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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.



### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Palm Sunday Service will feature the Easter Cantata by the Choir, *Come Walk With Me Through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ*, by Pepper Choplin.**

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

**Tenebrae Service of the Shadows, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Festival**

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

**Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. (Outdoor Altar); Easter Breakfast Buffet from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.; Easter Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.**

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# Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Festival

## Saturday, April 20th

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

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



# Pastor's Perspective

As we move toward that glorious Easter morning, it is always a question in my mind as to how we personally claim the promise of the resurrection? What changes on Easter morning? What dies and what comes back to life? These are the questions that matter.

How these questions are answered first depend on how we understand the crucifixion of Jesus. Was this God's will? Was this human will? Was it all about the ultimate sacrifice through which good triumphs over evil? Did Jesus die for humanity's sins or because of humanity's sins? Was the death of Jesus about our personal salvation or the salvation of the world?

The answer to these questions is.....Yes. If we truly embrace the promise of the gospel, we understand that the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ is about the victory of life over the powers of death. Those powers of death take root both in our individual souls and psyches, as well as in the structures of power in society that demean life, destroy creation, and render humanity the victims of greed, violence, hatred, and war. Yep, Easter morning is about God overcoming worldly darkness, the variety of forms it takes, as well as the darkness that lurks in our own individual, human hearts.

So on Easter morning when we claim the victory of life over death for our lives, our claim is that humanity and the earth-bound orders and institutions we create are all under the sovereignty and judgment of God. We struggle to live lives of humility, justice, compassion and love within structures that also are accountable to God. This accountability is revealed in the transformative life of Jesus, who calls us to be advocates for the new life granted through an empty tomb; new life for ourselves, our families, our church, our nation, and our world.

Easter...it is indeed a glorious morning!!



## Classes starting May 12th!

Beginning on Sunday, May 12th, **Elizabeth and Dustin Hittepole** will be leading a 9-week class on strategies and skills to develop solid financial skills and budgetary planning for families and individuals. Based on a program developed by financial guru Dave Ramsey, *Financial Peace University* is a solid program designed to teach folks, young and old, how to get rid of debt, build a solid monthly budget, and save money for the future.

This program is open to any and all members and friends of Peace Church. The class is \$109 and will meet from 5:00-6:30pm here at Peace Church. Those interested should contact **Elizabeth Hittepole** at [ehittepole@yahoo.com](mailto:ehittepole@yahoo.com) or call her at **937-570-9113**. Please sign up in the Narthex.



## Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 5th (following worship)

There will be an important Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 5th following the worship service to address three items:

1. Review of 2018 Annual Report
2. Changes to By-laws/Constitution
3. Consideration of lot sale.

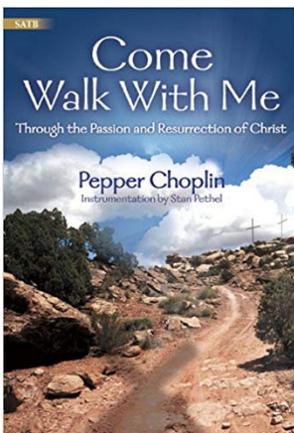
Please plan to remain in the Sanctuary for this important meeting on Sunday, May 5th.



## A note from Elisabeth

For our Lenten cantata this year, our choir will sing during the morning worship on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are using *Come Walk With Me Through the*

*Passion and Resurrection of Christ*. It is written by Pepper Choplin. We have used and enjoyed some of his numerous works in the past. There is a repeated motif in this cantata that leads the listeners and singers through the events of Christ's final week before the crucifixion. We will experience the Palm Sunday celebration and then walk through the events of the Upper Room, Gethsemane, the Cross, lowering His body, and conclude that morning with a song of reflection.



The final selection of the cantata which walks us through the Resurrection will be our anthem on Easter Sunday morning. All together this is a beautiful musical reminder that Jesus died and rose for everyone – let's never be afraid to proclaim Him and be firm in our faith! Alleluia!

And...just in time for the end of Lent and then the Easter season, our organ tuner came and voiced the organ. Temperature does affect it (and our pipes are on an outside wall), but the organ has been serviced.

Enjoy a blessed Easter and spring!

~ Elisabeth Penry



We rejoice in the baptism of **Drew Margaret Hindson** on Sunday, March 10th. 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 older daughter "Lolo" is an active member of our Peace Church Sunday school.

## HOLY BAPTISM



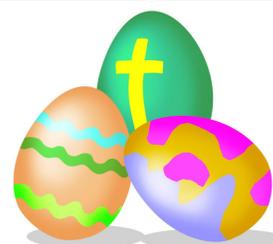
Hey there Peace family! As Easter approaches, the youth of Peace have been working our way through the Lenten season. We've been moving through an abridged version of Jesus' life starting with his wandering in the desert and will end on Easter Sunday with the resurrection. After learning about Jesus in the desert we learned about him calling the disciples, about why Jesus was a teacher, why Jesus was a healer, and why Jesus forgave people of their sins. We'll end the Lenten season with Palm Sunday and finally learning about what the resurrection means for us. What will the post Easter season bring? You'll have to check back next month to find out! Till next time, Peace family!

~ Ted Wilkinson, Youth Director

## Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Festival



Easter Sunday is soon approaching and that means Peace's annual Spring Festival will also be here soon, on Saturday, April 20th from 11am-2pm, to be specific. Like last year, we're going to have two bounce houses, face painting, age appropriate egg hunts, good food, and family fun. But this year we're also adding games for older kids, balloon animals, and raffles! I hope we see everyone there. If you'd like to help out, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or email Ted at [peaceuccyouthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:peaceuccyouthdirector@gmail.com). (See full page ad on page 4!)



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
PRESENTS

Egg Hunts

# SPRING FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2019

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Ages 1 - 4 Egg Hunt: 11:30AM

Ages 5 - 9 Egg Hunt: 12:30PM

Ages 10 - 14 Egg Hunt: 1:30PM



Bunny Photos!

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BOUNCY HOUSES LIVE MUSIC 50/50 RAFFLE  
EGG HUNTS FACE PAINTING BAKE SALE

Peace United Church of Christ  
MISSION OF THE MONTH

CREATION CARE TEAM (CCT)



Earth Day Activities  
and Celebration  
Saturday, April 6th  
1:00pm to 5:00pm

**Place: Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch  
Library, 1420 Price Park Dr., Greensboro, NC**

Spend a day caring for and celebrating our planet. Highlighting this free event are hands-on nature and STEM science activities, nature photography exhibits, alternative vehicles and displays, a Tiny House, live animals, and gardening and technology exhibits.

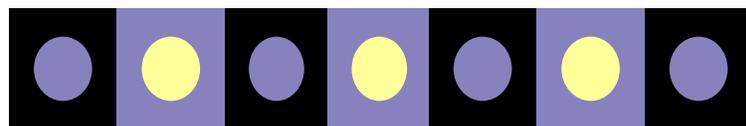
**Children's Activities at Earth Day include:**

- Hayrides
- Face-painting and nature crafts
- Scout try-its and badge activities
- Live animals
- Guided hikes and kids hands-on activities
- Eco-art
- Hands-on nature/gardening exhibits
- Alternative vehicles
- Solar demonstrations
- Nature photography exhibit
- Entertainment



**GROCERY STORE FOOD DRIVE  
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019  
HARRIS TEETER, ADAMS FARM**

Last year Greensboro Urban Ministry distributed over a million 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 working with local grocery stores to collect food items donated by shoppers. Volunteers will greet shoppers with a list of needed items and then receive those items as shoppers leave the store. Shop Harris Teeter, Adams Farm store on W. Gate City Blvd. on Friday, April 5 to help stock the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry.



***Tree Planting & Dedication in  
Memory of Dorn Yeattes***

On **Friday, April 26th at 1:30pm**, there will be a tree planting and service in celebration of the life of Dorn Yeattes. The Men's Fellowship purchased a Red Oak in memory of Dorn at the time of his passing and will plant it on what is Arbor Day when trees are planted all over the world in honor and preservation of creation. This will be a very special planting as we remember and preserve Dorn's spirit with this wonderful and strong mighty oak. Please join us at 1:30pm as we meet by the Saint Francis of Assisi memorial area.





## 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

### Tomato Basil Soup

(Contributed by Theo Scott)

- 4 medium carrots, finely chopped
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 can (49 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth or 6 cups vegetable broth, divided
- 1 can (29 ounces) tomato puree
- 5 teaspoons dried basil
- 1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 can (12 ounces) fat-free evaporated milk (optional)



In a Dutch oven, cook carrots and onion in butter over medium-low heat for 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and cool slightly.

In a blender, place 1/2 broth and the cooled vegetables; cover and process until blended. Return to the Dutch oven. Stir in the tomato puree, basil sugar, salt, pepper and remaining broth.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Gradually stir in evaporated milk if desired; heat through (do not boil).

YIELD: 6 Servings

# Lent



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# NEWS & Notes



**Michael Clapp**, son of **Larry Clapp**, was featured in the March issue of **O'Henry** magazine! He has converted a family barn in Whitsett to his home. Michael is an architect and a lecturer in the School of Architecture at UNC-Charlotte.



*It's a girl*

Congratulations to **Chris & Kathryn Virgilio** on the birth of a baby girl, **Cassandra "Cassie" Grace Virgilio**, born Friday morning, March 15th at 2:58 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. Mother and baby are doing great, as is proud big brother, **Aaron**.

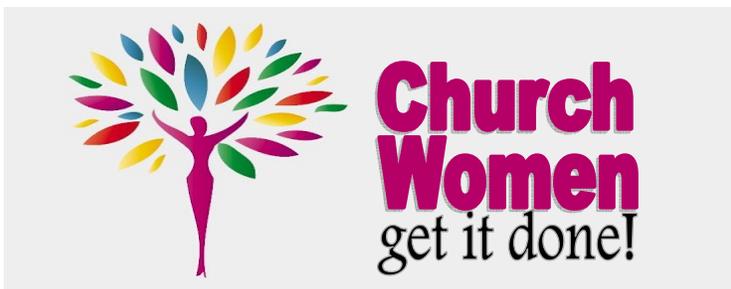
## MOTHER ~ DAUGHTER ~ FRIEND BANQUET

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

**6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Our theme is "Church Women Get it Done!"

Tickets are \$10.00 and will go on sale in mid-April. More details will be published as they are finalized. Put this on your calendar and plan to be with us! Such a fun evening!



CONNECTING,  
COMMUNICATING,  
CARING.....  
AND *Celebrating!*

The PeaceCare Luncheon turned out to be a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and food. There were **51** in attendance with every group represented by at least one member or the PeaceCare leader. In our number were 7 non-members including three regular visitors, two prospective members, two new visitors, and one walk-in.

**Mother's Day Bulletin:** Mother's Day is just a few weeks away! Beginning Sunday, April 21st, you can sign up to honor or remember a special mother in your life in our special Mother's Day bulletin insert. This year's bulletin is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship and proceeds will benefit the Alabama Tornado Relief Fund. Donations in any amount are welcome. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.



Attendees feasted on a variety of deli sandwiches (five kinds to be exact) and four soups: clam chowder, vegetarian vegetable, potato, and tomato basil (recipe on page 6 of this newsletter). A variety of cakes were plated at each table....lemon, vanilla, and chocolate..

Theo Scott acknowledged the guests and the PeaceCare Leaders. The Leaders were thanked for their sponsorship of the event. Some attendees shared comments as did Pastor Tom. The event closed with the singing of "Amazing Grace, an appropriate song for the occasion.

*Thank you to all who participated in any way.*



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# Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

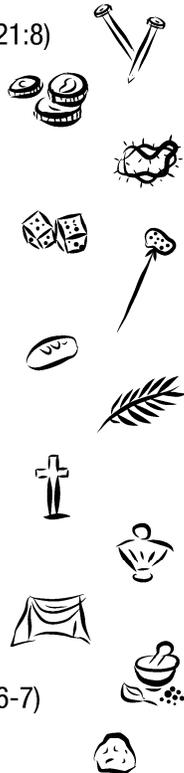
While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

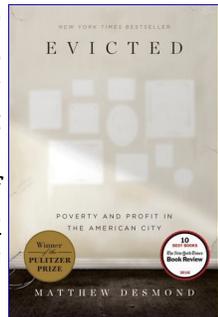
These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ALL CHURCH READ & CONVERSATION SERIES BEGINNING MAY 8TH

The Keynote Speaker at the General Synod in Milwaukee this summer will be Matthew Desmond, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur "genius grant" recipient. He is the author of Evicted: Profit and Poverty in the American City. His book won the Pulitzer Prize for 2016.



Every church in the denomination has been asked to encourage everyone in the congregation to read Evicted and to set up a discussion group to talk about the stories and ideas presented in the writings.

So in conversation with Rev. Warren, we have decided to set up a **series of discussion group meetings on Wednesday nights beginning on May 8**. We will have a light **soup and salad meal available at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening and then hold the discussion group from 6:30 to 7:30**. Participants should feel free to come to both the meal and the discussion or to just come to the discussion. The group will meet for four consecutive Wednesdays, and then, no doubt, send our thoughts and ideas on to the national office of the UCC.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who wish to participate. You may, of course, purchase your copy of Evicted anywhere you wish, but there will also be an opportunity to have the church arrange a group purchase of the volume.

~ John Syster

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linens, silver coins

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

Lois Bell; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Jim & Mary Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Abigail Miller-Warren; Sharon Mitchell; Mary Ann Murray; Jack & Marcy Neal; Nora Norred; Gertrude Radford; Roy & Sue Smith; Dale Starr; Lucille Waynick; Doris Yeattes.

***Remember these wider church family and friends:***

Lyn Ann Bailey (niece of Harold Poffenbaugh); Chris Barnes (nephew of Harold Poffenbaugh); Rhonda Baxter (friend of Una Lee Myers); 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 MARCH**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
March 3		56	\$2,484	\$572
March 10		77	\$3,818	\$322
March 17		71	\$3,121	\$400
March 24		60	\$4,420	\$545
March 31	7	62	\$6,899	\$685

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through February 28, 2019)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	13,958	26,229	30,306	(4,077)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	21,885	36,540	33,372	3,168
CWS Blankets+	450			



***April Birthdays***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Gregory Haver	11	12	13 Avery Dole
14 Aiden Leszinski	15	16 Nan Buchanan	17	18 Rachel Johnson	19 Beverly Halthcock	20 Theo Scott
21	22 Lucille Bennett Nora Norred	23	24	25 Brady Dole	26	27
28 Kathy Syster	29 Sharon Mitchell Roy Smith Wendy Washington	30	31			