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Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church Newsletter



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A Message from Pastor Gary ...



For Everything There is a Season

Time is relentless. I can hardly believe that September is upon us already. The stores are displaying school supplies, backpacks, and clothing for the Fall. Soon all of us will be busier, both children and adults alike.

We hope and pray that we are rested and strong enough for the demands ahead. There will be more events, more projects, and more programs to function about. The good news is that we are not alone. Not only do we have a loving God who can do all things through us, but we also have each other. We will do well to embrace the challenges and enjoy our work. We pray for the ability and the willingness to be more like Jesus, to be more selfless than selfish. God never asks anything of us without also giving us what we need to achieve it.

I remember the first day of school when I was starting seventh grade. It was a crisp cool morning. I had new clothes and new school supplies. I was walking to a new school and I felt excited, like I was a new person. It was an adventure that was before me. I wondered who would be in my classes and what my teachers would be like.

We are creatures of habit and we are comfortable doing what we have always done, but maybe we can approach this Fall like it's a new adventure. Maybe we can recapture that sense of awe and wonder that was our youth.

Time is relentless, but it is also a blessing. Time and time again we are presented with the opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ. This Fall is a great time to seize that opportunity.

Pastor Gary

Important upcoming dates ...

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am-Worship 7pm-NA	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 11:30pm-Rally Day Picnic @Pavilion 7pm-NA	11	12 1pm-WELCA Meeting 7pm-Zoom Music & Worship Committee Meeting	13	14 7pm Exec Council Meeting via Zoom	15 1st Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	16 11:30am-4:30pm- Private Party @Pavilion
17 8:15am Worship 10:15am- New Spirit Worship @Pavilion 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am- Coffee&Talk 3pm-5pm-Family Fellowship Event @Pavilion 7pm-NA	18	19 7pm Church Council via Zoom	20	21 October Newsletter Deadline	22	23 1st Day of Autumn 10:30am-1:30pm- Private Party @Pavilion
24 8:15am+10:15am Worship Service 9am-Sunday School 9&11:15am- Coffee&Talk 7pm-NA	25	26	27 7:00-8:30pm Girl Scout Troop 208 (tentative)	28	29	30

Peace Bulletin Board ... Announcements

Upcoming Meeting/Events @ a Glance

- Sunday, September 3 – 9:00am Summer Worship Service
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Sunday, September 10, 17, 24 – 8:15am & 10:15am Regular Worship Services
- Sunday, September 10 – 9:00am – Sunday School Resumes
- Sunday, September 10 – 11:30am – Rally Day Picnic @Pavilion
- Tuesday, September 12 – 1pm – WELCA Meeting
- Tuesday, September 12 - 7pm – Music & Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday, September 14 – 7pm – Exec Council Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday, September 16, 11:30am to 4:30pm – Pavilion Rental
- Sunday, September 17 – New Spirit Worship @Pavilion
- Sunday, September 17, 3pm to 5pm – Family Fellowship, Games, Song @Pavilion
- Tuesday, September 19 – 7pm – Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday, September 23, 10:30am to 1:30pm – Pavilion Rental

Faith and Fellowship News:

Church Picnic on Rally Day

On Rally Day, September 10, 2023, all members of Peace and their friends are invited to Peace's Annual Church Picnic. It will be held at 11:30am, after the second worship service, in the Pavilion.

The Faith and Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, beverages, condiments and ice cream with sundae toppings. Congregation members are asked to bring appetizers, salads and desserts.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us at 10:15am worship on Sunday, September 10th for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. As we begin the new school year and Fall season, bring your school backpacks, your work briefcases, sports bags or satchels to be blessed.

Bibles

During the 10:15am worship on Sunday, September 10th, Pastor Gary will be presenting to our 3rd Graders, Analiese, Harper and Lizzy a bible from their Peace Lutheran family.

Any 3rd Grader or older youth who has not received a bible may call the church office at 215-257-3294 to make arrangements to receive a bible at this service.



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, September 17, 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

(This event will be repeated on Sunday, October 15, 2023.)



Peace Garden Update!

The current amount of produce given to Pennridge FISH, as of Thursday, August 24th, is 268.2 pounds.
Thank you for your continued support and help.



Lunch Bunch News ...

The group is planning to visit the Bishop Estate Vineyard and Winery in September. The event is in the planning stage. Details for this event will be announced soon.

Please note:

On Sunday, September 10th we will resume the regular services schedule.

Early Service: 8:15am with Communion

Sunday School: 9:00am

Coffee and Conversation: 9:00am

Late Service: 10:15am with Communion



September Birthday Calendar at Peace

Happy Birthday to you!

1	Barry Grim
2	Louis Long
3	Heidi Gerth
5	Earl Anders
6	Ellen Buchenauer Gray Wilder
9	William Groff Keri May
10	Matt Wrigley
15	Jeff DePinto Julia Engelmann Michael Susi
16	Isabella Link
20	Chris Frasch
21	Michael Gonet
22	Tina Burkett
26	Susan French
27	Teresa Kramer
28	Ronald Scholl



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