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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church

OUR HISTORY



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...

The Holidays Are Here

Really? I saw a commercial on or around October 15th and the opening line was the holidays are here. There were Christmas trees and decorations along with gift boxes. I know I'm old-fashioned, but it still seems strange to me to hear someone make the claim that the holidays are here halfway through October.

Do you remember the days when no one began to talk about Christmas until after Thanksgiving? Commercialism and consumerism have advanced to a point where I suppose I understand the modern way. After all, is there really anything at stake?

Well, for the believer the risk is to be lured into the things of the world before the spirit of Christmas is ever acknowledged. We can just go through the secular motions. We can simply commit ourselves to keeping up with the masses.

There does exist some tension here. If we don't prepare until it's very close to Christmas we won't get it all done. And as I have said, if we start too early, we yield to the secular masses.

There may be another option though. There are two ways to put God first. We can put God first numerically, but we can also put God first relationally. Of course, numerically means God comes first in order and other things are secondary. Relationally has to do with putting God first in all that we do. We do everything in His name. Our work, our play, our shopping is all done in His name.

So, I encourage you to shop, decorate and prepare for Christmas in the name of Christ, always keep Him first in your heart and mind. To that end, it doesn't matter how early you start.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates and information

November 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 8:15am+ 10:15am Worship Service 9:15am-Backpack 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7pm-NA	3	4 Election Day  1:00pm-WELCA Meeting @Peace	5 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	6 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	7	8
9 8:15am+ 10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:15am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 11:30am-SemiAnnual Meeting 7pm-NA	10	11 Veterans Day  7:30pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	12 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	13 1pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	14	15
16 8:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-New Spirit Rehearsal 10:15am-New Spirit Worship 11:15am-Consecration Sunday Lunch 7pm-NA	17	18 7pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	19 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	20 December Newsletter Deadline 7:30pm – Confirmation Classe via Zoom	21	22
23 Christ the King 8:15am+ 10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9am-Bells Rehearsal 11:15am-Blood Pressure Check 7pm-NA	24	25	26 6:45pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	27 Thanksgiving Day  No Confirmation Class Tonight	28	29 3:00pm-Home for the Holidays Concert featuring Ed Bara & Friends @Peace
30 1st Sunday of Advent 8:15am+ 10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9:30am-Music Rehearsal 7pm-NA						

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Peace Bulletin Board ... November

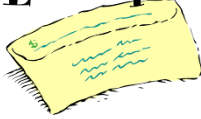
Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, 11/2 – 1st Day of Standard Time + 9:15AM Backpack filling for Welcome Church + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 11/4 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting @Peace
- Wednesday, 11/5 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/6 – 7:30PM Confirmation Classes Resume via Zoom
- Sunday, 11/9 – 9:00 AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 11:30AM Peace Congregational Budget Meeting
- Tuesday, 11/11 – 7:30PM Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 11/12 – 6:45PM – New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/13 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + 7:30PM Confirmation Classes Resume via Zoom
- Sunday, 11/16 – 9:00 AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM New Spirit Rehearsal + 11:15AM Consecration Sunday Luncheon
- Tuesday, 11/18 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 11/19 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:45PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 11/20 – **December Newsletter Deadline** + 7:30PM Confirmation Classes Resume via Zoom
- Sunday, 11/23 – 9:00AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM Bells Rehearsal + 11:15AM Blood Pressure Check
- Wednesday, 11/26 – 6:45PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 7:30PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- Thursday, 11/27 – Thanksgiving Day + No Confirmation Class + Peace Office Closed
- Friday, 11/28 – Peace Office Closed
- Saturday, 11/29 – 3:00PM Home for the Holidays Concert @Peace
- Sunday, 11/30 - 9:00 AM Sunday School + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Music Rehearsal



Important upcoming dates and information...

Offering Envelopes



Special Designated Giving Envelopes

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

- Thanksgiving Envelope – Ken-Crest
 - Advent Envelope – Lutheran Settlement House
 - Christmas Envelope – Lutheran Disaster Relief
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Peace Church Council Needs You!

Peace needs additional council members committed to forging a new chapter of our mission. There are many council openings available. We have inspiring preaching, sound leadership, adequate funds, and the most beautiful place in the county from which to spread the Good News. Listen for that small voice that comes in those quiet hours when you find yourself alone with Him. Two words can mean a great deal, “Yes, Lord”. It may change your life and ours.

In Christ,
Gary Schaeffer,
Nominating Committee



DATE SAVER ... The next business WELCA meeting will be at Peace on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 1:00PM. A representative from A Woman’s Place will be the meeting’s guest speaker. Ladies please bring an item from A Woman’s Place current wish list.

Please come and join the fun!

Important upcoming dates and information...



God's Work. Our Hands.

Please help us gather these items for our "God's Work. Our Hands" project. We will be making the backpacks to be delivered to the Welcome Church. Please join us at 9:15am on Sunday, November 2, 2025, to put the backpacks together. Thank you!

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

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



Blood Pressure Check Sunday, November 23rd – 11:15AM

The Faith and Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a free blood pressure check at Peace Church. The checks will be held on Sunday, November 23rd in the Library, after the 10:15AM worship service.

Please take advantage of this valuable screening.



Altar Flower Sponsorships

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers in 2025, the remaining days are still available.

- Sunday, November 9
- Sunday, November 16
- Wednesday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve
- Sunday, November 30
- Sunday, December 21

Please sign-up for one of these dates or contact Elva Groff at 215-453-9005; penridge45@yahoo.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Important upcoming dates and information...

A Woman's Place Thankoffering 2025

During the month of November, the WELCA Thankoffering envelopes, found in the church pews, will benefit A Woman's Place. A Woman's Place (AWP) provides free, private, confidential and comprehensive services to anyone who has experienced domestic violence in Bucks County. They also provide free education and training programs designed to build community's capacity for responding to domestic violence, supporting survivors and preventing future violence. All of these programs and services are made possible by their volunteers, fellow community members, and donors, like you.

Thank you for your support.



Important upcoming dates and information...



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 of the ornament.

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, November 30th 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's children.



Important upcoming dates and information...

2025 Peace Garden
(Photos and Design by Dwight Dulsk)



Important upcoming dates and information...

Congregational Budget Approval & Elections Meeting



**Congregational Meeting will be held
Sunday, November 9, 2025**

The purpose of the meeting will be to review details of the 2025 financial reports and approve a budget for 2026, as well as to nominate and elect new council members for the upcoming year. Both are important church business necessary to move Peace forward into 2026 and beyond.

Your input is important. Please plan to attend this congregational meeting and participate.

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Council



Important upcoming dates and information...



American Guild of
ORGANISTS

Philadelphia Chapter
Tuesday Noon
Recital Series

Free Organ Recitals

Every Tuesday in November at 12pm

NOVEMBER 11

Kathleen Scheide



**St. John's United
Church of Christ**

**500 W Main St.
Lansdale, PA**

**Join us for a light lunch following the performance!
Suggested donation \$10.**

Important upcoming dates and information...



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 16th**. 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...

DATE SAVER ... BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SAJE Music & Entertainment
in proud partnership with
Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

Presents
A Christmas Celebration!

Home for the Holidays

Featuring
Ed Bara and Friends

From Radio City and Carnegie Hall, to the Kimmel Center and Salzburg Castle. Ed has entertained audiences all over the world. This holiday season he will team up with some wonderful friends for a delightful evening of Christmas favorites, classics, and carols. This concert will have you thinking of "Pennsylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie".

Saturday, November 29, 2025

3:00PM

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church

100 Old Bethlehem Road

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peace-tohickon.org


Come enjoy a family-friendly evening as Ed and his friends sing and play some beautiful songs, tell some great stories, and inspire joy to start the season. Feel Christmas in the air, and invite your friends and family to share the joy of the holidays.

You'll be glad you came.

The concert will run approximately 75 minutes with no intermission.

This concert is graciously funded by the Peace Concert Committee - free to the public.

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

	<p align="center">November Birthday Calendar at Peace <i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>
15	Beverly Azzalina
19	Harry Grim, IV
22	Emily Grim
23	Robert Greer
28	Taylor Burkett David Hudack
<p align="center"><i>Happy Birthday to you!</i></p>	



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



October 3, 2025

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 \$623.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 9/24/2025

Gifts are designated for:

Flooding - United States

\$623.00

Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



October 6, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Road
Perkasie, PA 18944-3716

Dear Everyone at the Peace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of A Woman's Place staff, board, and thousands of survivors, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$80.00 to A Woman's Place received on 10/6/2025.

Your donation supports those in our community experiencing domestic violence and helps to transform the future of Bucks County into a community where all individuals are safe in their relationships. In 2026, we will celebrate 50 years of committed service to survivors of domestic violence in Bucks County. This is a milestone that we celebrate with you, as it could not have been accomplished without your support.

Last year with the help of supporters like you, we provided:

- 11,000 hours of counseling and therapy
- 5,000 nights of emergency housing
- 1,800 hours of court accompaniment
- 3,000 answered calls on our domestic violence

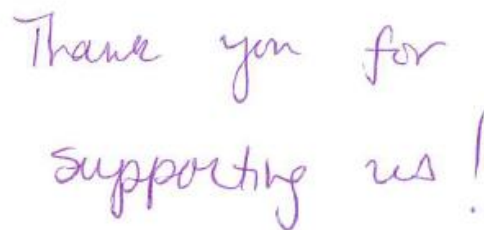
Your donation has taken us a step further in reaching our goal required to fill gaps in funding that will provide the life saving and life changing supports that are needed in Bucks County. The changing landscape of Federal funds makes private donations like yours even more important during this uncertain time.

If you have any questions about this letter, your gift, or anything AWP does, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail (jllocker@awomansplace.org) or by phone at (215) 343-9241 ext. 106.

With Sincere Thanks,



Jen Locker
Executive Director



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:

Philanthropy Department
960A Harvest Drive, Suite 100
Blue Bell, PA 19422
610-825-9360
www.kencrest.org



October 8, 2025

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

Dear Pastor Costa,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$80.00 to KenCrest in honor.

This year marks KenCrest's 120th anniversary, and you are part of the incredible community of supporters who have helped make our work possible over the years. Your generosity builds on the legacy of our founders to make the world a better place for every person we serve.

Each of KenCrest's programs and services for individuals from birth through adulthood are designed to improve quality of life based on their personal desires, preferences and goals. Your gift helps ensure that every person can reach the highest level of independence and success possible.

Thank you again for your support and the part you play in the Kencrest community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Stewart".

Russ Stewart
Director of Community Philanthropy

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO
THE ENTIRE PEACE PERKASIE
CONGREGATION FOR YOUR MANY
YEARS OF GENEROSITY!
GOD BLESS!