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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



Ode to Winter

When you ask people what their favorite season is, many will say Fall. Still others will say Spring or Summer. Very few will say Winter. Doesn't Winter have beauty to offer too? Could it be that the discomfort of the cold distracts us from noticing the sparkle of icicles from the barren trees? Could it be possible that some of the most spectacular skies and sunsets take place in the winter?

Some many years ago, I was looking out of my office in New Jersey, and I saw a flag hanging from a flagpole. It was about a tenth of a mile away. I had never noticed it before. The view from my window was a playground and then the woods. It occurred to me that I could only see that far in the winter when all the trees were bare. During the Summer, the Spring, and most of the Fall, the fullness of the trees blinded me from seeing that far. I began to think, maybe we see more clearly in the winter, when the holiday season has passed, and the rush of Spring activities has not started yet. Winter can be a time of reflection and albeit cold, also a time of recovery.

I thought it fair to write this little ode to Winter, just as a reminder to the masses, that Winter too has something to offer.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates and information ...

January 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day  Church Office Closed	2 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	3	4
			5 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 7pm-NA	6	7 1:00pm-WELCA	8 Choir Rehearsals Resume
12 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 11:15am-Blood Pressure Check @Peace 11:30am-Faith&Fellowship Meeting 7pm-NA	13	14 7:00pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	15	16 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	17	18
19 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 7pm-NA	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Federal Holiday 1:00PM-3:00PM MLK Project @Peace	21 7:00pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	22	23 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	24 February Newsletter Deadline	25
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Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Wednesday, 1/1 – New Year’s Day + Church Office Closed
- Thursday, 1/2 – 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 1/5 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School
- Tuesday, 1/7 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting
- Wednesday, 1/8 – Choir Rehearsals Resume (Times TBD)
- Thursday, 1/9 - 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 1/12 - 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School + 11:15AM Blood Pressure Check @Peace + 11:30AM Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting @Peace
- Tuesday, 1/14 - 7:00PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday, 1/16 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 1/19 - 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School
- Monday, 1/20 – MLK Day + 1:00PM to 3:00PM MLK Project @ Peace
- Tuesday, 1/21 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday, 1/23 - 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Friday, 1/24 – February Newsletter Deadline
- Sunday, 1/26 - 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + Sunday School
- Thursday, 1/30 - 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom



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Adult Discussion Group

Join this Sunday's Adult Discussion Group at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be investigating the many names and titles of God and how they reflect His relationship with His people.

We have had many lively and interesting discussions in the past. Come join us. All are welcome. No prior knowledge or reading is needed, just an open mind. ~ Randi Schaeffer



Altar Flower Sponsorships

The 2025 Altar Flower Chart is up and ready for your requests! The new flower chart for 2025 is hanging up outside the coat room. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers on a specific date in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the date you'd like to reserve or contact Elva Groff at 215-453-9005 or email her at pennridge45@yahoo.com to reserve your requests for 2025. Thank you for your continued support!



2025 Envelopes Available for Pickup

You may pick up your 2025 Offering envelopes anytime during regular church office hours or by appointment. Call the church office at 215-257-3294.

Important upcoming dates and information...

Martin Luther King Day of Service Activities Monday, January 20, 2025 – 1:00PM to 3:00PM at Peace Church

In preparation for Peace's 1st Martin Luther King Day of Service activity, our December/January fellowship project is to collect women's feminine hygiene products and toiletries. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex from December 15th through January 19th.

Project #1: Join us for a fun MLK service project helping local animal shelters. In this family/team project, Peace members will construct interactive toys for cats and dogs, including cardboard cat playhouses! Between now and January 20th, please save the following items to bring to the event.

- Sturdy corrugated cardboard boxes (12"x12"x12" up to 16"x18"x30"). Plain clean cardboard is preferred, but not 100% necessary.
- Sturdy cardboard mailing tubes (any length).
- Toilet paper and paper towel tubes.
- Used (clean and not frayed) blue jeans and sweatshirts.



Project #2: We will be collecting and packing feminine hygiene kits for the homeless, to be sent to the Welcome Church in Philadelphia. Donations of sanitary pads, tampons (both unscented) and WetOnes travel packs are welcome and can be placed in the coatroom.

We would also welcome donations of any new, unused sturdy dog toys to take to the shelters following the event.

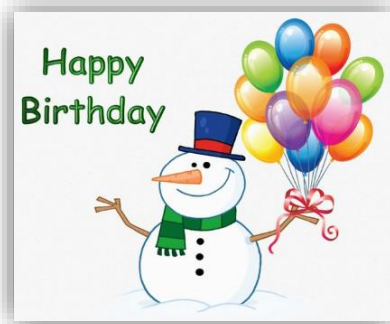
More information to follow.



January Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

1	Eli Benner
2	Donna Donelon
3	Madelyn Gerth
10	Donna Lemmon
12	Nick Erney Eric French
13	Dorrie Daikeler
16	Weston Reiss
17	Avery Burkett
18	Gary Schaeffer
25	Chip Kramer
28	Elizabeth Thomas
31	Sally Greer



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



November 22, 2024

Thank You

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

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$95.00 to ELCA World Hunger.

"[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 generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock and education, and it advances peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

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

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Giving, Service and Justice
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Gift date: 11/11/2024

Gifts are designated for:

ELCA World Hunger

\$95.00

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Friday, November 22, 2024

Donation # 10766

Peace Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Rd.
Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear Donor,

We would like to acknowledge your donation of of \$40.00 on 11/21/2024.

Pennridge FISH currently serves about 600 low-income families in the Pennridge School district with food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance. This donation will help many struggling families in our community and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Zimmerman, President
Pennridge FISH Organization, Inc.

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

Dear *Peace Lutheran Church,*

DATE *12-10-24*

Thank you for your contribution of \$2431.⁰⁷ to RamPacks in support of our mission to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children in the Pennridge School District so they can come to school ready to learn. We truly appreciate your support of the children in the Pennridge area.

Remember to check our website **RamPacks.com** and Facebook page to keep up with our progress toward the goal of serving all schools in the district.

*Thank you!!
Merry Christmas*

Sincerely,



Libby Hollenbach
on behalf of
RamPacks
Provided with love from the Pennridge Community

Thank You!

Peace Church Members