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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.



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MONDAY, JULY 16 7:00 PM

Peace Church Grasshoppers' Game Outing

GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS VS. ASHEVILLE TOURISTS

GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM • FIRST PITCH AT 7:00PM

See page 2 for complete details!



Pastor's Perspective

As I spoke about during my sermon on July 1st, I have now been at Peace Church for 5 years. This has not always been an easy five years, but I've yet to serve a church that "easy." We are, after all, dealing with the challenges of gospel living and the frailties of our own humanity. In addition to the challenges of the gospel and our human struggles, we live in a difficult time historically. Our nation, the nations of the world, and our planet (creation) are all under tremendous pressures. We live, as the Asheville-based theologian Ken Sehested has said, in a time of unveiling; a time of *revelation*.

The time during which Jesus roamed the earth was, in some ways, not much different. There were great discrepancies between the wealthy and everyone else. There were tremendous tensions between Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles. Women had no power and children even less. The Roman Empire was the sole superpower of the day, imposing its will as desired upon people and entire nations. God, or shall we say 'the gods', were of course, thought to be on their side; and into all of this came Jesus.

During the desperate times of the first century, Jesus called people out of the chaos. He shared and lived a wisdom rarely heard in a time of raw, violent power, destructive poverty, blasphemous bigotry, and a general disregard for human life. He pointed to God's kingdom on earth based on generosity, forgiveness, love, nonviolence, inclusion of all, and a powerful holy grace. "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4: 21), Jesus said, pointing to a vision where the poor, blind, oppressed, and incarcerated were loved, forgiven, and set free. Wow!!

So as we go into our sixth year together, let us dream dreams bigger than ever! Let us not be captivated by the fear, bigotry, and anger of our time. Let us, instead, embrace the powerful gospel vision of Christ, where God's kingdom comes to earth and the people of faith work together to build – little by little – an alternative to the violence and darkness of the day. To do this we will need grand visions, deep biblical understandings, and a joyful courage to reach out and live a 'good news' life.

I look forward to the years ahead that we shall share together.

Pastor Tom

Take me out to the ball game! Summer is here and so is our annual baseball game outing! We hope you plan to go with us for a church-wide outing to the Greensboro Grasshoppers' baseball game on **Monday, July 16th**. This annual event is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship.



Last year we had nearly 30 people with our group! Let's take at least that many this year, or more!

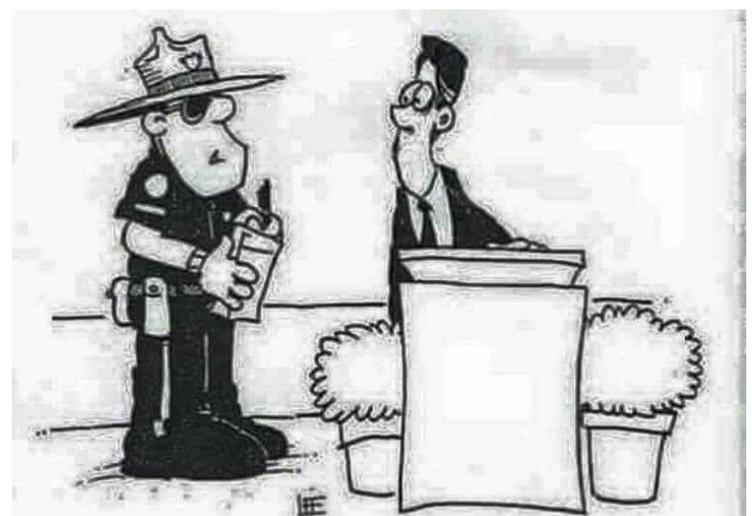
Tickets are \$9.00 each (a \$2.00 per ticket savings for a group ticket price). Please sign up in the Narthex or contact **David Murray** for more information.

2018 CUBA YOUTH MISSION TRIP



On Saturday, July 21st, **Kim Miller** and **Ted Wilkinson** will lead a trip of 11 teens and 5 adults for a one week mission trip to the Lavastida Christian Center in Santiago, Cuba.

This year's trip features UCC youth from Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Decorah, Iowa, and Houston, Texas. The group will work rebuilding the kitchen, which was damaged by Hurricane Irma, that hit Cuba last year. Please join us on Sunday, July 15th when we will celebrate and bless the group during our morning worship service.

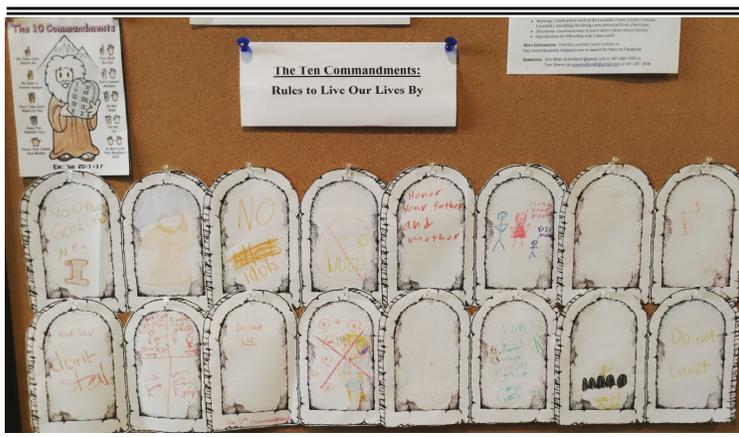


"You were preaching a 45-minute sermon in a 25-minute zone, Pastor. I'm going to have to see your license and ordination."



Greetings again Peace Family! Its been a fun June so far as we move through the summer months. In the beginning of June we learned about the Ten Commandments. If you were at church on the 3rd of June you found out that our youth could only name one commandment so we had our work cut out for us. We played games to re-enforce our knowledge of them and learned how they can help us to live better lives. The next week we learned about the story of Daniel and how God can be there for us even when things seem darkest. And last week we learned about how Jesus can be understood in many ways (healer, preacher, king, etc) and how the Spirit gives us all gifts. Next month we are planning some fun stuff as well so I hope I'll see you there!

~ Ted Wilkinson
Youth Director



A Note from Ava Chambers, Member of the Board of Directors of the WNCA:

Greetings from the Western North Carolina Association! We are excited to announce a monthly webinar series for all members. The webinar will be held on the second Monday of each month from 6-7:00 p.m. via Zoom. I will send out more information via the Sunday bulletin. If you have ideas for future topics, please see me.

Also, save the date of Saturday, October 6 for our Annual Meeting at Abernethy Laurels in Newton, NC.

WEBINAR TOPICS & SPEAKERS

July 9: Members in Discernment (MIDs) (Rev. Colleen Samson, *WNCA MCA*) — Information for people considering a call to ministry in WNCA.



Sunday, July 29th Morning Worship Service



We have again arrived at a five Sunday month. That means our anthem on the last Sunday, July 29th, will be a congregational hymn sing. Be planning now what you would like to suggest that morning. We usually take requests for about five hymns and sing part of the verses of each one. Make sure you know your page number!

It is almost time to begin practicing our Christmas cantata. Frequently we have other members of the congregation sing with the choir. You are provided a copy of the music and a practice CD (if we were able to purchase them). If you have participated with us in the past, or thought you might, and still have a book lying around your house, please return it. We do reuse our music and like to keep sets as complete as possible.

Finally, thank you to all who have remembered me in various ways as I have retired from public school life. It won't seem completely real until I don't have to go back in August, but you have helped make this a very memorable and special new life beginning for me. Thanks!

August 13: Supporting People Living with Mental Illness ([Joni] Andy Hagler, *Exec Dir, mental health association*) — How the church can support members, friends & their loved ones.

September 10: Narrative Budgets (Rev. Cheri Lovell, *WNCA President*) — Presenting your church numbers in a new and inspiring style.

October 8: The WNCA and Your Church [Dawn] Info about the Association for new consistory members and pastors

November 12: End-of-Life Planning (Rev. Hillary Irustra, *Chaplain*) — End-of-life spirituality, pastoral care, visions and preparation

December 10: Financial Practices for New Treasurers/Officers [Dawn]

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

NAZARETH CHILD & FAMILY CONNECTION
(formerly Nazareth Children's Home)

Nazareth Child & Family Connection

*Restoring hope for the future...
the thread that binds us*

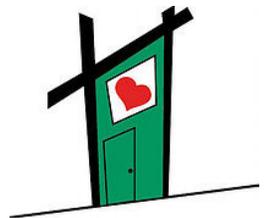
112 years ago, Nazareth Children's Home was founded to serve the needy, the underprivileged, and those who had been abandoned and neglected. In 2012, Nazareth Children's Home merged with Carolina Counseling to form Nazareth Child & Family Connection. In addition to providing safe, stable housing for children who are victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect, Nazareth began providing mental health and substance abuse treatment directed to adults. Nazareth employs more than 100 professionals, including four physicians and fifteen licensed counselors. Three outpatient offices located in Salisbury, Lexington, and Concord in addition to the 200-acre primary campus in Rockwell have significantly impacted Nazareth's ability to respond to a changing behavioral health environment in North Carolina.

Peace Church has a long-standing tradition of supporting Nazareth through our gifts, participation in the annual Fun Fest fundraiser, and contributions from Women's Fellowship to the Scholarship established by the Women of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference. Our own **Ramona Miller Griffin** has a very personal connection to Nazareth. Her father, from the age of two years to eighteen years lived at Nazareth Children's Home along with his two brothers and sister after their parents died. On Sunday, July 15 we will receive a special offering for Nazareth Child & Family Connection. Please give generously and help Nazareth continue to impact the lives of children and families.



Tiny House Project Phase II

Moving day for our Tiny House arrived June 30 when it was transported to its permanent address on Causey Street. Thanks to the skilled labor of our members and an overwhelming response from the community we finished stage one in only two Saturdays. Check out the photos on the bulletin board taken by Abbie Wheeling to see the process step by step. Work will continue throughout the summer and all volunteers are invited to help on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Causey Street location. Team Leaders Melinda Summers and Dustin Hittepole can be contacted for more information. Melinda's email - summom@nc.rr.com or Dustin's email - dhittepole@yahoo.com





Mark your calendars for what promises to be a wonderful summer program for ALL AGES! Each Thursday in July, adults and youth will gather for a fun and stimulating program. The evenings will begin with worship and a hymn sing at 6:00 p.m., followed by a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m., and programs for youth and adults from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Here is what we have in mind:

Thursday, July 5th: Charles Bretan & Chris Henson to speak on “Faith & Mental Health”. Charles (Jewish) and Chris (Christian) are bloggers who write and teach on issues of interfaith relations. They also work in the field of mental health. Charles teaches at GTCC where he also is an adjunct instructor.

Thursday, July 12th: Max Carter will speak on “Jerusalem and Peace in the Middle East”. Max is the retired Chaplain at Guilford College where he served for over 25 years. He has led trips to Israel/Palestine each year since 1970 and will have returned from his most recent trip two (2) days prior to speaking with us.

Thursday, July 19th: Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn will be with us to speak on creation care and the different initiatives she is involved with as Director of the Creation Justice Network of the Southern Conference UCC.

Thursday, July 26th: Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry, Presbyterian Pastor and Chaplain at River Landing Retirement Community in Colfax, North Carolina. She will speak on and discuss “The Challenges of Senior Living”.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex throughout the month of June. Please plan to join us!





Peace Church Recipe Corner

OATMEAL APPLESAUCE MUFFINS

1 cup oatmeal (uncooked)
 1 cup applesauce
 ½ cup milk
 3-1/2 Tbs. butter or coconut oil, melted (I use coconut oil)
 1 egg
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1/3 cup sugar
 3/4 cup almond flour
 1 tsp. baking powder
 ½ tsp. soda
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 ¼ tsp. salt
 ½ cup raisins or cranberries, optional
 Broken pieces of walnuts to top before baking



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line muffin pan with cupcake liners.

Mix oatmeal, applesauce, milk, melted coconut oil (or butter), egg, vanilla, and sugar. In a separate larger bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, soda, cinnamon, salt and raisins. Make a well in the middle, and pour liquid mixture in. Stir it all together well. It will be more "liquidy" than regular muffins, but keep on with it!

Spoon into muffin cups. Top batter with walnut pieces as desired.

Bake for about 18-20 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

From Sherri: This is my current favorite treat! These are delicious and fairly healthy muffins. You might want to make a double recipe — they freeze well!



The Women's Fellowship will have its July lunch at Village Tavern at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10th. Everyone is invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Abbie Wheeling at 336-638-5418 by July 9th to reserve a seat. Please join us!



Sherri Kluttz has been rubbing elbows with some Nashville royalty! Here she is with Ronnie Milsap at a recent concert in Nashville.

Take a trip to the mountains, the beach, somewhere tropical or historical, but otherwise, make sure **YOUR** face isn't missing at church this summer!

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; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; Marty Morgan; David Murray; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Gertrude Radford; 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 JUNE

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
June 3	15	66	\$3,605	\$1,014
June 10	9	55	\$4,298	\$180
June 17	13	65	\$981	\$463
June 24	6	77	\$1,710	\$208

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through May 31, 2018)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	13,474	83,065	76,380	6,685
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	12,508	76,675	83,495	(6,820)
Strengthen the Church, Youth Cuba Mission Trip	949			



July Birthdays

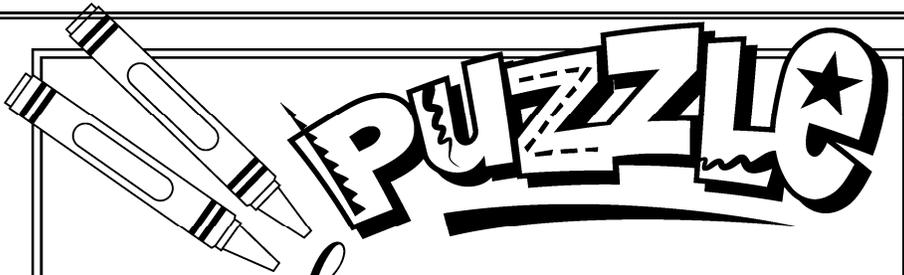


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yvonne Smothers	2	3	4	5 Jane Ford	6 Dylan Myers	7
8	9 Bryn Bowen Ashley Overbeck	10 Ashley Pearsall	11	12	13	14
15 Adam Saunders Maria Smith	16	17 Frances Johnson	18	19 Elizabeth Pearsall	20 Sean Bowen	21 Christy Pope
22	23	24 Karen Dodd Elizabeth Hittepole	25 Eddie Myers	26 Karen Haver	27	28
29 Dale Bennett	30	31				



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Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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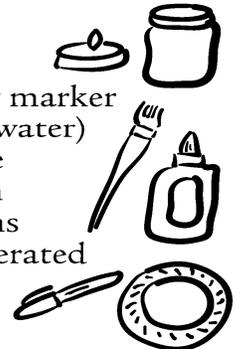
PSALM 147:4, NIV



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV