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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



This Autumn Fall Back into Church

The Fall is the beginning of the busy season. School starts, extra-curricular activities resume, and for many, work responsibilities increase. It is also the case that many have been traveling and have been away from church. So, this Fall let's fall back into church.

The God that we worship is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving. He is worthy of our time. He gave us this glorious planet and all that is in it; from the rich soil producing food, to the seas and all their creatures, to the birds of the air, to the family and friends that support us. He loves us so much and He never gives up on us.

Reflecting on Psalm 8 the Psalmist says, "O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth, when I consider the work of your hands, the moon and the stars that you have set in their courses. What is humankind that you are mindful of them, that you care for them, you have made them to rule over all the works of your hands, you have put everything under their feet, the sheep, the oxen and all beast, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea."

Regardless of your personal circumstances, you have been placed in the highest position in God's creation. Remembering this and living out of this knowledge can have a tremendous impact on your life. "What is humankind that you are mindful of them . . . you have put everything under their feet." "O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth . . ." This autumn fall back into church.

Pastor Gary

A Focus on a Peace Ministry

Faith & Fellowship Committee

By Dottie Ritter

The Faith and Fellowship Committee meets to discuss and implement faith development and growth within our congregation and our community. It also plans and carries out fellowship opportunities for all our members and friends here at Peace. Currently, Pastor Gary, Dianne Steiner, Kristina Doherty, Judy Hamilton, Gary Schaeffer and Dottie Ritter are serving on the Faith & Fellowship Committee.

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 9:00AM during the fall, winter and spring months. Classes are available for preschoolers, ages 3 years through Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd Graders; 3rd through 5th Graders; and Middle School and High School students. An adult discussion group or a coffee and conversation time is offered in the Fellowship Hall.

In addition to our classes, the Sunday School students take part in many service activities that show our members at Peace God's love. Some of the things we did this past year were making and sending cards to our shut-ins, planting vegetable plants in the Peace Garden and flowers around the church, giving small gifts to our Peace members on special days, and presenting the Christmas story at Christmas. We also host Vacation Bible School here at Peace with St. Michael's Lutheran Church during a week in July for the children of our community.

This committee also provides many Christian fellowship opportunities for our Peace members and those in our community. WELCA, the Lunch Bunch, the Outdoor Service Group and the Peace Garden are all sharing circles that provide fellowship and service here at Peace. Also, monthly fellowship projects are chosen by the committee for the local and global communities in need. Our congregation supports charities; such as, RamPacks, toy collections for Gemma Services, making backpacks for the homeless in Philadelphia, and donating food for Pennridge FISH's food pantry to name a few of the projects that help care for and serve others.

Other fellowship activities that our committee is responsible for were the Easter breakfast, college scholarships and the Rally Day picnic. We also helped other committees with the Easter Egg Hunt, Craft Show, Stewardship Dinner, and Trunk or Treat.

With God's guidance through the leading of the Holy Spirit, this committee will continue to help Peace grow in faith, celebrate God's presence with us, care for all people in providing joyful fellowship, and serve others through acts of charity to our community and the world! Your ideas and comments are always welcome, and we would love to have you join us!

Important upcoming dates and information ...

October 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00pm-WELCA Meeting	2 7:00pm-New Spirit Rehearsal 8:00pm-Bells Rehearsal	3 7:00pm-Confirmation Classes Begin via Zoom	4	5
6 Harvest Home 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9:00am-Sunday School 9:30am-Peace Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm-NA	7	8 7:00pm-Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom	9 10:45am-Lunch Bunch (Roman Delight and tour Mercer Museum) 7:00pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm-Bells Rehearsal	10 1:00pm-Exec Council Meeting via Zoom No Confirmation Class Tonight	11	12
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20 8:15am Worship 10:15am New Spirit Worship Service-Pavilion 9:00am-Sunday School 9:00am-New Spirit Rehearsal 10:15am-Blessing of the Animals 11:15am-Faith&Fellowship Meeting 7:00pm-NA	21	22 November Newsletter Deadline	23 7:00pm-Peace Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm-Bells Rehearsal	24 7:00pm-Confirmation Class via Zoom	25	26 12Noon-Setup for Trunk or Treat 2:00pm-4:00pm-Trunk or Treat @Peace
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Peace Bulletin Board ...

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Tuesday, 10/1 – 1:00PM WELCA Meeting
- Wednesday, 10/2 – 7:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/3 – 7:00PM Confirmation Classes Begin via Zoom
- Sunday, 10/6 – Harvest Home @Peace + 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 10/8 – 7:00PM Music & Worship Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 10/9 – 10:45AM Lunch Bunch (meet @Peace; Lunch at Roman Delight; Tour Mercer Museum + 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/10 – 1:00PM Exec Council Meeting via Zoom + No Confirmation Class
- Sunday, 10/13 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:15AM Bells Rehearsal + 11:15AM Blood Pressure Checks @Peace Library + 1:00PM Pennridge Crop Walk at St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Perkasio
- Tuesday, 10/15 – 7:00PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 10/16 – 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/17 – 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Sunday, 10/20 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:00AM New Spirit Rehearsal + 10:15AM Blessing of the Animals + 11:15AM Faith & Fellowship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, 10/22 – November Newsletter Deadline
- Wednesday, 10/23 – 7:00PM Peace Choir Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/24 – 7:00PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
- Saturday, 10/26 – 12:00PM Setup for Trunk or Treat + 2:00PM to 4:00PM – Trunk or Treat @Peace
- Sunday, 10/27 – 9:00AM Adult Discussion Group + 9:30AM Peace Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 10/30 – 7:00PM New Spirit Rehearsal + 8:00PM Bells Rehearsal
- Thursday, 10/31 – Happy Halloween + No Confirmation Class



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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



WELCA Meeting for October

The next WELCA meeting at Peace will be Tuesday, October 1st at 1:00PM. This month's activity will be a book review. Please bring a book to share by either giving a quick review of a book you have recently read or are currently reading. We look forward to seeing you.



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

Important upcoming dates and information...



Peace Church's Fall Fellowship Project
Sunday, September 15th to Sunday, October 13th
Penridge CROP Hunger Walk

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 United States and around the world.

Our church will be promoting a team again this year. This will be our Faith and Fellowship fundraiser from Sunday, September 15th to Sunday, October 13th.

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/cropwalks/team/peace-tohickon-lutheran-church>
2. 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.
3. The Penridge CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 13th at 1:00PM, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasio, PA. The walk will feature a 5K long walk and a 1-mile short walk that starts at the Lenape Park Pavilion.

Contact: Melissa Yates – yatesreads@gmail.com

Important upcoming dates and information...



Harvest Home – Sunday, October 6, 2024

At this time of year, we traditionally decorate our narthex and sanctuary to recognize the bounty of God’s blessings. Please thank the Altar Guild for the seasonal decorations.

Recognizing that not all in our neighbors are food secure, we will be donating nonperishable food items to Pennridge FISH for our area’s needy. Between now and Sunday, October 6th, please bring nonperishable food items to church, and place them in the shopping cart in the narthex. Needed items are:

100% fruit and vegetable juice	Flour and sugar
Bath soaps and shampoos	Gluten free and diabetic foods
Cake mix and frosting	Gravy, broth
Canned chili and stew	Laundry detergent and cleaning products
Canned fish and tuna	Pancake mix
Canned fruits and vegetables	Pancake syrup
Canned meat, beans	Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate	Pasta sides
Cold and hot cereals	Peanut butter and jelly
Condiments, spices, cooking oil	Rice and rice mix
Diaper wipes	Snacks
Diapers: sizes 5, 6; “Pull-ups”: all sizes	Soups, all kinds
Dried fruit	Spaghetti and other pasta
Dry potatoes	Spaghetti sauce
Feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste	



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 20th bring your favorite furry, feathered or scaly friend to Peace’s outdoor New Spirit church service. We will meet in the pavilion at 10:15AM to praise and thank God for all his creatures. Our animal visitors will receive a blessing from Pastor Gary.

Please join us with your pets for this special worship service.

Important upcoming dates and information...



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A Lunch Bunch gathering is planned for Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

- 10:45AM - Meet at Peace and carpool to Doylestown
- 11:00AM - Lunch at:
Roman Delight of Fountainville
1456 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-2222
URL: <http://www.roman-delight.com/>
- 1:00PM - A visit to the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. The museum is a six-story concrete castle designed by Henry Mercer and completed in 1916. The current museum's exhibit is: The Doan Group Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution.
URL for the exhibit: <https://www.mercermuseum.org/doangang/>
This special exhibition is included with the museum admission fee, which can be purchased online or in person.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Questions: Contact Grace Lloyd at gracelloyd@yahoo.com; 610-972-3172; or
Melissa Yates at yatesreads@gmail.com; 215-257-6735.



Blood Pressure Check Sunday, October 13th – 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 October blood pressure check is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th. Dianne Steiner will be on duty to take members' blood pressures.

Please take advantage of this valuable screening.

Important upcoming dates and information...

Trunk or Treat at Peace
Saturday, October 26, 2024



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26

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

- Staff will assemble at 12:00PM to decorate the pavilion, assist trunk designers, and work with other members in preparing for the event.

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RamPacks Fundraiser
Sunday, October 6, 2024

Neshaminy CREEK + **Little Devils** PRESENT A

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

BENEFITING **RamPacks**

WHOSE MISSION IS TO FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN IN THE PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

12-7PM | CORNHOLE @3

AT NESHAMINY CREEK BREWING COMPANY, DUBLIN STATION

VISIT WWW.RAMPACKS.COM TO REGISTER.

- 3 TOP PRIZES
- RAFFLE ITEMS
- 50/50
- CRAFT BEER
- FOOD

designed by Jenna Krauss
jk@jennakrauss.com

2024 Peace Garden
(Photos taken by Dwight Dulsky)





October Birthday Calendar at Peace
Happy Birthday to you!

1	Ed Bara Gary Schott
3	Susan Groff
4	Ryan Canning
8	Joseph O'Donnell
10	Rachel Canning Christopher Thomas
11	Stephanie Krause
14	Derek Scholl
18	Tilghman Lick
19	Grace Grim
20	Agnes Allebach
21	Melissa French Nancy Grace
22	Gabriella Powell
25	Erin Scholl
27	Bryan Lloyd
28	Elaine Sebastian
29	Cindy Miller John Shelly
30	Lois Hafler



Peace Bulletin Board ... Recent Thank You Letters:



Pastoral Care Department

September 17, 2024

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

*Thank you to all who have been contributing to this effective ministry!
Your hands are being used by the Lord to bless others.*

Doylestown Hospital Pastoral Care, 595 West State Street, Doylestown PA 18901 215-345-2269

Thank You!
Peace Church Members