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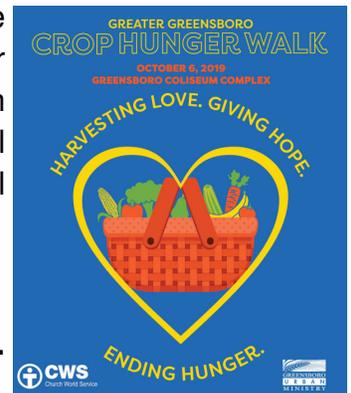
The mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to reach our community for Christ, develop disciples, and empower all people for ministry.



GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK

39TH ANNUAL GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is the fourth largest CROP event in the nation, attracting over 5,000 participants annually and raising over \$5 million since 1981. 25% of the funds raised through our local walk go to Potter's House, which serves a hot meal to over 500 people every day, right here in Greensboro.



Come walk with us on Sunday, October 6th at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex on W. Gate City Blvd. in Greensboro. Registration and entertainment begins at 1:30pm, and the Walk begins at 2:30 p.m.

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Hands-On Open House

Sunday, October 20th
following the worship service

Everyone is invited!

(See details on page 5)

Congregational Meetings October 13th & 27th

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13th, to announce the nominees who have agreed to serve on the Consistory for 2020/2021, and to open the floor to any other person(s) interested in serving. The candidates are: Linda Forotan (Elder), Sherri Klutz and Mary Lillie (Deacons). Nominees from the floor must consent to their being nominated.

On Sunday, October 27th, we will hold the second Congregational Meeting to vote and approve the Consistory nominees presented. This will be done by ballot vote. All Peace Church members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Pastor's Perspective

I recently discovered in my email box a daily meditation upon which I was encouraged to think and pray. The passage was from 2 Chronicles 15: 11-14 and goes like this:

“They sacrificed to the Lord on that day, from their earlier plunder they offered sacrifices of seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep for the worship. They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and with all their soul. Whoever would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether young or old, man or woman. They took an oath to the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with horns.”

Chronicles tells the story of Israel from the creation of the world down through its exile at the hands of Babylon. It is a recounting of Israel's joys and struggles. It is also an example of ecstatic, tribal religion taken to extremes.

When Israel experiences loss; when it experiences the shaming of the nations; when it saw its people and leadership suffer, it responded with a zealotry marked by absolute exclusion and religiously justified murder. A very clear and uncompromising word went out: You seek the God of Israel or you die.

Oddly, a party ensued.

When faith communities, secular groups, or even nations as a whole experience loss - *or simply feel threatened* - the response can sometimes be destructive. We will fight back. We will tighten up the boundaries. We will declare who's in and who's out. We will celebrate our absolute righteousness, even while the overwhelming evidence points otherwise.

The Christian church in America today is tempted by similar emotions. As we have lost our central role in the culture, our moral authority, and our respect and honor as an institution, fear and resentments have crept in. A recent article about Liberty University points out that President Jerry Falwell, Jr. has cultivated a culture of fear and suspicion on campus, using his authoritarian personality to shut down honest dialogue on campus and honest inquiry from off campus media groups.

The church doesn't have to be that way. As purveyors of the Gospel, we need not fear the world outside our doors. Indeed, when fear is absent the doors swing open wider and wider. The love of Christ is for all and must be shared with any and all who long for relation with God and God's church. There are a variety of passages throughout both the Old and New Testaments that reveal a religion run- a-muck. These are passage not to discard or ignore, but to keep directly before us, lest we miss their lesson.

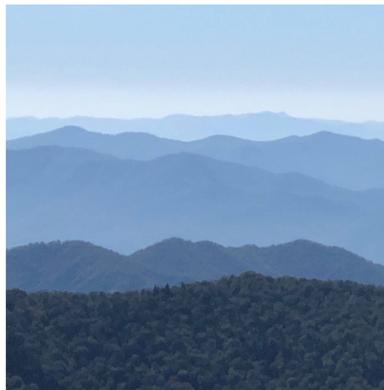
As Peace Church continues to live out our faith, let us recognize that these are very challenging times for the church. Let us also recognize that these are very challenging times for our nation. There is much fear and distress among us, as it truly seems as if things are coming unhinged. Thus, the church doors swing wide and the love of God is proclaimed...

In the midst of these difficult times, there is much opportunity for the church. The offer and proclamation of the gospel is an offering to all. Come join us in a community of love that casts out fear. Come follow in the WAY of Christ...the way of peace, love, mercy, and forgiveness. Come on in, you are safe and welcome here.

Now isn't that some good news!

~ Pastor Tom

Scenes from the Appalachian Trail



A
Note from
Elisabeth

October is such a special month as it begins with World Communion Sunday. It's always so awe-inspiring and humbling at the same time to think that around the world with the different time zones someone is celebrating Communion all throughout the day.

The first Sunday of each month, usually the anthem is specially chosen for Communion here at Peace. This month we are using *Come to the Table* by Allen Pote. A number of years ago I was attending a workshop session that he was leading where he said he wrote this anthem to be a lighter anthem for Communion. It does seem to be true that many of our Communion works are more subdued, but this one is bright and almost has a dancing quality to it. It specifically invites us all to the table to remember and share.



As we participate here at Peace in the love and sacrifice of Jesus, let's also rejoice in the common bond we are sharing with all our brothers and sisters in Christ also partaking on World Communion Sunday all around the earth.

On any of our Communion Sundays if you need something to help you focus on worship during the prelude, it might be helpful to meditate on the words of the Lord's Supper hymns in our hymnal. They are listed in the Topical Index on page 827. Some of them are grouped together from pages 384 – 430, and then there are others listed throughout the hymnal that are also appropriate for celebrating the Lord's Supper. Communion at any time is such a profound expression of our togetherness with Jesus and each other.

~ Elisabeth Penry



Hello Peace Family! I hope you are all enjoying the end of summer as we look towards fall. As I mentioned last month we are starting our new lesson plan on bad days and how God made them better. Last Sunday we learned about Noah's bad day in the rain and how by following God's instructions it turned out alright. Coming up we'll learn about Joseph's bad day with his brothers, Moses' bad day by the river, and Jonah's bad day with a fish. Until next time!

God Bless,
Ted Wilkinson, Youth Director

Welcome New Youth Ministry Assistant

We are excited to announce that the Reverend Faria Armstrong joined our Youth Ministry Team on Sunday, September 8, 2019, as an Assistant to Ted Wilkinson. Here is a little bit of her bio:



Rev. Faria Armstrong has a strong passion to reach those who have yet to experience the love and grace of God. Faria is a native of Charlotte NC, however, she currently resides in Greensboro, NC. She has earned a BA in Business Management from Belmont Abbey College and a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University. Faria previously served as pastoral assistant/youth minister at Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston Salem, NC where she was ordained to the gospel ministry in April, 2019. Faria is currently a first grade teacher at The Point College Prep and Leadership Academy.



Set your clock
back on
November
3rd!



Peace United Church of Christ
MISSION OF THE MONTH



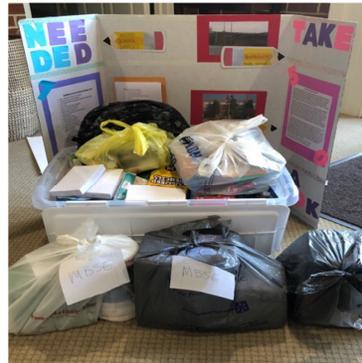
Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The 2019 Neighbors In Need theme is "Love of Children." Please give generously to this important mission.



The mission of the month for August was school supplies for three schools in Guilford County: Lindley Elementary, Monticello-Brown Summit Elementary and Northeast Middle. The generous spirit of the Peace UCC congregation enabled all three schools to receive large boxes filled with personal care items, school supplies and calendars. In addition, \$150.00 was donated for the purchase of school supplies. Melinda went to Target and used 45% of the money to purchase additional clearance-priced school supplies. The remainder, upon consultation with a school teacher, was used to purchase bulk pencils and erasers. These additional supplies were delivered this month.



GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY
FOOD DRIVE — OCTOBER 18-19
HARRIS TEETER (ADAMS FARM)

Volunteers from Peace Church are needed on Friday, October 18 for the GUM Fall Food Drive. We are assigned Harris Teeter at Adams Farm Shopping Center, 5710 W. Gate City Blvd., 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Volunteers greet shoppers, hand out a list of needed foods, and collect the donated items. Please contact **Cindy Spillers** at **336-852-0478** to schedule a time to help. The Fall Food Drive will help replenish the GUM food supply and aid in assisting clients through the winter months. Please join this city-wide effort to end hunger in our community.



UPDATE FROM HANDS-ON

Hands-On has been hard at work these last few months. Here is what we distributed in August and September:

AUGUST

Cone Pediatrics	15
Cone Palliative Care	16
Women's Hospital	16
Hospice	14
Wesley Long	16
Piedmont Crossing	12
Kids' Path	6
Total	95

SEPTEMBER

Cone Pediatrics	10
Cone Palliative Care	10
Women's Hospital	15
Hospice	12
Wesley Long	15
Friends Homes	9
Total	71

Great job, Hands-On! Keep up the good work.



This lady here just celebrated a pretty substantial birthday! **Doris Yeattes** celebrated her **95th** birthday on September 22nd! Doris was **BORN** into this church back in 1924 and has many wonderful stories of the history of this church. One little funny about her... Doris became a school teacher and was the 5th grade teacher of current Peace Church member,

Una Lee Fentriss Myers and former member, **Jimmy Shoffner!** Una Lee's mother and Jimmy's mother were the "grade mothers" for Doris's class that year. Doris also taught **Iris Lee Starr Haislip** in the 5th grade at Lindley Elementary School. Age is just a number, but give this some thought — Doris, at 95, STILL bowls in a bowling league every week!

She is remarkable at her age — she is still very active in the choir here at Peace, sings in the Greensboro Oratorio Society, and also is very active with the Church Women United of the UCC. She is quite special to us here and we celebrate her always, but especially on this special birthday.



You are cordially invited to attend our

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 20th

following the worship service.

Come and see *Hands-On* in action as we create our pillows.

Grab some stuffing, some scissors, or a needle and thread and

become a participant during this event, or you can just watch us work.

Enjoy delicious refreshments while you roam around the Fellowship Hall.

Just drop in - there is no program.

DON'T MISS IT!



The following 'hopes and gratuudes' were shared at our Rally Day Picnic Worship Service:

Hopes... that we preserve and celebrate our great history as a church... that our pews will be filled to overflowing... that we continue to grow and evolve in an open and welcoming way to all people.... that we have more church social activities... that we evolve in love... that we have more youth activities.

Gratitudes... for the prayers of support during times of struggle... for our church family... the older and newer members worshipping together... our great Sunday School class and worship services... families and children in our church.

WELCOME New Members



Pictured left to right are **Janie & Darrell Clark, Dorothy Pauli, and Les & Chris Case.** Janie, Darrell, and Dorothy joined our church family earlier this summer on Sunday, June 9th, and Les and Chris joined us on Rally Day, September 8th. We welcome you all to Peace Church and hope you are feeling at home here!

We want your input!

As has been announced in the services over the past few weeks, we have put a "Suggestion Box" in the Narthex for your thoughts on how we should use the proceeds from the sale of our vacant lot at the north end of our property. It has not been sold yet, but we would like to know your suggestions for the use of proceeds from the sale of the lot.

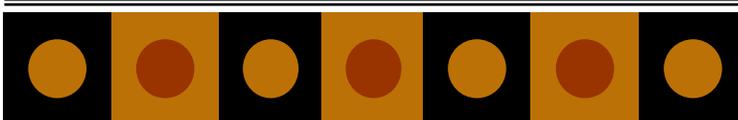


Lift Chair Available

Mary Lillie has a used electronic lift chair that she would like to give to someone who could use it. It is dark green velour material. It is a little over 10 years old, still operates well and can take you from almost flat on your back to a standing position at the touch of a button. Please contact Mary at 336-834-2161 if you or someone you know can use it.



Congratulations are in order for **Beth Troy**, who is the proud grandma of a new little baby girl! Addison Grey Troy was born on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, to Beth's son, Leary and the baby's mother, Jenny. Baby Addison weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19.25 inches long at birth. All are doing well.



Christian condolences

are extended to the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Langley Patterson, 90, who passed away on Tuesday September 24, 2019. She was born December 24, 1928 in Guilford County, the daughter of the late Willie and Edith Deal Langley. She was a member of the first graduating class of Greensboro High School (now Grimsley High School) that went through the 12th grade. Elizabeth was an active member of Peace United Church of Christ, Circle #1 and the Women's Fellowship. She was a volunteer with Mobile Meals. She loved to cook. Elizabeth also loved music; being a member of the church choir and a member of the former Greensboro Oratorical Society where she sang in the performance of The Messiah for many years.



She was married to Dr. Curtis E. Patterson who preceded her in death. Elizabeth was also preceded in death by her sisters, Marie Langley Reynolds, Kathleen Langley Koontz and her brother, William B. Langley. Surviving are her children, Curtis Patterson, Jr. and wife Marlene of Greensboro, Jeffrey Patterson and wife Ellen of Summerfield, Jan P. Johnson of Greensboro, Kim Patterson of Summerville, SC, Jill Stewart and husband Doug of Whitsett; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26 at the Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home Sedgewood Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ken Massey, Chaplain at River Landing, where she was a resident. Interment followed in Guilford Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made in Elizabeth's memory to Peace United Church of Christ 2714 West Market St. Greensboro, NC 27403.



Thanksgiving Feast



PEACE CHURCH
 THANKSGIVING FEAST
 SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH
 12:00 P.M.



Peace Church Recipe Corner

SWEET POTATOE SAUSAGE SOUP

1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 large yellow onion, diced large
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 Salt and pepper
 3/4 pound sweet Italian sausage,
 casings removed (can use pork
 sausage if desired)
 2 sweet potatoes (1 pound total),
 peeled and diced medium
 4 cups chicken broth
 3/4 cup small pasta shells
 4 cups roughly chopped mixed greens (such as kale,
 spinach, Swiss chard)
 Grated Parmesan, for serving



In a large pot, heat oil over medium-high. Add onion and garlic and cook until onion is translucent, about 6 minutes; season with salt and pepper. Add sausage and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until browned, about 5 minutes. Add sweet potatoes, broth, and 2 cups water and bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook 3 minutes less than package instructions. Reduce to a simmer, add greens, and cook until pasta is tender and greens are wilted, about 4 minutes. Serve with grated parmesan cheese.

O&A Discussion/Luncheons

Two after church meals and presentations have been arranged by the Open and Affirming Task Force of Peace Church. **The first will be held after church on October 27 (12:15-2:00 p.m.)** and will feature **Rev. David Cunha**, a United Methodist minister who serves as a mental health counselor in Greensboro. **The second will be on November 17 after church (also from 12:15 – 2:00 p.m.)** and will feature **Rev. June Grubb**, a former interim minister of our church who has traveled the road to becoming an Open and Affirming church with one of the congregations she served and also helped to guide the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC through the process as a conference. Both of them will speak from their experiences and understandings of their particular callings as to what becoming Open and Affirming can mean for a congregation.

We do not yet have a menu for the meals that will be served on these Sundays, but we wanted you to have these dates to you so that you can make plans to join us on both October 27 and November 17.

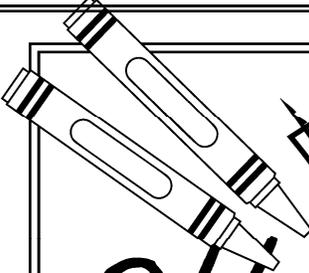
I add a personal thought. I have been reading, for a North Carolina heritage reading group I belong to, the book The Secret Token, by Andrew Lawler. It is the story of the lost colony of Roanoke, that has been searched for since it disappeared sometime after 1587. The narration includes the story of the colony that tried to get established in the same spot in 1585, with some of the same people who returned a year later. That first attempt began with friendly relations between the colonists and the local natives, but had to leave after provoking bitterness and animosity with the natives. Beheading the chief who wouldn't agree to do what they wanted him to do, probably had something to do with that. The narrator of that first attempt at colonizing noted how backward the natives were in their farming methods. They didn't plant their crops in large fields with rows surrounded with stone fences as the enlightened English did back home. Rather the natives planted different crops together. The colonists thought there was so much they were going to have to teach the natives about farming. Of course, we now know that the natives were right, their practices preserved the health of the soil, and their variety of crops was also healthier for them. Sometimes it takes us a good while to learn that what was done and practiced in our past might need to be changed. Perhaps God has new light to shine into our lives in our tomorrows.

~ **John Syster**



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PUZZLE

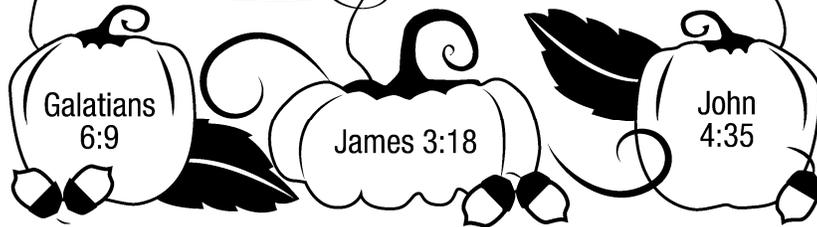
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

caepe

reway

delfis



Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answers: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

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

Lois Bell; Dot Benschoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Lucille Hege; Glen Hutchinson; 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 SEPTEMBER

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
September 1	8	69	\$3,873	\$230
September 8	11	64	\$2,502	\$ 15
September 15	11	61	\$2,491	\$ 25
September 22	—	64	\$1,092	\$ 10
September 29	—	51	\$1,019	\$155

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through August 31, 2019)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	12,812	120,215	120,922	(707)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	17,346	140,222	133,490	6,732
“Stuff the Bus” School Supplies Collection	150			



October Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Carol MacDonald	2 Cynthia Cobia Linda Fesperman Mary Lillie	3	4	5 Dominic Hittepole David Murray
6 Yvonne Poffenbaugh	7	8	9 Holly Williams	10	11 Kelly York	12 Sue Smith Chris Summers
13 Sherri Kluttz	14	15 Rebecca Baker Bill Kluttz	16 Jean Scott	17	18	19
20	21 Koltyn Wyrick	22 John Dilworth	23 Ken Cressman	24	25	26 Mary Ann Murray
27	28 Marty Morgan	29	30 Iris Haislip	31		