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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20 Father's Day

June 21 **First Day of Summer!**

June 24-30 Pastor Becky on Study Leave

June 25 Family Game Night

June 27 Hybrid Worship with Guest Pastor,
Rev. Cynthia Brasher



Dear Peace Family,

“Do you think we might light the candles this week?” a dear saint of our church asked me during the hour before the worship service began on Pentecost Sunday. I laughed and apologized for forgetting to do that very thing on May 16—I realized around the time of the Benediction that we had spent the whole worship hour with the candles un-lit. I so miss Veronica, who made that her job each Sunday while she was with us for worship.

One of the oldest known Christian hymns is the Φῶς Ἰλαρόν/*Phos Illaron*, which translated from the Greek means “Gladdening Light.” Written in Koine Greek (the Greek of the New Testament), it was originally sung as a lamplighting hymn during evening worship or prayer, and a candle was lit to symbolize and celebrate the Risen Lord. The newest Presbyterian Hymnal offers this translation:

O radiant Light, O Sun divine, of God the Father’s deathless face,

O image of the light sublime, that fills the heavenly dwelling place:

O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by night and day.

O happy lips must raise the strain of your esteemed and splendid name.

Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades, as shine the lights of eventide,

We praise the Father with the Son, the Spirit blest and with them one. Amen.

(Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #671; William G. Storey, translator)

Candles have been a symbol of the eternal light of Christ for a long time. Legend tells that for many decades, a candle was kept burning at the tomb of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem and each night, worshipers would gather and sing the hymn mentioned above as a candle, lit from the ever-burning lamp, was brought from the tomb as the dark of evening began to fall. We often light candles as a novelty, for their scent or for the warm cheer they bring, but if you have ever lit a candle in a dark room, you may better understand why it’s a symbol of the living Christ. One little candle light flickers and dances and defeats the darkness as it burns.

May we pause this evening to consider the matchless, deathless light of Christ, and may we be disciples who reflect that light at all times--bringing light to the darkness and sharing hope that Christ lives and we live in him.

With Joy,
Pastor Becky

P.S. If any of you would like to take on the job of maintaining and lighting the candles in the sanctuary before the Sunday service, please know it's a job with good liturgical roots and your ministry in that area won't go unnoticed!

Pastor Becky's Study Leave

Pastor Becky will be away from Thursday, June 24-Wednesday, June 30. Rev. Cynthia Brasher, the Corporate Director of Pastoral Care with the Cape Fear Valley Health System and a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, will preach in her absence on Sunday, June 27.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

Tuesday Prayer Group meets in the Fellowship Hall each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Wednesday Midday Prayer meets in the sanctuary and on Zoom each Wednesday at Noon. Please join us! Meeting ID: 980 5593 4305

Happy Hour on Thursdays at 4:00

We still have a fellowship opportunity online each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. If you are missing times of unmasked conversations with members of our congregation, drop in between 4 and 5 to answer the question or day or hear stories from the week.

Meeting ID: 937 2097 1265

Welcome to the Clerk's Corner, a recent addition to the newsletter where you can find the latest Session information provided by our Clerk.



May 16 Stated Session Meeting Highlights

Nursery Attendant Training. Training was held for our nursery attendants, Gabby Bharrat and Melissa Oliver, on 5/13. Despite relatively low nursery utilization over the past several years, our nursery ministry is very important to Peace. Our new nursery policies and staff training focus on providing a safe, loving nursery environment for children and peace of mind for parents who entrust them in our care.

Fellowship Hallway Lighting. Thanks to a gift from Wayne Smith, the fellowship hallway will soon be much brighter. The property committee will soon have the lights replaced as they did in the front hallway prior to coronatide.

Appointment of Ad Hoc Task Force. The session has approved the formation of a task force to explore and identify a broad range of creative, innovative options for building use and church direction to sustain our ability to bring new disciples to Jesus Christ for many years to come. Accordingly, we are seeking 3-5 volunteers to serve on the task force. If you believe this is important for Peace and have ideas you'd like to share, the session wants to hear from you! Contact the clerk of session at rebecca.chater@outlook.com or 910 728 7917.

IS IT A FIRST?

We are all overjoyed at the birth of Baby Dominic Francisco Jimenez. We're not sure when or if there has ever been a sitting session member to give birth. Is Laura Jimenez the first? If you know, we'd love to hear from you!

New Facilities. The session approved a request from the property committee to replace one of the toilets in the men's restroom on the main hallway. Thanks to the committee's quick work, this repair/replacement was completed less than 24 hours of session approval. Way to go, Terry and team!

Face Coverings. With the recent CDC lifting of face covering requirements for individuals who have been fully vaccinated, the session discussed implications on our guidelines at Peace moving forward. Consensus of the session was to continue to: 1) be vigilant with the safety of the congregation, 2) monitor COVID-19 trends and statistics, and 3) take a gradual approach to changes in our current policy, which will remain in effect as previously shared for the next month or so. Your feedback is welcome!

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT. The congregational care committee has had a busy month! They've made many phone calls, sent many cards, and delivered many meals, plants, flowers, fruit, magazines, medications, and financial assistance (in cooperation with the Presbyterian Women). What a blessing the ministry of this committee is to Peace! Thanks, Loretta and team! Thanks be to God!

The Presbyterian Women thank all who generously contributed to the Birthday Offering. Contributions totaled \$220.00.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS:
AN UNHURRIED 'WALK' THROUGH THE GOSPELS
Part One LOOKS AT JESUS IN THE BEGINNING, UP TO THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

Summer Session: Mondays @ 6pm-7pm, June 7th-August 23rd

A Zoom class with Nancy Miller hosting

Join me for an easy-going sojourn through the events of Jesus' life as detailed by the Gospel writers. We'll look at the accounts of Jesus' life found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John-- comparing, contrasting, and conjecturing a bit!

- What do we see and hear going on?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What would you do if you were there?
- What references to the Scriptures [Old Testament] do we find and how do they help us understand the words and events?
- What is this speaking into your life right now?
- How does this help you more clearly see the heart of GOD?

We will journey together as companions, sharing each other's discoveries and learning from one another as we experience Jesus' life revealed in the Holy Scriptures through one another's eyes, ears, and lives. At the end of our GOSPELS tour, we are sure to find that the JOURNEY WITH JESUS continues in the lives of all who know Him and love Him!

Peace Homecoming—Homecoming for 2021 will be August 1st. Please see Bill Chater if you need additional information or are interested in helping. Save the Date postcards will be mailed soon. Please get names and addresses for this mailing to the church office as soon as possible. The goal is to have as complete a mailing list as possible. Thank you.



HOMECOMING

AUGUST 1, 2021

Mark your calendars for Homecoming at Peace Presbyterian Church, including a special program celebrating Peace's rich history.

Help us to reach out to former Peace Presbyterian Church families to encourage them to attend!

Website Content

In order to keep our website relevant and current, please let the church office know about any upcoming events that you are in charge of! When e-mailing the information, include:

Name of the event, dates, times, deadlines, who to contact and how, and any other info that people might need to know.

Additionally, if you notice any content that needs updating, please let the church office know as well!

E-mail information to the church office at sctypepeacepcusa@embarqmail.com

Thank You!

A REASON TO CELEBRATE



June Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays

June 1

Bob Tygh

June 6

Bill Chater

June 10

Billy Byrd

June 11

Nancy Miller

June 12

Carol Wilhelm

Diane Smith

June 14

Jason Tyson

June 18

Rebecca Chater

June 24

Alex Blackburn

June 27

Mary Blackburn

Shelby Tart

Anniversaries

June 15

Brett and Tonya Johnson



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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