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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...

The Long Green Season

This is the unofficial name for the Season after Pentecost in which we now enter. Here in our part of the world, it mirrors the greenery around us. Indeed, the green season has returned, or is it in bloom for the first time? Of course, we have all seen this before, but it is only the same in our minds; it is not the same in reality. It's a new year and a new bloom that never existed before.

In the same way, the Season after Pentecost returns us to the stories about Jesus' ministry. The problem is that we know these stories already and we already know the ending of the gospels. We have heard it all before.

However, a number of famous people have coined this phrase, "sometimes the biggest hindrance to learning is that which we already know." Dick Ritger, a retired physical education teacher and professional bowler says, "practice doesn't make perfect; practice makes permanent." His point is that however we practice something, what we practice will become permanent even if it is wrong.

What would it be like if we were to approach the Season after Pentecost as though we don't know everything that is going to happen in the Biblical narratives? Dare we consider approaching this season as though we don't know anything that is going to happen in the stories of Jesus' life.

Here we might try an interesting and challenging exercise. As we encounter the stories, let's approach them like they are new. Let's approach the Long Green Season not as the return of something, but as a new and fresh bloom. Who knows what we might discover?

Pastor Gary

A Focus on a Peace Ministry

The committees, the teams and the groups that make up the ministry at Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church some of which are listed below:

Altar Guild	Live Stream
Assisting Minister	Lunch Bunch
Bells	Music & Worship
Choir	Outreach
Council	Property
Faith & Fellowship	Reader
Garden	Usher
Greeter	WELCA

Each month our newsletter will feature one or more of these groups with an in-depth description and their area of focus/interest. We invite you to consider participating in any that may interest you. If you would like to contribute to any aspect of our live here at Peace, we invite you to call or email the church office at -- 215-257-3294; adminassistant@peace-tohickon.org.






For the month of June, we would like to tell you about the Peace Garden.

The Peace Garden is a 25 by 25 foot raised-bed vegetable garden that is planted, tended, and harvested by members of the Peace Garden Circle group. This is the fifth year of raising vegetables that are given to Pennridge F.I.S.H. for their food pantry to be distributed to their clients during the months of June through October. Last year, 469 lbs. of tomatoes, peppers, onions, lettuce, zucchini, cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, beans and herbs were raised and delivered!

All members of Peace are invited to join the Peace Garden group! The Sunday School students plant the cold crops on Earth Day Sunday and the rest of the planting is done in May. Then during the growing season, teams of two people check the garden to water, weed, harvest, and deliver the produce to F.I.S.H. about once a month. Anyone interested in joining the gardening group should contact Dottie Ritter at dmritter4@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us in this important outreach project!



Important upcoming dates ...

June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dollars for Peace Scholars Application Due
2 Music Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 7pm-NA	3	4 12:00pm – WELCA Picnic & Meeting @Peace Pavilion	5 6:45pm -Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	6 80th Anniversary of D-Day 3pm-Finance Committee Meeting	7	8
9 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	10	11 7:00pm-Music&Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	12 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	13 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	14 Flag Day 	15 12pm-4pm Private Party @Pavilion
16 Father's Day 8:15am Worship 10:15am New Spirit Worship Service @Pavilion 9am-Sunday School-last class for summer 9am-New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm-NA	17	18 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	19 Juneteenth  11am-Lunch Bunch Lunch @ Roy Ann Diner; followed by a visit to Clover Hill Winery	20 1st Day of Summer 2024 	21	22
23 9:00am-Worship Service (Summer schedule begins) 7:pm-NA	24	25 July Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29
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Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Saturday, 6/1 – Dollars for Peace Scholars Application Due
- Sunday, 6/2 – Music Sunday + 9:00pm Youth Rehearsal + 9:15am Peace Choir Rehearsal + 9:25am New Spirit Rehearsal + 9:35am Bells Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 6/4 – 12:00pm WELCA Picnic and Meeting @Peace Pavilion
- Wednesday, 6/5 - 6:45pm Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:15pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 6/6 – 3:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
- Sunday, 6/9 – 9:30am Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 6/11 – 7:00pm Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 6/12 – 6:45pm New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 6/13 – 1:00pm Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday, 6/15 – 12:00pm-4:00pm Private Party @Peace Pavilion
- Sunday, 6/16 – Father’s Day + Last Sunday School class for summer + 9:00am New Spirit Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 6/18 – 7:00pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 6/19 – 11:00am Lunch Bunch @Roy Ann Diner + visit Clover Hill Winery (carpool from Peace)
- Sunday, 6/23 – Summer Worship Services begin @9:00am
- Tuesday, 6/25 – July Newsletter Deadline



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Date Savers for the Summer ...
Summer Worship Services will be from Sunday, June 23 th to Sunday, September 1 st starting at 9:00am.
Sunday, September 8 th will resume the regular worship services times (8:15am and 10:15am).
<p>Peace Outdoor New Spirit Services will be held in the Peace Pavilion on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday, June 16th @10:15am• Sunday, July 21st @9:00am• Sunday, August 18th @9:00am• Sunday, September 15th @10:15am <p>Chairs will be provided; however, if you have your own chair (i.e., camper chair), please feel free to bring it with you on these days.</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School – Peace and St Michael’s will be hosting VBS at Peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates: Monday, July 15th to Thursday, July 18th• Time: 6:00pm to 8:15pm• Children ages 3yrs to 12yrs <p>Watch for additional information about registration. VBS helpers are needed. Contact Mrs. Dottie Ritter at dmritter4@gmail.com</p>



Important upcoming dates ...



Peace Fellowship Project for June

The Peace Fellowship Project for June is to help Pennridge F.I.S.H. by supplying summertime healthy friendly foods for children ages 5 to 18. Low-income children normally receive free or subsidized breakfasts and lunches during the school year. When school lets out for the summer, these benefits disappear.

Friendly healthy food items could be:

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

(Exclude peanut butter items and nuts)

Please place non-perishable foods and snacks in the grocery cart located in the narthex. Your generosity is appreciated.



Important upcoming dates ...



The Adult Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion Group will begin discussing Phillip Yancey's book, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* today. Phillip Yancey probes the very heartbeat of our relationship with God: Prayer. What is prayer? Does it change God's mind or ours or both? This book is an invitation to communicate with God the Father who invites us into an eternal partnership through prayer.”

We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9AM on Sunday mornings.

All are welcome. Please join us for some good conversation.



WELCA's June Event



The Peace Women of WELCA will be holding their June meeting and annual picnic on Tuesday, June 4th at 12:00PM in the Peace Pavilion. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share. Remember to bring a wrapped item for the “White Elephant” game.

The WELCA Spring Thank Offering will be for Fostering Hope. Please bring \$5.00 with you to the picnic for this donation.

Please note, WELCA does not meet in July and August.

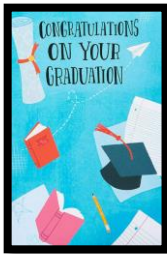
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Lunch Bunch Date Savers ...

The Lunch Bunch group is planning a fun June event on Wednesday, June 19th. It will begin at 11:00am for lunch at Roy Ann Diner, 1318 Bethlehem Pike, Sellersville, PA 18960. Followed by a visit to the Clover Hill Winery, 9850 Newtown Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

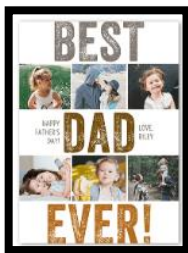
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. A carpool is being organized from Peace.
If you have questions, please contact Grace Lloyd – gracelloyd@yahoo.com or 610-972-3172.



Congratulations to the Class of 2024

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next grand adventure.

Inspirational Father's Day Messages ...



- *A dad is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow.*
- *Life doesn't come with a manual – it comes with a father.*
- *Dads hold our hands for a little while and hold our hearts forever.*
- *Thanks for always saying yes when Mom said no to me.*

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads of Peace!



June Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

4	Harry Grim III
8	Nancy Cygan
9	Catherine May
10	William Markland III
11	Colton Grim
13	Susan Barnes Wanda Renshaw Ralph Scholl
20	Taylor Grim Randi Schaeffer
22	Ann Grim
23	Dawn Link
24	Bill Brackman
27	Kathy Mitman David Thomas
28	Thomas Steiner
29	Thomas Neary
30	Linda Gonet



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

April 30, 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 \$85.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"[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 Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

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

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 4/22/2024

Gifts are designated for:

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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.

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