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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.



We will have a Town Hall luncheon meeting on **Sunday, August 5th** immediately following the worship service. The meal will be hamburgers and hot dogs with sides, desserts and drinks. We have asked for everyone who is planning on attending to please sign up so we know how much food to purchase. We also have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to help in preparation of the meal (desert, drinks, or sides). Discussion will follow the meal and donations are appreciated.

## Mobile Meals Celebration & Offering Sunday, August 12th

See page 4 for details.

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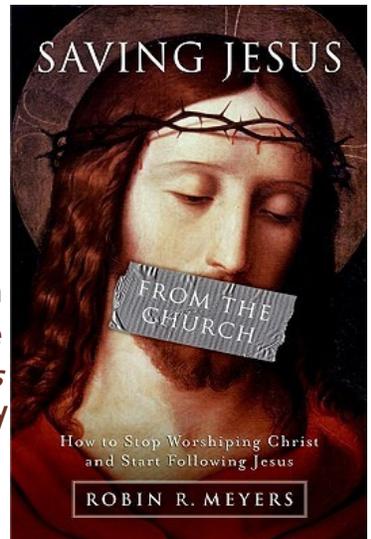
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New Book Study coming next month! Beginning on "Rally Day", Sunday, September 9th, the 'Out of the Box' Study Group will begin reading *Saving Jesus from the Church: How To Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus* by Robin R. Meyers.

See full article on page 5 for complete information.



# Rally Day is September 9th!!

# Pastor's Perspective

In the Spring of 1998, while still living in New Orleans, a Catholic friend of mine invited me to a lecture series at a local Jewish synagogue. The lecture was to be presented by Daniel Goldhagen, an author and political scientist, most famous for his book *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust*. The ideas in this book were the focus of his lecture. I had never heard of David Goldhagen or his book, so I was a bit surprised when I discovered the topic for the evening.

That evening, Goldhagen made the compelling argument that the German holocaust was carried out not simply by Hitler, his henchmen, the SS, or conscripted recruits, but by a generalized cultural antisemitism that had taken root in German society over the previous centuries. This "eliminationist antisemitism", as he called it, touched ordinary German citizens in such a way as to allow the holocaust to proceed largely unimpeded. Put in simplistic terms, "good" Germans never spoke up, and in some instances directly participated in the mass killings.

Goldhagen's book was, and remains to this day, very controversial. He passionately argued that the Holocaust was not the product of a few "bad apples", institutionally constructed and contained evil, or simply a demonic, charismatic individual. The holocaust was the product of a religiously-based, and later secularized, bias that embraced a perspective of Jews as less than human and worthy of extermination.

Goldhagen's ideas have disturbed many because what he fundamentally argued was that evil is, at its core, banal. That is, it takes shape not in extraordinary circumstances or is engaged in by extraordinary people, but more often can be attributed to ordinary people, carrying out ordinary duties, engaged in ordinary lives while quietly harboring dark attitudes, resentments, and judgments. Many Germans, he argued, walked around with this seething orientation toward Jews (and others) that set the permissive foundation for the slaughter of 6 million Jews along with Gypsies, homosexuals, the mentally and physically disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses, Poles, and Slavics.

While the scope of the Holocaust slaughter is hard to imagine in this day and age, it is a source of comfort to know that our faith in Jesus Christ is always a call away

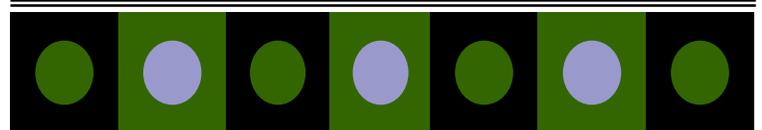
from our darkest impulses and fears. With Jesus as our 'Lord and Savior', we are part of the "body of Christ" – *the Church* – which continues its historic witness against the hatred of "the other" based on the foundational call to "love of neighbor." When asked as to the greatest commandments, Jesus was clear:

*"The first is 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12: 29-31)

We live in a world which is increasingly fear-filled, resentful, and angry toward people of different races, economic backgrounds, nationalities, sexual orientations, religious faiths, and even political ideology. In the midst of these disturbing trends, it is a joy and comfort to have our faith grounded in the Prince of Peace who came to bring God's love to all people. Our mission of love for all people is simultaneously sobered by Jesus' often stated word of caution: "Be not afraid." Let us not be afraid of those who are different, let us not lose sight of the humanity of each individual, let us never forget that God lives in each one of us. Let us never give in to cultural fears and the forces of darkness which can cause us to participate in unspeakable acts of inhumanity toward our brothers and sisters.

It is good to be a follower, with all of you, of Jesus Christ; the one who teaches us to love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God for your faith and commitment to God's mission of love and healing for all people and the entire human family. Amen!!

*Pastor Tom*



**Back to School**

**Guilford County  
students return to  
school on Monday,  
August 27th.**

# Pastor Tom's Fall Schedule

I will be taking a final summer vacation trip to Blowing Rock, North Carolina on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day). Preaching for me on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the **Reverend Karen Richardson Dunn** who is the Director of the Creation Justice Network of the Southern Conference UCC. She will present a short video and give a sermon on protecting and defending God's creation.

During the fall semester, I will be teaching three (3) sections of *Introduction to Sociology* at Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC). Two of the classes will meet on the Jamestown campus and the third class meets on the Greensboro campus. All three of these classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays and begin on August 16th.

Kim and I have been invited by the Lavastida Christian Center in Santiago de Cuba to be special guests of their 'Bible & Theology' and 'Family Health' programs. Kim will be giving workshops on domestic violence and I will be leading Bible study sessions on "The Bible and Empire." These programs are offered to the wider Christian community in the Santiago area of Cuba. We will fly (with our children) to Santiago on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and return on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We are very honored and excited to be a part of these programs and to represent Peace Church!!

~ Pastor Tom Warren

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## SHERRI VESTAL ON MEDICAL LEAVE



Sherri Vestal will be having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, August 22nd. We anticipate that she will be out of the office for 3-4 weeks. Some wonderful volunteers, **David Murray, Una Lee Myers, and Deb Shiner** will be manning the office during her absence.

**Elisabeth Penry** has been working with Sherri for a few weeks to be able to print the bulletin, checks, etc. (Elisabeth THOUGHT she was retiring!) **PLEASE**

**NOTE:** Please get bulletin information to the office no later than **Wednesday** each week. The September newsletter will need to be published early, thus **the deadline for September Peace Press is Monday, August 13th**. Please help us by getting your September articles to Sherri no later than Monday, August 13th.

During the summer we have had several opportunities for people to suggest their favorite hymns for us to sing together.

In July, on Thursday nights we sang as part of the worship time, and then on July 15<sup>th</sup> during our service we used congregational recommendations for both scriptures and hymns. Back in 2010, we followed a plan called *Hymn of the Month* to help us learn more of the songs in our hymnal. I have been reminded of this, and we are going to use this method again for a few months.



During the month of August, our new hymn that will be used somewhere in the service each week is *In This Very Room* by Ron and Carol Harris found on page 295 of our hymnal. It is the anthem on the first Sunday as this is a Communion Sunday, and the hymn emphasizes the presence of Jesus. That Sunday, please read the words as the choir sings and become familiar with the message as well as the melody. Throughout the month verses, phrases, or the entire hymn will be used during worship, and we will then know and have added this song to our hymn repertoire. Maybe it will become a favorite for someone!

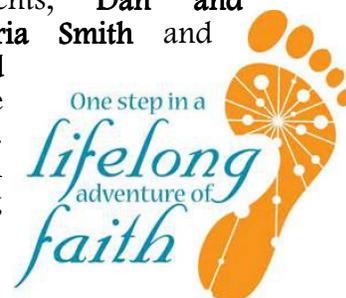
Also the choir began practicing our Christmas cantata in July – yes, July! This year we are using *Joyful and Triumphant* by Claire Cloninger and Lowell Alexander arranged by Camp Kirkland. It is subtitled *A Worldwide Celebration*. The focus is on the universal coming of God's Son to a world in need. If you would like to sing with us, we would love to have you. We already have a couple of extra books, and we can order more. Please consider joining us for the Christmas message in song.

~ Elisabeth Penry, Music Director



After a year of confirmation classes, visits to worship services in other congregations and assisting with worship and church school, **Desmond Smith** will be confirmed during the worship service on August 19th. Join Desmond's parents, **Dan and Maria Smith** and

his grandparents, **Roy and Sue Smith**, as they celebrate this milestone in his life. **John Syster** has been Desmond's mentor during the confirmation process.



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## MISSION OF THE MONTH

# Mobile Meals Celebration & Offering

**Celebrate Mobile Meals with us on  
Sunday, August 12 with a  
Special offering to be received for  
Mobile Meals, our Mission of the Month**



mobilemeals

Please join us on Sunday morning, August 12 as we welcome Ellen Whitlock, Director of Senior Resources of Guilford County, who will present us with a gift and words of thanks for our 30 years of

sponsorship of the Mobile Meals program. Our building served as the distribution center for Mobile Meals five days a week until June 2018 when Senior Resources moved to a building of their own. Many of our members have delivered meals the second Thursday of each month since inception of the program. Every week day, Mobile Meals provides a hot lunch to homebound seniors, living in their own homes who are unable to prepare meals. In addition to a nutritious meal, volunteers offer a friendly visit and a safety check, enabling independent living of older adults. Working in pairs, volunteers meet at 9:15 am at the Senior Resources Center on Benjamin Parkway where a local caterer delivers the meals to be distributed to homebound senior adults. Please consider serving for one to two hours one day a month. Volunteers are always needed for this very rewarding mission. To volunteer go to the website [www.senior-resources-guilford.org/mobilemeals.cfm](http://www.senior-resources-guilford.org/mobilemeals.cfm) or phone 336-373-4816.

Last year Peace Church sponsored one Mobile Meals recipient for one year with our donation of \$1300. We will receive a special offering on August 12 to again enable someone to move from the very long waiting list to become a recipient. Please give generously.



On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank the wonderful members of Peace Church who contributed to the recent financial gift presented to me by Russ Haver at the close of worship on July 9th.

As you know, the freak accident in which our daughter Abigail has lost the vision in her left eye has left us all a bit rattled, but not without hope. The medical bills have begun to arrive and future surgeries will only make our medical debts greater. We are grateful to have insurance, but with deductibles and uncovered costs adding up tremendously, we were very grateful to receive the financial gift.

Thanks to you all for your kindness and generosity. We will, of course, keep you posted in regard to the next steps in Abigail's healing process and likely surgeries coming up in the fall.

Sincerely,

**Pastor Tom, Kim, Daniel, & Abigail**

## Church Improvement Projects Seek Funds

With so many wonderful mission projects and other efforts going on at Peace Church, let us not forget some of the building needs we have. Our building is old, but one of the best assets of our ministry. Currently building needs include new windows in the narthex double doors to provide light and a new spirit of welcome; main floor bathrooms need to be updated with paint and other plumbing repairs; outside entrance pillars need new paint; and entrance door by church mailbox needs a new closer unit to help with safety and security. While we have a Capital Improvement Fund (\$49,139.00), it is typically used for unexpected **major** building items like the recently repaired flat roof and the impending boiler replacement issue.



We invite everyone to give as they are able, making checks out to "Peace Church" and in the memo line put "Building Repairs." We thank you with much gratefulness for your generosity.

~ Building & Grounds Committee

# NEWS & Notes



Congratulations to **Jeff & Amanda Hindson** on the birth of baby girl, **Drew Margaret Hindson**, born on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 4:38 p.m. Baby Drew weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz., 20" long. **Logan Hindson** is the very proud big sister, as well as

grandparents, **Mick & Sally McGrogan**. Congratulations to all!



"Construction worker", **Cindy Spillers!**



*She hit it!!!*



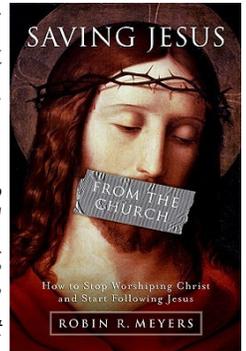
**Yay!**

## OUT OF THE BOX

Out of the Box Discussion Group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
Coffee & pastries; childcare available.

### 'OUT OF THE BOX' BOOK STUDY

Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus" by Robin R. Meyers.



Beginning on "Rally Day", **Sunday, September 9th**, the 'Out of the Box' Study Group will begin reading *Saving Jesus from the Church: How To Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus* by Robin R. Meyers.

Taking the best of biblical scholarship, Meyers embraces core Christian concepts in an effort to save Christianity from its obsession with personal salvation. Not a plea to try something brand new, but rather the recovery of something very old, *Saving Jesus from the Church* shows readers what it means to follow Jesus's teachings today.

Sign up for a book in the Narthex. Each book is \$9.00 and can be paid in cash or by check made out to "Peace Church" with "Study Book" in the memo line. Place your payment in the Sunday offering plate.



**Banner given by Jane Ford** which she bought from the Women's Fellowship of the Matanzas Theological Seminary in Cuba. **Cindy Spillers** lovingly attached it to the blue cloth backing. It is displayed in the Narthex.



## HEALTH & WHOLENESS COLLABORATIVE

Peace Church has been awarded status as a "Partner in Health and Wholeness" (PHW) program, an initiative of the North Carolina Council of Churches. This program is designed to bridge issues of faith, health, and justice. In order to live out the example of Jesus Christ – someone who dedicated his life to healing the sick, guiding the lost, comforting the downcast, and even raising the dead – this initiative seeks to provide people of faith with the tools necessary to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives. By improving the health and well-being of people of faith, we hope to impact the larger community and ultimately reduce the health care burden on our state.

Peace Church member and health and fitness enthusiast **Heather Owen**, has agreed to be the facilitator for this program. She will share information, resources, and programs designed to educate and encourage the congregation about health initiatives related to diet, exercise, and spiritual disciplines that highlight and strengthen the mind/body connections.

We are pleased to be a part of this collaborative program. Look out for upcoming programs, information, and ideas as we focus upon health and wholeness as part of our faith journey.

## On the lighter side...



I've sure gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth, I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation; I can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. I have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, **I still have my driver's license!**



The Men's Fellowship hosted a church-wide outing to the Greensboro Grasshoppers' baseball game on Monday, July 16th. We had a good group of 20 people who went and had a fun night, although we were not able to cheer the Hoppers' on to a win.

## 2019 UCC STUDY SEMINAR

The annual UCC Cuba Study Seminar is scheduled for Friday, February 1st through Friday, February 15th in 2019. Those who are interested in this fascinating cultural immersion trip should contact Pastor Tom in person or via email at [Reverendtom65@gmail.com](mailto:Reverendtom65@gmail.com). All are welcome!!!

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!!

Both the United Church of Christ national denomination and the UCC Southern Conference offer avenues for staying connected to UCC news far and wide. Here are some links to help you stay connected:

Keeping You Posted:

[http://www.ucc.org/keeping\\_you\\_posted](http://www.ucc.org/keeping_you_posted)

UCC Newsfeeds:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/UnitedChurchOfChrist>

UCC Daily Devotional:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/uccdailydevotional>

UCC Global Ministries Updates:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/globalministries>

Southern Conference UCC News:

support@[soc-ucc.org](http://soc-ucc.org)



***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; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; 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 JULY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
July 1	24	74	\$4,198	\$201
July 8	26	83	\$3,823	\$540
July 15	9	78	1,804	\$855
July 22	N/R	65	\$1,466	\$108
July 29	32	85	\$1,409	\$320

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through June 30, 2018)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	16,671	103,789	100,366	3,423
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	15,648	96,262	100,194	(3,932)
Strengthen the Church, Youth Cuba Mission Trip, Hands On	1,848			



***August Birthdays***

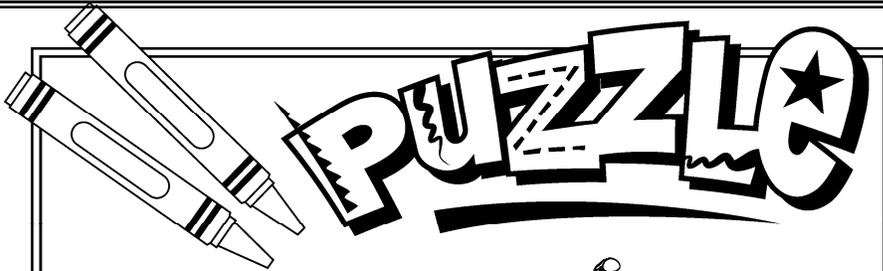


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 John Dieterly	4 Jennifer Killingsworth
5	6 Michael Clapp	7 Buddy Lippard	8	9	10 Jocelyn Bowen Glen Hutchinson	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Stan Dodd	18
19 Daniel Whitfield	20	21 Louise Hearn	22	23 Heather Owen Izzy Smith	24	25
26	27	28	29 Joan Dilworth	30	31 Brooklyn Hittetpole	



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



# GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

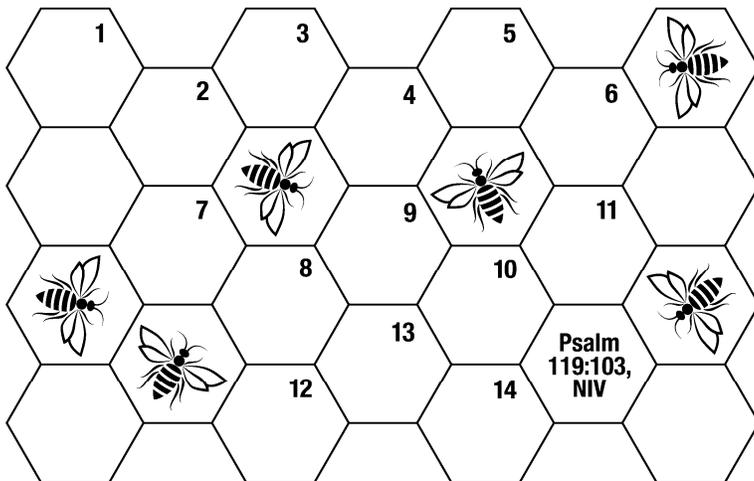
*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

**CLUES**

- |                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow      | 8. the tongue's job       |
| 2. opposite of sour     | 9. more sweet             |
| 3. pronounced "R"       | 10. rhymes with pan       |
| 4. rhymes with four     | 11. golden liquid         |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased ___ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two       | 13. rhymes with fly       |
| 7. rhymes with by       | 14. body part             |



**WORD BANK**  
than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

# BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

**What you need:**

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!