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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



Advocacy

Part of the process of maturing is learning how to speak up for ourselves. Some have more difficulty with this than others. Those with shy or apprehensive personalities will suffer until they adjust and learn to speak up for themselves.

So we learn, but then we recognize that sometimes it might be better to have someone else speak up for us. There may be a benefit in having another speak on our behalf; not because we lack the courage, but simply because and advocate might be more effective.

This is a lesson that the book of Philemon teaches us. Onesimus is a runaway slave who asks Paul to speak to his owner, Philemon, about receiving him upon his return. 1st Century Roman law allowed for a runaway slave to appeal to a contemporary of his owner to speak on his behalf.

Where would we be if all we had was our own voice? Sometimes our help comes from the voices of others, people praying for us when we are too injured to pray for ourselves. Consider Jesus speaking on our behalf to the Father when our sin could never be justified by our own voices. Paul speaks on behalf of Onesimus and Jesus speaks on our behalf. Thanks be to God that we have learned to speak up for ourselves, but even more that we have an advocate in Jesus, who speaks up for us.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates ...

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am -Sunday School 7pm-NA	2	3 1pm-WELCA Meeting	4 6:45pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am -Sunday School 9:15am -Bells Rehearsal 11:15am -Faith & Fellowship Meeting @Peace Harvest Home Pennridge Crop Hunger Walk 7pm-NA	9	10 7pm- Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	11 6:45pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 7:45pm-Bells Rehearsal	12 7pm Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	13	14
15 8:15am Worship 10:15am -New Spirit Worship @Pavilion 9am -Sunday School 10:15am -Blessing of the Animals @Pavilion 3pm-5pm -Family Fellowship Event @Pavilion 7pm-NA	16	17 7pm Church Council via Zoom	18 6:45pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm-If Needed Extra Rehearsal	19	20 November Newsletter Deadline	21
22 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am -Sunday School 7pm-NA	23	24	25	26	27	28 2:00pm to 4:00pm Trunk or Treat @Pavilion
29 Reformation Sunday 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service Temple Talk w/Amanda Bryant, Gemma Services 9am -Sunday School 9:15am -Bells Rehearsal 7pm-NA	30	31 Halloween				

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, October 3 @ 1pm – WELCA Meeting and decoration of church
- Wednesday, October 4 – 6:45pm – Choir Rehearsal + 7:45pm – Bells Rehearsal
- Sunday, October 8 – 11:15am – Faith & Fellowship Meeting @Peace
- Tuesday, October 10 – 7pm – Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, October 11 - 6:45pm – New Spirit Rehearsal + 7:45pm – Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, October 12 – 7pm – Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Sunday, October 15 – 10:15am – Blessing of the Animals @Pavilion
- Sunday, October 15 – 3pm-5pm – Family Fellowship Event @Pavilion
- Tuesday, October 17 – 7pm – Church Council via Zoom
- Wednesday, October 18 - 6:45pm – Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 28 – 2pm-4pm – Trunk or Treat @Pavilion
- Sunday, October 29 – 9:15am – Bells Rehearsal



Harvest Home

Sunday, October 8, 2023

<https://pennridgefish.org/current-needs>

Peace is asking for your help in filling the narthex shopping cart with non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies and personal care items for Pennridge FISH. Needed items are:

100% fruit or vegetable juice	Feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes
Bath soaps and shampoos	Flour and sugar
Cake mix and frosting	Gluten free and diabetic foods
Canned chili and stew	Gravy, broth
Canned fish (tuna)	Laundry detergent and cleaning products
Canned fruits and vegetables	Miscellaneous nuts
Canned meats, canned beans	Pancake mix and syrup
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate	Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
Cold and hot cereals	Pasta sides
Condiments, spices, cooking oil (salt & pepper)	Peanut butter and jelly
Diaper wipes	Rice and rice mix
Diapers (all sizes and styles)	Soups (all kinds)
Dried fruit	Spaghetti and other pasta
Dry potatoes	Spaghetti sauce

Ushers Needed ...

Would you consider serving as an usher during the 10:15am service?



We have a small group of dedicated ushers who donate their time frequently. We would love to have a few more helpers. Even one or two times a year would be a huge help.

- The usher hands out bulletins before the service
- Takes a head count of the congregation
- Passes the offering plate
- Guides people forward to receive communion

If you would like to help in this capacity, please contact Melissa Yates – yatesreads@gmail.com

Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 8, 2023 Perkasie, PA

*“Our vision is a world where everyone has food, a voice,
and a safe place to call home.”*

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world.

Our church will be promoting a team again this year. This will be our Faith and Fellowship fundraiser for the month of September.



Church members can participate by being a walker, and/or donating to sponsor a walker. Everyone can pray for the team.

To register or to donate

1. Go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/perkasiepa>
2. In the search box, type in **Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church**.
3. You will be on our church's page. Scroll down to the **Team Members** box. Here you can either join the team or donate to support a team member.

Contact: Melissa Yates – yatesreads@gmail.com



Peace Family Fellowship News . . .

The Outreach Committee extends an invitation for family fellowship, games and song on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 3PM to 5PM at the pavilion.

- Family, friends and neighbors are all welcome.
- Bring your favorite yard games, board games, children’s games to be set up in the yard or the pavilion.
- Bring snacks to share, if you wish.
- You will have access to the kitchen, refrigerator, microwaves and outdoor grill, if you want to bring hot or cold snacks. Bring your crockpot.
- Bathrooms are available, which are handicapped accessible.
- The event will close with a few words of prayer, peace and song.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Outreach Committee



Lunch Bunch News ...

During the month of October, the Lunch Bunch is planning to visit the Upper Bucks County Technical School for lunch. Plans are still being finalized, and additional information will be posted in the weekly bulletin.



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 5, 2023, 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

2023 Peace Garden
(Photos taken by Dwight Dulsky)





SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28

2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
100 Old Bethlehem Rd
Perkasie, PA

Join us for Trunk or Treat fun!



TREATS • GAMES • PRIZES
• PUMPKIN PAINTING •
TRUNK DECORATION JUDGING



*Don't forget to wear costumes and
bring your candy bucket!*



WE WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED GOODS
FOR PENNRIDGE F.I.S.H FOOD PANTRY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT GARY S. AT 267-517-1616

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS



PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY DAY

Philadelphia Flyers

vs. Las Vegas Golden Knights

November 18th, 2023 | 1:00PM

Please join us for Pennridge Community Day at the Flyers! Members of the community can purchase discounted tickets to the game at the QR code below. A portion of each ticket sold will go as a donation to Pennridge FISH to help in their efforts of supporting local families in need during the holiday season and beyond.

We hope you can join us!



www.fevogm.com/PennridgeFish

For more information, please contact Jacob Siwert at
jacob_siwert@comcastsnectacor.com



October Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

1	Gary Schott
3	James Dages Susan Groff
4	Ryan Canning
5	Shelly DePinto
8	Joseph O'Donnell
10	Rachel Canning
11	Stephanie Krause
14	Derek Scholl
18	Tilghman Lick
19	Grace Grim Tess Stranick
20	Agnes Allebach
21	Melissa French Nancy Grace
25	Erin Scholl
27	Bryan Lloyd
29	Cindy Miller John Shelly
30	Lois Hafler



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Senior Communities

Artman

Paul's Run

The Hearth at Drexel

The Manor at York Town

The Village at Penn State

Community Services

The Becoming Center

LCFS West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

Liberty at Home/Liberty Hospice

Lutheran Congregational Services

August 25, 2023

The Reverend and Mrs. James T. Heckman
Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church
100 Old Bethlehem Road
Perkasie, PA 18944-3715

Dear The Reverend and Mrs. Heckman,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$70.00 to Liberty Lutheran. Your investment in our mission is making a real difference in people's lives.

With your gift, you ensure that older adults live with confidence and freedom to be themselves. You help nurture friendship, community, good health and purpose, enabling them to age well.

You also strengthen programs to help the most vulnerable. Your gift means that those affected locally by recent flooding are getting support through our Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA program. In the midst of despair, you provide survivors with hope.

Thanks to you, Liberty continues to grow and thrive throughout our family of services. We invite you to visit our website at libertylutheran.org and click on our blog and newsletter sections to read heartwarming stories of how your support impacts others.

With sincere thanks,

Luanne B. Fisher, Ph.D.
President and CEO

Thank you



RamPacks

Provided with love from the Penridge Community

Dear *Peace Lutheran Church,*

Date *9-7-23*

Thank you for your contribution of \$ 309.- to RamPacks in support of our mission to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children in the Penridge School District so they can come to school ready to learn. We truly appreciate your support of the children in the Penridge 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!!

Sincerely,

Lebby Hollenback
on behalf of
RamPacks
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