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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.



## ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 24th ~ 12:00 p.m.

*All are welcome!*

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## Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Festival

### Saturday, April 20th

### 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Egg Hunts,  
Bounce House,  
Crafts, Food,  
Games, Face  
Painting

# Pastor's Perspective

Dear Peace Church Family,

Today is the day when we officially begin our Lenten journey. We will walk with Christ to the cross and finally to the empty tomb on that glorious day we call Easter. But before resurrection, we first are reminded of our brokenness and humanity with the sign of ashes on our forehead. Yes, Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is when we publicly announce that we are dust and that we shall return to dust. Our life on this earth is temporary and our time is riddled with, well, problems. We fall short of the mark. We are tempted to go away from the will of God. We are, in traditional language, sinners.

So we begin the Lenten season with confession, an act of humility, through which we long for deeper connection with God. Of course, the good news is that our God is a God of grace, and mercy, and forgiveness. We are saved - perhaps more than once - by the mercy and grace of our God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Thus begins our journey of Lent. A season of shadows, darkness, and ultimately light. While the shadow of the cross reigns over this entire season, in the end, it has no power. Indeed, the powers of death are vanquished. War, violence, hatred, and the demonic powers of the world are defeated by the power of life which shall overcome death in all its manifestations. This is the Good News. Come, walk with us...

Blessings,

*Pastor Tom*

# 2019 CUBA YOUTH MISSION TRIP

## Opportunities to Support the Youth Mission Trip to Cuba

As many of you know, Kim Miller and Ted Wilkinson will again be leading a youth mission trip to Cuba this summer (July 12th-20th). In preparation for this trip, there will be a variety of fundraising opportunities. Here is the calendar of events:

**Tuesday, April 2nd:** *Elizabeth's Pizza* located at 3927 Battleground Ave. will once again give 10% of all sales (eat in or take out) throughout the day on the **first Tuesday of each month** beginning in February and running through May. The remaining dates are **April 2nd and May 7th**. Mark these dates on your calendar!

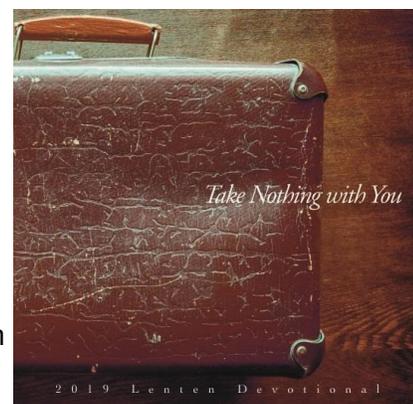


**Sunday, May 5th:** we will have a *Cinco de Mayo* themed luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Good food, good tunes, great fun!! Tickets will be on sale closer to the date.

**Saturday, June 1st:** Youth Car Wash from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Donations accepted.



A Lenten Devotional Group meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Bertha Work Room. We are discussing the UCC Lenten devotional book, "Take Nothing With You". This is a wonderful way to deepen your Lenten experience. Books are available. All are welcome.



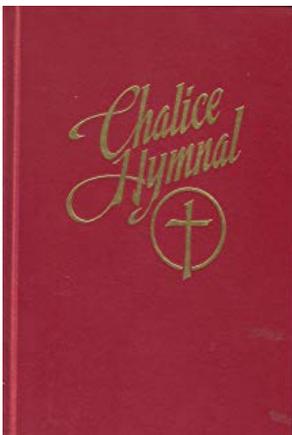


*A note from Elisabeth*

Thanks to **Jeanne Bryan's** having a recent birthday, the music area of the church has something new to offer the

congregation! We sincerely want to thank **Jeanne's children, Stephanie, Bryan, Anne, and granddaughter, Eliana Shore**, for honoring their mother with a donation to be used for something musical. After thought and conversation, we decided on

large print hymnals which can help make singing more accessible for everyone. We were able to order eight copies of our *Chalice Hymnal* in the large print edition which contains both words and music. If you feel you could benefit from the enlarged print, please ask an usher for a copy on Sunday mornings and then be sure to return it after the service. In researching and ordering the hymnals I did find out that the last printing of the *Chalice Hymnal* is this Spring, so it's perfect timing for us to get them. Happy Birthday (in January), Jeanne, and many thanks to your family!



**Sunday, March 31st Morning Worship Service**

With March 10<sup>th</sup>, we are in Lent, and the music will begin reflecting the thoughtfulness of the season and focus on the sacrifice of Jesus. We do have a fifth Sunday in March, and we will once again have a congregational hymn sing. Be thinking of a hymn that particularly speaks to you as we go through Lent and approach Easter, and be prepared to suggest it during the anthem time on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

~ Elisabeth Penry



Hello Peace Family! As we approach Lent and prepare for the arrival of Easter, the youth have been doing some amazing activities based around Jesus' teachings. We learned about why Jesus told us to love our enemies (Matt. 5:43-47) and played a game to show how Jesus loved everyone, even those who were mean to him. We read Jesus' teachings about turning the other cheek (Matt. 5:38-39) and learned why turning the other cheek doesn't mean letting people walk all over you. We learned about why Jesus said that even our thoughts matter (Matt. 5:21-22) and how keeping our minds on good things can lead to good actions. Now as we approach Lent we will be learning more about what Lent means for us."



Spring is fast approaching and with it our annual Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Festival! If you'd like to help us plan it this year or have any ideas that you think could make this year's the best ever please join me for a quick brain storming meeting on Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 p.m., or email me at [peaceuccyouthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:peaceuccyouthdirector@gmail.com). Thanks and hope I'll see you on Sunday!

~ Ted Wilkinson, Youth Director

Please join us for worship on Sunday, March 10th, for the baptism of Drew Margaret Hindson. Drew is the daughter of Amanda Hindson, daughter of church members Sally and Mick McGrogan and Jeff Hindson, son of Renee and Ron Hindson of Oak Ridge. Amanda and Jeff's first daughter "Lolo" is an active member of our Peace Church Sunday school. Come out and help us celebrate this very special occasion in the life of our church family!!



**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10!**

Peace United Church of Christ  
**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**



The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Thank you for your generous contribution.



**Please give generously in this special mission offering on Sunday, March 31st.**

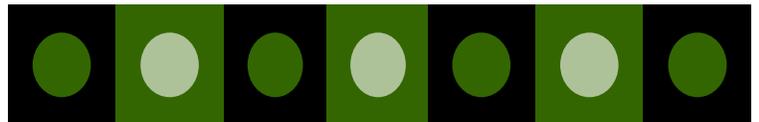
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD DRIVE**

Last year Greensboro Urban Ministry distributed 1,435,348 pounds of food to households in the Greater Greensboro area. The semi-annual Grocery Store Food Drives are essential to replenish the Food Pantry which provides emergency assistance to families experiencing need. Peace Church is one of thirty-six congregations



**FOOD DRIVE**

working with local grocery stores to collect food items donated by shoppers. **Volunteers are needed on Friday, April 5** at Harris Teeter on W. Gate City Blvd. at Adams Farm Shopping Center. As volunteers, we greet shoppers with a list of needed items and then receive those items as shoppers leave the store. Please contact **Cindy Spillers** to schedule a one or two hour shift between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. **Phone or text 336-420-1099.**



**Increasing Oatmeal Needs**

Please remember our ongoing commitment to supply the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry with oatmeal donations each month. Oatmeal is a very popular item with those receiving food assistance and due to increasing needs, and perhaps colder weather, supplies frequently have been depleted before the end of the month. There are several ways to contribute to this mission. One pound containers of "Quick Oats" are collected in the large basket in the Narthex or cash donations are placed in the small oatmeal box (\$1.00 for each one pound box). Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church, marked specifically for oatmeal. Thank you for the many ways you care for others.





## JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING EASTER BREAKFAST BUFFET

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 ▪ 8:00 TO 10:30 AM

Easter Morning Feast!!

On the Day of Resurrection - Sunday, April 21st - Peace Church will be having a very special Easter morning sunrise service at 7:00am followed by a wonderful Easter Breakfast feast. Chef Brandy Sears of "Foodie Call of the Triad" catering company will be preparing an elegant breakfast buffet for the entire congregation and serving from 8:00am-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.



Tickets for the breakfast will be \$10 per person/\$5 per child under 12 years old. Tickets for families of 3 or more will cost no more than \$25 dollars.

Easter morning breakfast menu will include: Waffles with syrup, berries, & whipped cream, Hash Brown Casserole, Grits, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, and Fruit Juices.

This will be a very special Easter morning so come and worship, feast, and embrace the new life found in the resurrection of Christ!! Sign-up in the narthex and bring your friends and family!!



## Peace Church Recipe Corner

### Chicken & Asparagus Lemon Stir-Fry

1-1/2 pounds skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes  
Kosher salt, to taste  
1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth  
2 Tbs. reduced-sodium soy sauce  
1 Tbs. cornstarch  
2 Tbs. water  
1 Tbs. canola oil, divided  
1 bunch fresh asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces  
6 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 Tbs. fresh ginger  
3 Tbs. fresh lemon juice  
Fresh black pepper, to taste



#### Directions

Lightly season the chicken with salt. In a small bowl, combine chicken broth and soy sauce. In a second small bowl (or cup) combine the cornstarch and water and mix well to combine.

Heat a large non-stick wok over medium-high heat, when hot add 1 teaspoon of the oil, then add the asparagus and cook until tender-crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger and cook until golden, about 1 minute. Set aside.

Increase the heat to high, then add 1 teaspoon of oil and half of the chicken and cook until browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes on each side. Remove and set aside and repeat with the remaining oil and chicken. Set aside.

Add the soy sauce mixture; bring to a boil and cook about 1-1/2 minutes. Add lemon juice and cornstarch mixture and stir well, when it simmers return the chicken and asparagus to the wok and mix well, remove from heat and serve.

*Note: I have made this several times and it is delicious! My husband calls it a homerun! I have also used fresh broccoli instead of asparagus and that worked just as well. (S. Vestal)*

# Lent



# JAMBALAYA & YARD SALE

Our 4th Annual Jambalaya Sale was a huge success! We added an "indoor" yard sale and our Fellowship Hall was filled with treasures, something for everyone! Our sales were right at \$3,000, less expenses, which have yet to be totaled. (Most food and supplies were donated, so expenses will be minimal.) This was a grand success with many thanks to our Jambalaya Chef, **Rick Owen**, and the many volunteers who helped.

Pictured here is **David Murray** who did all he could to attract the passing cars on Market Street! Shown below is the Fellowship Hall filled with yard sale items, being sorted and priced by **Yvonne & Harold Poffenbaugh**. Harold, Yvonne, and several others worked hard to make this a great success. We thank you all who volunteered!



Dear Peace Church Friends,  
 You each are missed and loved. It's been a pure whirlwind from start to finish! SO many things were given away as I packed. Now I find many things that MUST be donated or thrown away! But through it all, I've been so blessed. I'm in touch with 4 of my 7 great-grands. I will later fly to Phoenix and Kansas City, MO to visit the 3 other great-grands! I brought too much rain with me, but my warmer weather here is worth the change. All my love to each of you. Stay safe, stay well, and always stay happy because God loves you!

~ *Frances Johnson*

# THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Peace United Church of Christ:

It is such a blessing to begin each year with the presence of the Cuba Seminar. We anticipate this experience months ahead and then when it happens, it surpasses our expectations.

Your pastor, Rev. Tom Warren, is exactly the God-chosen person to lead this event. You are very fortunate to have a shepherd like him.

We want to express gratitude for the donation you have sent to our Center. It is precisely this generosity that keeps our construction program advancing. You might see some pictures Pastor Warren is taking back and you know you have a share in this ministry.

We have also experienced the tremendous impact of the Youth Group that Peace Church sent last year and look forward to the new edition under the guidance of Kim Miller. To many people in our community, it has been a witness of Christian solidarity.

Greetings from all our staff to the whole Peace congregation.

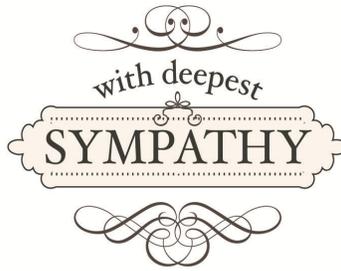
*Rev. Elmer and Gisela Lavastida*  
 Lavastida Christian Center, Santiago, Cuba



Pastor Tom "hand-delivered" our Mission of the Month offering to Lavastida Christian Center in Santiago, Cuba!



Rebecca Holland Taylor, 76, of Greensboro, went home to her Lord on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



Becky was born in Raleigh, NC on April 18, 1942, the youngest of eight children to Burke Elmo Holland and Iva Ressler Holland. She spent nearly all of her childhood in Hegins, PA, where she learned the value of a large and loving family, a tireless work ethic, an enduring faith in God and selfless concern for others. Becky carried those lessons of her childhood throughout all aspects of her life. After attending nursing school at Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing in Pennsylvania, Becky moved south to continue her education, pursuing multiple degrees at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke and N.C. State.

While living in Greensboro, she met Ed Taylor; they married on December 22, 1973. Becky put her heart into everything she did, and shared her heart with everyone she met. Those qualities served her well in her decades as a professor of nursing at UNC-Greensboro and as a practicing nurse, during which she inspired students and patients alike and embraced many as friends and adopted family. While at UNCG, Becky served as president of the North Carolina Nurses Association from 1975-77. During her life, she was an avid traveler and a brilliantly talented gardener, bird enthusiast and seamstress. More importantly, she was fully devoted to her family, her friends, her congregation at Peace United Church of Christ and her faith in the Lord.

Becky was preceded in death, and is being welcomed in eternal life, by her husband Ed, her parents Burke and Iva, her brothers Keith, Warren and Charles, and many other cherished family and friends. She will be missed dearly by those she leaves behind, including daughter and son-in-law Kathryn and Mike Crockart of Greensboro; son and daughter-in-law Keith and Katie Taylor of Atlanta; son Greg Taylor of Durham; son and daughter-in-law Eddy and Jackie Taylor of Raleigh; grandchildren Susannah Crockart, Rachel Crockart, Charlotte Taylor, Kristen Puryear (and husband Charles), Matthew Taylor and Caitlyn Taylor; great-grandsons Charles, Taylor and Jackson Puryear; sister and brother-in-law Ruth and Herman Cook; brother Burke Holland; sister and brother-in-law Mary and Leon Bixler; sister Carol Pearson; sister-in-law Carolyn Holland; and many other extended family and cherished friends. Becky was a role model for many who will dearly miss her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Capital Improvement Fund at Peace United Church of Christ.

Mildred "Millie" Stalnaker Harmon of Knoxville, TN, formerly of Greensboro, NC, passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, surrounded by her family. A memorial service was held at Peace United



Church of Christ on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed at Carolina Memorial Park in Kannapolis, NC.

Millie was born on November 13, 1932, in Mill Creek, WV to the late George Cameron and Icie Simmons Stalnaker. She graduated from Tygart's Valley High School in 1950 and then summa cum laude from Davis and Elkins College in 1953 with a BS degree in Business. Millie treasured her childhood on the family dairy farm and was even featured on a cover of Reader's Digest for farm life. After college, she went to work as an administrative assistant for E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corporation in Wilmington, DE. Millie met Max through DuPont and they were married in 1955. Prior to settling in Greensboro, Max's career with DuPont led them to live in four different states as well as Switzerland. Millie embraced each move while making wonderful friends and memories.

Millie was a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro for over 40 years. Millie thoroughly enjoyed playing tennis, gardening, volunteering at church and with Mobile Meals, and mastering the game of bridge.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Max C. Harmon, her brother and sister-in-law Edgar and Edna Jean Stalnaker, and her sister Alberta Jackson. Survivors include sister, Frances Stotler, son, Julian C. Harmon II, daughter, Kelley H. Perkins and son-in-law, Stephen L. Perkins. Also surviving are grandchildren Joshua S. Perkins, Camryn G. Perkins, and Julian M.C. Harmon and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at 4615 Dundas Drive, Suite 103, Greensboro, NC 27407.

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# Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

*Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.*


Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_

Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 3, Day 4 = 10, Day 5 = 6, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

## HAPPY 116TH BIRTHDAY PEACE CHURCH!

On March 1, 1903, the Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. D. Andrew convened interested people in the Friends Meeting House and the First Reformed Church of Greensboro was organized with 17 charter members.

Theological student, Shuford Peeler was commissioned by the Board of Missions as minister to the congregation. He was licensed to preach by the Classis of North Carolina on May 20, 1903, and two months later, July 12, was ordained to the Christian ministry.

116 years have passed, and the ministry of Peace Church continues. We are a blessed people with many exciting days and years on the horizon. Happy Birthday Peace UCC!



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

Lois Bell; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Millie Harmon; Jim & Mary Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Abigail Miller-Warren; Sharon Mitchell; Mary Ann Murray; Jack & Marcy Neal; Nora Norred; Gertrude Radford; Dale Starr; Becky Taylor & her family (Hospice); Lucille Waynick; Kelly Wyrick; Doris Yeattes.

**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); 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 FEBRUARY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
February 3		62	\$4,004	\$275
February 10		64	\$4,169	\$295
February 17		67	\$2,750	\$305
February 24		65	\$1,993	\$416

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through January 31, 2019)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	12,272	12,272	15,203	(2,931)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	14,655	14,655	16,686	(2,031)
Lavastida Christian Center	601			



***March Birthdays***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Marion Hearn	6	7 Chris Bowen	8	9 Ruth Doggett
10	11	12 Rachel Cumberland	13 Abbie Wheeling	14	15 James Baker Teynon Bowen Jack Neal	16
17	18 Dot Benshoff	19	20	21	22 Cindy Spillers	23 Lucille Hege David Peeler
24	25 31	26 Beth Troy	27	28 Larry Clapp Grant Jolliff Kaden Wyrick	29	30