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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.



Father, help me see this Holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level in experiencing your grace.

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Save the date... SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

The Spring/Easter Carnival will be held on **Saturday, April 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There are many volunteer positions available...lots of opportunities to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ted Wilkinson at wilkinson.edward@gmail.com.

If there is something specific you are interested in helping with, please let him know.



Pastor's Perspective

As we enter into our Lenten season for 2020, let us reflect on our walk with Jesus to the Roman cross and the strengths we have as a people of faith.

- As a 117 year old congregation, we have been through the good, the bad, and the ugly. Before the banner years of the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's there were the Depression years from 1929 to about 1935. *We made it through.*
- In the highly divisive years of 1955-1975 - Civil Rights, Viet-Nam War, Women's Movement, and the emergence of the Gay Rights movement; *we made it through.*
- In the very difficult years since Rev. Mel Palmer retired as pastor of Peace Church in 1993, when allegiances shifted, denominational politics divided, church membership declined, and the new frontier of technology took over our lives, *we made it through.*
- We made it through, and here we are today in 2020. Social and political divisions are as sharp as ever. Coronavirus slowly moves across the planet. Environmental threats are more severe than ever. Social change seems ceaseless...and yet the church marches on.

So, as has been said many times before, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." The human family continues to explore, love, hate, reach out, push the boundaries of science and intellectual pursuit, produce, create, destroy, rebuild, and stretch its vision and hopes to an unknown future. While for many it is a fearful time, thus it has always been.

As the church of Jesus Christ we keep pushing forward in the journey. Like Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, we continue to pray, serve, heal, rejoice, embrace, love, hope, and confront. Laughing along the way helps too!

I have deep gratitude for each and every member of Peace United Church of Christ. One-hundred and seventeen years of faithfulness is nothing to sneer at.

Perhaps it's just the beginning...

Blessings,

Pastor Tom



Palm Sunday - April 5th - 10:45am Worship with Choir presenting their Easter Cantata

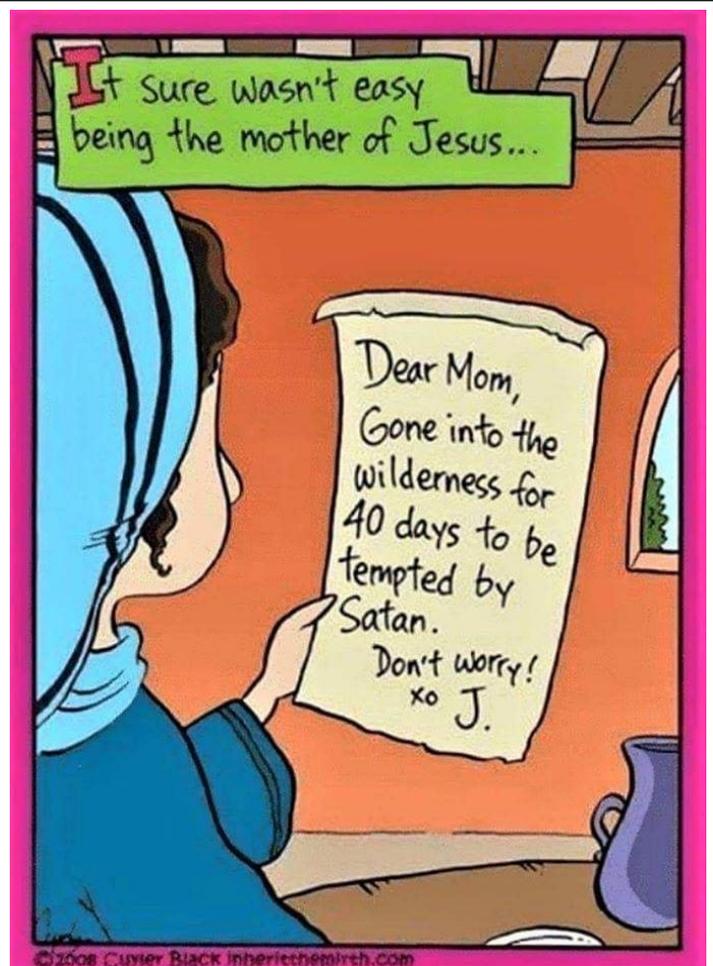
Maundy Thursday - April 9th - Dinner Worship @ 6:30pm in the Narthex area.

Good Friday - April 10th - Tennebrae Worship at 7:00pm

Spring Festival - April 11th - 11:00am-2:00pm

Easter Sunrise Service - April 12th at 7:00am (Outdoor Altar)

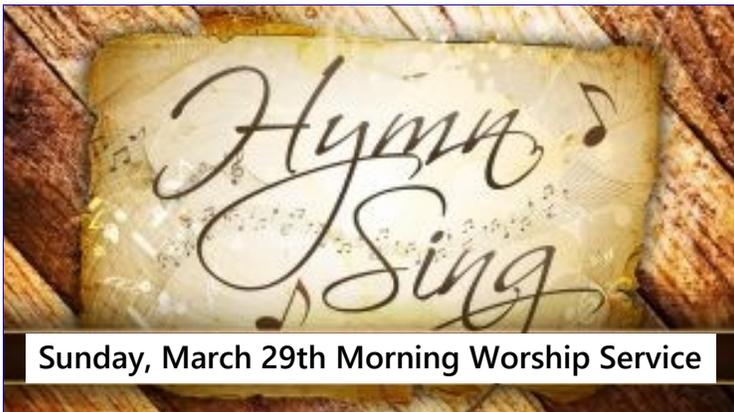
Easter Worship Service - April 12th at 10:45am



A Note from Elisabeth

March 1st is the first Sunday in the liturgical season of Lent – the 40 days of preparation before we remember the crucifixion and then celebrate the resurrection. It is so appropriate for us to worship with music during Lent.

Matthew 26:17–30 recounts the events of the Last Supper, and music was a part of their Passover meal. Verse 30 says: *When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.* (NIV) Jesus and the disciples sang as their last act before moving to His betrayal and crucifixion. Hymns are such an integral part of our worship, and we do have a fifth Sunday in March when 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 29th.



During February the choir and handbells enacted a change in rehearsal times. Handbells now meet at 6:00pm on Wednesdays and choir follows at 7:00pm. This allows us to get home just a little earlier, and hopefully might make it easier for some of you to join us.

Our cantata will be sung during morning worship on Palm Sunday, April 5th. We are using *No Greater Love* by Lani Smith with narrations by the Rev. William H. Privette. Rehearsals are the latter part of our rehearsals each Wednesday. We do have more copies and would welcome additional singers.

Lent is a time for reflection, prayer, and experiencing our connection with God. Please allow the hymns and music of Lent to help us all center on our Spiritual life and relationship with Jesus.

~ Elisabeth Penry



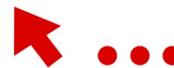
Hello Peace Family! I hope everyone is enjoying the season of Lent that has just started as I am writing this. Over the past few weeks we finished up our lessons on “Mistakes People Made and What God Did About Them”. We learned about the mistake Pharaoh made of not listening to Moses and the plagues that befell his people. We learned about Jonah and the mistake he made in not answering God's call. And we took a week off to learn about helping others and helped the Jambalaya/Yard Sale by making some wonderful signs. Also a few of our youth helped with the yard sale which was incredibly helpful! For Lent we will be switching gears to learn several lessons Jesus taught us as we move closer to Easter. Until then I'll see you on Sunday!



~ Ted Wilkinson
Youth Director

Church Directory

UPDATE



We will be publishing a new Church Directory in a couple of weeks. **Please be sure we have your current address, phone number and email address** so this directory will be current (at least when it's printed!). If you have plans to move soon, please let Sherri Vestal know your new address so we can keep your contact information up to date.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8!

Peace United Church of Christ
MISSION OF THE MONTH

Invest in futures

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing



"You are God's field; God's building."

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life.

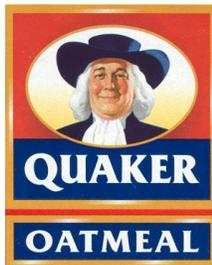
Together, we are investing in communities worldwide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all.

These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.

Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. Today, you have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering... and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith.

We will receive our special One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 22nd. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.

Peace Church has an ongoing commitment to supply oatmeal to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry on a monthly basis. The first Sunday of each month is designated Oatmeal Sunday when everyone is encouraged to bring a one pound box of oatmeal or to donate \$1.00 to purchase oatmeal. Donations are welcome at any time and can be placed in the basket under the bulletin board in the Narthex. There is an oatmeal box for monetary donations in the same location or your weekly offering envelopes can be used.



Greensboro Urban Ministry Grocery Store Food Drive will be held on **Friday, April 24th**. More information to follow in April.



Traditional meets Contemporary
at the

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 15th

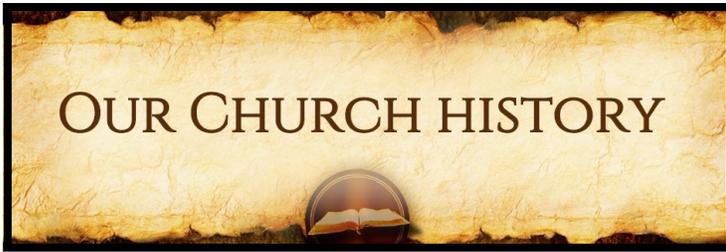
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Join us in the Narthex after service for tasty refreshments and wonderful fellowship.

All are welcome!

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



The Peace Church History Room is underway!

The First Reformed Church of Greensboro was organized on March 1, 1903 with 17 charter members.

For one hundred seventeen years the Word of God has been preached here and on the corner of West Lee and Spring Streets, where the story of First Evangelical and Reformed Church (now Peace United Church of Christ) began in a brick building which stood on the purchased lot. The first meeting was held on the first Sunday of October, 1903. Since then, lives have been transformed and ministered to through baptism and communion; children have been confirmed into the faith; couples have sealed their love in marriage; funerals have celebrated the lives of those who died in the Lord; ordinations and installations have set aside those called by God to serve the Church; numerous missions have reached out to the community and world; many from this congregation have also served the Wider Church as officers in the Western Association, the Southern Conference, and the United Church of Christ.

Our history is our witness in our time, our hope for the future, and the affirmation of all those who have gone before and served God in this place. May our theme for the History Room be Matthew 5:14-16, "Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven". The current library/history Room will be refurbished and changed into the History Room. The following people will serve as a **Steering Committee: Jeanne Bryan, Ava Chambers, Larry Clapp, David and Linda Fesperman, Una Lee Myers and Nora Norred, and Doris Yeattes. Rev. Tom Warren and Rev. Jimmy Norred** will be ad hoc advisors.

To make this project successful, the help of the entire congregation will be needed. Please begin a search for pictures, articles, or any church artifact that you might have in your family and would be willing to donate to the History Room. Items will be displayed and stored in a protective manner. Pictures and news articles can be copied and returned. There will be an announcement about when and where we will begin receiving these items. Everyone is urged to begin taking notes of your memories about past events and activities. We plan to

make a notebook of memories. There is much that many of you know about this Church's past. Let's get it on paper and preserve it. We will need information about all the activities and groups in the Church.

There will of course be expenses also for getting the room ready and purchasing proper storage materials. We hope donations will be made in memory or honor of those who have loved this Church and served it well. A list of donors and the persons they honor will be posted in the History Room when it is complete. There will be an announcement about when and how to make contributions later.

Thank you in advance for your help and prayers!



Hands-On frequently receives thank you notes from people who have benefitted from a *Hands-On* pillow during their or their loved one's stay in the hospital. Here are a few we have recently received...



We are so thankful and humbled that the ministry of *Hands-On* is appreciated and brings comfort to patients in all levels of care.

I was a recipient of your Christmas blessing — a beautifully sewn pillow. I had 2 surgeries in December at Cone Hospital, and I have used this pillow every day during my recovery and have appreciate it so much! What your ministry does makes a difference and really matters.

I received one of your lovely pillows when I was discharged from Cone Hospital with breast cancer surgery. Your pillow has come in so handy and helpful for me. Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

As a recent patient of Moses Cone Hospital, I was fortunate to receive one of your pillows. That pillow has been my best friend since I came home! Thank you so much for caring about people like me. I will always remember your act of kindness and love.

Sustaining Creation



48 Steps to Living Sustainably -Actions We All Can Take

(Updated 3/28/17)

Toe – Dipping	Getting In Deeper	Immersed As A Way Of Life
Lifestyle		
1. Re-establish the ancient practice of Sabbath economics in your family's life. At this initial level keep it simple by avoiding purchasing anything on one specific day/week.	17. Skip the Christmas presents and use the money instead to help a poorer family save some energy this year through improving their home's insulation or lighting.	33. Divest your savings and retirement accounts from Fossil Fuel stocks & mutual funds. It's immoral to destroy the earth & it's immoral to profit from its destruction.
2. Educate yourself on Global Warming via books & websites from the recommended list of resources. (see page 2)*	18. Shop local Farm Markets, Food is healthier when it doesn't travel thousands of miles.	34. Develop "eyes to see" and "ears to hear" so that you can understand the urgency of the Climate Crisis through the lived experiences of others.
3. Go "meat-less" one day a week as meat has 10X the effect on the environment. (Meat-less Mondays?)	19. Add a second or even a third "meatless" day to weekly schedule or Give up red meat entirely as it has triple the cost on earth resources	35. Change diet to routinely eat more seasonally available local foods. Consider eating a more plant-based diet.
4. Walk or bike to close by destinations. Good for the body & the soul.	20. Use your Social Media Platforms and contacts to spread the critical message of sustainability.	36. Accept the difficult truth that endless economic growth on our one planet is not possible. We must live sustainably.
Transportation		
5. Adjust your driving habits to improve mileage. Easy on that gas pedal, combine trips. Ride share.	21. Time to trade in that gas guzzler for a car that gets 45+ mpg.	37. Technology is rapidly improving so seriously consider an electric vehicle purchase.
6. Use Public Transportation when possible. Pressure your local Government to make it "Carbon Free".	22. If you must travel by air then offset the pollution through tree planting. Contact A' Roche or others nonprofits to purchase.	38. Actively work to reduce your family's carbon footprint. Use carbon tracking tools available on-line.
Home		
7. Lower the temperature setting on your hot water tank. Wash laundry in cold water.	23. Change all home lighting to energy efficient lamps. Consider LED lamps.	39. Time to invest in high efficiency appliances, hot water, furnace, and air conditioning systems.
8. Switch your electrical utility supplier to one that is sourced from wind or solar power.	24. Install smart thermostats and timers on energy using devices throughout your home.	40. Install a source of renewable energy on your house i.e. Solar Panels or sponsor someone.
9. Change your thermostat by 3 degrees, up in Summer & down in Winter.	25. Conduct an energy audit of your home and correct deficiencies. Seal those window and door leaks.	41. Time to consider downsizing your home? Do you really need all that space and the energy it requires?

Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher

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Toe – Dipping	Getting In Deeper	Immersed As A Way Of Life
10. Give up the disposable plastic water bottle habit and then move on to eliminate other disposable products.	26. Consider whether to repair an item rather than replacing it with something new. Take an initial step away from our disposable consumer society.	42. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle becomes a daily practice in your life. Special emphasis on the “Reduce” part which often gets skipped.

Community

11. Tell Family, friends & neighbors why the Climate Crisis is an issue of real concern to you.	27. Challenge your Faith Community to become a Center for Climate Justice. Be a visible sign of these 48 steps.	43. Start a Neighborhood Vegetable Garden and/or even better start a Community Solar farm
12. Join a group which explores life sustainability issues. You will need to support one another’s efforts. No local group? Start one	28. Change your personal economics to support local based business such as Community Co-Operatives & Credit Unions etc.	44. Supremacy of the Individual is a mistaken value of our society. Become a voice lifting up the needs of the community.
13. Support one of the groups that are advocates for a sustainable world such as Sierra, Earth Justice or NRDC. There is power in numbers.	29. Begin a sharing cooperative with neighbors, church, club and/or family members. Does everyone really need all the same tools and garden equipment or can we share?	45. Live your life in such a way as if your kid’s & grandkid’s future depends on it because it actually does.

Advocacy

14. Call your Congress Rep. & say you believe Global Warming to be an issue significant enough to affect how you will vote.	30. Write Congress monthly on the urgent need for Federal measures to reduce the emissions of CO2	46. Democracy is not a spectator sport so periodically visit your Congress Reps. local offices with a message on the need to act now.
15. Actively pressure your local Government to install renewable systems such as public car charging stations	31. Advocate for an economic pricing system that includes the total environmental cost of a product in its price.	47. Be a visible sign! Consider participating in Non-Violent Protests & Civil Disobedience direct actions
16. Get involved, join Citizens Climate Lobby to actively Lobby for a Carbon Tax or join one of the groups such as 350.org that are working hard to get Colleges, Churches, etc. to divest from Fossil Fuel Companies.	32. Recognize that this is an issue of Climate Justice as the world’s poor experience the first & worst of the terrible affects. So advocate for greater USA contributions to the UN based “Green Carbon Fund”.	48. Understand that at its heart this is an issue which requires global political answers in response to a human induced global crisis. Support global efforts to strengthen & speed up the Paris Climate Accord.

The Sustaining Creation – A Faith Journey series is an ongoing project of “Telling It Forward” ministries. “Telling It Forward” is a ministry of Ecological Justice which uses the art of storytelling to envision the path forward to a sustainable future on this one Earth that we must share with all of God’s Good Creation. It uses Video Messages & webinars to explore various elements of this critical issue of Sustaining Creation; Preaching, presentations & for both Faith & Secular groups from 5-500 are available.

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Need more Info? Try these Reading and Web Resources

Storms of My Grandchildren by James Hansen; Eaarth by Bill McKibben; The Madhouse Effect by Michael Mann & Tom Toles; Wired Wisdom by Susan Thistlethwaite; A New Climate For Theology by Sally McFague; Reinventing Fire –Amory Lovins & Rocky Mountain Institute; Cooler-Smarter-Practical Steps For Low Carbon Living – Union Of Concerned Scientists; 350.org; Climate Progress.org; Yesmagazine.org; Sierra Club.org; CitizensClimateLobby.org; Climate Reality.org; Union Of Concerned Scientists.org; InsideClimateNews.org

Coming out of retirement!

Carolina Village chaplain retires after 20 Years, replacement welcomed



Former Peace Church pastor, **Rev. John F. Dieterly**, has accepted the chaplaincy at Carolina Village, the community where he and Miriam now reside in Hendersonville, NC.

Born in Bucks County, PA, Rev. Dieterly graduated from Penn State University with a degree in agricultural engineering, and from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a degree in theology.

His career has included service to Church World Service in Ghana, West Africa for five years, Heifer International in Belize for five years, and Heifer International in Maryland as Regional Director for 18 years. He has also served as pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Manheim, PA, Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro, and as Interim Pastor of Monticello United Church of Christ in Brown's Summit.

"We look forward to having Reverend Dieterly serve in this capacity," Parries said. "He and his wife, Miriam, have been active here, making the village their home even prior to moving in last July. We look forward to seeing how he continues to be that same warm, friendly presence to the service of residents in his capacity as chaplain."

Rev. Dieterly is active in the Hendersonville Community Band and the Carolina Village Handchimers. He has also written a memoir of his and Miriam's overseas experiences, "Intended for Good: Helping Farmers on Four Continents."

Blessings to John on this new endeavor.

Christian condolences are extended to the family of **Mrs. Lucille Waynick**, who died on Monday, February 24, 2020 in Charlotte, NC. A graveside service was held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Westminster Gardens Cemetery at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Tom Warren.



Lucille was born in Sophia, North Carolina, to the late Allen Grady and Pearl Davis Hall. She was a homemaker and she loved spending time with her family. She liked having lunch with her friends. She was a member of Peace United Church of Christ where she enjoyed Circle meetings and church trips.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis Waynick; brothers, Troy, Grady and Cletus Hall; and her son-in-law, Eddie Melton.

Lucille is survived by her children, Jane Melton of Charlotte, NC and Gary Waynick and wife Martha of Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Zachary Waynick, Jeremiah Waynick (Kimberly), Brandon Melton (Sarah) and Brittany Pinti (Ben); great grandchildren, Mattia, Charlotte, Cameron, Tyler, Collin, and the much anticipated Edwin.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Novant Health Hospice and Palliative Care, PO Box 33549 Charlotte, North Carolina 28233-3549 or to the Laurel Oak Farm Dog Kennel, 16223 Youngblood Road Charlotte, NC 28278 (for going above and beyond their duty to assist the family during this difficult time and to support an inside play area), in memory of Lucille Waynick.

We will put Easter lilies in the church on Easter Sunday as is our tradition. You can place a lily in honor or in memory of a special loved one, and take your lily with you at the conclusion of the Easter worship service. Lilies are \$12.50 each and you can place your order by completing an order form from the bulletin in the weeks prior to Easter and placing it in the basket in the Narthex, or by sending your check to Peace Church with a note telling the name(s) of the persons you would like to honor. Please make checks payable to the Women's Fellowship.



Is your name on one of the **TEAM** boards in the Narthex? If not, be sure to sign up right away and be a part of the growing life of Peace Church!

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

Lois Bell; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Lucille Hege; David Hirano; Glen Hutchinson; Buddy Lippard; Sylvia Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Abigail Miller-Warren; Sharon Mitchell; Jean Morgan; Jack & Marcy Neal; Femi Quakenbush; Jean Scott; Dale Starr; Abbie & Don Wheeling; Doris Yeattes.

Remember these wider church family and friends:

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); Ron Hindson (father-in-law of Amanda Hindson); David Kaynor (nephew of Debbie Kaynor); Betty Larimer (aunt of Trish Larimer); Debbie Lillie Busch (daughter of Mary Lillie); Beatrice Rosenthal (mother of David Dole); Annette Sarty (sister of Yvonne Poffenbaugh).

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING	OTHER RECEIPTS
February 2	8	53	\$1,822	\$85	\$5,855
February 9	8	63	\$4,204	\$20	\$16
February 16	6	58	\$1,784	\$355	\$150
February 23	8	63	\$1,407	\$670	\$2,886

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY
(Through January 31, 2020)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	17,329	17,329		
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	15,866	15,866		
Lavastida Christian Center, Christmas Fund. Iris Haislip Memorials (designated to Women's Fellowship)	1,609			



March Birthdays



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



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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



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 many 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)

SAINT FRANCIS PRAYER GARDEN FUNDRAISER

Sometime during the Christmas break, a strong wind came through our church property and knocked over our old (and cracked) Saint Francis of Assisi statue. A new statue and renovations to the prayer area are in the works. The total cost of the monument replacement and repair/renovation for the bricks in that area will be approximately \$2,400.00. Thus far we have had gifts come in totaling \$500. We would like to have the new monument installed (see photo) and the entire bricked area repaired by Earth Day which is on April 22nd. Can you make a donation? If so make a check out to Peace Church and in the memo area of your check write "Saint Francis Prayer Garden." Thank you very much!

~ *Building & Grounds Committee*

