next special event?

Visit our web site for answers to

Frequently Asked Questions or simply stop by!

HOURS: Tues. - Sat 10AM-5PM

LOCATION: 2805 Patterson St.
Greensboro, NC 27407

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NC Solar Now can show you how to get energy independence from the power companies for the rest of your life and protect the environment at the same time. Call them at **919-833-9096** for a free energy analysis. Visit them on the web at www.ncsolarnow.com.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 22-24, 2017

"Renew, Restore, Refresh"

Brothers and Sisters of the Southern Conference,

Grace! Mercy! and Peace! Be unto you, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for all of you.



This is your **Official Call Letter** inviting you to attend and participate in the Southern Conference 53rd Annual Gathering, June 21-23, 2018, hosted by the Western North Carolina Association. This year's event will be held at the beautiful **Canterbury School in Northeastern Greensboro, NC**. Our theme is "*Renew, Restore, Refresh*" (Psalm 51:10,12). It will be a celebration of what God has done and is doing in the life of the Southern Conference. Every Local Church and related Institutions are invited to attend.

Come join us as we are planning an excellent agenda of education, fellowship, great food, relationship building, praise, worship and business. On Thursday morning, we will be offering a pre-gathering **Boundary Training** workshop for all clergy and other workshops such as "Safe Church" for both laity and clergy. That evening we will have our opening worship service with The Rev. Kim Hodges, Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church UCC in Virginia Beach, VA. Friday and Saturday will be filled with additional educational learnings and panel discussions. The Southern Conference Celebration Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday, there will be a discussion on the **Three Great Loves** initiative and our closing reflections will be given by The Rev. Angela Roberson, Congregational UCC in High Point, NC.

The highlights for our meeting include: Thought-provoking and engaging workshops focused on education and training for the purpose of being prophetic and putting flesh on the gospel; Time for fellowship with members of the Southern Conference at our "**pig pickin'**" outdoor casual celebration dinner featuring a **Bluegrass Band**; Youth Mission activities and a conference choir.

Like last year, you are invited and encouraged to register online. The deadline for registration is **Monday, June 11, 2018**. The registration form, online registration information and hotel accommodations will be sent out in a follow up letter and posted on our website: www.soc-ucc.org.

Come and be a part of what promises to be a wonderful move of God. **You don't want miss it!** And, may the Lord find favor on you and your families and bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Edward Davis, Conference Minister
Southern Conference UCC

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; 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 Faustette (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 APRIL

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
April 1		98	\$4,421	\$548
April 8	6	65	\$3,817	\$275
April 15	6	60	\$2,353	\$295
April 22	8	68	\$1,038	\$133
April 29	10	81	\$1,710	\$85

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through March 31, 2018)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	13,247	51,678	45,858	5820
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	23,826	51,226	50,097	1,129
One Great Hour of Sharing, Tiny House	21,029			



May Birthdays

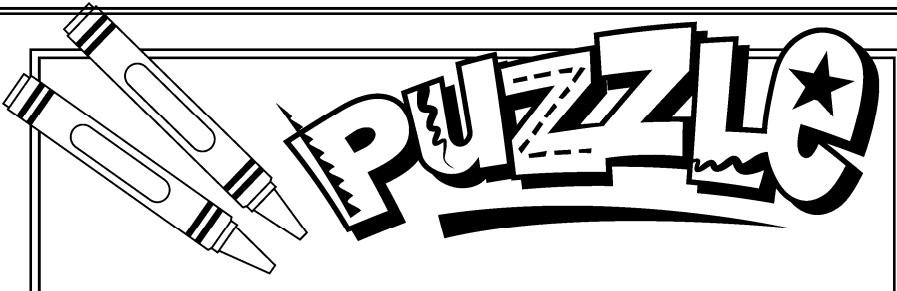


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Audrey Summers		Haley Lambe	Jim Lillie			Miriam Dieterly Melinda Summers
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Kelly Wyrick		Rick Owen				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Una Lee Myers	Evie Williams	Marie Hearn				Ava Chambers Susan Kirschner
27	28	29	30	31		
Evey Bowen						



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

"
L * L * L * L * your L * L * L *
and your L * L * L * L *, L * L *
the L * L * L * your L * L * has
L * ."
5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.