

PEACEPRESS



Pastor's Perspective

June is a busy month. Let us take a look...

June 4th is Trinity Sunday. This is the day in the Christian faith when we reflect upon the Trinitarian formula of our faith; that God is one essence existing in three co-eternal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Other language for the Trinity includes Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. The Trinitarian formulation of God has historically always been controversial. For some, it's a helpful way to think about the Divine.

June 20th is recognized around the world as World Refugee Day. This is a day to focus our attention on the millions of people who are refugees

throughout the world. A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster. There are currently estimated to be about 32.5 million refugees scattered across the world.

June 25th is the 66th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ. Born in 1957, the United Church of Christ came together as an act of great ecumenism (four denominations brought together as one). Perhaps the UCC could begin the process of putting the body of Christ (denominations) back together? Hopes were high. We remain committed to working ecumenically with our brothers and sisters in Christ, despite the deep divisions which divide us.

As people of the Christian faith, our journey is joyous...and complicated! We believe in a God who created us, sustains us, and is constantly working to redeem

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us. This same God calls us to reach out to “the least of these”, one example of which is the refugees in our midst (in our church, nation, and world), all while being part of larger bodies expressed in human organizations which are imperfect, struggling, and yet striving to be faithful.

Whew! For those of us who claim the Christian faith June is a busy month... and complicated! May the peace of Christ be with you....

Pastor Tom

A Note from Elisabeth

Summer officially arrives this month and perhaps brings with it more time for reading and meditating.

Through studying verses of Scripture in different Bible translations we can see how God provides new insights and revelations. The final line of Psalm 26 in the version called GOD’S Word® Translation published by Green Key Books says:

I will praise the Lord with the choirs in worship. Psalm 26:12b (GOD’S WORD® Translation)

The way this reads really spoke to me. In these few words, I believe the Psalmist is providing us with three major points:

1. it was important for him (and for us) to be in worship;
2. there is a choir (or choirs) present in worship;
3. praising the Lord together is our purpose in worship.

As mentioned last month, since the beginning of the year our choir has again been actively rehearsing and sharing one Sunday morning a month. We are preparing to lead the congregation in some new, worshipful songs that are

easily learned and enjoyed. Let’s all intentionally plan to worship and sing together regularly during the summer and throughout the year.

We remembered mothers last month, so we do want to consider fathers this month. If it is still possible for you, sing with your father or sing your father’s favorite hymn or song in his honor. And, as always at the beginning of summer, I ask as the school students enter their summer break in June, please pray that they will find constructive ways to use their time. Also, please pray that they will have the food they need. School does provide structure for students’ lives and nourishment for their bodies. Please remember our children during the warm months ahead.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a worship bulletin insert honoring or remembering the special father in your life. Just place the name on the appropriate list (print please) in the Narthex by **June 11th**. There is a basket for donations, checks written to Women's Fellowship, which will go to the YWCA Emergency Family Shelter. This program provides shelter, food, case management, and holistic support for families experiencing homelessness. Each



family works with a case manager to develop a plan to achieve educational goals, optimal health, financial stability, pay off debts, and save money to move into permanent housing. Children at the shelter participate in age-appropriate activities such as school, daycare, or utilizing our Children’s Room with their parents to work on milestones. Length of stay in the shelter is based on progress being made toward family goals and the family’s ability to fully participate in the program to achieve the overarching goal of obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

Peace Church has been active for many years in providing meals to the YWCA Emergency Family Shelter. Currently Theo Scott and Sharon Mitchell are our "Dinner Angels" bringing a much-appreciated meal monthly for the families.

Visit <https://ywcagsonc.org/family-shelter/> to learn about other programs the YWCA provides to the community.



- **4th - Jeff Hindson**
- **11th - Amanda Hindson**
- **8th - Jean Morgan**
- **26th - Andrea Goode**
- **29th - Chris Case**

Hands-On Pillows Brings Comfort to Families & Smiles to Youth at Camp Cardinal in May



Pillows are used throughout the year by our adult patients in Homecare, Long Term Care facilities, Beacon Place and Kids Path. They bring comfort to our patients and a colorful addition to the patient's room. More than anything, it lets them, and the family know someone cares enough to do something extra for them. The Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro and Hospice of Alamance Caswell Counties are now AuthoraCare SM Collective.

Kids Path is the children's services division of Authoracare Collective and provides assistance to children in two areas: medically fragile children who have terminal or life-threatening illnesses and children who have suffered the loss of a family member and are in the counseling program. Our director is Dr. Stephanie Wolfe, a Pediatric Neurologist.

Special usage of pillows in May was our Camp Cardinal, annual camp for children in our grief counseling program at Kids Path. We spent the day on Saturday, May 6, at the Environmental Education Center at Haw River State Park, located north of Greensboro near Brown Summit. The day was filled with sunshine, laughter and good times for approximately 35 children, grades 1-5, and that same number of staff and volunteers. The children experienced many camp activities such as fishing, crafts, learning about pet therapy dogs, nature walks, and presentations and s'mores. There was also the opportunity to meet in small groups to remember the special person no



Kids Path volunteer, Mindy Lepard, sorts pillows for distribution to campers. Pillows were placed in the campers' bags for pick up at the end of the day.



Olivia (top) & Isabella (below), 8-year-old twin sisters, love the pillows given to them at Camp Cardinal.



longer in their lives. New friends were made, and it was a great day!

Every child was given a special pillow of their own at the camp. A little girl was not feeling well in the afternoon, and she was given a pillow early which she carried around like a prized stuffed animal. All the campers appreciated the colorful pillows and thought it was great to have one to take home.

The very special pillows are used throughout the year for our patients and our counseling kids as a comfort tool; and we can't express how important the pillows are for our kids and the tremendous loss it would be if we did not have them.

Thank you very much for providing pillows to our agency for adults and children!

Cathy Lohr
Kids Path Stewardship Coordinator



Welcome Patty Murray

Sunday, May 28th Peace Church welcomed into membership Patty Schelling Murray, wife of David Murray. Patty and David were married at Peace Church by Pastor Tom October 30, 2021. The Murrays live in Danville, VA.



Solar Power Committee Meets with 8M Representative

The Peace Church Solar Power Committee met on Wednesday, May 24th with Christopher Pate, the 8M Project Supervisor, for our solar power system being installed this summer.

Thus far, all inspections of our church roof, electrical grid, and other details related to the installation have gone very well. Installation work should begin within the next month.

Also, we have been approved for a "bridge loan" from the UCC Cornerstone Fund which will allow us to begin the installation while we initiate our fundraising efforts and await the distribution of our rebate funds from Duke Power and the federal government.

Our Solar Power Committee is made up of Jane Ford, Russ Haver, Eisabeth Penry, Eileen Johnson, Hank Fierro, Mick McGrogan, and Pastor Tom Warren. Anyone who has questions related to our solar project are encouraged to contact a committee member.



L-R: Russ Haver, Mick McGrogan, Elisabeth Penry, Jane Ford, Eileen Johnson, and Hank Fierro. Photo by Pastor Tom.

Greensboro Urban Ministry Dine Out Event

On May 2, 2023, members of the congregation fellowshiped together and enjoyed a delicious meal at Blue Agave Mexican Bar and Grill all while helping raise funds for Greensboro Urban Ministries Potter House. Dine Out is an event that benefits the Greensboro Urban Ministry's mission to help end hunger. Participating restaurants donated 10% of their proceeds for the day to GUM.

The Potter's House Community Kitchen provides a hot, nutritious lunch every day, including holidays. In addition to the community lunch, Potter's house also provides breakfast and dinner to guests staying in the Weaver House shelter.



Women's Fellowship Learns About Interactive Resource Center

On May 2, the Women's Fellowship was fortunate to have two representatives from the IRC (Interactive Resource Center) for a presentation about their organization. This organization was highlighted in the Peace Press in April. They began by showing a video by a young man they call one of their success stories. Then, they told us about all of the resources and partnerships they have put in place to help those who are homeless, jobless, hungry, or just down on their luck. They are really making a difference, one person at a time. There was a great question/answer session and discussion about how we can help with donations, volunteers, or just promoting awareness of this vital organization.

Abbie Wheeling



Left-Right: Sharon Mitchell, Deb Shiner, Jeanne Bryan, Karen Bullock (Community Relations Coordinator), Kristina Singleton (Executive Director), Doris Yeattes, Jane Ford, Lynne Hughes, Abbie Wheeling and Cindy Spillers.

- **Sunday, June 4**

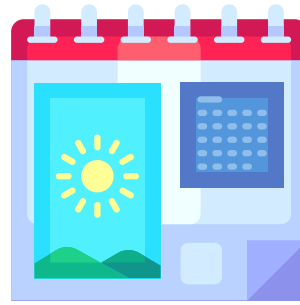
There will be a meeting after worship in the Bertha Work Room for all those interested and willing to volunteer with our "End of Summer Splash" community event scheduled for Saturday, August 19th.

- **Sunday, June 11**

Hands-On celebrates making and distributing 10,000 pillows.

Consistory meets in Bertha Work Room at 1 PM after the Taste Food Fest.

Important Dates



Pastor Tom's Summer Travel Schedule

Thursday, June 29th – Wednesday, July 5th

- UCC 34th General Synod meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana

Friday, July 21st – Monday, July 31st

- Family Summer Vacation
Alaska for 30th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, September 1st – Saturday, September 9th

- Annual Appalachian Trail Trip –



with
Hands-On

Sunday, June 11

Worship: 10:45 AM

FOOD FEST 11:45 AM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE MAKING OVER

10,000 PILLOWS

WITH A

FUN FOOD EVENT.

All are Welcome (yes, you and your family)

Please Come!

- **Sunday, June 11**

Deadline to submit the name of your dad or father figure for the worship bulletin sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. The list is located on a table in the Narthex.

- **Wednesday June 14**

Hands-On will have their regular meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM.

- **Sunday, June 18**

Father's Day

Graduation Day is June 14th for Gisela Maria Lavastida

After over three long, stressful years, Gisela Maria Lavastida has persevered and will be graduating from Matanzas Theological Seminary with a B.S. degree in Theological Studies. Over this time, Gisela Maria had to travel across the island of Cuba via bus, train, and car to get to the seminary. During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic she had to take her classes on her phone, and she did all this while Cuba was battling fuel, food, and medicine shortages throughout the island (a struggle that continues to this day).

Graduation Day is Wednesday, June 14th when there will be a ceremony at the seminary, located about an hour and a half east of Havana. Gisela will receive her degree after completing over 40 classes in theology, Bible, liturgy, Christian history, pastoral ethics, and preaching among other topics. She has decided to continue with her studies working toward a higher, Master's level degree designed to more deeply prepare her for ordained ministry in the church.

Gisela Maria is a member of Peace Church and will be granted "Member in Discernment" status with the Western North Carolina Association of the UCC as she pursues ordination in the United Church of Christ. Her support committee is made up of Cindy Spillers, Debbie Kaynor, Rev. Kristin Gerner Vaughn (Mt. Hope UCC), Rev. Curly Stumb, and Rev. Tom Warren.



We congratulate Gisela Maria for all her hard work and faithfulness in her pursuit of the ordained ministry. Those who would like to send a word of gratulations to Gisela Maria can email her at gmlp0528@gmail.com

Recognizing Graduates

- Caroline Scott, granddaughter of Jean Scott, graduated from T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson S.C. She will be a student at USC starting in the fall.
- John Thomas Dieterly, grandson of John Dieterly, graduated from Veritas High School. He will be entering Piedmont University in Demorest, Georgia in the fall, majoring in Sports Management.
- Lucy Bailey, granddaughter of Patty Murray, graduated Salutatorian from Surry High School in Virginia.
- Sofia Hirano, granddaughter of David and Sandra Hirano graduated from Murray High School in Charlottesville, VA.
- Brady Dole, son of Dave and Alexa Dole, is graduating from Northwest Guilford High School. In the fall he will be attending Canisius College majoring in Business and Marketing and continuing to play lacrosse.
- Sydney, Doris Yeattes' great-granddaughter, graduated from high school in Wake County with honors.
- Dylan Myers, son of Eddie and Stephanie Myers and grandson of Una Lee Myers, graduated from Grimsley High School.
- Madeline Owen graduated from Lindley Elementary School.

Peace United Church of Christ - Greensboro NC
Treasurer's Report as of April 2023 for General Fund

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
<i>Offerings</i>				
4001	Pledges	10,822.75	39,834.85*	117,110.00
4003	Loose Offerings	130.00	555.00*	500.00
4004	Initial Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
4006	Non-Pledged Offerings	985.00	3,275.00	25,870.00
4007	Sunday School	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Total Offerings	\$11,937.75	\$43,664.85	\$143,580.00
<i>Fundraising</i>				
4102	Jambalaya	0.00	3,200.00*	4,000.00
4104	Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00
4106	Brunswick Stew	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
4121	History Room	0.00	600.00	
	Total Fundraising	\$0.00	\$3,800.00*	\$7,000.00
<i>Special Offerings</i>				
4009	Communion	0.00	(102.60)	100.00
4108	Birthday/Thank You	0.00	50.00*	100.00
4110	Christmas	0.00	0.00	100.00
4112	Easter	45.00	45.00*	50.00
4114	Memorials	50.00	590.00*	0.00
4116	Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Special Offerings	\$95.00	\$582.40*	\$350.00
<i>Other Services</i>				
4118	Weddings	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Other Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>				
<i>Facility Use Donations</i>				
4124	New Arrivals Institute	0.00	7,590.00	30,360.00
4126	Narcotics Anonymous	75.00	300.00	3,000.00
4128	Alliance Church	250.00	1,250.00*	3,000.00
4130	Fellowship Hall Use	600.00	600.00*	1,000.00
	Total Facilities Use Donations	\$925.00	\$9,740.00	\$37,360.00
4122	Miscellaneous Income	3,176.60	3,176.60*	0.00
4123	Sales Tax Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Miscellaneous Income	\$4,101.60	\$12,916.60*	\$37,360.00
4109	Easter Lilies	0.00	0.00	0.00
4111	Flower Fund (Covid Worship)	0.00	200.00	

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4115	Community Event Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Offering Income		\$16,134.35	\$61,163.85	\$188,290.00
Expenses				
Missions				
5001	OCWM	2,000.00	1,000.00	
5003	Community Outreach Publicity	101.32	327.32*	400.00
5005	Community Outreach Events	0.00	37.85	150.00
Total Missions		\$2,101.32	\$1,365.17*	\$550.00
Consistory				
5101	PeaceCare	60.00	124.43*	350.00
5103	Membership Growth	0.00	0.00	700.00
5104	Membership Support	0.00	0.00	800.00
5105	Worship Committee	125.00	510.73	1,700.00
5106	Stewardship	0.00	20.70	250.00
Total Consistory		\$185.00	\$655.86	\$3,800.00
Christian Ed				
5117	Christian Ed Literature/Supplies	0.00	30.00	400.00
5119	Youth Fellowship	0.00	74.43	500.00
Total Christian Ed		\$0.00	\$104.43	\$900.00
Property				
5210	Janitorial	700.00	2,800.00	8,800.00
5212	Grounds	416.67	1,666.68	5,417.00
5214	Property Insurance	1,243.91	4,669.93	16,000.00
5216	Building Equipment/Maintenance	957.56	1,560.94	10,000.00
5217	Boiler Maintenance	4,686.28	5,878.58*	15,000.00
5219	ADT Security	48.86	(92.62)	600.00
5221	Supplies	0.00	160.43	1,000.00
Total Property		\$8,053.28	\$16,643.94	\$56,817.00
Administration				
5401	Postage	(40.80)	264.66	1,300.00
5403	Office Equipment Lease	226.87	1,019.99	4,000.00
5405	Computer Software/Maintenance	0.00	53.36	1,000.00
5407	Telephone/Internet	249.26	1,000.80	3,100.00
5409	Office Supplies	299.08	512.33*	1,500.00
5410	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.01	(30.54)	1,000.00
5412	Bank Charges	39.75	171.96	600.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Total Administration		\$774.17	\$2,992.56	\$12,500.00
Utilities				
5301	Gas	0.00	4,497.00	15,000.00
5303	Electricity	922.98	3,387.78	11,500.00
5304	Water	415.76	1,563.72	7,000.00
Total Utilities		\$1,338.74	\$9,448.50	\$33,500.00
Pastoral Compensation				
5501	Cash Salary	2,790.84	11,163.36	33,491.00
5503	Housing Allowance	1,416.66	5,666.64	17,000.00
5505	Social Security Reimb.	338.76	1,338.16	4,065.00
5507	Annuity	0.00	1,514.70	7,069.00
5509	Insurance	0.00	5,236.11	23,000.00
5510	Medical Reimb.	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
5511	Mileage Reimb.	178.75	178.75*	500.00
Total Pastoral Compensation		\$4,725.01	\$25,097.72	\$87,625.00
Personnel				
5601	Organist/Dir of Music	1,700.00	5,300.00*	15,600.00
5603	Secretary	0.00	4,014.00	18,720.00
5604	Office Support	1,140.00	2,790.00*	0.00
5605	Nursery Attendant	18.00	157.50	1,800.00
5607	Youth Leadership	180.00	2,034.00	9,360.00
Total Personnel		\$3,038.00	\$14,295.50	\$45,480.00
Personnel Benefits				
5612	Social Security Exp.	232.41	1,093.61	3,479.00
5614	Worker's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
5618	Conference & Meetings	0.00	0.00	200.00
		\$232.41	\$1,093.61	\$4,879.00
Total Personnel Benefits				
		0.00	1,288.46*	1,500.00
Fundraising Expenses				
5701	Jambalaya Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
5703	Yard Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
5705	Brunswick Stew Expenses	386.99	386.99	
5707	History Room Expenses	\$386.99	\$1,675.45*	\$3,300.00
Total Fundraising Expenses		\$20,834.92	\$73,372.74	\$249,351.00
Difference	Total Expenses	(\$4,700.57)	(\$12,208.89)	(\$61,061.00)

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Pastor's Annuity and Insurance were paid on the church's credit card. The Pension Board's online payment system was not functioning. May's report will show two payments.