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# Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter

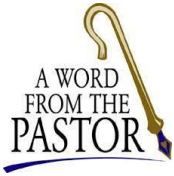
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- A Message from the Pastor
- Peace Calendar
- Peace Bulletin Board
- April Birthdays
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# A Message from Pastor Gary ...



## Newsletter for Easter 2024

You have heard that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but there are some things that are beautiful to most everyone. The story found in John 12:1-8 is such a thing.

It is a sequential reading following the raising of Lazarus in John 11. Mary and Martha throw a dinner party for Jesus in appreciation for what He has done. Mary took a pound of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

This was a very expensive gift worth about a year's wages. It would be like having an expensive bottle of wine that one would hold on to until just the right occasion.

The symbolism here is rich and plentiful. The beautiful fragrance is a contrast to the stench of Lazarus who was in the tomb for four days. The very expensive gift is on Jesus' feet which can indicate that wealth and material things belong under foot, not over our heads. It's okay to have money as long as money doesn't have us. The gift also works as a keepsake for Mary since she has wiped Jesus' feet with her hair. The fragrance remains with her as a reminder of their connection. I remember keeping a bottle of my father's cologne for many years after he died. The scent reminded me of him.

Easter is a time that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Worship continues to remind us of Him. The sights, the sounds, the taste of Holy Communion, and yes, even the smells of Easter flowers all remind us of Him and His great love for us. John 12:1-8 is a precursor to the miracle of Jesus' resurrection, the cornerstone of our Christian faith.

The Bible has many stories that convey power, wisdom, truth, knowledge, etc. It also includes some beautiful stories. John 12: 1-8 is such a story and it would probably be considered such by most everyone.

Pastor Gary

# Important upcoming dates . . .

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace	3 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 7pm-NA	8	9 7pm-Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	10 12:15pm-Lunch Bunch @UBCTS 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	11 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom 10am-Peace Garden Meeting	12	13
14 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 11:30am-Faith & Fellowship Meeting 7pm-NA	15 	16 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	17 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School – Earth Day Celebration 11:30am-VBS Planning Meeting 7pm-NA	22 	23	24 No Music Rehearsals	25		27
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### Peace Bulletin Board ...

#### Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, 4/2 – WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 4/3 – 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45pm Bells Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 4/9 – 7:00pm Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 4/10 - 12:15pm Lunch Bunch @Upper Bucks Technical School + 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 4/11 – 10:00AM Peace Garden Meeting + 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 4/14 – 11:30am Faith & Fellowship Meeting @Peace Primary Classroom
- Tuesday, 4/16 – 7:00pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 4/17 - 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45pm Bells Rehearsal
- Sunday, 4/21 – Sunday School Earth Day Celebration + 11:30AM VBS Planning Meeting @Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, 4/24 – No Music Rehearsals



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### **The Adult Discussion Group has been revived!**

All are welcome to join the Adult Discussion Group during the Sunday School 9 o'clock hour in the Fellowship Hall. These discussions focus on one of the daily devotionals that has sparked an interest in one or more of us. No prior knowledge or reading is required.

Please join us! It is always interesting to hear different points of view.

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The April Fellowship Project is to support Fostering Hope, the local organization which helps provide items for foster children and their new families in Bucks County.

Baby Items that are needed at this time are:

- Baby aspirators
- Baby nail clippers
- Baby lotion
- Diaper cream
- Night lights
- Tear-free body wash
- Toddler training toothpaste

Needed items for teens are:

- Floss
- Mouthwash
- Chapstick

Also needed are more bags for their "Bags of Hope". These can be purchased from Amazon.com and are called BeeGreen Drawstring Bag for Birthday Party/Sports in navy or orange. In addition to collecting these items, monetary gifts are also welcomed to help Fostering Hope provide larger items for the children and teens who find themselves in need of foster care.

Thank you for your support of this important local charity!

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# Important upcoming dates ...

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DATE SAVER ... WELCA Meeting, Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join the ladies of WELCA for their monthly business meeting, to help plan the May WELCA Banquet, and to decorate the “Carousel Horses” favors for the banquet.

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## Lunch Bunch Date Savers ...

The April Lunch Bunch event will be on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Bucks Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944. The buffet lunch will begin at 12:15PM. The cost is \$12 per person, which includes lunch, beverage and dessert.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for you to use.

If you have questions, please contact Grace Lloyd at 610-972-3172 or [gracelloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelloyd@yahoo.com)

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## 2024 Peace Garden

The Peace Garden group will meet on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall to plan our 2024 Peace Garden. Light garden clean-up will also be on this meeting’s agenda. All the produce grown in our garden is given to the Pennridge FISH Food Pantry, to be distributed to our community’s needy families. Anyone interested in helping with the garden is invited to attend this meeting or call Dottie Ritter at 215-896-3095.

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### **Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 9:00AM**

The Sunday School teachers of Peace will lead a celebration of Earth Day on April 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:00AM. Our theme is "All God's Creatures" and focuses on insects and their importance in the world. We will hear a story from Pastor Gary Costa, plant pansies in the front of the church and cold crops in the Peace Garden and make a bug craft and cute bug snacks to eat!

Our students, their families and the children of the community are invited to this celebration of God's wonderful world on Earth Day!

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### **VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 11:30AM**

Vacation Bible School planning for 2024 has begun! VBS will be held July 15 to 18, 2024 at Peace from 6:00PM to 8:15PM. It will be hosted by Peace and St. Michael's Lutheran Church. All children ages 3 through 12 are invited to join us for four evenings of Bible stories, music, games and crafts.

Our planning meeting is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Leaders and helpers are needed!! Anyone interested in helping can contact Dottie Ritter at 215-896-3095 or [financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org](mailto:financialsecretary@peace-tohickon.org).

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Our next Faith & Fellowship Committee meeting is Sunday, April 14th at 11:30AM in the Primary Classroom. Please consider joining us as we work on faith and fellowship activities here at Peace.

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## April Birthday Calendar at Peace

*Happy Birthday to you!*

3	Lisa Grim
7	Judy Hamilton Cyanna Penn
8	Barbara Bachman Andres Susi Courtney Webster
10	Joelle Doherty Nicole Wilfong
13	Kolby Kramer
14	Brianna Gerth
15	Lily Neary
16	Mary Snyder Courtney Steiner Julia Wisler
20	Julia Erney
21	Madeline Barnes
23	Yvonne Thomas
24	Herb Laird
25	Curt Gerth





# Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

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March 7, 2024

*Thank You*

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Rd  
Perkasie, PA 18944-3715

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$645.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*  
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

*Rachel Wind*

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Development

**Gift date: 2/26/2024**

**Gifts are designated for:**

Feed a refugee family: one month	\$200.00
Nutrition for a child: one year	\$300.00
Honey bees	\$20.00
Share of a cow	\$50.00
Goat and flock of chicks	\$60.00
Rooster	\$15.00

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**P.O. Box 9, Perkasie, PA 18944**

02/05/2024

Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church  
100 Old Bethlehem Pike  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of food to the Pennridge FISH Organization.

According to our records you donated 946 pounds of food during the year 2023.

It is with your support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in the Pennridge Community who are in need. The entire amount of your gift represents a charitable donation, as no goods or services were provided to you in return for your donation.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Harry Tucker  
President

*Thank You!*

*Peace Church Member*