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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



Experiencing the Word of God

Psalm 37:4 says “take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” I have read and heard this verse of Scripture many times. When reading it or hearing it, it seems as though the verse is saying, if we take delight in God, He will give us what we want. This is a logical interpretation that may be true to some degree, but the full experience of this verse is far more profound than that.

It turns out that when we take delight in the Lord He gives us new desires, revised desires, desires that are in alignment with His will and glory. He gives us perfect desires, holy desires, desires that far surpass the richness of what was in our hearts before. “When our desires are aligned with God’s desires we experience true fulfillment. When our hearts and God’s heart are aligned opportunities for fulfillment are readily available every day.

Reading God’s Word is different than experiencing God’s Word. Of course, we have to start with reading the Word. Doing so invites us into an intimate relationship with our Creator and this can lead to revelation.

Pastor Gary

A Focus on a Peace Ministry

Each month our newsletter has been featuring one or more of the ministry groups with an in-depth description and their area of focus/interest. For this month, we are sharing a message from Bill Groff, Peace Council President.

Do you want to be a member of a dynamic team? The Pennridge Rams? No.
It is the Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Council.

The information I am highlighting, found in the Constitution and By-Laws Chapter 12 Congregation Council, is the backbone of our operations. It's what guides us and ensures we're always working towards our mission.

The Council consists of the pastor and no more than 12 members nor fewer than 5 members of the congregation. Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office.

The members, except for the pastor, shall be elected by written ballot to serve for three years or until their successors are elected. Members may serve two consecutive terms.

The Council has general oversight of the congregation's life and activities, particularly its worship life. Meetings are held monthly via Zoom or whenever a particular need arises. The Council President leads the agenda and follows it. The meetings are relaxed, and information is shared freely. Motions are made, and seconded discussion follows. If members are satisfied, a vote is called.


For more details, refer to The Constitution Chapter 12.

Since I joined Peace, I have served on the Council, with the year off after two consecutive terms. I can honestly say serving my sisters and brothers here at Peace has been a significant part of my church life.

If you are interested in more information or becoming a member of the Council, talk to me or the pastor. We have openings at this time.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Groff, Council President

Important upcoming dates ...

August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	5	6	7 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	12	13	14 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	15 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	16	17
18 8:00am-New Spirit Rehearsal 9am-New Spirit Worship @Pavilion 10am-Faith & Fellowship Meeting 7pm-NA	19	20 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	21	22	23	24
25 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	26	27 September Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30	31

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Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Wednesday, 8/7 – 6:45pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 8/14 - 6:45pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 8/15 – 1:00pm Executive Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, 8/18 – 8:00am New Spirit Rehearsal +
10:00am Faith & Fellowship Meeting at Primary Classroom
- Tuesday, 8/20 – 7:00pm Church Council via Zoom
- Tuesday, 8/27 - September Newsletter Deadline



Important upcoming dates ...

Peace Pavilion Announcements



Peace Members' Use of the Pavilion

There is no cost to Peace members for the use of the Peace Pavilion. However, the expectation is that members donate \$100, which will cover the cost of the sexton's services. Otherwise, Peace Church will have to cover this cost every time a member uses the pavilion.

Outdoor Services: Can you lend a hand?

Each month our church has an outdoor service in the pavilion. We all enjoy these services. However, setting up the equipment, chairs, tables and altar requires some work.

We are looking for a volunteer or two, who is willing to arrive early on an outdoor service Sunday to help with the setups.

We need volunteers on:

- Sunday, August 18th (arrive at 8AM)
- Sunday, September 15th (arrive at 9AM)

A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex. Please sign up, if you are willing to help on any of these dates.

Thank you!

Important upcoming dates ...



Peace Fellowship Project for August

The August Fellowship Project will be to resume collecting kid-friendly foods for Penridge F.I.S.H. The need for these items continues until the children return to school in September and receive free or reduced cost breakfasts and lunches.

Friendly healthy food items could be:

- Applesauce
- Fruit in plastic cups
- Granola bars
- Jello cups
- Macaroni & cheese packs/cups
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Pudding cups
- Ravioli packs or canned
- Snack pack crackers
- Soups

Please place non-perishable foods and snacks in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

Thank you so much for your support of Penridge F.I.S.H., and their programs that provide necessities for the needy in our area!



Important upcoming dates ...



The Sunday School classes will start their fall term on Sunday, September 8th, Rally Day, at 9:00AM. We are looking for another teacher to help team teach the middle school/high school class. All curriculum and materials are provided. This is a great way to get to know the teens of our church and help them grow in their knowledge and faith in our Lord!

Contact Dottie Ritter for more information.
Email – dmritter4@gmail.com or 215-896-3095.



Rally Sunday is September 8th. Our students will return to their 9:00AM classes and Pastor will bless backpacks during the worship services.

After the second worship service, we will have our annual covered dish church picnic at the Pavilion. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Hope you can come and enjoy good food and fellowship as we begin our fall worship season of growing, celebrating, caring and serving within our church and community!

Important upcoming dates ...

Peace Craft Show & Marketplace



Upcoming Date Saver ...

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church will be holding another Craft Show & Marketplace on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10AM to 3PM. We have spaces for up to 57 vendors in our pavilion and parking lot. Please tell your family and friends about this exciting event. Also, if you know any vendors who would like to exhibit their wares, please direct them to the church website to sign up or for more information (<https://peace-tohickon.org/craft-show/>). The proceeds of the Craft Show will go to RamPacks, which provides meals to children with food insecurities in the Pennridge School District.

Thank you for spreading the word. We would love to see you there.



August Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

1	Annabelle Neary
3	Evan Hughes Sarah Neary
4	Addelyn Link
7	Nadine Scholl
10	Andy May
13	Tamara Hawthorne
14	Richard Miller
15	Jayne Kramer Sarah Grim
17	Madison Wilfong
23	Nancy Frank
27	Makenzie Wilfong
29	Michael Cygan
30	Dick Burkett
31	Herta Altner



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

Dear Dottie and the Peace Lutheran Family,



At this time the St. Michael's Church family and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for hosting this year's Knights of North Castle VBS. Thanks also to the many Peace members who gave their time and talents to make this program so successful. I love the support of all your volunteers in sharing the Word of God & their adventurous spirit in creating a large castle and making tunic costumes.

We look forward to joining you in future endeavors. I pray that we will be able to use our gifts jointly to reach more children needing to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks again for being a wonderful VBS partner!



Armor Up with Peace!

Barbara Nemecek

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St. Michael's Church



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Dear Mrs. Dottie & the Sunday school teachers and
PARTICIPANTS;

Thank you so very much for your kind gifts
and wishes for my graduation! it truly means
a lot and I'm quite thankful that I have
so many people hoping for, and watching me
succeed. I also wanted to thank you for
the scholarship from Peace. it will be a
big help in furthering my education, and
I cannot give enough thanks for the support.
-Nick Conner