

THE PEACE FAMILY CONNECTION

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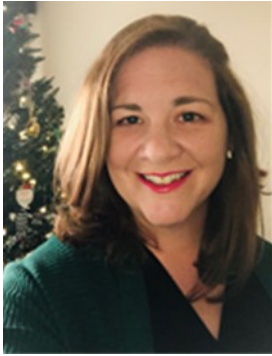


UPCOMING EVENTS

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- April 2 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
Palm Sunday
- April 6 Maundy Thursday at 6:00 pm, Communion Service
- April 7 Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Noon and 6:00 pm
Outdoors (in the Narthex if inclement weather)
- April 8 Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm at the church firepit and
move to sanctuary at 7:15 pm
- April 9 Easter Worship at 11:00 am, Communion Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt following worship for the kids and
refreshments for everyone!
- April 18 Praise Ensemble Rehearsal - Handbells 5:45-6:30 pm
Choir 6:35-7:30 pm
- April 19 Crochet and Knitting Group 1:00 pm
- April 25 Fireside Worship at 6:00pm
- April 30 Hymn Sing Sunday



Dear Peace Family,



The other day, I helped David McMillan carry the cross—very literally! The cross in question is the wooden cross that stands outside the front door during Holy week, and that we add flowers to over Easter weekend. Unfortunately, we had decided to store that cross in the attic over the church parlor after Easter last year, and while David was bringing down the other Easter storage—empty eggs and the bunny costume—he decided to get the cross. He stood in the attic and I stood in the parlor and we managed to balance the heavy cross, guiding it down the ladder without bodily injury to either of us!

In related news, David and I made an executive decision that we will no longer store that cross in the attic!

That cross is heavy, yes, and it's also ugly and rugged. I got a splinter when I first grabbed hold of it at the bottom of the attic stairs. The chicken wire we affixed to it is uneven and messy. It looks horribly off-putting in the Christian Education hallway as I type this. When it stands outside the front door from April 3-April 7, it will not do anything to improve the looks of our church building.

But on Easter Sunday, it will be beautiful, transformed by your offerings of flowers and greenery, and your hope expressed once again by your faithful attendance to Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

It's an odd thing, that the cross is something we hang in our sanctuaries and around our necks as a symbol of devotion and faith (usually versions made of precious metals or carefully stained wood that are much more beautiful than our old rugged cross in the hallway). The cross was a device used in executions in the Roman World at the turn of the First Century, and it was meant to be a humiliating, torturous form of punishment. But everything changed with Jesus' death and resurrection—and our understanding of the cross is transformed. Now it is a symbol of God's unfathomable power and victory over sin and death.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

This Easter, join us as we encounter the cross and the story of Holy Week as we walk through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and help us turn our old rugged cross into a symbol of beauty and victory by Easter morning.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Becky

Holy Week at Peace

Join us for these occasions during the week before Easter:

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 9:00 in the Conference Room

Midday Prayer: A special Spy Wednesday emphasis at 12:30 on April 5, in person or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 980 5593 4305)

Maundy Thursday: Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Outdoors at the Holy Week cross (or in the narthex if inclement weather) at both Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil: The first service of Easter will start at the church firepit at 7:00 p.m. and move to the sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. Join us in either location for worship with communion.

The Flowering Cross

Bring cut flowers to the church between Maundy Thursday (April 6) and Easter Sunday (April 9) and place them on the cross (in the chicken wire) in front of the church. You can come any time between April 6 and 9 to pray at the cross.

Easter Sunday Worship

Join us on Easter Morning. Worship will be at 11:00 a.m., and the church nursery will be staffed! Following the service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids and refreshments for everyone!

Pastor Becky's Office Hours will take place each Thursday in April at Panera on Ramsey Street from 9-10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Crochet and Knitting Group

Meets Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. Come for fellowship and crafting!

The Katie Hayward Praise Ensemble

The Praise Ensemble will rehearse in April on Tuesday, April 18.

Handbells from 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Choir from 6:35-7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us!

Our next fireside worship service will take place on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Peace Firepit. Come for a worship service with singing, prayer, and scripture. Bring a chair, if you have one. Come early with your brown bag dinner and enjoy a time of fellowship before the service begins!

Hymn Sing Sunday

On April 30, we will have a hymn sing during our regular 11:00 worship service. If you would like to choose a hymn to present and share its background, please email Pastor Becky by April 20 (pastor@peacepcnc.org)! Come ready to worship the Lord with singing!

Men's Breakfast Fellowship has resumed the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. April 2nd is the next meeting.

Crop Walk 2022: April 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Want to join our Crop Walk Team? Visit peacepcnc.org and find the link at the top of the page—or talk to Pastor Becky!

Easter Lily Orders – To order an Easter Lily “in honor of” or “in memory of” those special people in your life, contact the church office at 910-488-3211 or sctypepeacepcusa@gmail.com. The cost is \$12.00 and the lilies will be in the church on Easter Sunday, April 9th. April 2nd is the last day to order.



We will have an Easter Egg Hunt after church on Easter Sunday! Thanks to all who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Requesting Easter Bunny helpers to fill eggs on Thursday, April 6, at 11:00 am.

Christian Sympathies to Family and Friends of the following who have died since the last published list.

Helen Cabaniss Barrow
Alma Herndon
Armeilia Holmes
Deirdre Smith

Welcome to the Clerk's Corner! Below are a couple of highlights from the March stated meeting of the session:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER OPPORTUNITY

Each year, elders in good standing within churches that meet criteria set forth by their presbyteries are eligible to be nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly.

We have received notification that Peace meets the eligibility criteria. Elders elected this year will serve as **alternates** to the 2024 General Assembly meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, and will be expected to be available to serve as commissioners (if still eligible) to the 2026 meeting.

Below is a link where you can learn more: <https://forms.gle/jqBp9gzHmB2hcD9UA>

All applications (paper and online) are due **no later than May 1st**.



Application - General Assembly

**due no later than May 1st*

For eligible elders and ministers applying to serve as alternates or commissioners to the 2024 General Assembly meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah

(NOTE: Most nominees will serve as *alternates* in 2024 and *commissioners* in 2026.)

If you have interest in serving as a Commissioner to the General Assembly, please let me know: email to rebecca.chater@outlook.com or text/call (910) 728-7917. Thank you!

SESSION MEMBER TRANSITION

The session would like to thank Elder Terry Merritt for his dedicated service on session, including stellar leadership of the property committee over the past 2 years. After careful consideration of his current responsibilities, Terry has decided that it is best for him to step away from those duties at this time. In support of Terry, the session accepted his resignation at its March session meeting.

A REASON TO CELEBRATE



April Birthdays/Anniversary

Birthdays

April 13

Pam Bost

April 19

Mark McLeod

April 25

David McMillan, Jr.

April 28

Amy Britt

April 29

Marcia Gamet

April 30

Kelly Blackburn

Anniversaries

April 4

Paula & David McMillan, Jr.



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Sunday

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

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<p>2 Palm Sunday 8:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 Hybrid Worship/ Communion</p> <p>12:05 After Church Fellowship Online</p>	3	<p>4 10:00 Lenten Discussion Group in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer</p> <p>6:30 Lenten Discussion Group Online</p>	<p>6 9-10:30 Office Hours at Panera Bread- Ramsey St.</p> <p>6:00 pm Maundy Thursday, Communion Service</p>	<p>7 Good Friday 12 & 6 pm Stations of the Cross outdoors (in the Narthex if inclement weather)</p>	<p>8 Easter Vigil (Vigil Fire at 7:00 pm at the firepit moving to the sanctuary at 7:15 pm</p>
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<p>30 11:00 Hybrid Worship- Hymn Sing Sunday</p> <p>12:05 After Church Fellowship Online</p>						