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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

Tom Warren



Easter Sunday is a little over three weeks away. This is arguably the most important holiday of the Christian calendar. While there is much competition coming from our Christmas holiday, Easter has yet to be completely taken over by our commercialism machine.

This year, as we continue on in our slightly less severe pandemic, and watch nightly at the horrors of war coming from Ukraine, perhaps we need the Easter promise more than ever?

Life victorious over death.

Resurrection victorious over crucifixion.

Light breaking through the darkness.

Yep, I think Easter is just what we need. On Easter Sunday (April 17th) we are planning to have our worship service out at the outdoor altar area at 10:45am. Part of the morning activities will also include an easter egg hunt for children (in the playground area) and some wonderful treats during our fellowship time immediately following worship. Please join us for what promises to be a deeply hopeful and joyful time of worship and fellowship.

As we look out over our world, it always good to remember that in Jesus' time life was riddled with struggles and despair for many. When Jesus came on the scene those first century followers saw in Christ the hope and

vision of life that they were seeking. A community of love, joy, healing, forgiveness, and peace. That community lives on today and Easter is the promise that never dies. In fact, it is the promise that rises from the grave to declare victory over the powers of death in the world.

That indeed, is good news. come on Easter morning and embrace the risen Christ. There's nowhere else I'd rather be.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

The Mission of the Month: The Environment

April 22nd was declared Earth Day back in the 1970's. At Peace Church we started with recycling.



This year Greensboro is celebrating on April 16th from 10AM – 2PM at Kathleen Clay Edwards Library with the Theme DRIVE ELECTRIC EARTH DAY!! Check the newspaper or the website for details, activities for children, etc.

At Peace we will celebrate Earth Sunday, on the last Sunday of April, the 24th. Throughout the month, watch the bulletin boards for additional information.

Creation Care Team

A NOTE FROM ELISABETH



As April begins, we are still in the meditative season of Lent – when April ends we are celebrating the glorious resurrection! Our hymn section headings for this whole season include Palm Sunday, Suffering and Death, and Resurrection and Exaltation and include pages 191–234.

Altogether these pages of hymns take us through the shouts of the people on Palm Sunday, the agony of the crucifixion, and the awesome wonder and praises of the resurrection. Two words used in several hymns are hosanna and alleluia. Both are words we associate with praise, adoration, and worship. Hosanna is often considered the Palm Sunday word, and alleluia is the Easter and Resurrection word. There are some churches who do not use the word alleluia at any time during Lent as they prepare for the Easter triumph. On Easter this year, let's sing the alleluias with a new enthusiasm and total praise and thanks to Jesus for His life, death, and triumphant resurrection.

Jesus Himself said when speaking to Martha: ...I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25 - 26 (NIV)

His statement ends with a question – one that needs to be personally, sincerely considered and answered!

Blessed Easter to everyone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 10th – Greg Haver
- 13th – Avery Dole
- 14th – Aiden Leszinski
- 15th – Nan Buchanan
- 18th – Rachel Johnson
- 20th – Theo Scott
- 22nd – Lucille Bennet & Nora Norred
- 25th – Brady Dole
- 28th – Kathy Syster
- 29th – Sharon Mitchell & Roy Smith & Wendy Washington

A decorative border made of pink roses, blue baby's breath, and green leaves, framing the text on the right side of the page.

You are cordially invited to our
Hands-On “Homespun”
15th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 1
(following worship)
Come and join Hands-On
members on this momentous
occasion
AND
enjoy a delicious light lunch

HISTORY ROOM UPDATE

The renovation of the History Room is nearing completion! The old carpet was removed and replaced with a beautiful laminate floor. Thanks to Darrell and Jamie Clark and Daniel Warren for repairing the walls and framing in the new metal bookcases and air conditioner. The walls, ceiling, and door have been painted with a warm cream color and white trim. White shutters are on order for the windows. Much gratitude to Cindy Spillers for selecting the floor cornering, paint and shutters, and contacting the workers. Contributions so far have been \$5386.77. We have spent \$4539.86 and have \$846.91 remaining. We are planning to use the two antique bookcases that were in the old library. It is my dream to have a beautiful lighted display case to showcase our most unique and treasured history materials.

The cost of the cabinet will be \$2000 and we still need to pay Darrell for the materials that he used in framing. We need display and hanging equipment, so contributions are still needed and appreciated.



Please think about making a gift in honor or memory of someone. Names of contributors and those honors will be framed and posted in the history room. Many of you grew up at Peace and would want your parents so honored.

Please continue to pray for us as the very important work of displaying the wonderful history of Peace Church will begin in a few weeks!

Gratefully,

The History Committee

Nora Norred

Ava Chambers

Larry Clapp

Doris Yeattes

Darrell and Janie Clark

Cindy Spillers

Jeanne Bryan

Pastor Tom, ex-officio

(Appreciation for his advice, help and encouragement)

OATMEAL SUNDAYS

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 \$1.00 to purchase oatmeal. Donations are welcome anytime 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 envelope may be used.



U.C.C. Cuba Study Seminar 2022... Ready to Go!



After bumping into a perfect storm of political, pandemic, and travel barriers to the previously scheduled UCC Cuba Study Seminar trip, originally scheduled for this past January, we are pleased that the UCC Cuba Study Seminar is ready to go departing Miami on Friday, May 13th and returning on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022.

At this time our housing issues have been worked out, group flights are being offered again by the major airlines, and the COVID surge that was happening back in January has subsided in fairly dramatic fashion. Cuba is welcoming tourists and more and more groups are making their way down there and reporting wonderful experiences.

It is not too late to join this trip and Co-Chairs of the Seminar, Kimberly Miller and Rev. Tom Warren, are requesting that those who are interested please email them at uccubastudy@gmail.com where more information will be shared.

Cuba is a land of beauty, a rich history, and surprising achievements in the field of healthcare, education, and global solidarity efforts with the poorer nations of the world. Over the past 40 years, the UCC Cuba Seminar has developed strong ties with the Cuban churches, often under very difficult circumstances. The upcoming seminar trip seeks to continue this joyous relationship as we act in solidarity with our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us!!

HANDS-ON

We had an exceptional number of pillows in March, so our deliveries exceeded the average.

Wesley Long	22
Cone Pediatrics	24
Cone Palliative	22
Hospice	22

Total	90

Thanks to all who participated in the process. I am sure the recipients appreciate it.

Theo



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, April 5th – At 10:00am in the Bertha Work Room, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting a presentation by Marianne Donadio from the Room at the Inn program for homeless pregnant women. All are welcome to join!
- Wednesday, April 13th – At 1:00pm Hands-On will have its regularly monthly meeting.

The WATCH

An Easter Prayer by Theo Scott

Lord, we know about the watch:

We know that people waited to watch:

We know that many who waited to watch loved you:

We know that some who came to watch

had witnessed your goodness, loved you,

then turned their backs on you:

Still, they watched:

Lord we know that of the faithful you had chosen -

few stayed and watched:

We know about John, the apostle, who stayed to watch:

We know about Joanna, Mary of Magdala, and

Mary, the mother of Jesus:

They watched, they cried, they prayed:

Now, oh Lord, it is you who keeps watch:

Thank you, Lord, for watching:

The lowly of heart, the lonely, the tormented,

the fearful, the insecure, the unfulfilled,

the burdened, the pained, the distraught,

the estranged, the grieved, the discomforted,

the vulnerable, the frustrated, the confused:

Dear Father, bring hope and healing,

ease our troubled minds,

fill our hearts with love for you,

and take us to a place of peace

while you watch.

Amen



Four Things Your Church Can Do to Celebrate the Earth 2022

With Earth Day on Friday, April 22, in 2022, churches have an opportunity to reflect upon how we can live out our commitment to care for God's creation. Here are four things your church can do:

1. Ground Yourself in the Prophetic! With the climate crisis, the world is in desperate need of prophets. Yet, we can no longer wait for others to be the prophets that were needed yesterday. We have to find the prophet in each of us. Find inspiration with speakers who will help us do just that. Join the April 23rd digital event "The Faith of Prophets: Lessons for the Climate Crisis."
2. Create a Community Climate Collage and Deliver It to An Elected Official! In addition to being impactful, taking action can be fun and meaningful. With church members of all ages, create a work of art that sparks reflection on how our faith leads us to climate action. Share your masterpiece with your local Congressional office.
3. Become a Hub of Resilience! For Earth Sunday, Creation Justice Ministries has created a new resource entitled "Weathering the Storm: Faithful Climate Resilience." It specifically helps churches respond to the question, "How can our churches be hubs of resilience, helping our neighbors weather the physical and spiritual storms of the climate crisis?"
4. Focus on the Children! For their annual Faith Climate Action Week, Interfaith Power & Light has chosen the theme "Sacred Trust: Our Children's Right to a Livable Future." Climate Action Week runs from April 22 to May 1. Examine our responsibility to safeguard our Earth for future generations and how our faith calls us to respond with just solutions to the climate crisis.

If you would like to register for any of these events, email Peace Church at peaceucc2714@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report as of February 2022 for General Fund

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Offerings					
4001	Pledges	10,460.00	20,985.00	118,228.00	97,243.00
4003	Loose Offerings	70.00	105.00	500.00	395.00
4004	Initial offerings	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00
4006	Non-Pledge Offerings	915.00	1,380.00	4000.00	2,620.00
4007	Sunday School	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
	Total Offerings	\$11,445.00	\$22,470.00	\$122,828.00	\$100,358.00
		Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Rem.
	February 2022 Income Total	\$19,286.00	\$34,917.13	\$151,078.00	\$116,160.97
	February Expenses Total	\$16,795.04	\$31,151.84	\$220,873.00	\$189,191.16
	February Income-Expenses:	+ \$2409.96	+ \$3,765.29	- \$69,795.00	

Jambalaya Sales and Expenses as of 3/16/2022

Income + \$3,401.89

Expenses - \$1,205.58 Food, containers, and advertising

Profit + \$2,196.31