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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.



Our Mission of the Month for August is the Peace Church version of "Stuff the Bus"!! See details on page 4.

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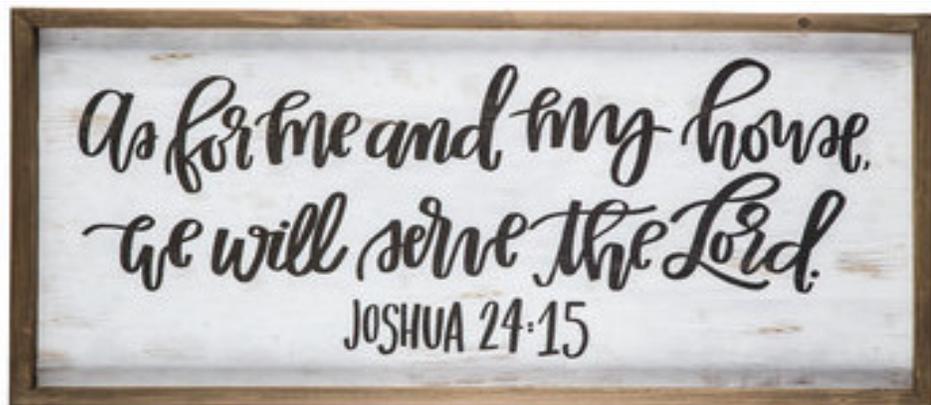
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# Rally Day is September 8th!!

## 2019 RALLY DAY

(Details on page 3.)



# Pastor's Perspective

On Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the lectionary Gospel reading was from Luke 10: 1-11, the Mission of the Seventy:

*<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'*

In my sermon that day, I shared the insights of Dr. R. Alan Culpepper from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia, who outlined Jesus' 10 point plan of evangelism drawn from this text. As we begin to ramp-up our evangelism efforts, I wanted to share this again. Here it is:

***"The harvest is plentiful"***: The world needs the church's mission, and there is more work to do than laborers to do it. Let's get to it!

***"Ask the Lord of the harvest"***: Jesus' commission affirms the importance of prayer in support of the church's mission. Our work needs to be grounded in the will of God!

***"Go on your way"***: Jesus insists on the active participation of each disciple. The work of the church is not merely the calling of a select few. Believers can contribute to it in their own way and in the context of their own spiritual journey.

***"I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves"***: Jesus' commission warns of the dangers believers will face and provides guidelines. By means of this metaphor, Jesus seems to be counseling innocence and sincerity,

vulnerability and non-resistance as a means of turning aside anger and danger.

***"Greet no one on the road"***: Jesus calls for singularity of purpose; be gospel focused!

***"Say, Peace to this house' and 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you."***: Disciples declare what God is doing and bring God's peace to whomever receives them, sharing the joy of table fellowship with all.

***"Eat what is set before you."***: The host, not the guest, sets the context for the disciples witness. The disciples do not seek to dictate the menu or impose their own cultural background on others.

***"When they do not welcome you..."***: Jesus recognizes that the disciples will not always succeed; that they would meet resistance and rejection some of the time.

***"Shake the dust from your feet."***: Jesus admonished the disciples to persevere.

***"Know this: the kingdom of God has come near."***: Jesus assures us that God's redemptive mission will be fulfilled.

By principles such as these, the church can be guided in every generation. As we hear the call in this new and challenging time, let us trust in the words and teachings of Christ.

~ Pastor Tom Warren

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## Pastor Tom's Fall Teaching Schedule

Pastor Tom will be teaching three (3) sections of *Introduction to Sociology* this fall at Guilford Technical Community College. All of the classes are on

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Tuesdays and Thursdays. These classes meet from 9:00-10:10 a.m. and 10:30-11:40 a.m. on the Jamestown campus, and then in the afternoon there is one class on the Greensboro campus from 1:30-2:40 p.m. The first day of classes is Tuesday, August 20th and the semester concludes the first week of December.

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## Pastor Tom's Summer Vacation Schedule

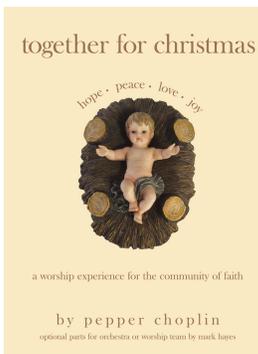
**Friday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
(Family Vacation in Blowing Rock)

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** (Appalachian Trail)



Thanks so much for being a singing congregation! Much appreciation to all who participated in our hymning outing in July.

We have increased our repertoire, and it is a pleasure to visit with our shut-ins who are also invited to sing with us. During July, our congregation was also asked to join the choir in singing our anthem on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you were inspired by the words and enjoyed sharing the song with us.



The choir began celebrating Christmas in July and will continue during August and all the way to the end of the year. We are learning a new cantata this year entitled *Together for Christmas* by Pepper Choplin. We have used several of his works in the past, and they are very meaningful and “singable.” This work is all about worship and experiencing the beauty of Christmas

as a total congregation. We have just begun, and we would love to have others join us in the choir (at least for the cantata if not all the time). This is one of those wonderful publications which offers part-dominant, reproducible CDs, and we did purchase the masters. A CD is available for each member of the choir for your use at home or in the car. Please consider joining us, and come see me after church for a book and CD.

~ Elisabeth Penry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF TRANSITION READY TO GO!

There is much transition happening in the Peace Church Youth Ministry program. After over two years of caring for our youngest children in the nursery, **Abigail Miller-Warren** will be leaving us, heading for East Carolina University this fall. Thank you Abigail!!



Taking Abigail's place will be **Rachel Johnson**. Rachel, and her mother **Eileen**, joined Peace Church in 2018, and Rachel has been involved with Peace Church youth since volunteering with the Peace Village summer program two years ago. Rachel was also on the Youth Cuba Mission Trip in 2018. She formally began her duties on Sunday, July 28th.

Welcome aboard, Rachel!!

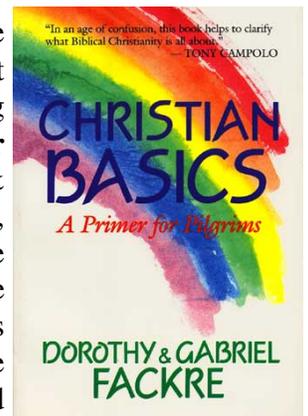


**Rally Day 2019 Is Coming!!** On **Sunday, September 8th**, Peace Church will celebrate its annual Rally Day event. This will be a day to recognize and celebrate all of our church youth and Sunday

School teachers; engage in a congregational study of the book *Christian Basics: A Primer for Pilgrims*; participate in festive worship; and enjoy fellowship and a picnic meal following worship.

Get excited as the new school year is nearly upon us and Rally Day is the time to celebrate our church, our ministries, our faith, and all our wonderful members! More details to follow...

**Getting Back to Basics...** The adult Sunday School class ('Out of the Box') will begin reading "**Christian Basics: A Primer for Pilgrims**" by Dorothy & Gabriel Fackre on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day). The class meets at 9:30am in the Bertha Work Room. All members of Peace Church are invited to be a part of this study and discussion.



As part of this study, each Sunday's worship service will be focused on the theme of the chapter we will be reading and discussing that day. The chapters of this book include: Creation, The Fall, Covenant, Jesus Christ, The Church, Salvation, and Consummation. The Prologue and Epilogue of the book are simply titled "God".

We hope that this book will be an opportunity for all members of Peace Church to spend some time getting reacquainted with the so-called "basics" of the Christian faith from a mainline, Protestant perspective. This is a great opportunity for both newer members and "well-seasoned" members to re-engage with the foundational tenets of our faith in the midst of a culture where Christianity has come to mean anything and everything, thus nothing at all.

While Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual Rally Day, it is also designated as 'Faith Formation Sunday' by the United Church of Christ. A perfect connection for the reading of this book!!

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



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Back to school already? This is the question asked by many students and teachers alike after enjoying wonderful summer adventures and much needed rest. Alas, it is indeed time to begin thinking about school clothes and supplies. We are reminded constantly when shopping at Target, Walmart, and even drug stores to bite the bullet and start purchasing items before the big rush. In fact, Monticello-Brown Summit Elementary sent home a copy of the general GCS School Supply List on the last day of school! (Hannah wasn't too happy about that.

I volunteer in the library at both Monticello-Brown Summit and Northeast Middle Schools where our girls attend. In the two years that I have been blessed to work with the teachers and students, I have witnessed a growing need in poorer, rural communities for basic school supplies and even personal hygiene products. Students constantly come into the middle school library seeking pencils or asking friends to borrow pens, notebook paper and pencils in order to take class notes. Sometimes students in the elementary school are transient, moving from an unhealthy environment into a safer one and must move with only the clothes on their backs. The need for hygiene and some clothing items became so great that the school social worker and principal sought funds and tangible donations to stock their emergency closet.

As the daughter of an elementary school teacher and a volunteer in Guilford County schools, I can attest to the fact that extra school supplies in the classrooms are

greatly appreciated. Whether the school is in Northeastern Guilford or Lindley Elementary in our own neighborhood. As you are doing your shopping at your favorite stores in the coming weeks, the Mission Outreach Committee would like to ask you a favor. Would you please pick up a few much-needed items for school children who may not be able to afford to purchase them? Or for teachers who may need extra items for their classrooms? You can bring purchased items to the church throughout the month of August or donate to the Mission of the Month and a member of the committee will shop for items on the supply and hygiene lists. The items will be divided and delivered to all three schools by September.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission projects.

~ *Melinda Summers*

## Guilford County Schools Supply List

- Glue Sticks (8 and 12 count)
- Crayons (8 and 24 count)
- Dry Erase Markers (both skinny and thick)
- Scissors
- Box of #2 Wooden Pencils
- Box of Colored Pencils
- Pink Square Erasers
- Pencil pouches or pencil boxes
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Composition Books (wide ruled)
- 2-Pronged Folders
- 3-Ringed Binders (2")
- Index Cards (regular size)
- Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Ziploc bags (quart & gallon-sized)

## Hygiene Products

- Feminine Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash or Soap
- Deodorant
- Combs / Brushes
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste & Dental Floss

# We're recruiting!



Due to a variety of circumstances, the **Hands-On** membership is shrinking. At one point, we had 18 attending members. Now, we have only 14. Our ranks have shrunk, but our commitments have not. So, **Hands-On** is looking for some additional members.

We continue the same work schedule from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Occasionally we extend the session by half an hour or add a second session for a couple of months each year. Your work choices are stuffing pillows or hand-sewing to close pillows. Men and women are encouraged to take part. Right now, men comprise one-third of our membership.

In addition to contributing to an amazing ministry, it is an opportunity to enjoy wonderful fellowship. It really is the only group we have that approaches a Senior Ministry at Peace Church at this time (all except 2 people).

Please contact **Theo Scott** for more information.

**Please note: Hands-On will meet for an extended session on August 14th. Please plan to work from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**



## These are the upcoming missions for the remainder of this year:

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| <b>August</b>    | School Supplies & Hygiene Supplies         |
| <b>September</b> | CROP Walk                                  |
| <b>October</b>   | Neighbors In Need<br>GUM Food Drive        |
| <b>November</b>  | GUM Honor Cards<br>Giving Tree             |
| <b>December</b>  | Heifer International<br>The Christmas Fund |

# Summer Time ~ Travel Time!



Summertime is a season of travel for many. Peace Church folk are taking advantage of the season to see the world. If you are traveling to some exciting places this summer — local or global — exotic or not — let us know and we will share some of your journeys. **Mark & Sherri Vestal** recently went to a retreat in Sugar Creek, Ohio, Amish country with their son and daughter-in-law (Tyler and Gerica) and Sherri's sister, Cindy, from Georgia. It was beautiful and the weather was even a little brisk at night! They even took a carriage ride down the highway a couple of miles! Just can't imagine if that were our only mode of transportation. It was a very refreshing time. They were home a few days, then went down to North Myrtle Beach to spend a few days with Mark's brother and their family, from Wilmington, Ohio. Good times! So where are **you** going? Where have you been? Send us some pictures and tell us about it!





Pastor Tom has visited several of our homebound members recently. They are, clockwise from top left: Gertrude Radford, Lib Patterson, Carol MacDonald, and Lucille Hege. We won't tell all their ages, but we can share that Gertrude is 103!! When a girl gets to be 103 and still doing well, that's something to talk about!



We continue to look for folk (male or female) to host the Hospitality after service on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Just buy or make some goodies and a beverage

to serve. Show up around 10:20 to make trays and set out cups. Leave service around offering time to put out trays and pour drinks. Clean up. That is all there is to it.

This fellowship time is listed in our bulletin every week. We need to be assured that it is assigned to someone. It could be you or you and your spouse or fellow member. Please sign up in the Narthex and help us fill the next 6 months.



# Peace Church Recipe Corner

## Baked Chicken Parmesan

An Italian classic, lightened up! Baking the cutlet as opposed to frying really lightens this dish up while remaining moist and full of flavor. Serve this over pasta or with a large salad to keep it on the lighter side.



- 4 (about 8 oz each) chicken breast, fat trimmed, sliced in half (butterflied) to make 8
- 3/4 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted (or olive oil)
- 3/4 cup reduced fat mozzarella cheese
- Marinara sauce
- Cooking Spray

Preheat oven to 375°. Spray a large baking sheet lightly with spray. Combine breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese in a bowl. Melt the butter in another bowl. Lightly brush the butter onto the chicken, then dip into breadcrumb mixture. Place on baking sheet and repeat with the remaining chicken. Lightly spray a little more oil on top and bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes until chicken is done. Remove from oven, spoon sauce over each piece of chicken and top each with shredded mozzarella cheese. Bake 5 more minutes or until cheese is melted.



Have you noticed that on the 5th Sunday we have some very faithful lady ushers? They are Trish, Sally, Yvonne, and Abbie. Theo is a backup. We could use another two ladies for absences or when these ladies have other responsibilities. It just includes giving out bulletins and collecting the offering, and it is only 4 times a year. **Please contact Theo Scott if you would like to help.**

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

Lois Bell; Dot Benschoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Abigail Miller Warren; Sharon Mitchell; David & Mary Ann Murray; Jack & Marcy Neal; Nora Norred; Femi Quakenbush; 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); Katie Bowen (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Bowen); Eric Chapman (nephew of Jane Ford); Joan Cressman (mother of Ken Cressman); Janet Faucette (sister-in-law of Yvonne Smothers); David Kaynor (nephew of Debbie Kaynor); Betty Larimer (aunt of Trish Larimer); Beatrice Rosenthal (mother of David Dole); Annette Sarty (sister of Yvonne Poffenbaugh); Tom & Rhoda Taylor (niece & her husband of Harold Poffenbaugh).

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR JULY**

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
July 7	8	67	\$2,779	\$1,425
July 14	10	69	\$3,952	\$ 55
July 21	10	63	\$1,438	\$1,276
July 28	8	74	\$1,930	\$100

**PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*(Through June 30, 2019)*

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	15,165	95,530	90,716	4,814
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	16,391	105,493	100,118	5,375
Strengthen the Church, Hands-On, Tiny Houses	789			



***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 Joanne Gilbert
18	19 Dan Whitfield	20	21 Louise Hearn	22	23 Heather Owen Izabella Smith	24
25	26 Jamie Henegar	27	28	29 Joan Dilworth Eric Washington	30	31 Brooklyn Hittepole



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# Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a  around words describing God's actions. Draw an  around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

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# THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Your cards, calls, texts and emails have consoled, soothed, encouraged and amused me during my weeks of healing from a broken wrist. Thank you for your caring thoughts and good wishes. I am truly blessed to have a loving church family.

Sincere thanks,  
**Cindy Spillers**

Dear Peace Church,

We would like to thank you for the prayers, phone calls, and food during our bereavement with my brother, John H. Garner. It was very much appreciative. May God continue to bless you all. Theo is a true example of Christ-like. We love you all.

~ Ron & Mary Long



## Back to School

Guilford County students return to school on Monday, Aug 26th.