

# PEACEPRESS



## *Pastor's Perspective*

On Sunday, October 2nd, the United Church of Christ along with various other Christian denominations, will celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a celebration that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of communion and its symbolism of the “family table” where all Christians gather and are fed. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

According to Presbyterian Outlook: Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930).

Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. [2]

It was then adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. [1]

In 2022, coming together symbolically as

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the global church is more important than ever. With the various wars, rising rates of migration (often climate related), widespread human trafficking among other struggles in the human family, consciously breaking bread with our global church family is vitally important.

We are bound together with our Christian human family in many ways, but when we gather at the communion table it is clear that our connections are made through the spirit of Christ, whose life, teachings, death, and resurrection model for us unity, hope, and sustenance during these very challenging times.

On World Communion Sunday, join us at the table of Christ. It's a big table with a seat saved just for you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

## A Note from Elisabeth

As we come to October we once again observe World Communion Sunday which I find to be an extremely meaningful and Spiritual day. It is celebrated each year on the first Sunday of October, and this year it is October 2nd . It is so awesome to think that on that Sunday people all around the world and at all times of the day are joined in Christ through remembering His sacrifice.

As we share in the Communion elements that day, let's experience our connection and sense of community with the world. In our hymnal on page 827, the Lord's Supper hymns are listed as being on pp. 384 - 430 and then a list of other hymns that would also be appropriate to use. As we prepare for worship on October 2 nd , try reading the words of these hymns, perhaps during the prelude, remembering the Scripture **Psalm 46:10: Be still, and know that I am God... (NIV)**

As we partake in the Lord's Supper let's feel His presence and remember He connects us with other Christians around the world.

## Hands-On

THEO SCOTT



Due to attrition and other factors, Hands-On is now half the size that it was five years ago. We could really use some new members. Our pillow-stuffer ranks are very low and will get lower by year's end. We encourage anyone who has a little time midday on the second Wednesday of the month to consider spending 1-2:30 with us. It is wonderful fellowship and a great mission opportunity. Come and at least try a session. If it is not for you, we understand. If we do not increase our ranks and continue to lose people, we will no longer be viable.

In the meantime...September was another great month.

Moses Cone Palliative/Surgery	18
Moses Cone Pediatrics	17
Wesley Long	18
Hospice	17
Piedmont Crossing	10
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Total	80

Thanks to all who contributed, some working at home, to pull off this big total. Keep up the GREAT WORK !!

Theo  
Hands-On Chair

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the GUM Food Drive October 14, 2022. Our church will collect food donations at Harris Teeter, West Gate City Blvd. Volunteers are needed to work.

**2-hour shifts from 8:00 am to 6:00pm.**  
**Please contact Cindy Spillers at 336-852-0478 or sign the schedule in the Narthex.**

*Peace United Church of Christ is a community of people who strive to be living examples of the teachings, ethics, and values of Jesus Christ.*

PEACE UCC  
VISION STATEMENT

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 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



# STEWARDSHIP of EARTH

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF PEACE UCC

## Let's Recycle!

An in-depth Recycling Presentation will be hosted by the Peace Women's Fellowship on Tuesday, November 1st at 10:00 a.m. Presenters will be Massey DeMoss and Ashley Robinson, Waste Reduction and Recycling educators for the city of Greensboro. They will share the basics of managing our waste and recycling! Everyone, men and women, are invited and urged to attend!

Peace congregation is already committed to recycling and this presentation will reinforce and refine our skills so that we can do more to be good stewards of our environment as we have committed to in our mission statement.

So invite your friends and neighbors! Bring your questions and get answers from our knowledgeable guests! The program will last 45 minutes to an hour.

Praying for an enthusiastic turn out!  
Peace Women's Fellowship

## 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. NIN 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. The 2022 NIN campaign will focus on economic justice issues.

Please support Neighbors in Need on October 2, 2022. Donations may be made throughout the month of October.

## Teamwork... and Elephants

Growing up as a missionary kid, my dad used to tell this story about 'How to Catch an Elephant'. I sort of understood the relevance as a kid, but really I just liked the story. I'm going to do my best to recall it here.

If you want to catch an elephant, you need a lot of rope, and not the puny, sad kind of rope, the really heavy thick rope. If I tried to catch an elephant with one rope, and were able to get it around one of his legs and wrap that rope around a tree, that elephant would surely break free. But, if I were able to get three or four ropes, and I could have two or three people holding each one of those ropes, and they were able to get the ropes around the elephant's legs, then the elephant is caught!

Catching an elephant isn't easy. It requires teamwork, like most things. Being part of a faith community, requires teamwork as well. We all must contribute to the other team members, and the community's missions.

Children, while they may not understand all of the ins and outs of faith communities, are team members as well. It takes the whole community to help these team members grow and understand the faith that we share. I encourage you to get to know the children of our church. It can sometimes be intimidating interacting with younger folks, but it can only further enrich your life and experience at Peace Church.

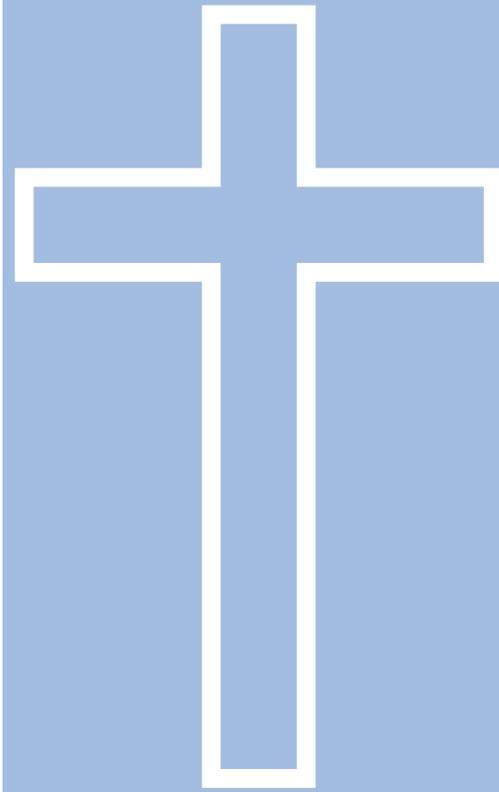
Anne Badgett, Youth Director

## Don't Forget!

Hands-On will meet on October 12 at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join if you are able!

## Picture Day!

Peace will be making a new directory; pictures will be held on November 17th from 2 - 8:30PM. Reach out to the church Office for more details at (336) 299 - 8663



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**10AM - 2PM**

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## *Treasurer's Report as of August 2022 for General Fund*

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Rem.
<b>Offerings</b>					
4001	Pledges	9,790.00	77,146.47	118,228.00	41,081.53
4003	Loose Offerings	141.00	837.78	500.00	(337.78)
4004	Initial offerings	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00
4006	Non-Pledge Offerings	640.00	4,813.00	4000.00	(813.00)
4007	Sunday School	0.00	(29.98)	100.00	129.98
<b>Total Offerings</b>		<b>\$10,571.90</b>	<b>\$82,767.27</b>	<b>\$122,828.00</b>	<b>\$40,060.73</b>

### Snapshot of Finances for August from the Treasurer's Report

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Rem.
<b>August 2022 Income Total</b>	<b>\$10,726.90</b>	<b>\$105,710.23</b>	<b>\$151,078.00</b>	<b>\$47,367.77</b>
<b>August Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$19,165.74</b>	<b>\$139,108.82</b>	<b>\$220,873.00</b>	<b>\$86,440.37</b>
<b>August Income-Expenses:</b>	<b>-\$8,438.34</b>	<b>-\$33,398.59</b>	<b>-\$69,795.00</b>	

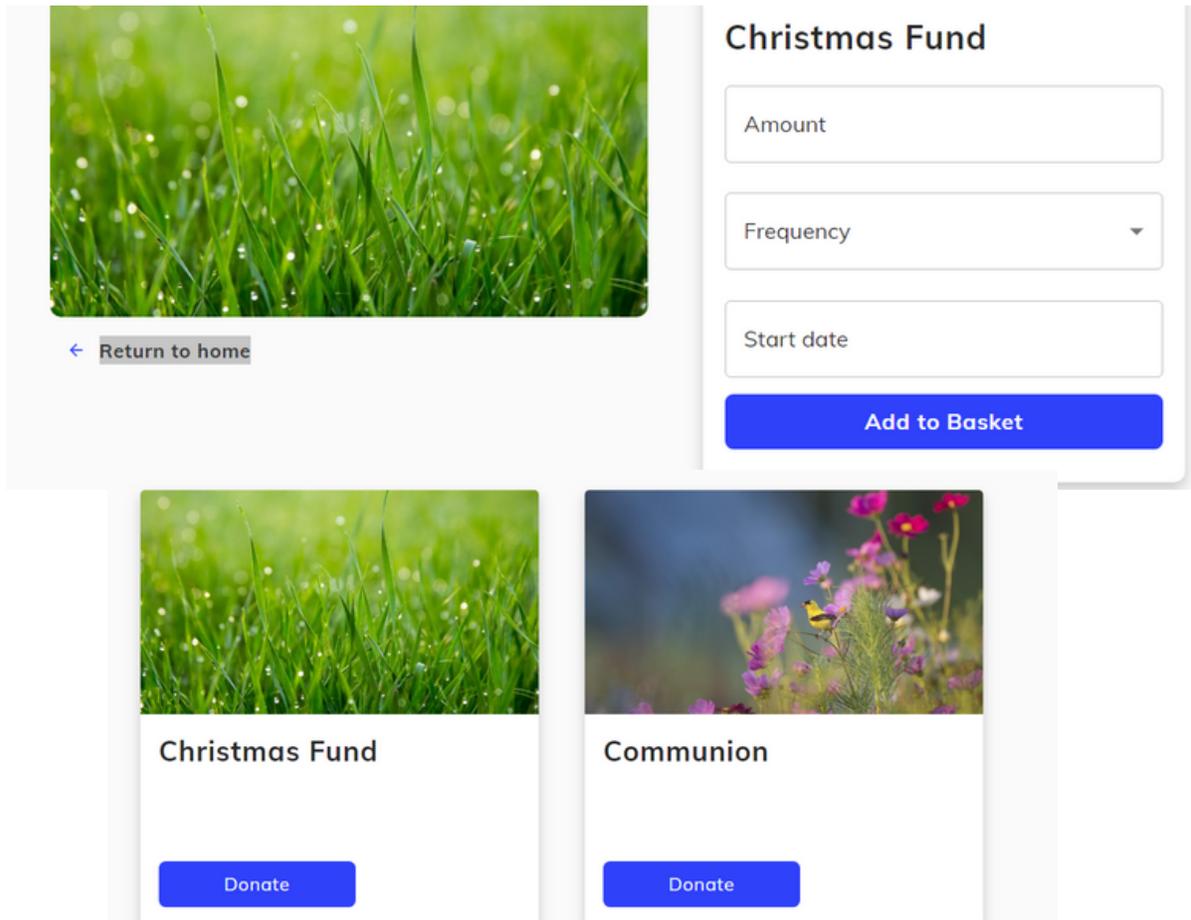
For your convenience, we also receive members donations via VANCO from our website. This is hassle-free giving option that you set up monthly, bi-weekly, or weekly and the day of the month you wish to have your donation sent to the church's bank. See the newsletter article for more information. Eventually, you will be able to donate via our church's app.

As always, the financial records are displayed at the church on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you have any questions, feel free to email them to [peacefinance2417@gmail.com](mailto:peacefinance2417@gmail.com). I am usually in the office every Wednesday.

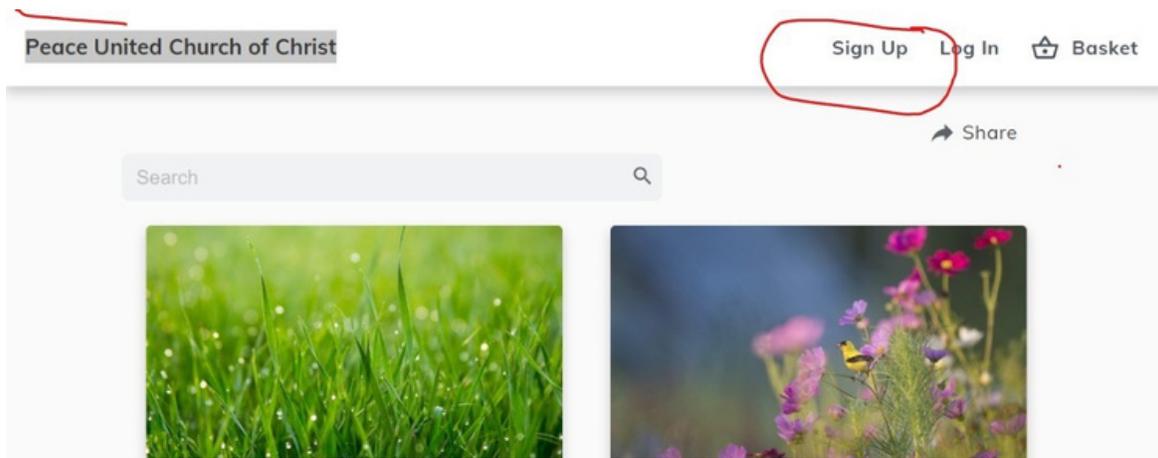
Melinda Summers, Treasurer

# Instructions for Vanco online giving

1. Go to [www.peaceucc.com](http://www.peaceucc.com)
2. Click on the donate button
3. A new window will pop up with lots of donation boxes to choose from. Choose from these boxes if it is a one-time donation.



4. If your giving will be ongoing and you have never signed up, choose the sign up button at the upper right screen. You will be able to set up an account by following the prompts on the screen. You should also be able to choose how you would like to give i.e. pledge, non-pledge, love fund etc.



5. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SET ONE UP EACH TIME YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE! Go to the log in part of the screen and enter your information. If you forget what your login and passwords are, the treasurer can retrieve the information for you. Log in allows you to change the amounts you give, how often, and the method of payment. Most people sign up with a draft (EFT) from their checking accounts. If you are going to do a one-time donation (Neighbors in Need) in addition to your normal giving, you may find it easier to just click on one of the selections on the giving page to donate.