



# PeacePress

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A Global Mission Church



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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.

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

by Pastor Tom Warren



As I write this article, I am in the final planning and packing stages for our annual Appalachian Trail trip. This year we will be hiking about 90 miles beginning at Carver's Gap (NC/TN border) and hiking all the way to Damascus, Virginia. We always get excited for this trip and always a bit nervous....there are bears in them there hills!

Getting ready for the Appalachian Trail – like any journey – takes preparation, intentional planning, and realistic goal setting. Can we really hike 17 miles in one day, or should we just admit that we're not as spunky as we used to be, and just plan for 12 miles? The success of our trip depends on realistic goal setting and clear-eyed planning.

As we look to the future of our ministry at Peace Church, perhaps it is time for some realistic goal setting, clear-eyed planning, and joy-filled witnessing to the community. We have much to share with the Greensboro community, and despite the setbacks of the pandemic, let us not be intimidated by the mountains before us to climb or the threats that lurk in the trees just ahead. With ambitious goals set, firm plans in place, and a strong commitment to a public witness in regard to our UCC faith, the future is filled with incredible possibilities.

While plans and strategies fall into place, let us all set up our prayer tents, listen deeply to the spirit of God, and pray without ceasing.

God is with us, be not afraid. Alleluia!

license numbers for that particular song. In order to be sure we are legal with our music when it is streamed during the service or printed in the bulletin, the church maintains two copyright licenses – CCLI and One License which together cover many publishers, composers, and artists – but not all. When the livestreaming began with the pandemic, additional Streaming Licenses were required as videoing a service is a form of a copy, and it is sent out where anyone can see and hear it. We check to be sure our music is covered by at least one of the licenses (and sometimes it's under both), as we want to be fair and legal to copyright holders and most importantly honest before God. As something is used, it is reported by week to One License. CCLI periodically requests six months of reporting usage of their songs. If you do not see copyright information, then the song is in the public domain and is free to be used by anyone. Many of our older hymns fall into this category. Each year, certain works enter the public domain based on copyright year. You can also see copyright information in our hymnal below the selections that are still covered. There is an index beginning on page 798 in the hymnal listing the copyright owners from whom the hymnal publisher had to purchase the rights in order to use particular hymns. Be sure to check if you are using hymns or other songs as any form of copy requires permission to make. Our licenses are only good in our church – they cannot be transferred to anyone else or used or shared anywhere else.

Life has changed – the pandemic necessitates livestreaming and additional work – but over it all, God is good and is in control!

## A NOTE FROM ELISABETH



What is that small print under some of the music and hymns in the bulletin?

Frequently you will see some small print with various numbers below some of our music titles. That is copyright information including the owner of the copyright and year of copyright as well as permission

## SHERRI KLUTTZ ALBUM RELEASE

After a long wait Sherri Kluttz' new album "By God's Grace" has been released and there are copies available for \$8 in the church office. The album features classic gospel songs along with some more popular folk songs mixed in. Pastor Tom and Abigail Miller-Warren are also featured in a couple of the songs. If anyone wants a signed copy Sherri can be reached at 336-209-5048 or by email at [kluttz5562@gmail.com](mailto:kluttz5562@gmail.com). Congratulations Sherri!!

## MISSION OF THE MONTH: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ 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 this 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 UCC 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. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Peace congregation will receive the NIN offering throughout the month of October.

## HANDS-ON UPDATE



In June, there were 5

In July, there were 7

In August, there were 5

In September, there were 10

Yes, that is how many participants we had at Hands-On at our most recent session and we worked on over 60 pillows. With our preexisting inventory, we were able to deliver 69 pillows.

We welcomed Lynne Hughes as a new Hands-On member, and Don Willoughby's son and daughter-in-law as guests.

We look forward to more successes like this as we continue to be like the Energizer bunny. We keep GOING and GOING and GOING.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Women's Fellowship will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, October 5, in the Parlor at 10:00am. All women of the church are invited.
- The Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference and the Western North Carolina Association will be Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6. The meeting will be virtual. Delegates are needed from Peace Church. Please contact Ava Chambers if you would like to serve.
- Anne Badgett will be out of the Office on October 11th and 12th for her Fall Break.
- Our church website ([www.peaceucc.com](http://www.peaceucc.com)) has been fully updated and a training session was held this past Wednesday morning for Pastor Tom, Anne Badgett, and Jane Ford to learn the ins and outs of how to update the website as needed. We need others to learn too!!

## THANK YOU'S AND RECOGNITIONS

- Dear Peace Friends,  
Your calls, cards, texts and prayers have brought comfort and encouragement to Jim and me during our recovery from Covid and my surgery. Thank you for your kindness and caring thoughts.  
Blessings,  
Cindy Spillers
- Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for having the Fellowship Hall floors buffed and polished!
- The floors in the History Room have been finished, we are excited about the progress being made!

# RUNNING OF THE BALLS

Hey Gang -

Thanks again for being part of the Running of the Balls in 2021. So far, because of the generosity of our sponsors, we've raised more than \$42,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank before folks even cross the start line. They're able to turn that into almost 300,000 meals for folks in need and that's a big deal. Additionally, with the help of a group of Sunset Hills residents and through registration funds, we're purchasing Carbon Offsets for the electricity used by the lighted balls throughout Sunset Hills during the Christmas Season to enable a Carbon Neutral event.

Peace Church is a sponsor for the Running of the Balls (December 11th @ 6:00pm) event in our Sunset Hills neighborhood. Our upper parking lot will be used for run registration and packet pick-up as well as parking the night of the race. As a sponsoring organization, Peace Church members and friends have been granted thirty-five (35!!) free registrations. If you want to run or walk this event go to the following registration link:  
<https://therunningoftheballs.com/sponsor-registration>

## NOTES FROM THE CONSISTORY

On behalf of the Consistory, I want to thank all of our church members and guests who celebrated Rally Day on September 12. A special thank you to Pastor Tom for all of his hard work setting up and for a special worship service.

We had a candid congregational meeting day discussing our current status financially, membership, our ministry and what plans do we make for our future?

Some concerns and issues discussed were:

1. How long will our savings last?
2. Should we consider a smaller location?
3. What is the Mission of Peace Church? Does our current Mission Statement reflect our congregation today?
4. What does Peace Church really stand for?

We are improving our social media presences by streaming our Sunday worship services, reworking our website.

We presented a three year plan for members to consider. This meeting was the beginning of conversations and plans. We know that we will not go back to "business as usual" as a post pandemic church. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact me or Pastor Tom.

Peace Church has a strong ministry and remaining the body of Christ is God's plan for us. We are and will always be in God's Hands.

Blessings,  
Ava Chambers  
Consistory President

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

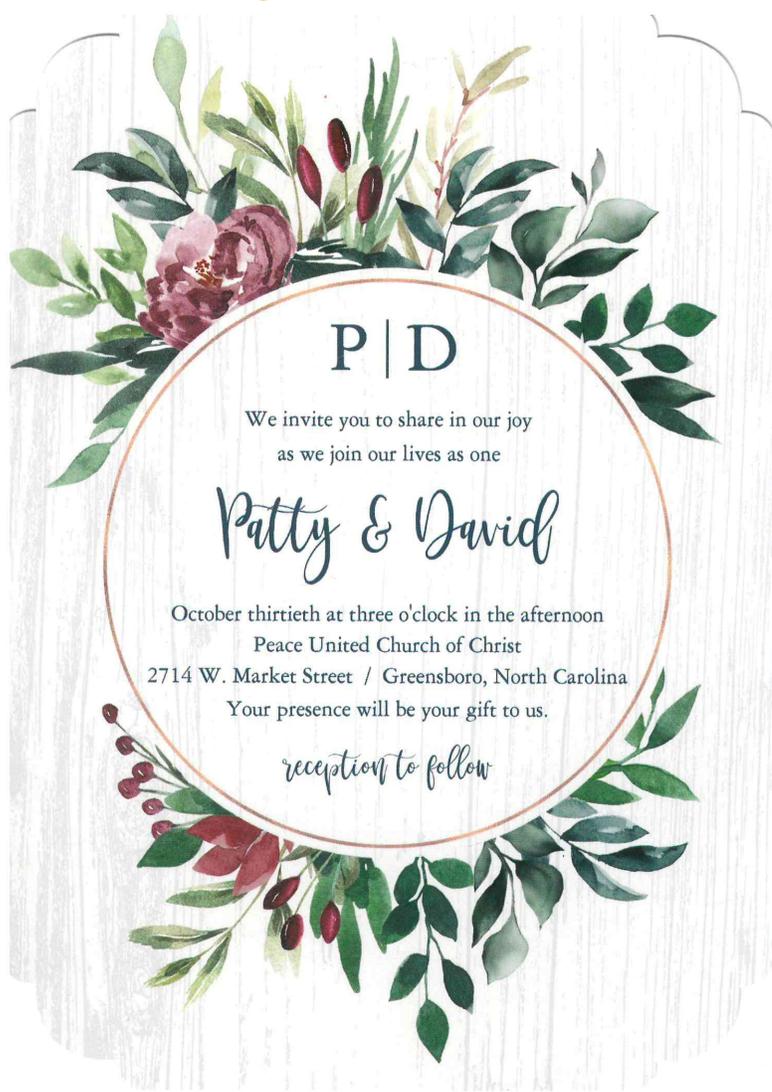
- October 1st - Carol Macdonald
- 3rd - Cynthia Cobia, Linda Fesperman & Mary Lillie
- 5th - Dominic Hittepole & David Murray
- 6th - Yvonne Poffenbaugh
- 9th - Holly Williams
- 12th - Chris Summers
- 13th - Sherri Kluttz
- 15th - Bill Kluttz
- 16th - Jean Scott
- 28th - Marty Morgan

# FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer's Report as of August 2021 for General Fund

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Offerings					
4001	Pledges	8,575.00	69,050.00	107,081.00	38,031.00
4003	Loose Offerings	29.00	407.00	250.00	(157.00)
4004	Initial offerings	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
4006	Non-Pledge Offerings	1,035.00	10,358.75	37,102.00	26,743.25
4007	Sunday School	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Offerings		\$9,639.00	\$79,815.75	\$144,583.00	\$64,767.25

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
June 2021 Income Total*	\$11,855.70	\$100,805.22	\$164,683.00	\$70,076.08
June 2021 Expenses Total	\$15,099.02	\$94,281.72	\$196,284.00	\$105,102.28
Income-Expenses	-\$3,243.32	+\$6,523.28	-\$31,601.00	



## ALL SAINTS DAY



All Saints Day will be held on October 31st this year. All Saints Day is an annual celebration to honor the Saints, both known and unknown. We lift up those who have passed away in the past 12 months.

Please let us know of any loved ones names who you would like to be lifted up during the service on October 31st. There will be a handout provided with all the names.

Email them to Anne at: [peaceucc271@gmail.com](mailto:peaceucc271@gmail.com)