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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



There's More

Physical and Mental growth for human beings resembles a Bell Curve. We ascend to a peak and then the descent starts. Parents of little ones quietly whisper 'please don't knock her over' when their child is playing with other children. Soon that whisper is spoken to their own child, 'please don't knock anyone else over.'

At some point in our adult lives we begin to forget things and we have less interest in new information or new methods. Spiritual growth is different though. It can continue to increase, even when other parts of our existence are on the decline. Of course, there are ups and downs if we monitor our position from day to day. To put it in economic terms, sometimes we are increasing at an increasing rate and sometimes we are increasing at a decreasing rate, but in general, we continue to grow spiritually.

John 15: I says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit." As believers we are the fruit bearing branches and we are pruned to bear more fruit. This is an ongoing process. God is forever drawing us in deeper. He always has more to reveal to us. We realize that our life on earth is a journey into eternity and not just a quest in and of itself. Many of us are on the other side of the Bell Curve but we're still going up.

Pastor Gary

Council Corner ...



Council Corner – April 2023

Spring is here, and Council had a great meeting previewing what will be a full spring and summer agenda. We are hoping everyone gets involved and that you invite your friends and neighbors to join us too!

- The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with about 50 children in attendance. We collected contact information from many community members and will be inviting them to future Peace events. Thanks to all who donated and contributed!
- Get ready for our first ever Craft Show & Marketplace on June 3rd! Vendor spaces are filling quickly so sign-up soon if you have homemade goods to sell or, if like me, you want to drop by and do some shopping. Details can be found on our Facebook page. Thanks to the Outreach team for all the great work to pull this together.
- With the changing of the seasons, we will hear more from Music & Worship about the return of outdoor services and a single-service time for the summer. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for further updates.
- Council approved a motion to digitize our church records using the Ancestry service. This is a great way to preserve our important history and make it broadly accessible to those seeking and sharing genealogies.
- Some building clean-up and repairs are underway including installation of a new AC system. A special shout out to our Property team – they are hard at work.

In Peace,
Heidi Gerth, Council President

Important upcoming dates ...

| May 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 | 2 1pm-WELCA Meeting and Speaker, Rick Doll-Perkasie's Firsts | 3 7pm-New Spirit 8pm-Senior Choir 7-8:30pm-Girl Scout Troop#208 | 4 National Prayer Day 7pm-Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting via Zoom | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk Geranium Order Deadline 7pm-NA | 8 7pm-Zoom Music & Worship Committee Meeting | 9 | 10 12Noon-Lunch Bunch-Richland Library Tour and Lunch @Red Lion Inn 7pm-Bells 8pm-Senior Choir | 11 7pm-Executive Council Meeting via Zoom | 12 | 13 9am-CPR Training @Peace |
| 14 Mother's Day 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 7pm-NA | 15 | 16 7pm-Church Council via Zoom PA Primary Election Day | 17 7pm-Senior Choir 8pm-New Spirit 7-8:30pm-Girl Scout Troop#208 | 18 Ascension of Our Lord | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8:15am+10:15am Ascension + New Spirit Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 7pm-NA | 22 | 23 | 24 7pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir | 25 | 26 June Newsletter Deadline | 27 |
| 28 8:15am+10:15am Day of Pentecost Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am-Coffee&Talk 7pm-NA | 29 Memorial Day  | 30 | 31 7pm-Bells 7:30pm-New Spirit |  | | |

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Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, May 2nd @1:00pm – WELCA Meeting
- Tuesday, May 2nd @2:00pm – Rick Doll, “Perkasie Firsts” Presentation
- Thursday, May 4th @7:00pm – Faith & Fellowship Meeting via Zoom
- Monday, May 8th @7:00pm – Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, May 10th @12Noon – Lunch Bunch at Red Lion Inn and Tour of the Richland Library
- Saturday, May 13th @9:00am – CPR Training
- Sunday, May 14th – Mother’s Day
- Tuesday, May 16th @7:00pm – Church Council Meeting
- Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day



CPR/AED/First Aid Training – Saturday, May 13th – 9:00am @ Peace

An interactive, hands-on training class will enable you to learn lifesaving techniques when moments matter.

- Learn how to perform CPA
- Learn how to use an AED
- Help a choking victim

Contact Dianne Steiner – dsteiner605@gmail.com



Peace Education Scholarship Fund

- Peace Education Scholarship applications are now available in the narthex.
- For students who are planning to attend college or a vocational school in Fall 2023.
- To qualify must be a voting, active and contributing, Peace Church member.
- Applications must be submitted to the Faith & Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Dottie Ritter, by June 1, 2023.

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements Continue



Peace Fellowship Project for May is to Help Pennridge FISH by supplying summertime healthy friendly foods for kids. Please place non-perishable foods and snacks in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

Friendly healthy foods items could be:

- Snack pack crackers
- Ravioli packs or canned
- Mac & Cheese packs/cups
- Jello cups
- Pudding cups
- Applesauce cups
- Fruit in plastic cups
- Granola bars

(Exclude peanut butter items and nuts)



Philadelphia Phillies Game – Saturday, June 10th

- Bus departs Peace Church at 1:30pm
- Destination: Citizens Bank Park
- Return approximately at 9:00pm
- Price: \$85.00/person/ticket
- Sign-up sheet in the narthex
- Questions: Contact Grace Lloyd – 610-972-3172 or gracelloyd@yahoo.com
- Feel free to invite friends or neighbors



Geraniums for Pentecost

*We invite you to order a geranium in honor or remembrance of loved ones for
Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023*

The price is \$3.50 per plant.

Please make checks payable to "Peace Lutheran Church".

Place orders in the offering plate clearly marked, Pentecost Geraniums, or place in the church secretary's mailbox.

Deadline for Orders is Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Total Paid: _____

_____ I wish to leave the geranium(s) to be planted on the church property.

Paid Check # _____

Paid Cash: _____

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters to Us:



Doylestown Hospital

March 27, 2023

Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Road
Perkasie PA 18944

Thank you
SO MUCH

*for your beautiful, prayerful handiwork
making comforting prayer blankets
for Doylestown Hospital patients in need.
Your blankets will bless so many: the patient who receives one,
the chaplain who gets to give one, the caregiving staff who
witness the gift, and the family of the patient,
who benefit from our caring community.*

We so appreciate you!

Fondly,
Cindy L. Castor
Administrative Assistant
Pastoral Care Department

*Wow! What a wonderful contribution to our prayer blanket ministry here
at the hospital. Thank you so much for your hard work, skillful hands,
and generous heart. We will make good use of every one of your gifts.*

595 West State Street | Doylestown, PA 18901 | p: 215.345.2200 | w: DoylestownHealth.org

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April 18, 2023

Thank You

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church
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Perkasie, PA 18944-3715

Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$455.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.*
—ELW 328

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice but also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping 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.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



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Dear Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2.00 to ELCA Global Mission.

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Your support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, to serve in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to international women leaders responding to God's call to ministry. And it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

With gratitude,

Rahel Mwitula Williams
Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding

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