



September 2019

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*Remember not the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
(Isaiah 43:18-19)*



Dear Members of Peace:

Here at Peace, we are on the cusp of a new season. Fall has often been thought of as a time when the earth begins to settle down for its long winter's nap. The harvest draws to an end. Pools are drained and winterized. And lawn mowers and edgers make way for snow blowers and shovels in the garage. But for me, fall has always signaled new beginnings. Summer is over and the more scheduled and regimented days of our lives take over. School starts up anew. Vacations are but memories.

In the church cycle, Sunday School begins anew. Choirs resume practicing. Budgets are carefully prepared and presented. Youth groups plan their activities. The list goes on and on. And, this year is no different for Peace, and yet, it is. This year, some familiar faces are missing. Some of the faithful work-horses are not here. If you are someone who is missing ... please consider returning. If you are missing someone ... please consider reaching out to them and encouraging them to return. Because the work of the church continues.

In the 43rd chapter of Isaiah, we hear the familiar refrain of new beginnings. A new thing that will spring forth. A way in the wilderness and a river in the desert. We here at Peace might do well to take these words from Isaiah to heart.

As we look around we can see that this September God is, indeed, doing new things for us. The old and familiar are blending with the new and unknown. Together we will make our way through whatever wildernesses face us and try to go with the flow of the desert rivers. We will try our best to accept the mission and ministry that God has in store for us because we know that we are not alone.

In the busy days ahead, may we always seek to see the Lord's hand in new and exciting opportunities for mission and ministry. And may we not be afraid to head into paths unknown for His sake.

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Malloy



Hello again, my fellow members of Peace.

At the last meeting of the Worship and Music Committee, the practice of offering Holy Communion every week, at every service, was discussed. We talked about the ELCA document, *Means of Grace*, which was issued decades ago. In that statement our denomination urged all ELCA congregations to begin moving toward weekly communion. The committee agreed that it was time to take that leap.

The proposal to begin offering Holy Communion at every service, beginning Sunday, September 8th was presented to council in August and was approved. As a pastor, I am fully committed to making certain every congregant understands how important the sacrament is, and how Martin Luther urged all believers to receive this blessed offering as often as possible.

In Part five of his *Small Catechism*, Martin Luther teaches us about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He asks, 'what benefits do we receive,' and he replies, 'the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.' He asks: how can mere bread and wine do such great things; and he replies that it is not the bread or wine alone that does such great things, but the Word of God connected to those earthly elements and our faith in that Word of God. In the sacrament we receive the promises of God as offered and commanded by Christ.

Luther taught that in Holy Communion that promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation is repeated again and again throughout a person's life. But why, if we have already received that eternal promise, do we have to go and receive that same promise over and over again? Well, Luther would say, *you are thinking too much*. Is it so hard just to do as you are told? While you are at church remembering the Sabbath Day anyway, at the announced time, get up out of your seat, walk to the front, and get a little bit of bread, and a little sip of wine, and the Bible says, you will receive the forgiveness of sins, nourishment for your soul, and the gift of eternal life. God makes it so easy, says Luther.

Luther minced no words. He reminded us that Jesus commanded that you eat the bread and drink the wine, his own body and blood in remembrance of his suffering and death for you. To say 'no' is to disobey the direct command of Jesus Christ who said, "Do this as often as you eat, or drink, of this, in remembrance of me."

In the *Large Catechism*, Luther talks about the 'when,' or the 'how often' question. This is how Luther addresses this question (paraphrased): Now that we have a proper understanding of this sacrament, there is a great need of a strong admonition, so that such a great treasure may not be heedlessly passed by. What Luther meant is that those who claim to be Christians should receive this Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis. The more we do this, the more will our heart be warmed and kindled and our faith will not grow cold and dead. So come as you are, it is the Lord Himself who has invited you.

--Pastor Malloy



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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>1 12th Sunday After Pentecost 9 am – Worship, Communion Single Summer Service w/Pastor Paul Beck</p> <p>10:15 am – Finance Committee Mtg. – All are Welcome!</p> <p>2-8 pm – Peace Parking Lot in Use for Wedding by Peace Neighbor</p> <p>6 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p><u>NO Lunch Bunch</u></p> <p>7 pm – Bells Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 pm – Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>7 pm – Property Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>6 9-12 Office Hours</p>	<p>7 8-10 am - Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.</p> <p>9 am – IT Committee /Website Mtg. – All are Welcome!</p> <p>10 am – Outreach Committee Mtg. – Join us to Plan Fun Fall Events!</p>
<p>8 National Grandparents Day! 13th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8:15 am & 10:15 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy & Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, etc.</p> <p>9 am – Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:30 am – Rally Day/Kickoff Sunday Church Picnic/Coat Drive (Faith & Fellowship Committee Mtg. to be rescheduled)</p> <p>6 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>9 9-12 Office Hours</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day! 9-12 Office hours</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see <i>Barefoot in the Park</i></p> <p>6:45 pm – Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 pm – New Spirit Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>7 pm – Exec. Council Mtg.</p>	<p>13 9-12 Office Hours</p>	<p>14 8 am - Men's Bible Study Group</p> <p>8-10 am - Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.</p>
<p>15 14th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8:15 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy</p> <p>9 am – Peace Meals/Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 am – New Spirit Worship & Communion Service</p> <p>6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>16 9-12 Office hours</p> <p>6:30 pm – WELCA Mtg.</p> <p>Potluck</p>	<p>17 U.S. Constitution Day!</p> <p>7 pm – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 9-12 Office hours</p> <p>7 pm – Bells Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 pm – Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>7:30 pm – Thirsty Thursday at Becker's Corner</p>	<p>20 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>1:30 pm – To Live Again Support Grp.</p>	<p>21 8:30 am –Altar Guild: Harvest Home Décor</p> <p>8-10 am Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.</p> <p>Memorial Service for Anna Heverly 11-12 am – Visitation Noon – Church Service w/Luncheon to Follow in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22 15th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8:15 & 10:15 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy</p> <p>9 am – Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Blood Pressure Readings with Church Nurse</p> <p>Harvest Home: FISH Collection</p> <p>6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>23 Fall Begins! 9-12 Office Hours</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 pm – Pub Theology at Free Will Brewery</p>	<p>25 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>2-7 pm – Blood Drive at Peace</p> <p>NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 9-12 Office hours</p> <p>Peace NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>27 9-12 Office Hours</p> <p>Picnic</p>	<p>28 8-10 am Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.</p>
<p>29 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown 16th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8:15 & 10:15 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy</p> <p>9 am – Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p> <p>5-7:30 pm – Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>30 Rosh Hashanah 9-12 Office hours</p>					

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Barry Grim
- 2 – Louis Long
- 3 – Heidi Gerth
- 5 – Earl Anders
 - Rylie Hill
- 6 – Ellen Buchenauer
- 7 – Ellen Roeger
 - Paige Pawlowski
- 8 – Walter Frasch
- 9 – Alexa Fretz
 - William Groff
- 11 – Emma Hill
- 13 – Edward Kerrigan
- 15 – Jeff DePinto
 - Julia Engelmann
 - Michael Susi
- 16 – Isabella Link
- 17 – Paul Beck
 - Brad Reiss
- 20 – Chris Frasch
 - Tia Harris
- 21 – Michael Gonet
- 22 – Tina Burkett
- 24 – Keegan Marascio
- 26 – Michael Bottorf
 - Susan French
- 27 – Liliyana Beck
 - Teresa Kramer
- 28 – Ronald Scholl
 - Emily Hutton



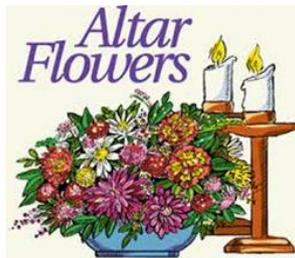
September ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Paul & Linda Beck
 - John & Kathy Lindsay
- 6 – Jeff & Shelley DePinto
 - Kyle & Jaclyn Hill
- 9 – Joseph & Agnes Allebach
- 12 – Walter & Chris Frasch
 - John & Debora Schoch
- 13 – Erik & Joyce Schneider
 - Frank & Diane Stump
- 15 – Harry, III & Brenda Grim
- 16 – Michael & Christine Baysinger
- 22 – Peter & Cheryl Moyer
- 26 – Robert & Cheryl Hilinski
 - Ashley & Dan Stranges
- 28 – Curt & Heidi Gerth
 - George & Michele Pester

Floral & Bulletin Sponsors Needed in October

If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers and church bulletins in honor of a loved one or special celebration date, please sign up on the flower chart near the coat room.

The cost is \$37 for flowers & \$15 for bulletins or \$52 for both. Checks can be made out to Peace Lutheran Church & dropped in the offertory plates during worship services.



September Bulletin & Floral Sponsors:

- 1st - OPEN
- 8th - Chris & Walt Frasch
- 15th - Joe & Agnes Allebach
- 22nd - Grace Grim
- 29th - Ellen & John Shelly

Our Home Bound Members:

Anna Bishop
Rockhill Mennonite Community
Personal Care -
3250 State Road, Room 105
Sellersville, PA 18960



Alice Brad

Meadow Glen at Phoebe
108 S. Main St., Apt. 124
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Mary Dunlap

Cedarbrook Nursing Home
350 S Cedarbrook Rd.
Rm #614A
Allentown, PA 18104

Marion Engelmann

Meadow Glen at Phoebe
108 S. Main St., Apt. 130
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Helen Poust

200 S 9th Street
Cottage #7
Perkasie, PA 18944
Winter: 4596 CR#305
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Jean Scholl

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Perkasie, PA 18944

Gloria Shannon

Rm 57, 108 S. Main St.
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Marlene Shilling

The Birches
691 Main Street, Room 28
Harleysville, PA 19438

Shirley Slozer

Hidden Meadows on the Ridge
The Laurels Room D1A
340 Farmers Lane
Sellersville, PA 18960

Meadow Glen at Phoebe
Richland

c/o Luther Stever

108 S. Main St. Apt. #122
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Paul Stever

12 Lutheran Home Drive
Room 411
Telford, PA 1896

THIS MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

DATES	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	LECTORS	ASSISTING MINISTERS
9/1/19	Judy Hamilton	Luke Erney	Garrett McKenzie	Bill Markland	Chip Kramer
9/8/19	Beth Anders	Ella Powell	Courtney Steiner	Teresa Kramer	Melissa Yates
9/15/19	Bill & Carole Brackman	New Spirit Service			
9/22/19	Linda Gonet	Luke Erney	Nicholas Erney	Donna Donelon	Melissa Yates
9/29/19	Bill & Carole Brackman	Maddy Gerth	Bree Gerth	Holly Grace	Mike Cygan
AUGUST HEAD USHER			Dennis Krause		
AUGUST ALTAR GUILD			Beth Anders & Emma French		
PARISH NURSE/Blood Pressure Screenings				Linda Gonet & Dianne Steiner	

If you are interested in ...	Contact ...	
Greeting members	Judy Hamilton	jhamilton5988@gmail.com
Being an Usher	Mike Cygan	vicepresident@peace-tohickon.org
Serving on Altar Guild	Elva Groff	pennridge45@yahoo.com
Serving as an Acolyte or Crucifer	Carole Brackman	carolebrackman62@comcast.net
Serving as a Lector or Assisting Minister	Nancy Cygan	ncygan13@gmail.com
Joining Youth or Bell Choir	Jen Bara	edjenbara@yahoo.com
Joining our New Spirit Ensemble	Jen Bara	edjenbara@yahoo.com
Joining our Senior Choir	Linda Beck	librarylady975@gmail.com
Joining WELCA	Nancy Grace	ngrace25@comcast.net
Joining the Adult Bible Study Group	Randi Schaeffer	ranschae@verizon.net
Joining the Men's Bible Study Group	Bruce Bachman	bbbachman235@comcast.net
Joining the Peace Youth Group (PYG) – 6 th Grade through Highschool	Heidi Gerth	hmgerth106@gmail.com
Joining the Jr. Peace Youth Group (PUPs) – 1 st through 5 th Grades	Julia Erney	adminassistant@peace-tohickon.org
Joining the Senior Lunch Bunch	Grace Lloyd	gracelloyd@yahoo.com
Promoting Peace Out in the Community	Cheryl Saint-Pol	ccsaint3@verizon.net
Helping with Vacation Bible School	Yvonne Thomas	ythomas215@gmail.com
Teaching/Helping with Sunday School	Dottie Ritter	financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org
Joining/Starting a Committee	Julia Erney	adminassistant@peace-tohickon.org
Meals on Wheels	Cheryl Saint-Pol	ccsaint3@verizon.net
Joining the Worship Committee	Chip Kramer	moparchip@verizon.net
Joining the Finance Committee	Garry Engelman	gce@fortunefinancialservices.com
Joining the Property Committee	Mike Cygan	michaeltcygan13@gmail.com
Joining the Faith & Fellowship Committee	Dottie Ritter	financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org
Helping with the Peace Garden	Dottie Ritter	financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org
If You Have Something to add here	Julia Erney	adminassistant@peace-tohickon.org

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Bookkeeper	Carol Ward	215-257-3294	bookkeeper@peace-tohickon.org
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New Spirit, Bells, Youth Choir	Jen Bara	267-307-4061	edjenbara@yahoo.com
Sexton	Chip Kramer	215-872-8257	moparchip@verizon.net
Nursery	Nicole Gahman		nicolelynn2112@gmail.com
Nursery	Elaine Miller	215-536-9271	
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President	Douglas Erney	267-410-7644	president@peace-tohickon.org
Vice-President	Mike Cygan	215-872-4490	vicepresident@peace-tohickon.org
Treasurer	Ellen Shelly	215-257-9061	treasurer@peace-tohickon.org
Secretary	Melissa Yates	215-257-6735	secretary@peace-tohickon.org
Financial Secretary	Dottie Ritter	215-257-4587	financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org
Council Member	Barbara Bachman	267-221-8630	bbbachman235@comcast.net
Council Member	Donna Donelon	908-627-1952	donelons@ptd.net
Council Member	Heidi Gerth	267-424-4893	hmgerth106@gmail.com
Council Member	Bill Groff	215-453-9005	pennridge45@yahoo.com
Council Member	Gary Schaeffer	484-894-3030	grschaeef@verizon.net
Council Member - Youth Representative	Courtney Steiner		
Council Member	Dianne Steiner	215-453-7917	dsteiner605@gmail.com
Council Member	Available		

Thank You For Your Willingness to Serve!

Our Mission @ Peace:

**Trusting in God's love, we grow in faith, celebrate His Word,
care for His gifts, and serve others.**

What's Happening at Peace?

Church Picnic on Kickoff Sunday And Coat Drive for FISH

The Sunday after Labor Day, on what is traditionally known as 'Rally Day' to us, we will be hosting our annual church picnic. It will be **held on September 8th at Peace, beginning at 11:30 am.**

Come one, come all!

The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and beverages. **Congregation members are asked to contribute appetizers, salads, & desserts.**



Picnic

We **need** your help to bring **tents/canopies** that day & help set up the tables outside, as well as **family-friendly games** (i.e., corn hole, croquette, ladder toss, horse shoes, etc.) and **sprinklers** to help make this a fun & festive event!

We are also collecting coats, gloves, mittens & other winter wear for Penridge FISH that day, so clean out your closets of gently-worn outerwear or purchase some warm items for those who need the gift of warmth this fall.



Please join us & help kickoff our upcoming church year right!

Blessing of the Backpacks, etc ...

On Kick-off Sunday, September 8, 2019 we will resume our regular worship schedule of two services, one at 8:15 am and the second at 10:15 am. During these services, Pastor Malloy will be blessing backpacks, work satchels, briefcases, etc. to keep our journeys safe and our work driven by God's guidance and good graces. She will also be handing out luggage tags to the youngsters that bring their backpacks that day.

And don't forget to bring a side, salad or dessert to share, since our church picnic begins after the late service!



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Women ELCA

Ladies of Peace, please check your calendars! **September 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM is our next WELCA meeting.** Becoming a member of WELCA is a wonderful way to serve God by helping spread His Word and His Love in the community!

If you decide to join the group for the September meeting, **please bring either a salad or an appetizer with you to share** with friends.

It will be a great evening, with lots of delicious food, fun & fellowship! All women are always welcome to join us, even if you can't attend on a regular basis.

Questions? Please **contact Nancy Grace** at 215-257-4213 or via e-mail **ngrace25@comcast.net** .

****Please note: We do NOT meet in August.**

Peace has a new Treasurer !

Please congratulate Ellen Shelly and wish her well as she begins her journey helping Peace as our newly installed Treasurer. Ellen will be working closely with Carol Ward, our bookkeeper and with our Church Council and finance Committee.

Thank you, Ellen for helping to serve Peace in this new role!

Two Worship Services Resume September 8th

On September 8, 2019, **we will resume our regular worship schedule of two services, one at 8:15 am & the second at 10:15 am.** Communion will be offered at both worship services. *Join us & bring a friend or neighbor!*



Harvest Home Help

Altar Guild will meet on **Saturday, September 21st at 8:30 am** to decorate the narthex and sanctuary for Harvest Home. As in the past, if anyone has any items to share (pumpkins, mums, etc.), please bring them that morning.

Please contact Elva Groff at penridge45@yahoo.com or 215-453-9005 if you will (or will not) be able to help. With many hands, it should only take about an hour.



Peace Youth Group (PYG) Fall Kick-off Planning Picnic

Summer is rapidly winding to a close and it's that time of year to plan our fall kick-off activities with some games, event planning, election of officers and a picnic at Mama G's on **September 22nd from 3-6 PM**. The PYG is open to all youth going into 6th grade, up through senior year in high school. If you've joined us before, we hope to see you back! If you haven't yet, it's the perfect time to join.

The PYG is all about fun, service, fellowship and faith and we try to do things together every year in each of those areas. This past year we participated in Sleep Out for the Homeless on one of the coldest nights in November to raise awareness of the homeless crisis in our hometowns; we did many fundraisers, including a spring hoagie sale; we had kids go to South Dakota on a mission trip this past month; we hosted a great group of Peace youth and friends at our annual Bear Creek weekend to learn about our Identity as children of God and much, much more. Oh, and did I mention our annual cookie baking event? Fun Times!

Your advisors are Mr. C, Mama G and Chippers - the perfect balance of fun, planning, caring and laughter. We're also blessed to have parents, family and other church staff involved. At PYG we welcome everyone and our kids routinely bring friends with them to our events.



We hope to see you there! If you have questions, want to know more or would like a better idea of what the PYG is all about, please feel free to reach out to any of our advisors: **Curt Gerth: curtgerth@yahoo.com, Heidi Gerth: hmgerth106@gmail.com or Chip Kramer: moparchip@verizon.net.**

Please RSVP no later than 9/15 - let me know how many!

Who's invited: PYG, friends and families

What: Games, planning meeting and dinner

What to bring: side, salad or desert to share. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by Mama G

What to wear: Comfy clothes to play in



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Faith & Fellowship Committee is looking for one or two people to *share* in the leadership of the morning Sunday school classes, order classroom materials, organize the popular Peace Meals and find & direct special activities for youth fellowship.

This role also leads learning & service opportunities for Earth Day, Christmas and other Sunday school celebrations. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help the children of Peace "grow in faith". For more info, **contact Dottie Ritter at (215) 257-4587.**



**Even when you are on vacation,
our ministry continues. Please remember
to send your offering before you go.
May God bless you with
safe travels & fun times to look back on.**



VOLUNTEERS WANTED !!

The Outreach Committee needs your help to spread the word about Peace Lutheran Church to your friends & neighbors! **Join our team** & have fun participating in events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Perkasio Fall Fest, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting & *more!* We could really use your help! **Contact Cheryl Saint-Pol at ccsaint@verizon.net** for more details.

Peace Garden Helping Pennridge FISH

Our Peace Garden is continuing to thrive! So far, **we have supplied 266 lbs. of food and flowers to Pennridge FISH**, our local food pantry (since the end of June). Yellow & green beans, bell peppers, banana peppers, hot peppers, tomatoes, both cherry & regular size, zucchini, cucumbers, cabbage, parsley, and bouquets of zinnias have been delivered and gratefully received.

Our garden is truly a place of joy, beauty, and hope to our church and community! We can do amazing things when we work together.

*Thank you to everyone who gave their
time and talents to help make this
new mission a success!!*



Contact Dottie Ritter if you have any questions or for more information.

Sunday School Leaders Wanted

Our Sunday School classes need your help! We are in need of teachers & assistants to teach once or twice a month for our 1st/2nd grade class, 3rd - 5th grade class, & for the high school class.

The material is provided, & this would be a great way to get to know our children & to help them grow in their faith! We are also looking for a Superintendent to help lead & organize our program.

See Dottie Ritter with questions or offers of help!





Sr. Lunch Bunch Bus Trip Change for Sept. 11th

The Rainbow Comedy Dinner Theatre is closed, so we are headed to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Clinton, NJ instead to see *Barefoot in the Park*. The price is a bit higher at \$103.50/person & we have 24 going so far. All ages welcome!



We have room for 3 more on this bus if anyone is interested. And if interest is high, we have the option to change to a larger bus & lower our cost to \$93/person if more people join the trip. Our bus will pick us up at 10 am & return to Peace at 4 pm.

September 11th Itinerary:

10 am – bus to depart Peace Lutheran church parking lot
 11:00 am – 3:00 pm – buffet meal & show
 4 pm – approximate return to Peace

Questions? **Contact Grace Lloyd at 610-972-3172 or e-mail gracelloyd@yahoo.com.**

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Wednesday of the Month at noon, September through June. Anyone 55 and over is welcome!

A Note From Altar Guild:

Many Thanks to all who sponsor our weekly altar flowers and bulletins. The flowers beautify our church services. There are still dates available for sponsorship through the end of the year, including
 10/13, 10/27,
 11/3, 11/17,
 12/8, 12/15, 12/24, 12/29

Please sign the flower chart outside the coat room if you would like to sponsor flowers and bulletins in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You can drop the \$52 in the offertory plate during worship services. And thank you for helping to beautify our church.



Please Sign The Birthday Cards in the Narthex ...

For our members celebrating a milestone birthday over the age of 80 years old ...

Barry Grim – 86 years young! (September 1st)
 Ellen Buchenauer – 87 years young! (September 6th) &
 Walter Frsch – 80 years young! (September 8th)



A Smile Goes A Long Way ...

PEACE is in need of **Greeters** for worship services. If you have a friendly smile & enjoy giving warm welcomes, please contact **Judy Hamilton at jhamilton5988@gmail.com .**



A Heartfelt Thank you ...

from Linda Fox, Paul Stever & the Schotts for all that members of Peace did to honor Lola Stever and her memory: the church service, music, flowers, bulletins, and help coordinating the luncheon.

The family really appreciated everyone's efforts.

Thank you, Peace family!



PAINTING HELP WANTED

The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help do some sprucing up here at the church. Curt Gerth has been busy doing some painting in the fellowship hall and it is looking a lot better. We could use some help with the Sunday School rooms and the exterior doors. If you have the interest to help with this work, please contact Gary Schaeffer (267-517-1616) or Mike Cygan (215-872-4490). Thank you!



Peace PUPS (Peace's Ultimate Pals)

The Jr. Youth Group is looking for chaperones. The PUPS meet once a month with activities for the children of Peace and their friends in **grades 1 through 5**. Movies, game nights, and picnics were some of activities that the kids enjoyed in the past. **Contact Julia Erney or Dottie Ritter** with any questions or to volunteer to help lead this group.



▲ Message From The Finance Committee

The 2020 budget proposals from the various committees & chairpersons will be due to the finance committee **before October 15th**. We wish to review your budgets before they to council for final approval, so please be prompt; ***the earlier the better!***

Also, the finance committee is in need of one more member to assist us. No financial background is needed. If you're not sure what the Finance Committee is all about, join us **Sunday, September 1st** for our next meeting at 10:15 am.

Thank you, in advance for your attention to these matters. Questions? **Contact Garry Engelman at 267-918-5384.**



Confirmation Classes Resume in September

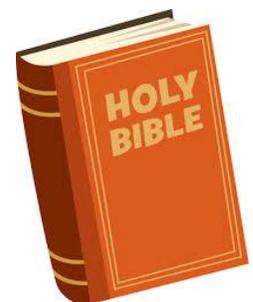
Pastor Malloy will be holding confirmation classes on the **last Sunday evening of each month from 5 – 7:30 pm**, beginning September 29. We will take turns bringing a simple supper, as we have done in the past.



**Adult Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
All Are Welcome!**

Over the last year or two, the Adult Discussion Group has been using **The Greatest Story: Bible Introduction** as a guide as we explore the Bible. We learned about the early stories of God's people, their trials and triumphs, what the prophets had to tell us, and who Jesus is. **We will resume our exploration on September 8 at 9 a.m.** with a look at what the Gospels have to say about Jesus' power over nature, his teachings, death, and resurrection.

All are welcome. Please join us in the room across from the kitchen. No prior knowledge is needed, just an open mind, as we take a fresh look at the Gospels. *You just might come to see Jesus in a new light!*



-Randi Schaeffer

Church Property Update:

In early July, we experienced some flooding in the basement as a result of old storm sewer pipes breaking. This isn't an expense we budgeted for, but is necessary that we make the repairs ... otherwise we'd have an indoor pool! Estimates have come in around \$4,500 to do the work that is necessary and Council has approved the work.

It would be great if we could cover this cost through the generosity of our members. If you are able to donate for this purpose, please drop an envelope labeled "storm sewer repairs" in the offering plate any time during the month of September. Envelopes will be available in the narthex. You can also mail them to the church or make a note on any electronic contributions. Any balance that is not raised will be taken from the Future Building Fund.

Thank you.
Peace Church Council

Help Us Communicate about Peace With Website Updates

In the coming weeks, the Outreach & IT Committees will be working together to update our website and make it reflect more accurately who we are at Peace and all of the fun, wonderful things we do and support within our Penridge community.

We are having a meeting on **Saturday, September 7th, beginning at 9 am** to begin this journey and discussion on our website. **If you would like to join us or have talents writing, taking pictures or are computer & web savvy, We Want You!**



If you have any recent pictures that reflect an event or mission that is Peace-inspired and would like to share this on our website, in our newsletters or on our Facebook page, **we need pictures** with captions, explaining what is happening. These will need to have media releases, so we need to be able to identify and reach out to those photographed to get their permission to use the photos, if you haven't already.

We would also like pictures of groups that meet at Peace and written blurbs describing what each group does, in order to relay this information to strangers that may visit our website and want to join a group or become a member of Peace, based on the fun activities we have to offer here. Many of our offerings have never been advertised on our website & in today's world, that's the main way to share information and attract new interest. You can also help grow our membership, simply by inviting your friends and neighbors – to worship service, to Rally Day, to our events and rehearsals. If you enjoy doing being part of that group, someone else may as well.



Outreach To Plan Fall Events



The Outreach Committee is having a meeting on **Saturday, September 7th, beginning at 10 am** to plan our participation as a congregation in **Perkasie's Fall Festival** and to talk about our **Trunk or Treat** event. These are both fun events to be involved in and we could use more hands on deck to help make these events successful for our youth and the kids in our greater community that we invite each year.

If you are a superb organizer or would like to help man our booth and share your smile with others, then you are just perfect for this type of ministry! If you are creative or artistic or mechanically incline or just jovial, outreach could use your help! If you'd like to hand out candy and treats or decorate pumpkins or play some festive games with the little ones, then Trunk or Treat is for you! If you've never participated in these events before and want to learn more about what we do at Fall Festival or to celebrate Halloween with the youngsters, join us for our meeting. You'll be glad you did. Any questions? Please contact **Cheryl Saint-Pol at ccsaint@verizon.net**.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



For 50 years, Americans have been stepping up to end hunger for neighbors around the block and around the world. Take a hike for hunger during the 36th annual Pennridge CROP Walk for the Hungry, **Sunday, October 13**. Registration for the five-mile route begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave., Perkasie. The Walk, held rain or shine, begins at 1:00 p.m. Registration for the shorter "Golden Mile" route begins at 12:30 p.m. at the parking lot by the Walnut St., Sellersville Lenape Park ballfield.

Please bring canned goods to donate to the Pennridge FISH food pantry.

Twenty-five per cent of all proceeds go to Pennridge FISH for local hunger use. The remaining funds will be used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger and disaster relief in the US and globally. If you plan to walk, **see Melissa Yates** for a sponsor form or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa to register. Donations may be made online at www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa or a check or cash may be given to any participant. We ask that you support this endeavor with your prayers.

Call the Church Office When ...

- A member becomes hospitalized or shut-in,
- A member needs prayer, is having a baby, getting married or moving.
- You have spiritual questions to explore.
- You are curious about God's call to you.

Peace Church Office: 215-257-3294

What Talents Can You Share?

New committees have formed, including a Stewardship committee, an IT Committee, & a Gardening Club. Our Outreach Committee, Altar Guild, & Finance Committee are looking for new members.

Call the church office at 215-257-3294 to learn how to get involved at Peace.

Please keep our Prayer List Up-To-Date

If you have a friend or relative on our prayer list who has recovered from an illness, please call the Church Office at 215-257-3294, so we can update our weekly prayer list. Our prayers do work!

Thank you!

Save The Date!

Harvest Home is September 22.

It's never too early to start collecting non-perishables for Pennridge FISH. You may place any donations in the grocery cart in the coat room. Thank you!

Items in demand are always listed on the Pennridge FISH web site, but canned goods, pasta, laundry items, paper products and baby diapers and wipes are always welcome.



Note to Members: A neighbor of Peace Lutheran Church has asked to use our parking lot for guests that will be attending her wedding at her home, located down the street from our church on **Sunday, September 1st, 2019 from approximately 2 pm to 8 pm.** Don't be alarmed if you see some extra cars here during that time or a wagon transporting people back and forth.

It's a casual, country-themed wedding with bus valet service!

Save the Date!

Wednesday,
September 25th from 2-7 pm

Peace will host our Fall Blood Drive.
For questions, or to make an appointment, call
Wanda Renshaw at 215-249-0476.



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Our Prayer List - Please Pray for ...

Our Members

John Schoch
Shirley Slozer
Lois Hafler

Betty & Nate Gabel
Charlene Fisher
Tim Heverly

Tom Smith
Grace Nicolino
Joyce Burkett

Paul Stever
Wanda Renshaw
Family of Anna Heverly

Diane Stump
Sherry Dulsky

Our Military

Brian Hilinski Kyle Likens
Eric French Flint Engelmann

Our Friends

Tony Swede – *Brother of Ellen Shelly*
Linda Fox – *Sister of Lola Stever*
Christopher Malloy – *Son of Pastor Malloy*
Caitlyn – *Daughter of Elaine Keckiessen*
Michael & Angel Miller – *Grandson & Daughter of Sue Keen*
Gloria Anderson – *Mother of Peni Bottorf*
Meaghan Bowden – *Pam Bowden's Daughter*
Doris Bohanak – *Shelley DePinto's Mother*
Winnie Klopper – *Friend of Pete Moyer*
Geraldine Schuster – *Friend of Grace Grim*
Jamie Kruse – *Sister-in-Law of Dawn Lutz*
Sally Churchman – *Friend of Kathy Mitman*
Neil Rapawy – *Friends of Randi & Gary Schaeffer*
Barbara Sacks – *Sister of Robert Beck*
Landon D'Aprile – *Roxane & Gary's Grandson*
Lynette Richardson – *Cousin of Corinne Penn*
Susanne Wright – *Relative of Pete and Cheryl Moyer*
Dylan Willis – *Dave Thomas' Cousin*
Sue Hudson – *Dave Thomas' Aunt*
Dorothy/Don Armstrong – *Sister/Brother-in-Law of Nancy Grace*
Stephanie Salewski – *Julia Erney's Mother*
Suzanne Murawski – *Julia Erney's Aunt*
Edith Payton – *Janice Propsner's Mother*
Kathy McCarron – *Tom Smith's Mother*
Fred Heitzenroder – *Friend of the Groffs*
Mike Maurer, Wife & Daughter – *Friends of Larry Schenk*
Nancy Steiner – *Mother-in-Law of Dianne Steiner*
Oliver McLaughlin – *Grandson of Roxane and Gary D'Aprile*
Maureen Gildea – *Friend of Jayne Kramer & Beth Kramer Maloney*
William Umstead – *Friend of John & Ellen Shelly*
Dolores Propsner – *Bob Propsner's Mother*
Edward Brous – *Friend & Arbours Community Neighbor*
Stacy Block – *Brother-in-Law of Peter & Cheryl Moyer*
Brandon Case – *Tom Smith's Nephew*
Ken Swift – *Friend of the Groffs*
Jean Gruen – *Friend of the Groffs*
Marsha Guskey – *Friend of Tom Smith*



Anna Heverly

Longtime Peace Family Member
Fellow Sister in Faith
February 22, 1931 ~ August 28, 2019

One of our long time members and our beloved sister, Anna Heverly, passed away on Wednesday, August 28th, 2019. We would ask that you please keep her and her children, Carol, Alan, and Timothy, as well as their spouses and Anna's grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

Anna's legacy lives in us and the memories we have of her and with her, as a proud mother and grandmother, as an admirer of animals, as someone who liked to bake and share her talents with others, and as a faithful follower of Jesus and his words in our Lutheran congregation.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Anna's life will be held at Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church on **Saturday, September 21st, 2019 at 12 o'clock noon**. Family and friends may visit from 11-12 am that day at Peace Church and a luncheon will follow the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to send flowers, share a memory, or reach out to Anna's family, you may visit C.R. Strunk Funeral Home's website at <https://www.crstrunk.com> .

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 Old Bethlehem Road, Perkasio, PA 18944 or Last Chance Ranch, 9 Beck Road, Quakertown, Pa 18951.



Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

100 Old Bethlehem Road

Perkasie, PA 18944 215-257-3294

www.peace-tohickon.org

Minutes of the Congregation Council - July 16th 2019

2020 Term	2021 Term	2022 Term
Barbara Bachman (2 nd)	Doug Erney (1 st)*	vacant
Bill Groff (1 st)	Donna Donelon (1 st)	Mike Cygan (1 st)*
Melissa Yates (1 st)*	Gary Schaeffer (1 st)*	Dianne Steiner (1 st)
vacant	Courtney Steiner (1 st)	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*

Pastor Dayle Malloy and Dottie Ritter, financial secretary, also in attendance.

Excused were Donna Donelon, Dianne Steiner, Courtney Steiner, Barbara Bachman, and Bill Groff.

Since there was no quorum, there were no motions made at this meeting.

1. Doug Erney led us in devotions.
2. Linda Beck came to talk with us about archiving church materials. She catalogs church papers at the Synod archives. We need to be aware that we should save a copy of all Council minutes, newsletters, bulletins, pastor's reports, annual reports, and year end financial statements. Materials may be sent to the Synod archives at any time. We currently have some records stored at the Franconia Mennonite Museum. We believe the point person for this is Dick Burkett. It would be good to see about retrieving the records from Franconia and sending them, along with more recent records, to the synod archive. Linda also said that Pastor Jim Shelly owns some historical books that would be of interest to our congregation which he might consider sharing with us. Jim is the son of Pastor Merwyn Shelly, who was a pastor at Peace.
3. Secretary's Report. We looked at the report. Two changes were made to the June minutes.
4. Property and Financial reports were also reviewed.
5. A correction was made to the April 16 Council minutes. Section VII, Correspondence concerning membership, should have read as follows:
April 3 Cheryl Moyer resigned as treasurer, council member, and finance and investment member effective immediately. The secretary regrets the error.
6. Council continued under executive session and discussed
 - a. Payment Dispute Review
 - b. Document clean out
 - c. Construction and Maintenance bid cutoff amount.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Reminders:

- Next meeting: August 20, 2019
- Devotions: Melissa Yates
- Counter 1: Doug Erney
- Counter 2: Courtney Steiner

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Yates

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Minutes of the Congregation Council
Wednesday, July 24, 2019

2020 Term	2021 Term	2022 Term
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Bill Groff (1 st)*	Donna Donelon (1 st)*	Mike Cygan (1 st)*
Melissa Yates (1 st)*	Gary Schaeffer (1 st)	Dianne Steiner (1 st)
vacant	Courtney Steiner (1 st)*	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*

An * indicates attendance. Pastor Dayle Malloy and Dottie Ritter, financial secretary, also in attendance. Bill Groff attended by telephone link. Barbara Bachman, Gary Schaeffer, and Dianne Steiner, were excused.

I Doug Erney led us in prayer.

II This special emergency meeting was called to respond to a letter from the law office of Alan B. Kane dated July 5, 2019. The letter states that Eilene Shaffer is owed

Back wages	\$404.00
One time bonus for staff (\$8000.00 / 7 people)	<u>\$1142.86</u>
Total	\$1,546.86
Additional charges	
Liquidation damages	\$500.00
Lawyer fee	<u>\$455.00</u>
Total	\$2501.86

The letter asked for payment within 10 days.

An email from Doug to Alan Kane's office dated July 11 requested that they provide any and all documentation supporting the claim.

Alan Kane's office responded that they did not need to provide documentation.

We have looked at Eilene's W2 for 2018 and see that she is short her salary of \$15,000.00 by \$404.00. We agree that this amount should be paid.

We also reached out to Cheryl Moyer to obtain information about the one-time bonus paid to employees in 2017. Cheryl sent a spreadsheet indicating that long-term staff were given a one-time 2% bonus. We have no idea where the \$8000.00 figure came from.

Council minutes from April 21, 2015 include a motion to provide no salary adjustment for staff. "however, we will revisit the budget on a quarterly basis and will look to reward the staff in some manner." This decision was made before Eilene was hired. It is our sense that the 2% one-time discretionary bonus was based on this decision, and was not intended for Eilene. However, if she feels that she was overlooked, in an effort of goodwill we will offer her a 2% one-time discretionary bonus which would amount to \$300.00

Motion to offer to pay the claim in the following amounts was made by Donna Donelon and seconded by Courtney Steiner.

Salary	\$404.00
2% bonus	\$300.00
Liquidated damages	\$500.00
Attorney fees	<u>\$455.00</u>
Total	\$1659.00

Motion to hire Ron Miller from the firm of Ashby Law Offices, 314 Broad Street , Quakertown to write a release and settlement agreement at an approximate cost of \$325.00 was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Donna Donelon.

III Pastor Malloy will not be able to attend our next council meeting. Therefore, she requested that Council consider moving to weekly communion in the late service starting in September.

Motion to celebrate weekly communion at the 10:15 service starting on September 8 was made by Melissa Yates and seconded by Courtney Steiner.

IV Pastor Malloy also indicated to us that the Worship committee has agreed to recommend that we go to two services on Christmas Eve at 3 pm and 8 pm. An action item will be coming from Worship on this topic and we can vote on it at our next council meeting.

V Courtney recounted that on her mission trip she noticed that the church there had a very popular Saturday night service. She wondered if we had ever considered this worship option. We have considered a Saturday night service before, but have never been able to get one off the ground. We agreed that such an option should be kept in mind.

VI Motion to adjourn was made at 8 :40 by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Donna Donelon.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Yates

Motions

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Please remember to wear your name tags!

*Pastor said it helps her to get to know us better,
putting all of our names with faces.*

*The name tags are located in the
Narthex as you walk in or in the coat closet.*

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUMMARY TREASURER'S REPORT
1/01/19 through 7/31/19

Operating Budget			
	Budget	Year To Date Actual	Budget Less Actual
Revenue			
Current Expense	\$110,392	\$68,349	\$42,043
Building Maintenance	\$12,486	\$5,723	\$6,764
Benevolence	\$17,184	\$8,336	\$8,849
Flowers & Bulletins	\$3,340	\$1,907	\$1,433
Special Envelopes	\$6,706	\$2,890	\$3,816
Plate Offering	\$3,431	\$1,176	\$2,255
Nase Funds	\$74,000	\$37,262	\$36,738
All other	\$990	\$1,456	-\$466
Total Revenue	\$228,529	\$127,097	\$101,432
Less: Total Expenses	-\$285,050	-\$135,527	-\$149,523
Revenue (Under)/Over Expense	-\$56,521	-\$8,430	-\$48,091

Designated Benevolence-YTD 07/31/19	
Advent Quarter Card	\$10
Ash Wednesday	\$290
Diakon Topton Ministries	\$111
Farewell Gifts	\$971
FISH	\$98
Garden Fund	\$433
Good Friday	\$293
Harvest Home	\$0
KenCrest	\$143
Lenten Quarter Card	\$142
Liberty Lutheran	\$5
Lutheran Charity Appeal	\$3
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$453
Lutheran Settlement House	\$10
Maundy Thursday	\$170
Mid-Week Lent	\$415
Missionary	\$142
Sunday School Missionary	\$10
Thankoffering	\$20
Thanksgiving	\$20
Telford Home	\$172
VBS Benevolence	\$263
Total Designated Benevolence	<u>\$4,174</u>

Fund Balances-YTD 07/31/19	
Bear Creek Summer Camp	\$475
Buck Estate*	\$96,955
Maintenance Investment*	\$44,087
Concert Series	\$1,982
Discretionary Fund	\$765
Education Fund*	\$93,491
Endowment Fund*	\$243,603
Financial Statement Entries	\$69,529
Future Building Fund*	\$946,106
Garden Fund	\$44
General Fund	\$97,886
Lewis Memorial Fund*	\$168,784
Memorial Fund*	\$37,892
Music Fund	\$2,560
Music Investment Fund*	\$57,456
New Ministries	\$14,905
Youth Group Fund	\$5,965
Youth - Mission Trips	\$0
Youth - PUPS	\$10
WELCA	\$411
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$1,882,904</u>

*Figures subject to change due to transition of investments from Thrivent to Haverford Trust