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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



Miracles

Loosely defined, a miracle is a happening that defies the laws of form or compromises them in an extremely improbable way. The result of which has a favorable outcome for one or more people involved, and causes them to consider the existence, presence and or power of God.

Such things are rare in our lives, or so it seems. Suppose I told you that we can be a part of a miracle whenever we choose. Two thirds of the gospel of Mark involves Jesus in some healing or miracle story. Of course, we know that Jesus was crucified and then raised from the dead. He ascended into heaven and as a hymn writer has said, "He is no longer bound to distant places in Palestine."

Should it really surprise us then that in the resurrection, Jesus has returned to the work of healing the sick, lifting up the downtrodden, and showing compassion for the poor? When we do this same work, we are partnering with Him, and we become His hands, feet, and voices in the world. We are the instruments of His miracles.

The work that Peace Lutheran Church does in supporting RamPacks, Fish, Gemma Services and several other organizations presents opportunities to participate in the miracles of God. Through this work lives are transformed.

Miracles don't have to be the exception to the rule; they can actually be the rule. Jesus has always focused on helping people in need. When we partner with Him, we can expect to be right in the middle of a miracle.

Pastor Gary

A Focus on a Peace Ministry

Stewardship

By Pastor Gary Costa



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is divided into regions, synods, and congregations. There are committees woven throughout and while the work is the same; the names of the committees may vary from region to region, synod to synod, or congregation to congregation.

For example, most congregations have committees named Music & Worship, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Christian Education, Fellowship, Welca, Property, Finance, and Stewardship. With just a little thought you can see how the committees at Peace fit into these categories.

In November we focus on Stewardship, the committee that emphasizes what it means to be a cheerful giver in the family of God. It involves the giving of our time, our talent, and our treasure. Of course, we are called to be generous all year around because generosity is a part of the Christian life. The larger church has simply designated November to be the month that we focus on encouraging each other to live generously, and to thank each other for all that we have done and accomplished.

While our attention is only focused on Stewardship for a short time, it is always operating in the background with the many giving opportunities that churches like Peace provide.

Important upcoming dates and information ...

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Bells Rehearsal 10:15am-Temple Talk 7pm-NA	4	5 Election Day  1:00pm-WELCA Meeting	6 7:00pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm-New Spirit Rehearsal	7 3:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	8	9
10 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 11:15am-Blood Pressure Check 7pm-NA	11 Veterans Day 	12 7:00pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	13 12:00Noon-Lunch Bunch @Peace 7:00pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 8:00pm-Bells Rehearsal	14 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	15	16
17 Stewardship Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:00am-New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm-NA	18	19 7:00pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	20 7:00pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm-Bells Rehearsal	21 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	22	23
24 Christ the King 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 11:15am-Faith&Fellowship Meeting 7pm-NA	25	26	27 7:00pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service 7	28 Thanksgiving Day  No Confirmation Class Tonight	29	30 3:00pm-Songs of Peace and Joy for Christmas Concert featuring Ed Bara & Friends @Peace

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Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, 11/3 – 1st Day of Standard Time + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Bells Rehearsal + 10:15am Temple Talk from Wellspring Clubhouse
- Tuesday, 11/5 – Election Day + 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 11/6 – 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/7 – 3:00PM Finance Committee Meeting + 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 11/10 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 11:15AM Blood Pressure Check @Library
- Monday, 11/11 – Veterans Day
- Tuesday, 11/12 – 7:00PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 11/13 – 12:00PM Lunch Bunch @Peace + 7:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/14 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 11/17 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 11/19 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 11/20 – 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/21 – 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Friday, 11/22 – December Newsletter Deadline
- Sunday, 11/24 - 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 11/27 – 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Thursday, 11/28 – Thanksgiving Day + NO Confirmation Class
- Saturday, 11/30 – 3:00PM Christmas Music Concert w/Ed Bara @Peace



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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



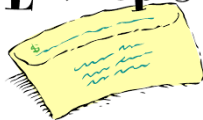
God's Work. Our Hands.

Please help us gather these items for our "God's Work. Our Hands" project. We will be making backpack care packages to be delivered to the Welcome Church. Please join us at 9:15am on Sunday, November 3, 2024, to put the Sock Rolls together. Thank you!

The care packs will contain: (Refer to the poster in the narthex for more details.)

White tube sock	Small bottles of sanitizer
Small Lotion	Soft/Chewy Granola bars
Chapstick	New or gently used T-Shirts
Backpacks	Small pack Wet Wipes
Cracker Packs	Small tissue packs

Offering Envelopes



Special Designated Giving Envelopes

In the coming weeks, our special envelopes are designated for the following organizations:

- Thanksgiving Envelope – KenCrest
- Advent Envelope – A Woman's Place
- Christmas Envelope – Lutheran Disaster Relief

Important upcoming dates and information...



Thankoffering 2024

This year, the WELCA Thankoffering envelopes found in the church pews will benefit Penn Foundation's Wellspring Clubhouse during the month of November. Penn Foundation's Wellspring Clubhouse is a voluntary rehabilitation program.

The purpose of our Clubhouse is to promote recovery and instill hope among members with mental health and/or co-occurring substance use challenges. They provide a warm, welcoming place where people can belong. Above it, our Clubhouse offers friendship, hope and new beginnings.

The Clubhouse Model features member leadership and involvement in all aspects of the program. Members work side-by-side with staff as colleagues to run the program, to learn or teach skills, and to offer support and resources needed to achieve a satisfying and improved quality of life in the community.

Thank you for your support.



WELCA November Meeting ... Date Saver

The next business WELCA meeting will be at Peace on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:00PM. All are welcome!



... Date Saver

A Lunch Bunch gathering at Peace is planned for Wednesday, November 13th beginning at 12Noon. Bring a bagged lunch with you and enjoy a movie.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Questions: Contact Grace Lloyd at gracelloyd@yahoo.com; 610-972-3172.

Important upcoming dates and information...



Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for several weeks in December. Available dates are: 12/1, 12/15 and 12/22. Please sign up on the narthex flower chart or call Elva Groff at 215-453-9005 or email her at pennridge45@yahoo.com. Thank you.



Christmas Giving Tree

The Sunday School classes and the Faith & Fellowship Committee will be providing Christmas gifts for the children of Gemma Services (formerly Silver Springs Martin Luther School) as their fellowship project for November. Please help us make Christmas happier for these children!

Please choose an ornament from the Christmas tree in the narthex and purchase the wish list idea found on the back or select a gift from the Gemma 2024 Gift Wish List.

This year they are also asking for \$25 gift cards to Amazon, Giant, Target, Walmart or VISA for the children's families to use for other holiday needs or wants.

Please bring your unwrapped gift or gift card to church by Sunday, December 1st and place it under our Christmas Giving Tree. Gifts can also be dropped off during church office hours or on Sundays from 8am to 11:30am.

The Sunday School students of Peace thank you for your generosity in bringing joy and hope to Gemma.

Important upcoming dates and information...



Blood Pressure Check Sunday, November 10th – 11:15AM

The Faith and Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a free blood pressure check at Peace Church. The checks will be held on the second Sunday of the month in the Library, after the 10:15AM worship service.

The November blood pressure check is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th. Linda Gonet will be on duty to take members' blood pressures.

Please take advantage of this valuable screening.



SAVE THIS DATE ...

Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program including:

- Letters
- Temple Talks
- Estimate of Giving Cards
- Celebration Lunch

Sunday, November 17th is the big day!

Sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Important upcoming dates and information...

From the Archives

By: Donna Donelon

The church office received a call recently, asking for information about the church parsonage. Parsonage? I thought to myself. I didn't know Peace ever had a parsonage. Turns out, this gentleman lives in a 1780's home in Tylersport which he believes may have been the parsonage belonging to the parish of Old Goshenhoppen at the time when Rev. Conrad Roeller was the pastor.

Back in those days, churches had little money and pastors were hard to come by, as they had to be trained in Germany. Peace-Tohickon joined with Old Goshenhoppen and Indianfield to which became Rev Roeller's residence. Roeller actually farmed the land in addition to his church responsibilities to earn extra income.

In 1841, Rev. Engelbert Peixolo became pastor of the parish and lived on the farm. There is no record of whether or not he farmed it.

The last pastor to live on the farm was Rev. Frederick Walz. He moved into the parsonage in 1864 but lived there for only 2 years. In 1866, he purchased a house in Sellersville, and the Tylersport property was sold.

I relayed this information to our caller and he was very grateful to get it. It's so rewarding to be able to inform the public about the history of our church!



Conrad Roeller's parsonage in Tylersport, PA

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News from RamPacks

An interesting article from Donna Huff, RamPacks Board President.

Hello RamPacks Friends,

We have started the new school year with a bang! We are already serving 290 children! We are still working out of three pantries: Blooming Glen Mennonite (Bedminster, Guth and North Middle), St. Paul's UCC (Deibler, West Rockhill, South Middle and Pennridge High School) and Souderton Brethren in Christ (Sellersville, Seylar, Grasse and Central Middle).

We supported FISH this summer who in turn supported our children. There is new leadership at FISH and lots of changes, so please keep them in your prayers and watch social media for lists of needs and ways you can help.

We have welcomed a few new teams to our packing schedule and continue to receive generous donations from MANY local churches (St. Michael's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC, St. Andrew's UCC, St. Matthews Lutheran, Good Shepherd, Peace Lutheran, St. Andrew's Lutheran, Blooming Glen Mennonite, Perkasie Mennonite, JUST TO NAME SOME).

We are going to have a COMMUNITY-WIDE food drive this year for the first time. We will kick it off on MLK Day, Monday, January 20, 2025, at Pennridge High School, then each school will be collecting food and there will be boxes around the community where you can drop food donations until Friday, February 14, 2025.

I realize this news seems to be a little premature, but as most of you know, TIME passes QUICKLY! Before we know, it will be Christmas, followed by MLK Day very soon after.

Thank you for your interest in RamPacks, and please continue to spread the word about how to donate (Venmo OR via PayPal on the website www.rampacks.com).

If your church, place of business or service organization is not already connected in some way, please reach out and I will be happy to provide a presentation to help them learn more about RamPacks.

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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

Presents

Songs of Peace and Joy for Christmas

Featuring

Ed Bara and Friends

From Radio City and Carnegie Hall, to the Kimmel Center and Salzburg Castle, Ed has sung all over the world. This Thanksgiving weekend he will team up with some wonderful members of Peace's music program for a delightful afternoon of Christmas favorites, Christmas classics, and Christmas carols. This concert will have you thinking of "Pennsylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie."

Saturday, November 30, 2024

3:00 P.M.

100 Old Bethlehem Road

Perkasie, PA 18944

215-257-3294

www.peace-tohickon.org

Come enjoy a family-friendly afternoon as Ed and his friends sing and play some beautiful songs, tell some great stories, and inspire joy to start the season. Stay for a little while after and enjoy some cookies and maybe a warm beverage. Feel Christmas in the air and bring your friends and family that are visiting for the thanksgiving holiday. You'll be glad you came. The concert will run approximately 60 minutes with no intermission and is completely free and open to the public!

During this season of giving, cash donations will be gratefully accepted for Pennridge FISH Food Pantry to help support our community in need.



Poinsettia Order Form
\$7.50 Each

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please return this order form to the church office or in the offering plate **no later than Sunday, November 17th**. Checks should be made payable to **Peace Lutheran Church**.


Sponsors are asked **not** to remove the plants from the Sanctuary until after the late Christmas Eve Service. Thanks!

Paid: Check# _____

Quantity: _____

Paid: Cash \$ _____

Important upcoming dates and information...

	November Birthday Calendar at Peace <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i>
3	Timothy Heverly
10	Dana Caporaletti
15	Beverly Azzalina
19	Harry Grim, IV
22	Doris Walters Emily Grim
23	Robert Greer
25	Amanda French
28	David Hudack Taylor Burkett

