



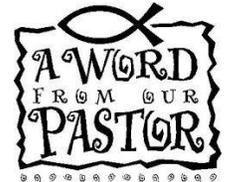
Aug./Sept./Oct. 2020 Newsletter



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**“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in
the wasteland.” ---Isaiah 43:19**



Dear Members of Peace:

This summer has been a bit unorthodox, to say the least. Since March we’ve been striving to find our way through a global pandemic and a nation-wide quarantine. We’ve learned a few new technology tricks and have done our best to adjust to a new normal. And I think, without boasting, that we can pat ourselves on the back for a job well-done in difficult and unusual circumstances. Whoever said you can’t teach an old dog new tricks? Bravo!

On July 12th our Zoom worship experiences gave way to in-person worship in our CDC-approved sanctuary. Many thanks and much gratitude to Mike Cygan, Doug Erney, Curt Gerth, and many others for measuring, and taping, and figuring out how best to social distance to make our in-person worship possible. And to Julia Erney for making the signs and holding down the fort while the office was not officially open. Church is never closed, and Julia kept things moving.

Worship is different than what we’re used to ... but we’ve been able to gather in praise and thanksgiving to share Our Lord’s Meal, and pray, and hear some of our favorite hymns. Hearing the organ, once again, has been a joy for me. Thank you, Linda Beck. And thanks to Jen Bara for serving as cantor and arranging for others to share their musical talents with us while we are unable to sing out our praises for ourselves.

I, along with all the people of Peace, am thankful for all the hard work of the Transition Team, and the Call Committee. Their hard work over these many, many months were rewarded last month when Pastor Gary Costa was called as your pastor. I was away but, through the magic of technology, I was able to join you for worship and the exciting vote process. Congratulations one and all. As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “See! I am doing a new thing.” My best wishes and prayers will be with you all as you begin this new and exciting journey. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and faith of so many. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you as you begin this next journey as a community of faith.

As we prepare to welcome Pastor Costa, I suggest that we do everything we can to make his entrance into this congregation as smooth and easy as possible. Even though there isn’t time to put a pictorial directory together, we can still give Pastor Costa a chance to put names to faces by putting together a picture wall for him. I’d like to ask a volunteer, or two, to take pictures of folks as they attend worship. We can take the pictures outside so masks can come off. Once the pictures are taken, there will be a brief form to fill out to be posted with your picture. They’ll be displayed in the narthex on easels. This will go a long way to help Pastor Costa get to know all of you. I know it would have been a great help for me when I began at Peace. If anyone has any other ideas to help Pastor Costa, please call the office, or my cell, and we’ll put our heads together to see how we can make it happen.

The weeks ahead are sure to be exciting as we all prepare the ministries and missions of Peace for the Fall. New things are, indeed, coming. Thanks be to our God, who walks with us and leads us into the future. Serving Christ together,

Pastor Malloy

CHURCH COUNCIL



August, 2020

Good day to all of Peace Tohickon Church.

Well let's get the information all have been waiting for out of the way. I am glad to report Pastor Gary will be joining us officially on Oct 18th for his first service. The council and I have just finished our regularly scheduled September meeting and there is much to do at our church in the upcoming weeks, not just to prepare for our new Pastor, but in the normal everyday business of running the church.

There have been some changes in the works at Peace. We have a new Treasurer, who was approved last night at the council meeting. Randi Schaefer will now be taking on this position that Ellen Shelly has done for the past year and they will be working together to transition the work and responsibilities in a smooth fashion. The role of the Treasurer is an important and crucial role for Peace and provides the opportunity to help guide and keep our church moving forward. My sincere thanks goes out to both Randi and Ellen for their dedication and willingness to serve.

We are also moving forward to the time when new council members will be needed to fill vacant slots and take on important roles. Now is the time to make the decision to step forward. Do not wait to be asked, choose to make the difference. It is through all of us, that we can succeed.

For our committees, there have been some breaks in our activities due to the recent environment. The time is now to make sure that all committees are engaged and meeting to determine what our future plans are. Budget creation time is fast approaching. Without plans, we will not have a clear picture of what needs we have or how we will be bring together our actions to meet the needs of the congregation and our surrounding community.

A lot has been put on hold this year but this will not be the case next year. We must plan and provide concrete ideas of what is important to us. The time is now to make sure we are moving forward and looking at the present and the future. To build and support. To be present and accountable.

Church Council President, Doug Erney





Happy Birthday! to our Senior Members over the age of 80:

Jayne Kramer - August 15th

Marion Engelmann - August 16th

Herta Altner - August 31st

Luke Stever - August 31st

Barry Grim - September 1st

Ellen Buchenauer - September 6th

Walter Frasch - September 8th

Wishing you all a joyous birthday & well wishes for all of 2020!





Birthdays & Anniversaries



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Evan Hughes
– Barbara May
- 4 – Addelyn Link
- 7 – Robert Hilinski
– Cathleen Miller
– Nadine Scholl
- 8 – Elaine Keckeissen
- 9 – Brandon Sipes
- 11 – Georgia Renner
– Austin Shanley
- 13 – Tamara Hawthorne
- 14 – Richard Miller
- 15 – Sarah Grim
– Jayne Kramer
- 16 – Marian Engelmann
- 17 – Madison Wilfong
- 19 – Robert Strouse, Jr.
- 23 – Nancy Frank
- 27 – Andrew Shanley
– Makenzie Wilfong
- 28 – Laura Hartman
- 29 – Michael Cygan
– Tom Hamilton
– Christopher Stranick
- 30 – Richard Burkett
- 31 – Herta Altner
– Luther Stever

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Barry Grim
- 2 – Louis Long
- 3 – Heidi Gerth
- 5 – Earl Anders
– Rylie Hill
- 6 – Ellen Buchenauer
- 7 – Paige Pawlowski
- 8 – Walter Frasch
- 9 – Alexa Fretz
– William Groff
- 11 – Emma Hill
- 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 – Susan French
- 27 – Teresa Kramer
- 28 – Ronald Scholl
– Emily Hutton

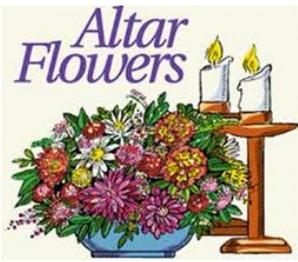
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st – Gary & Randi Schaeffer
- 6th – Ronald & Deborah Bagg
- 9th – Dwight & Sherry Dulsky
- 10th – Richard & Joyce Burkett
- 21st – David & Melissa Yates
– Christopher & Ruth Stranick
- 27th – George & Sandra Hawthorne
- 29th – Michael & Linda Gonet

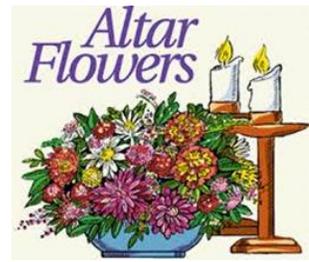


SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Paul & Linda Beck
- 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



Thank you for
sponsoring Flowers
to help beautify our
sanctuary!



AUGUST Bulletin & Floral
Sponsors:

Say it with Flowers!

SEPTEMBER Bulletin &
Floral Sponsors:

- 2nd - The Beck Family
- 9th - Marci & Joe Kramer
- 16th - Garry Engelmann
- 23rd - Cheryl Saint-Pol
- 30th - Elva & Bill Groff



- 6th - Lilli & Gordon Benner
- 13th - Elva & Bill Groff
- 20th - Grace Grim
- 27th - Agnes & Joe Allebach

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 11/1, 11/8, 12/24, or 12/27

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 \$25 for one bouquet or \$50 for two bouquets in the offertory plate during worship services or mail it to the church office. Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary & worship services.



Back to School Tutoring/Virtual Help

As the kids begin the school year ... some back, some not ... and parents deal with balancing work, virtual learning and what 'launch days', 'hybrid' and 'asynchronous' mean, Randi Schaefer has offered to help any of our students (*or parents!*) that need extra help with their schoolwork or figuring out how to best cope with online learning. She says she has taught most subjects and needs an outlet after recently retiring. If anyone wants extra practice, tutoring, better study habit ideas or virtual help, **Randi said she is available by phone (215-257-3068 or 267-328-8280) or email (ranschaef@verizon.net) most days up to 9 pm.** Contact Randi; she is glad to help. She may not answer right away if it's an unfamiliar number, but if you leave a message, she'll be sure to call you back.



***A Message of Gratitude from Our
2020 Peace Scholarship Fund Recipient ...***

Dear Peace Lutheran Members,

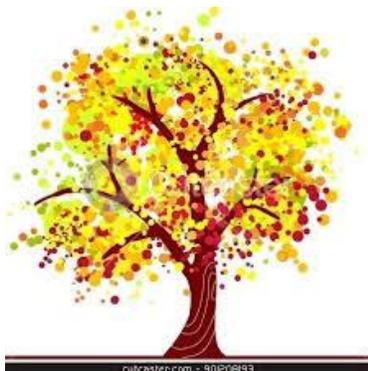
Thank you so much for the wonderful assistance with the Peace Lutheran Scholarship. I greatly appreciate it, and all that you have done to support me. I am a sophomore at West Chester University with a major in early childhood education and a minor in deaf studies.

With this generous gift, I can continue my studies to become a teacher and impact many other children. Last year, I got the opportunity to volunteer at a school with diverse children and help create lesson plans to further their education. I hope to continue more services like this one with your help. I am keeping a positive attitude during this pandemic time and adjusting to the many changes with WCU.

Thank you so much again, and I pray for all of you that you're safe and healthy.

Sincerely, Jillian Dages

Jillian Dages was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church's Scholarship Fund to further her pursuit of a double degree in special education and early childhood education (PreK-4) at West Chester University. Jillian wants to be a teacher. Best of luck to you, Jillian! We're proud of all of your accomplishments thus far, including your participation in the Golden Rams Marching Band. Keep up the good work!



LABOR DAY

Thank
you

Thank You for Your Support !!

A special thank you to the Peace congregation for your recent donations to the following ELCA Missions:

Diakon -- \$110 -- Thank you letter dated June 24th

Pennridge FISH (Fellowship in Serving Humanity) -- \$100 -- Thanks on July 5th

Gemma Services -- \$25 -- Thank you letter dated July 7th
(formerly Silver Springs-Martin Luther School & The Village)

Liberty Lutheran -- \$25 -- Thank you letter dated August 11th

KenCrest -- \$60 -- Thank you letter dated August 12th

Pennridge FISH -- \$25 -- Thank you dated August 13th

Diakon -- \$25 -- Thank you letter dated August 14th

Lutheran Settlement House -- \$25 -- Thank you letter dated September 1st

Diakon -- \$20 -- Thank you letter dated September 11th

Your generosity & help are very much appreciated! Read the thank you letters from these organizations on our bulletin board near the coat room.

*"Dear Friends at Peace Lutheran:
Thank you for your donation to Pennridge FISH.
Your kindness makes it possible for us to
continue to serve those most in need.
--Sincerely, Harry Tucker"*



Our Prayer List -- Please Pray for ...

Our Members

Donna Donelon *Joe Kramer* *Marion Engelman* *Yvonne Thomas*
Luke Stever *Joyce Burkett* *Bruce Bachman* *Dorrie Daikeler*
Charlene Fisher *Sherry Dulsky*

Our Military

Brian Hilinski *Kyle Likens* *Dylan Lloyd* *Dan Frasch*
Eric French *Flint Engelman* *Gillian Lloyd*

Our Friends

Jack Swede – Brother of Ellen Shelly
Dennis Brennan – Brother of Marcia Kramer
Charles Mitman – Brother of Grace Grim
Deana Murray – Sister-in-Law of Corinne Penn
Diane Paxton – Daughter of Shirley Searce
Barry Stoneback – Friend of Debbie & John Schoch
Joyce Frazier – Friend of Carole & Bill Brackman
Ed Cherry – Friend of Dottie & Woody Ritter
Robert Skinner – Friend of Ellen & John Shelly
Janice Young – Gary Schaeffer's Cousin
Luke Bender – Dorothy Kasper's Friend's Grandson
Tony Swede – Brother of Ellen Shelly
Christopher Malloy – Son of Pastor Dayle Malloy
Caitlyn – Daughter of Elaine Keckiessen
Michael & Angel Miller – Grandson & Daughter of Sue Keen
Doris Bohanak – Shelley DePinto's Mother
Winnie Klopper – Friend of Pete Moyer
Jamie Kruse – Sister-in-Law of Dawn Lutz
Neil Rapawy – Friends of Randi & Gary Schaeffer
Barbara Sacks – Sister of Robert Beck
Mary Glover – Mother-in-Law of Corinne Penn
Susanne Wright – Relative of Pete and Cheryl Moyer
Dylan Willis – Dave Thomas' Cousin
Dorothy/Don Armstrong – Sister/Brother-in-Law of Nancy Grace
Stephanie Salewski – Julia Erney's Mother
Fred Heitzenroder – Friend of the Groffs
Mike Maurer, Wife & Daughter – Friends of Larry Schenk
Maureen Gildea – Friend of Jayne Kramer & Beth Kramer Maloney
Edward Brous – Friend & Arbour's Community Neighbor
Stacy Block – Brother-in-Law of Peter & Cheryl Moyer
Ken & Lynn Swift – Friends of the Groffs
Jean Schmidt Gruen – Friend of the Groffs
Barbara Staats - Neighbor of The Erneys & Groffs



The Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th.

The difference is that this year, we are **NOT** gathering at St. Andrew's Church in Perkasio to walk together with hundreds of others. It's too risky.

This year, Peace will form a Peace Church CROP Walk team and decide as a team how we want to complete the walk in a safe way. We have the option to walk, to do something related to walking, or to ask for sponsors to NOT walk.

Would you like to be involved? Join the team or donate money to support our walkers.

Go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa/> (scroll down to find our team.)

Checks can be made out to CWS -CROP

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way.

Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen.

25% of funds raised by our walk remain in our community.

Team Captain: Melissa Yates: secretary@peace-tohickon.org

Faith & Fellowship

The Faith and Fellowship Committee met in the middle of August and discussed how Christian education and fellowship will look beginning in September. It was decided to not hold in-person Sunday School classes this fall. Instead, our students in grades 1 - 5 will receive "Thinking of You" notes twice a month from our Sunday School teachers, which may include activity pages, Bible verses or stories, and/or questions to think about from Sunday's sermons. The Pre-K class will receive their Sunday School Activity page and a craft or activity to do each week. The committee is asking members of the congregation to volunteer to write a note once a month to one of our middle school or high school students to let them know we are thinking of them and to keep them connected to Peace. **Please see or contact Dottie Ritter** (at financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org) to sponsor one of our youth members.

Since we cannot meet in-person for fellowship (i.e., coffee hour after service, have our Rally Day Picnic, or enjoy Peace Meal breakfasts together), **we thought we could fellowship together by taking part in a "Project of the Month". Our project for September is to support the Pennridge Crop Walk.** Melissa Yates is coordinating this activity, which will be held virtually on **October 11th**.

Please see announcement above for more details.

October's "Project of the Month" will be to support Ram Pack, which is the group in the Pennridge School District that provides weekend meals for up to 600 children at risk for hunger in our elementary schools. A temple talk will be presented in October by Mrs. Donna Huff on how we can help with this important project! Thank you for your continued support of our Faith and Fellowship activities!



Our Home Bound Members:

Alice Brad

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

Lois Hafler

1611 Park Ave., #201
Quakertown, PA 18951

Jean Scholl

2301 North Fifth Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

Grace Nicolino

1611 Park Ave., #112
Quakertown, PA 18951

Gloria Shannon

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

Mary Dunlap

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

Helen Poust

200 S 9th Street
Cottage #7
Perkasie, PA 18944

Marlene Shilling

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

Marion Engelmann

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

Winter: 4596 CR#305
Lake Panasoffkee, FL
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Luther (Luke) Stever

Hidden Meadows
on the Ridge

Betty Gabel

408 Grandview Ave.
Perkasie, PA 18944

Wanda Renshaw

1131 Arbour Lane
Quakertown, PA 18951

The Laurels, Room D6
340 Farmers Lane
Sellersville, PA 18960

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: FALL AT-A-GLANCE ...

LECTORS/ASSISTING MINISTERS				
9/6/20	Cheryl Saint-Pol	<i>Thank you all for your service !</i> <u>August Lectors/Asst. Ministers:</u> Bill Markland Julia Erney Nancy Cygan	10/4/20	Nancy Grace
9/13/20	Nancy Cygan		10/11/20	Julia Erney
9/20/20	Melissa Yates		10/18/20	Cheryl Saint-Pol
9/27/20	Mike Cygan		10/25/20	Bill Markland
AUGUST HEAD USHER SEPTEMBER HEAD USHER OCTOBER HEAD USHER			Kristina Doherty Gordon Benner Dennis Krause	
AUGUST ALTAR GUILD SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD			Cheryl Saint-Pol Beth Anders & Emma French Mary Snyder & Friends	
PARISH NURSE/Blood Pressure Screenings			Linda Gonet & Dianne Steiner	

If you are interested in ...

- Greeting members
- Being an Usher
- Serving on Altar Guild
- Serving as an Acolyte or Crucifer
- Serving as a Lector or Assisting Minister
- Joining Youth or Bell Choir
- Joining our New Spirit Ensemble
- Joining our Senior Choir
- Joining WELCA
- Joining the Adult Bible Study Group
- Joining the Men's Bible Study Group
- Joining the Peace Youth Group (PYG)
- Joining the Senior Lunch Bunch
- Promoting Peace Out in the Community
- Helping with Vacation Bible School
- Teaching/Helping with Sunday School
- Joining/Starting a Committee
- Meals on Wheels
- Joining the Finance Committee
- Helping with the Peace Garden
- If You Have Something to add here

Contact ...

- Judy Hamilton
- Mike Cygan
- Elva Groff
- Carole Brackman
- Nancy Cygan
- Jen Bara
- Jen Bara
- Linda Beck
- Nancy Grace
- Randi Schaeffer
- Bruce Bachman
- Heidi Gerth
- Grace Lloyd
- Cheryl Saint-Pol
- Yvonne Thomas
- Dottie Ritter
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What's Happening at Peace?

Save The Date!

Our Harvest Home is October 4th.

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

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



Harvest Home Help

Altar Guild will meet on **Saturday, October 3rd 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. Any Questions? Please **contact Nancy Frank at 215-257-4097 or Elva Groff at pennridge45@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.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Congregational Meeting on August 30th, 2020 resulted in the congregation of Peace voting favorably to offer the Pastor at Peace position to then candidate Pastor Gary Costa. He has since accepted, the paperwork is under way and **Pastor Gary is planning to start here at Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 18th, 2020.**

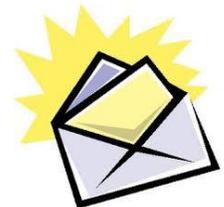
We appreciate your patience & your prayers throughout this long journey.

Special Offering Envelope Designations:

Harvest Home – FISH Thanksgiving – Ram Pack

Advent & Online Donation Button – Peace

Christmas Offering – Peace





A Message From The Finance Committee

The 2021 budget proposals from the various committees & chairpersons will be due to the finance committee **SOON**. We wish to review your budgets **before** they go to council for final approval, so please start to finalize them & get them in; *the earlier the better!*

Thank you, in advance for your attention to this matter.
Questions? Contact Garry Engelmann at 267-918-5384.

Please Sign the Birthday Card in the Narthex ...

For our member celebrating a milestone birthday in October over the age of 80 years old ...

Grace Grim – 83 years young! (on October 19th)



A Heartfelt Thank you to the entire Peace Congregation ...

Herman Slozer & his family would like to express their appreciation for all of those who worked so diligently in making Shirley's memorial service and luncheon the success they felt it was. The family really appreciated everyone's efforts. *Thank you, Peace family!*

Save the Date! Miller-Keystone Blood Drive at Peace

Wednesday, November 18th from 2 - 7 pm

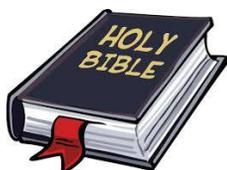
Peace will host our **Fall Blood Drive**.

For questions, or to make an appointment, call the church office at 215-257-3294 or Carol Graves at 484-256-7117.



Peace Gardens has donated **more than 290 lbs** of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini & peppers to Pennridge FISH (Fellowship in Serving Humanity) so far this season ... **WOW!**

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 with fond memories.



Wednesday Night Bible Study to Resume

We will pick up the Book of Acts where we left off for the Summer, beginning next **Wednesday, September 23th** at 7:00 pm.

Use Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926579608?pwd=UFFhdUo2K0loVHBSUTZpNnJaaHo2Zz09> & password: 680772 to attend.



Join Us Weekly for Our Virtual Coffee Hour

Our Zoom virtual coffee hour always follows the worship service (Sundays at approximately 10 am) by video conference.

Have your coffee & your smile ready to share.

Below is the link and password to join the video chat:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82791023685?pwd=em5wZitvaUNvblhOSjh2UE8wQy9MQT09>

Password: 125697



Columbus Day

“In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue ...”

Columbus Day is observed on
Monday, October 12th
this year.

Joe Kramer would like to say **thank you** to all of the members of Peace for their prayers and support over the last month or two. He and Marci really appreciate all of your well wishes!



Our **live stream worship** service has reached many places so far; We have had members and viewers logged in from

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
New York
Nebraska

North Carolina
Puerto Rico
Florida
Texas &

Maryland
Ohio
Virginia
Missouri

Don't forget to tell your friends and family to join us!



Welcome Fall !!
Autumn officially begins on
September 22nd

Time to get those jackets out &
enjoy the **fall foliage**





SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	28 10-2 Office Hours 	29 10-2 Office Hours 	30 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Zoom Adult Bible Study	1 10-2 Office Hours 6:30-8 pm – GS Troop 21671 Mtg.	2 	3 8-10 am - Overeaters Anonymous Mtg. (Zoom?) 8:30 am – Altar Guild: Decorate for Harvest Home
4 18 th Sunday After Pentecost 9 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy Harvest Home Food Collection for Pennridge FISH 10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 6 pm - Narcotics Anonymous	5 10-2 Office Hours 	6 10-2 Office Hours	7 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal TBD 7 pm – Zoom Adult Bible Study	8 10-2 Office Hours 	9 	10 8-10 am - Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.
11 19 th Sunday After Pentecost 9 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Dayle Malloy 10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour PennRidge CROP WALK 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	12 Office CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY 	13 10-2 Office Hours 	14 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal TBD 7 pm – Zoom Adult Bible Study	15 10-2 Office Hours 6:30-8 pm – GS Troop 21671 Mtg. 7 pm – Exec. Council Mtg.	16 Church Office Closed; Julia = scheduled day off 	17 8-10 am Overeaters Anonymous Mtg.
18 20 th Sunday After Pentecost 9 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Gary Costa 10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour? 2 pm – Telford Home Worship Service 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	19 6 pm – WELCA Banquet? 	20 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Church Council Meeting	21 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal TBD 7 pm – Zoom Adult Bible Study ?	22 10-2 Office Hours Peace NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 10-2 Office Hours Picnic	24 8-10 am Overeaters Anonymous Mtg. United Nations Day
25 Reformation Sunday 9 am – Worship & Communion Service w/Pastor Gary Costa 10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour? 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	26 10-2 Office Hours 	27 10-2 Office Hours 	28 10-2 Office Hours 7 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal TBD 7 pm – Zoom Adult Bible Study ?	29 10-2 Office Hours 	30 	31 HALLOWEEN!

About Our Live Streamed Worship Service ...

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church is now able to **stream our live Sunday Worship Services**, and you can view it directly on our website at www.Peace-Tohickon.org. With the return to in-person services on July 12th, we wanted to continue to offer the congregation the option to view worship service remotely as well. The best aspect of this service is the simplified process to join in. There are no links, no emails to find and no passwords to enter.

It's simple ... using any web browser (Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome or Firefox, etc.), log onto Peace's website at www.Peace-Tohickon.org prior to the published start time of our worship service. On the home page of our website, simply scroll down to the streaming viewer. There will be a countdown clock running, informing the viewer of when the broadcast will start. At the appropriate time, the video will automatically begin. Sit back and enjoy our Sunday service! (Alternatively, you can also view the live stream by clicking on the 'Watch Live' tab/link at the top of the Navigation Bar on the same website.) At the end of the service, the viewer will turn off and a new countdown timer for the next scheduled service will appear. The live stream can be viewed on all devices: laptops, desktops, smartphones and tablets.

Our Worship Schedule is Now Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

There are other benefits with this new live streaming option also. We are now able to reach out beyond our own congregation and can easily connect with our community to share the Word of God. So, invite your friends and neighbors to join us or reach out to those in the congregation who have been missing from our worship service and invite them to join us remotely. For those on vacation, you also don't have to go without your Peace Worship Service; just log on.

Eventually, we hope to have a library of previously live streamed services you will be able to link to and watch at your leisure on our website as well. Stay tuned as we learn more & build upon these tools we've begun to implement to spread God's Word to others. We hope to see you on Sunday either in-person or online. *Spread the Good News! May God be with you!*



Donations Can Now be Made Online at www.peace-tohickon.org

Our live stream platform allows for secure online donations to be collected. At the bottom of the live stream viewer, there is a 'Donate' button. **Simply click on the word 'Donate' and enter the required credit card information in the pop-up screen that comes up. Then click on the 'Submit' link to send your donation** to Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church. It's that easy!

We thank you for your tithes and gifts!



Recent Contributions:

Month	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Building Maintenance
March, 2020	\$3,228.50	\$445.00	\$340.00
April, 2020	\$8,152.00	\$954.00	\$359.00
May, 2020	\$10,516.00	\$1,143.00	\$960.00
June, 2020	\$24,253.60	\$1,463.00	\$1,125.00
July, 2020	\$11,288.00	\$1,095.00	\$878.00

A Special Thank You to a very generous someone ...

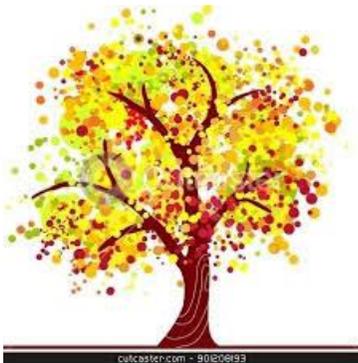
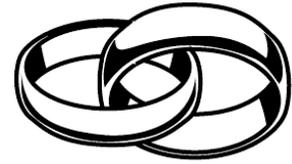
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A Few More Celebrations to Note:



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Ed Bara
 - Gary Schott
- 3 – James Dages
 - Susan Groff
- 4 – Ryan Canning
- 5 – Shelley DePinto
 - Jaclyn Hill
- 7 – Tori Benner
 - Benjamin DePinto
- 8 – Joseph O'Donnell
- 10 – Rachel Canning
 - Christopher Thomas
- 11 – Stephanie Krause
- 14 – Derek Scholl
- 16 – Jack Sparango
 - Grace Hill
- 19 – Grace Grim
 - Tess Stranick
- 20 – Agnes Allebach
- 21 – Melissa French
 - Nancy Grace
- 22 – Ella Powell
 - Kevin Lloyd
- 23 – Meghan Hutton
- 25 – Erin Scholl
- 27 – Bryan Lloyd
- 29 – John Shelly
 - Donna Benner
 - Cynthia Miller
- 30 – Lois Hafler
- 31 – Steven Fretz
 - Garrett McKenzie

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 – Michael & Jackie Patton
- 13 – David & Yvonne Thomas
- 14 – Gary & Lisa Grim
- 15 – Bryan & Beth Lloyd
- 18 – Bill & Elva Groff
 - Edward & Tia Harris
- 22 – Dan & Gale Bryde
- 24 – Scott & Kathleen Dages
 - Daniel & Kelly Marascio
- 26 – Bruce & Barbara Bachman
- 27 – Shay & Meghan Hutton





Call the Church Office When ...

- A member becomes hospitalized or shut-in,
- A member needs prayer, is having a baby, getting married, wants to be baptized or confirmed, or is moving.
- You want to become a member of Peace.
- 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?

Stewardship Committee
Information Technology Committee
OutReach Committee
Faith & Fellowship Committee
Finance Committee
Worship & Music Formation
Gardening Club
Altar Guild, Youth Groups (PYG & PUPs)
Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, plus
the church office always needs volunteers.

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



Our Mission @ Peace:

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

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Council Member	Bill Groff	215-453-9005	pennridge45@yahoo.com
Council Member	Gary Schaeffer	484-894-3030	grschaef@outlook.com
Council Member - Youth Representative	Courtney Steiner		
Council Member	Dianne Steiner	215-453-7917	dsteiner605@gmail.com
Council Member	Available: You?	Yours!	Yours!
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Thank You For Your Willingness to Serve!

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Minutes of the Congregation Council
June 16, 2020 Meeting conducted via Zoom

2021 Term	2022 Term	2023 Term
Doug Erney (1 st)*	Mike Cygan (1 st)*	Bill Groff (2 nd)*
Donna Donelon (1 st)*	Dianne Steiner (1 st)*	Melissa Yates (2 nd)*
Gary Schaeffer (1 st)*	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*	Mary Snyder (1 st)*
Courtney Steiner (1 st)*	vacant	vacant

An * indicates attendance. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Pastor Dayle Malloy, and Dottie Ritter, financial secretary, also in attendance. Excused: Ellen Shelly.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Doug Erney at 7:00 p.m. Donna Donelon led us in devotions.
2. Secretary's report. **A motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Mary Snyder and seconded by Courtney Steiner.**
3. Pastor's report. **A motion to accept the Pastor's report was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Dianne Steiner.**
4. Ministry reports
 - a. Worship Committee
 - b. WELCA**A motion to accept the ministry reports was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Donna Donelon.**
5. Financial Secretary's Report. **A motion to accept the report of the Financial Secretary was made by Mike Cygan and seconded by Dianne Steiner.**
6. May financial reports were tabled because of the absence of the Treasurer.
7. Reminders: Next Meeting: July 16, 2020 Devotions: Doug Erney
 Counter 1: Mike Cygan Counter 2: Melissa Yates
8. Scholarships. **A motion to approve the presentation of a scholarship of \$1000.00 to Jillian Dages was made by Courtney Steiner and seconded by Mary Snyder.**
9. There was further discussion on the topic of reopening the church for services. We made a few changes to the guidelines. Mike will make the corrections and send us all a final copy.

A motion to approve the guideline for reopening our church with the amendments as indicated was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Courtney Steiner.

A motion to open Peace Church for Sunday morning service on July 12, contingent on our being in the green status level, was made by Courtney Steiner and seconded by Mary Snyder.

10. We discussed the requirements for allowing outside groups to meet in our space once again.

A motion to allow outside groups to schedule meetings in our facility with a start date of July 12 was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Dianne Steiner. Groups would need to follow our guidelines, including the wearing of masks, use only the fellowship hall and upstairs bathrooms, and wipe all surfaces with disinfectant wipes on arrival and before leaving.

11. Quotes on laptops and video equipment.

a. A quote from E M Data Solutions, LLC, will allow us to purchase the three needed laptops for a price of \$2037.00

b. We looked at quotes on the cameras and microphones, along with installation, optimization, and training that we will need to start live streaming our services.

A motion was made by Courtney Steiner and seconded by Mike Cygan to purchase the following items from Entertainment Services Group, Inc., using funds designated for New Ministries.

a. **A PTZ camera along with its accompanying accessories, cables, and service agreement at a cost of \$4553.30**

b. **An ambient mic with boom and cables at a cost of \$197.30.**

12. Property Committee report. Gary Schaeffer reported that we are currently not using a cleaning crew.

Our sexton Kurt Gerth has been doing the necessary cleaning. The purchase of a sign, the purchase of an alarm, and needed plumbing upgrades are pending.

13. **A motion to adjourn was made at 9:40 by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Dianne Steiner.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yates

Motions

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Minutes of the Congregation Council
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 via ZOOM

2021 Term	2022 Term	2023 Term
Doug Erney (1 st)*	Mike Cygan (1 st)*	Bill Groff (2 nd)*
Donna Donelon (1 st)*	Dianne Steiner (1 st)	Melissa Yates (2 nd)*
Gary Schaeffer (1 st)*	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*	Mary Snyder (1 st)*
Courtney Steiner (1 st)	vacant	vacant

Pastor Dayle Malloy, Ellen Shelly, Treasurer, and Dottie Ritter, financial secretary, also in attendance. Dianne Steiner and Courtney Steiner were excused.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Doug Erney led us in devotions.

2. **Old Business.**

The quote for the purchase of three laptops has come in under budget.

3. **Reports**

Secretary's Report.

A motion to accept the June meeting minutes was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Mary Snyder.

We moved to the consent agenda.

Pastor's Report.

Worship Report

A motion to accept the ministry reports was made by Bill Groff and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Financial Secretary

An anonymous gift of ten thousand dollars was given to the church. We are grateful for this generous gift. We would like to have this information, with our thanks, put in the bulletin and the newsletter, both to thank the anonymous donor and to encourage others to give.

A motion to approve the financial secretary's report was made by Mary Snyder and seconded by Donna Donelon.

4. Reminders

Next meeting: August 18, 2020.

Devotions: Mary Snyder

Counter 1: Doug Erney

5. New Business

Fall worship schedule. **A motion to continue holding a single worship service at 9 a.m. until further notice was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Mike Cygan.**

There was discussion about Sunday school. This topic will be sent to the Faith and Fellowship committee, and we ask for a report with recommendations at our August meeting.

There was discussion about purchasing two banner-type of sign to promote our livestreamed services. We talked about opportunities to expand our outreach. Bill noted that LCT has an in-house television system.

A motion to approve the purchase of signage for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars was made by Melissa Yates and seconded by Bill Groff.

Update on the call process. An agreement with a candidate is in the process of being signed and sent to Synod. We will work with Synod toward arranging for a trial sermon.

Bees were discovered under the eaves. Gary will arrange to have them safely relocated.

Our Boxcast streaming agreement was renewed at a cost of \$99.00. **A motion to approve the expenditure for Boxcast and to make it a recurring event was made by Doug Erney and seconded by Gary Schaeffer.**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m. by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yates

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Tuesday, August 18, 2020 via Zoom

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Donna Donelon (1 st)*	Dianne Steiner (1 st)*	Melissa Yates (2 nd)*
Gary Schaeffer (1 st)*	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*	Mary Snyder (1 st)*
Courtney Steiner (1 st)*	vacant	vacant

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Doug Erney at 7:15 p.m. Mary Snyder led us in devotions.
2. Secretary's Report. **A motion to accept the July minutes was made by Mary Snyder and seconded by Dianne Steiner.**
3. Pastor's Report. Pastor Malloy will be on vacation between this Friday and the Tuesday after Labor Day. She will leave the Zoom sign-ins with Julia for anyone who wants to hold a meeting.
A motion to accept the Pastor's Report was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Donna Donelon.
4. We moved to the consent agenda.
 - a. Faith and Fellowship. We will not begin Sunday School in September, either in person or virtually. Dottie will continue to send lessons to her preschoolers. Sunday School teachers will send notes to all Sunday school students. Volunteers are asked for from the congregation to write letters to our children and to the teens in our church.
We are going to try a Project of the Month. This will be part fellowship and part outreach. Each month we will specify a cause to which we can contribute, either with money or with time. The month of September will feature the CROP walk, which takes place in early October. In October we will collect for Ram Pack and see if they need volunteers. In November we will collect gifts for the Silver Springs Martin Luther School, which is now known as GEMMA Services.
 - b. Property. The committee will continue with projects around the church as indicated in the report. The company contracted before the pandemic to work on our fire alarm system is now ready to work on our job. **A motion to move forward on the fire alarm project was made by Mike Cygan and seconded by Courtney Steiner.**

Our sump pumps are currently not failing, but they are old, and it is time to replace them, and to add second pumps in case the first ones fail.

A motion to purchase two sump pumps and two backups and the necessary piping at a cost not to exceed five thousand dollars was made by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Dianne Steiner. Funds will be taken from future building and maintenance funds.

Some years ago the church raised money to build an addition. A recession stopped the forward motion on that project. Property asks us to consider the idea of using some future building funds to build an outdoor pavilion either on or adjacent to the parking lot area. This pavilion could be used for services, meetings, picnics, and any number of activities. In this time of Covid-19, a pavilion would provide us with much needed covered meeting space. There was a 40x60 ft. pavilion with a storage space included in the future building plans. The council met this proposal with a positive response, feeling that this would boost enthusiasm in the church as well as providing a useable space.

A few months ago we also talked about forming a committee to look at changes to the chancel area with an eye to improving the worship experience. The inability to go indoors together stopped the forward movement on this project.

Council would like to convene a small committee to talk about both the structure and usage of a pavilion, and to look into the chancel area as well.

- c. Finance. Designation for special offering envelopes:

Harvest Home – FISH

Christmas Offering – Peace

Advent and online donation button – Peace Thanksgiving – Ram Pack

A motion to approve the designations of special offering envelopes was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Heidi Gerth.

Budget season has started. We need to identify our 2021 budget before the December meetings. A Temple Talk will be scheduled to highlight the need at A Woman's Place. This Temple Talk will be available by live stream.

A motion to accept the committee minutes was made by Bill Groff and seconded by Mary Snyder.

- d. Financial Secretary. Benevolence is down. Giving to charities is down.

A motion to accept the report of the Financial Secretary was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Gary Schaeffer.

- e. Treasurer's Report. Figures from July were available.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Heidi Gerth.

5. Reminders. Next Council meeting is scheduled for September 15. Bill Groff will lead the devotions.

6. New Business.

a. Staffing. We are in need of a new Treasurer and a new Sexton.

b. Finances. **A motion to engage the accounting firm of Styer Associates to manage Peace's bookkeeping was made by Gary Schaeffer and seconded by Dianne Steiner.**

c. Congregational Meeting. **A motion to rent a 30 x 60 foot tent for use at our service and Congregational meeting at a cost to not exceed \$1100.00 was made by Dianne Steiner and seconded by Gary Schaeffer. Funds will be taken from current operations.**

d. Pastoral Transition. In the expectation of an imminent transition to a permanent pastor, we want to focus on communication, compromise, and forgiveness.

7. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:20 by Heidi Gerth and seconded by Courtney Steiner.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Yates

MOTIONS

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Congregation
August 30, 2020

2021 Term	2022 Term	2023 Term
Doug Erney (1 st)*	Mike Cygan (1 st)*	Bill Groff (2 nd)* by Zoom
Donna Donelon (1 st)*	Dianne Steiner (1 st)*	Melissa Yates (2 nd)*
Gary Schaeffer (1 st)*	Heidi Gerth (1 st)*	Mary Snyder (1 st)*
Courtney Steiner (1 st)*	vacant	vacant

Dottie Ritter, financial secretary, and Ellen Shelly, treasurer, also in attendance.

1. A Sunday service was scheduled for 1 p.m. on August 30, 2020 for the purpose of welcoming a candidate for the position of Pastor to our congregation. Attendance for this service and meeting was 76 people in person and 6 parties on Zoom videoconferencing. Estimated total was 84 participants and members.
2. The service and meeting that followed were held outdoors, under a sideless tent. A Zoom feed was set up so that members who did not feel comfortable attending in person could take part in this event.
3. Pastor Gary Costa was our candidate. Our synod representative was Dr. Addie Butler.
4. Pastor Costa presided over the communion service, and provided a trial sermon along with a children's sermon.
5. At the completion of the service Pastor Costa went inside the church building. Doug Erney called the congregational meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He introduced Dr. Addie Butler.
6. Dr. Butler led us in prayer and made some remarks before bringing up the motion that had been made and seconded by the Congregational Council.
A motion was presented to recommend that the congregation of Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church call the Rev. Gary Costa to be our Pastor.
7. A period of questions and answers and comments took place. The following spoke: Sandy Miller, Nancy Frank, Paul Beck, Garry Engelmann, Susan Barnes, Herman Slozer, Dave Thomas, Joe Kramer and Lilli Benner.
8. The question and answer period ended at 2:30. At this time, ballots were handed out to all members. Members who had attended by Zoom had thirty minutes to come to the church and fill in a ballot.
9. At 3 p.m. the votes were taken and counted. There were 65 ballots. 63 voted yes. 1 voted no. 1 abstained. 64 votes were cast by people who attended in person. 1 vote was cast by a viewer who drove to the site.
10. We congratulated Pastor Gary on his call to our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Yates

The Burketts asked that we distribute the following message to help Joyce & others with ALS:



ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. There is no cure for ALS yet.

Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. They govern voluntary movements and muscle control. ALS causes progressive degeneration of these motor neurons leading to their death. When the motor neurons die, the brain can no longer initiate and control muscle movement. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, people may lose the ability to speak, eat, move and breathe. **To learn more about ALS, visit <https://www.ALS.org>.**

As you may have heard, phase 2 clinical trial results have recently shown that a new drug “slowed ALS progression in a statistically meaningful and clinically relevant way.”

The ALS Association, which supported the development of AMX0035, writes that it “could mean the difference between a person with ALS being able to feed themselves versus being fed, or the difference between needing a wheelchair versus not needing one.” AMX0035 is an oral therapy dissolved in water and is considered safe. It is not available to the public because it has not yet undergone a phase 3 trial.

The ALS Association and I AM ALS have created a petition to ask the FDA and drugmaker to forgo the phase 3 trial and make it available to people living with ALS as soon as possible. We encourage you to **learn more about AMX0035** by visiting: <https://www.als.org/stories-news/als-association-i-am-als-call-amylyx-fda-make-promising-new-drug-available-our-als> and then **sign the petition** at <https://als.quorum.us/campaign/28538/> to help the cause.

**Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church
2020 Contribution Totals**

Date = Batch Name	Batch Total	Month to Date	2020 Year to Date	Prior Year's Month YTD 2019	2019 to 2020 Inc/(Dec)
January 05 2020	2,227.00				
January 12 2020	2,315.00				
January 19 2020	1,370.00	Jan	Jan YTD	\$ 10,314.20	Mo \$ (607.20)
January 26 2020	3,795.00	\$ 9,707.00	\$ 9,707.00	\$ 10,314.20	YTD \$ (607.20)
February 02 2020	2,541.00				
February 09 2020	2,576.00				
February 16 2020	1,529.06				
February 23 2020	3,726.00	Feb	Feb YTD	\$ 11,974.05	Mo \$ (421.99)
February 26 2020	1,180.00	\$ 11,552.06	\$ 21,259.06	\$ 22,288.25	YTD \$ (1,029.19)
March 01 2020	1,871.25				
March 08 2020	2,806.50				
March 09 2020	102.00				
		Mar	Mar YTD	\$ 21,122.49	Mo \$ (16,342.74)
		\$ 4,779.75	\$ 26,038.81	\$ 43,410.74	YTD \$ (17,371.93)
April 08 2020	491.00				
April 29 2020	29,603.51				
		APR	Apr YTD	\$ 36,652.88	Mo \$ (6,558.37)
		\$ 30,094.51	\$ 56,133.32	\$ 80,063.62	YTD \$ (23,930.30)
May 15 2020	9,016.00				
May 28 2020	3,730.00				
		MAY	May YTD	\$ 12,622.93	Mo \$ 123.07
		\$ 12,746.00	\$ 68,879.32	\$ 92,686.55	YTD \$ (23,807.23)
June 16 2020	14,671.60				
June 24 2020	10,000.00				
June 29 2020	3,574.37	JUN	Jun YTD	\$ 15,106.38	Mo \$ 13,139.59
		\$ 28,245.97	\$ 97,125.29	\$ 107,792.93	YTD \$ (10,667.64)
July 12 2020	20,089.00				
July 19 2020	2,555.00				
July 26 2020	1,852.00				
		JUL	Jul YTD	\$ 28,191.27	Mo \$ (3,695.27)
		\$ 24,496.00	\$ 121,621.29	\$ 135,984.20	YTD \$ (14,362.91)
August 02 2020	2,346.00				
August 09 2020	1,865.00				
August 16 2020	2,785.00				
August 23 2020	4,465.00				
August 30 2020	12,121.36	AUG	Aug YTD	\$ 11,616.12	Mo \$ 11,966.24
		\$ 23,582.36	\$ 145,203.65	\$ 147,600.32	YTD \$ (2,396.67)

FOOD DROP IN SUPPORT OF PENNRIDGE FISH

Jerusalem is looking for your help with assisting the Penridge FISH Food Pantry in keeping their shelves stocked to help those in need within the community.

Through October 31 someone will be onsite at Jerusalem every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to accept donations.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
733 Ridge Road
Sellersville, PA 18960

Penridge FISH accepts donations of all "in date" non-perishable food items, paper products, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and laundry items.

At this time they are in specific need of:

- * Ramen Noodles
- * Brown Rice / White Rice
- * Cream Soups (Mushroom, Chicken, etc.)
- * Gravy
- * Cooking Oil
- * Hot Chocolate
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Flour
- Sugar
- Cake Icing
- Raisins
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Meat (Beef Stew, Canned Ham, Spam®)
- Meal Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Rice, or Pasta Helpers)
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- * Detergent ("Dollar Tree" has it for \$1)
- * Dish Washing Soap
- * Diaper size 6 or 7 Pullups
- Diapers sizes 5, 6, 7, Trainers
- Baby Wipes



** Items Penridge FISH is out of or will soon be.*

If while harvesting your garden you realize you have an abundance of produce that you don't know what to do with, please donate it to the Food Drop.



Quarterly Update

Lutheran Community at Telford

September 2020

Community Update

Reopening Plan for our Community

Our Independent Living residents are in the green phase of our reopening plan. IL residents are able to have visitors in limited numbers to their apartments/cottages. All visitors must first go through a screening in our Health Care Pavilion. The residents must accompany all guests from the lobby to their apartment. Residents are also participating in small group activities and can have their meals in the dining room. We are having worship services for our IL residents at this time as well. In addition, there are multiple activities for the residents that are streamed through our in-house TV channel.

We are following the reopening plan as mandated from the Department of Human Services for Personal Care and Health Care

In Personal Care, our residents are able to participate in window visits. They are also able to participate in activities with up to 5 residents. A limited number of residents at a time are having meals in the dining room. Residents are also able to participate in streaming activities and worship services via our in-house TV channel.

Our reopening for our Health Care residents is about 2 weeks behind our PC residents. Our Health Care residents also are able to have window visits that are coordinated by our Social Worker. Residents may also participate in our streaming activities and worship services.

Please visit our website www.lctelford.org for the most up-to-date information regarding our reopening at our different levels of care.

Save the Date!

Our traditional *Emerald Evening* for 2020 has been cancelled. In lieu of that Alyssa Guers, Manager of Fundraising & Special Events, is hard at work planning a virtual event. Emerald Evening is the major fundraiser that benefits the Lutheran Community at Telford Benevolent Fund.

Emerald Evening 2021 is planned for October 15, 2021 at Pine Crest County Club. Please mark your calendars now!

Thank you to the LCT Auxiliary for its fundraising efforts and donating \$12,000 towards last years membership mailing for our new falls prevention program.

Thank You

**Are you or someone you know
in need of employment?**

**[WE
ARE HIRING]**

**Lutheran Community at Telford and the Community at Rockhill
currently have the following positions available:**

**Certified Nurse Aid, FT & PT (2nd)
Housekeeper, FT
RN or LPN, PT
Laundry Aide, FT
Maintenance Tech, FT
Prep Cook / Line Server, FT
Security, PT (3rd, Weekend)
Dining Services Aide, FT & PT**

Open positions may be at either:



**To apply, learn more or
see all our current job listings, visit
bit.ly/RockhillTelfordJobs**

or contact tmoore@graceim.org | 267-203-1108

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INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR A



Virtual TOWN HALL

with
Luanne Fisher, PhD President & CEO Liberty Lutheran

**on Tuesday,
September 22 at 2:00 pm**

via Zoom (or by phone, if you prefer)

An Inside Look

Luanne will share how Liberty has navigated the current pandemic, what we've learned and how it's impacted life at Liberty.

RSVP, please call Sandy Smith at 267-464-7728 or email her at ssmith@libertylutheran.org.



Keystone Opportunity Center

KEYSTONE'S BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Keystone's Annual Banquet, originally scheduled for May 2020, has been rescheduled to October 9.

We invite you to join us **virtually on October 9** as we celebrate your support, honor our Community Champions, and demonstrate how together we are continuing to help adults, children and families during this extraordinary time.

We are working out all of the details and will let you know of all the excitement soon! Be on the lookout for additional information in the coming weeks.

**Join us at our:
ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) EVENT - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020
Online auction opens September 14, 2020**

**Keep up to date on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & our website:
www.KeystoneOpportunity.org/rsvp**

A big THANK YOU to the sponsors who have already signed up to sponsor this year's Annual Banquet!