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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.



Last Sunday of Summer!
Outdoor Service at the Outdoor Altar

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Consistory President

Sunday, September 20th ~ 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship Service at the Outdoor Altar

It is the last Sunday of Summer!

Please bring snacks or lunch for your individual family
and we will social distance while we fellowship.

Sabbatical

— refresh | rest | refocus —

Pastor Tom returns next month!

One more month before Pastor Tom returns from his Sabbatical. Continuing on through September, **Rev. John Syster** (336-905-7475 (H) / 941-374-4417 (C)) and **Ted Wilkinson** (301-332-4140 (C)) are the primary contacts for pastoral care issues while Pastor Tom is away. **Sherri Vestal** (336-299-8663 (W) / 336-254-6608 (C)) and **Harold Poffenbaugh** (336-456-4307 (C)) will be the primary contact people in matters regarding the building or property and grounds issues. **Ava Chambers** (336-788-0476(H) / 336-776-7536(C)) will also be a contact person for other matters that may arise.

Please note the following schedule of preachers:

September 6th: Rev. Rayce Lamb
 September 13th: Ted Wilkinson
 September 20th: Rev. John Syster
 September 27th: Rev. Jimmy Norred

The above preaching schedule may be adjusted or changed as we continue through the summer months, but plenty of notice will be given and weekly Email Updates will continue to be sent out from the church office.

Note: At this time a return date for worship in the Sanctuary is not known.

WNCA/Southern Conference Joint Annual Meetings

The joint Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference & Western North Carolina Association will be held on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2020. This year we will hold the joint meetings via Zoom beginning Friday afternoon, October 16, with each Association holding their Annual Meeting. On Saturday, October 17, the Southern Conference will hold its Annual Meeting.



A Note from
 Elisabeth

Last month my article was focused on singing hymns – hoping that you are singing them during the livestream and also our August Fifth Sunday Favorites Hymn Sing. This month I'd like to encourage you to keep singing! I know we have been told that singing can spread the virus, so we certainly need to be extremely careful and masked around others. However, you might enjoy singing alone at home or in the car which is what I do.

If you need some encouragement, during your devotional time you might begin by reading some of the “hymns” in the Bible in the book of Psalms. I've noticed lately how many of them speak of singing a new song. Look for example at Psalm 96 or Psalm 98. Both are full of singing and praising God. Singing appears to be almost a command. Each new day we have is a gift from God. Someone, David or someone else, wrote the Psalms. You can certainly write your own praises to God and personalize them to what He has done for you. Then try singing it – and you have sung a new song to the Lord! It will be a beautiful song because it is between you and God!

Usually my September article speaks of new beginnings in our church musical activities – handbells rehearsing again and Advent and Christmas music preparations in the choir. But 2020 is different (and that's an understatement!). We've seen life change so much over the last several months, and we've experienced things we had never even thought about before. However, we continue to be connected through various means of technology and more importantly through the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. And we can always keep singing (in a socially responsible way)!

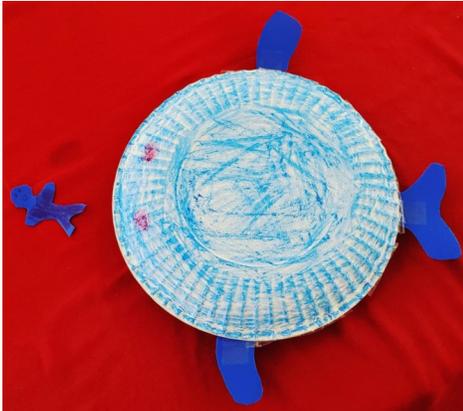
~ Elisabeth Penry
 Music Director



We are disappointed that we must announce that the Women's Fellowship will **not** start meetings back in September as we had hoped. We will definitely not meet in September or October and we will make a decision at a later date about November and December meetings.



Hey Peace Family! I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. After finishing our lessons on Moses we did a short two part lesson on Jonah where we learned all about why God put him in the belly of a fish and why it's good God gives people second chances. Since we are unable to meet in person for our usual back to school party we handed out Back 2 School Bags full of school supplies. A special thanks to everyone who helped including Lindsey Wilkinson, Ava Chambers, and Jeanne Bryan. Next we will be doing a series of lessons on King David. Take care everyone!



~ **Ted Wilkinson**
Youth Director



School supplies were distributed to school age children on Sunday, August 16th. Parents & their children only had to drive up to the canopy and pick up their bags.

CONSISTORY CORNER

As we hold the hope of gathering again soon one with another, life with Covid-19 is challenging society in many unanticipated ways. Peace Church is not exempt from that. And yet, the Church continues, adapts, re-imagines, and engages in faithful ministry even in this time. While our building is closed, the Church is wide open!!

Our Consistory has continued our monthly meetings and we have discussed when we will once again meet together. We always need to consider what is possible (legally), what is prudent, and what is pastoral - especially for the most vulnerable members we serve. We also are considering what changes we will have to make and in how we worship when we do return.

We are most grateful to the Sabbatical Team - John Syster, Ted Wilkinson, Jeanne Bryan, Theo Scott, Jimmy Norred, and Amy Williams for all of their hard work in leading our worship services and pastoral contacts.

As we move into Fall, we will begin our Stewardship Campaign led by Russ Haver. Our financial obligations continue and as you may remember we passed our 2020 Financial Budget with a \$50,000 deficit. You may mail in your contributions to the Church or contribute online through Vanco. Our church treasurer, Melinda Summers is at the church twice a week to make deposits.

Also, we will begin seeking nominees for the 2021/2022 Consistory, if you are interested in serving as a Deacon or Elder, please contact me at 336-776-7536. The Consistory meets each month on the second Sunday at 1:00pm. We would love to have you serve!

We all have the three W's to follow: Wash our hands, Wear a mask, and Wait per Gov. Cooper. Let us add three more: Pray for one another, Walk in another's shoes; and Talk to each other, stay in contact. We are the Church of Jesus Christ!

Blessings to you,

Ava Chambers
Consistory President

WE ARE
Stronger
TOGETHER

We're going
VIRTUAL
for this year's walk!

40th Anniversary
Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk

Join us online
Sunday, October 4, 2020
Program starts at 2:30pm



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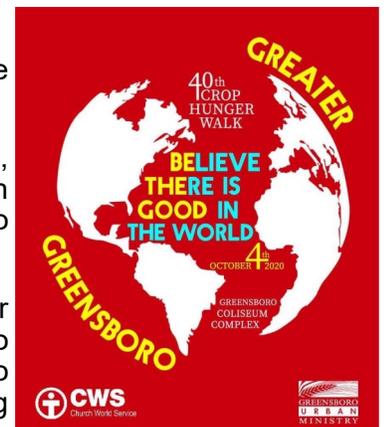
This year's walk is virtual. What does that mean? We won't be holding an in-person walk. Instead, you can participate by walking anytime you choose.

Register online at crophungerwalk.org/greensboronc.

Donations may be made online or checks payable to CROP may be mailed to the church for deposit into the CROP account.

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk returns 25% of the funds it raises to Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potters House Community Kitchen.

Crop Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs-something



Carol MacDonald would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, prayers and other acts of kindness extended to her, particularly during this pandemic. It has been a great source of encouragement to her.

Summer Time

Fun Time! 2020



Ted & Lindsey Wilkinson visited Crabtree Falls along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Massies Mill, VA.



Sharon Mitchell with her grandson, Mitch, on a vacation trip to Hilton Head recently. They had a wonderful time!



Dorothy Pauli and her son, Andrew, pictured here at Oak Island, NC just before Hurricane Isaias.



Sherri Vestal's family — new grandsons, Davis and Bodhi in tow — recently visited Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Family pictured (L-R, top picture): Gerica, Tyler, Mark (with Davis), Sherri (with Bodhi), Ben, and Kristdel Vestal.

Kairos Moment: *The Environmental Crisis Is a Theological Problem*

(Excerpts by Peter Sawtell from Sallie McFague, *A New Climate for Theology*, p. 30-32. (This is part 2 of a 2-part article. Part 1 appeared in the August newsletter.)

Sallie McFague was one of the world's most influential environmental theologians. Her words, from "A New Climate for Theology: God, the World and Global Warming" are a reminder about why "the environmental crisis is a theological problem."

A communitarian view of human beings is an ecological, economic one. It is a view of our place in the scheme of things that sees our well-being as interdependent with all other life forms in a just, sustainable way.

But most churches today are not "ecological." The Sunday sermon is not about the flourishing of God's whole creation; most often, especially in North American well-off churches, it is aimed at the care and comfort of human individuals. But the well-being of the whole of God's creation is not seen as part and parcel of the gospel message.

But can human beings thrive apart from nature? If salvation is understood as eternal life for some humans, then perhaps the answer is yes. But if salvation means the flourishing of all God's creatures here and now on this earth, then the answer is no. The world cannot be left out. The church must become ecological through and through.



Peace Church Recipe Corner

Homemade "Hamburger Helper"

1 lb. ground beef (I found that the lowest fat content works best for this recipe.)
1/2 small onion, chopped
1/2 green pepper, chopped
3-5 potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 package Lipton onion soup mix
1 cup boiling water
Shredded Cheddar Cheese



Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 13x9 casserole lightly with cooking spray. Break up the ground beef (UNCOOKED) and spread into the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle chopped onions and peppers over meat. Top with sliced potatoes. (You may want to sprinkle a little salt on the potatoes.) In a small bowl, mix mushroom soup, onion soup mix and boiling water and pour over meat and potato mixture. Stir well.

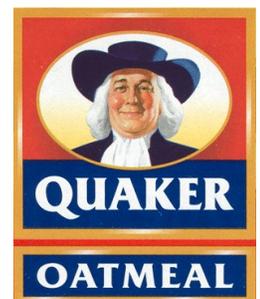
Bake for about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle cheddar cheese over it. Bake for another 15 minutes to melt/brown the cheese. Delicious and easy!



Update on Oatmeal Donations

Our monthly donations of oatmeal to Greensboro Urban Ministry's Food Pantry have been very generous during the pandemic shutdown. A recent report from GUM lists oatmeal as one of the items most needed at this time as more and more families are experiencing food shortages. So please remember to send in your one dollar per pound donations for the purchase of oatmeal. Donations typically total 60-80 pounds per month. Notice by this list that recent months have far exceeded that:

March	69 lbs.	April	95 lbs.	May	165 lbs.
June	105 lbs.	July	73 lbs.		



Thank you for your generous support of our missions!

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

Lois Bell; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Karen Brittain; Nan Buchanan; David Fesperman; Lucille Hege; Glen Hutchinson; Buddy Lippard; Sylvia Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Sharon Mitchell; Jean Morgan; Marcy Neal; Jimmy Norred; Debbie Shiner; Jim Spillers; Dale Starr; 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); Ron Hindson (father-in-law of Amanda Hindson); David Kaynor (nephew of Debbie Kaynor); Kerry & Irene King (parents of Sherri Vestal); Betty Larimer (aunt of Trish Larimer); Ronald Long, Sr.; Michael Pauli (son of Dorothy Pauli); Lisa Pemberton (niece of Abbie Wheeling); Beatrice Rosenthal (mother of David Dole); Annette Sarty (sister of Yvonne Poffenbaugh); Amy Wells (niece of David & Linda Fesperman).

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR AUGUST

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING	OTHER RECEIPTS
NO REGULAR SERVICES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC					

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through July 31, 2020)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	9,327	95,615	96,705	(1,090)
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	17,987	143,297	126,714	(16,583)



September Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 DeLorea Baker Madeline Owen	8	9	10	11 Joe Small Amy Williams	12
13 Desmond Smith	14	15 Cynthia Bowen Darrell Clark Tom Warren	16 Annette Green	17	18 Roberta Bowman	19 Kathryn Virgilio
20 Sue Brittain	21 Kenny Savage	22 Sylvia Lippard Doris Yeattes	23 James Leszinski	24 Marcy Neal	25	26
27	28	29	30 Alexandra Dodd			



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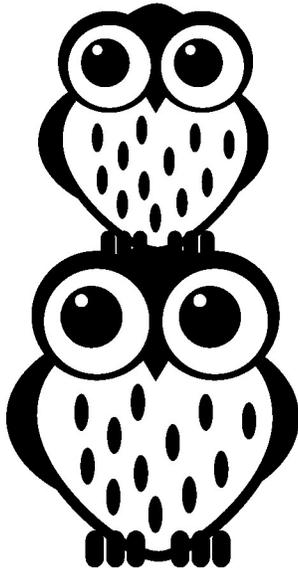
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PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	— ○ — — —
paper	— ○ —
wisdom	— — ○ —
read	— — — ○
play	— — — — —
learn	○ — — — —
grow	— ○ — — — —
pencils	— — — — —
pray	— ○ — —
art	— — — — —
student	— — — ○ — —
kids	— — ○ — — — —
apple	— — ○ — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper



What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!