

# THE PEACE FAMILY CONNECTION

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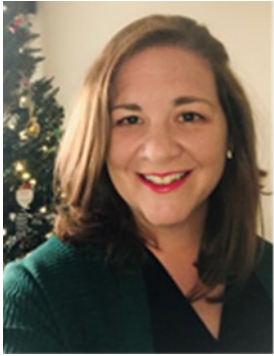
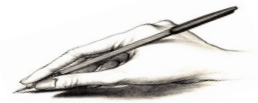
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 2  | Katie Hayward Praise Ensemble Rehearsal<br>Handbells 5:45-6:30 pm<br>Choir 6:35-7:30 pm      |
| May 7  | Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at Rainbow Restaurant<br>Communion/Baptism<br>Called Session Meeting |
| May 10 | The Tie That Binds (Crochet/Knit Group) 1:00 pm                                              |
| May 14 | Mother's Day<br><br>PW Birthday Offering                                                     |
| May 21 | Stated Session Meeting 1:00 pm                                                               |

FROM REV. BECKY.....



Dear Peace Church Family,

A little more than three years ago, we began offering online opportunities to participate in worship and activities at Peace. Oh sure—we didn't have much of a choice! But we did make the best of it, and many of you learned how to use Zoom so you could continue to worship in real time with your church family, or participate in fellowship activities, committee meetings, and prayer events too.

As we continue to offer online opportunities for participation, I thought I'd take my space in the newsletter to shout out the people who make this option continue to work and make sure you know how to participate if you find yourself out of town on a Sunday this summer, or find yourself unable to attend worship in person for any reason.

Now in our third year, we have a handful of people who make online worship happen. Each week, our secretary, **Marcia Gamet**, prepares two versions of the bulletin. One is the folded, printed version you receive if you come to church on Sundays. But the other is an 8.5x11 sized packet that gets mailed midweek to about 20 people and contains the Zoom joining info. **Gabby Bharrat**, a freshman at NC State, receives the bulletin from Marcia by email and creates the slides we use in the service. On Sunday mornings, **Rebecca Chater** logs in from home and **Bill Chater** and **Brenda Britt** start up the sanctuary computers and cameras. Rebecca runs the slideshow for us each Sunday, which helps both the Zoom and Sanctuary participants worship together. Bill and Brenda keep the sanctuary devices and soundboard online and working well. And then each Monday or Tuesday, I take the recording of the service, edit it, render it into the right format, and upload it to the Peace Youtube Channel and website, so anyone who missed it on Sunday can worship later.

Each week, 10-20 people join the service on Zoom. I meet with them on Zoom at 10:50 for five minutes of greetings and fellowship—it's the equivalent of standing at the front door after the service, which is what I do to greet the in person participants.

Why have we continued to use Zoom? Because it's been such an asset for our church to worship together in real time each week. I honestly believe it's the reason we've pretty much maintained our attendance and congregation through the last three years—and we've met several new people because of it! And how wonderful that people have a way to join us each week, whether they have an illness in the home, are out of town, or simply need to be at home on Sunday morning. Zoom still serves us well.

So, just a reminder that each weekend, I send an email out with the joining information for worship. Every Sunday, we are using the same meeting ID (838 0698 2875). You can also find information weekly on the church website ([peacepcnc.org](http://peacepcnc.org)).

However you join us, I look forward to worshipping with you each week!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Becky

### Upcoming Worship Services

#### **May 7**

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide  
*The Sacrament of Baptism*  
*for Mary Mason and Charlie Mason*  
“Building Blocks: Asking Questions”  
John 14:1-14

#### **May 14**

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide  
*“Building Blocks: Sharing Our Faith”*  
Acts 17:22-31

#### **Katie Hayward Praise Ensemble Rehearsals**

##### **Tuesday, May 2**

5:45 p.m. Handbells  
6:35 p.m. Choir

#### **May 21**

Ascension Sunday  
*Building Blocks: Seeking Guidance Together*  
Acts 1:6-14

#### **May 28**

Pentecost Sunday  
*“Building Blocks: Being Moved”*  
Acts 2:1-21

##### **Sunday, May 7**

10:15 a.m. Handbells  
10:30 a.m. Choir

## Pastor Becky's Community Office Hours in May

We have been gathering all Spring at Panera Bread (4807 Ramsey Street) most Thursday mornings for community office hours and fellowship. In May, we have a couple of tweaks to our schedule:

May 4: Office Hours at Panera Bread as usual, 9-10:30 a.m.

May 11: Join Pastor Becky for a tour of The CARE Clinic (239 Robeson ST in downtown Fayetteville) any time between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be provided!

May 18: No office hours—Pastor Becky has a meeting at the Presbytery Office

May 25: Office Hours at Panera Bread as usual, 9-10:30 a.m.

June 1: Office Hours at Panera Bread as usual, 9-10:30 a.m.

## CARE Clinic Open House

Did you know that Pastor Becky serves on the Executive Board of The CARE Clinic of Fayetteville, and that she chairs the Congregations of CARE Committee? Congregations of CARE is hosting an open house on Thursday, May 11 from 8-10 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to drop in to take a tour or learn more about the clinic during the open house—and that's where you'll find Pastor Becky that morning!

**The Tie That Binds** (Crochet/Knit Group) - will meet May 10 at 1:00 pm in the parlor. Crocheters and knitters of all levels are welcome. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, you also are welcome.

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

Vernon Clemmons	Wilma Manning
Elmer Hall	Nick Martin
Donald Heese	Buz McPhail
Odessa Hughes	Terry Simmons
Joe Jollie	Mark Szpak

The **Presbyterian Women** donated Bibles to Karen Buckner, Phyllis Freeman's cousin, a missionary in Africa and below is an excerpt of Karen's thank you note.

"Phyllis suggested these Bibles go to my Women's Bible Study group her in Zambia, Africa. I think that would be a great idea! From your ladies to my ladies. We are blessed by your giving."

**Welcome to the Clerk's Corner!** The Peace session has six stated meetings per year, every other month—January, March, May, July, September, and November. Despite not meeting in April, Eastertide and other session activities have kept everyone busy!

**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS UPDATE**

One of the many functions of the session is to maintain a current Manual of Operations (MOO). The manual is informed by and consistent with both the *Book of Order* and *Peace Bylaws*. It includes Peace policies (what we do) and procedures (how we do it). Maintaining a current MOO is a requirement of PCUSA churches and is part of the annual records review conducted by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.



Each church has its own process for ensuring that this requirement is met. At Peace, the MOO is a living document. Once it is updated, the clerk of session begins a tracking document to capture any items identified for the next update. For the next update, the clerk creates a draft document that includes the updated language and provides it to the administration committee (pictured below) for review and any edits prior to presenting the updated manual to the session for review and approval. Email [rebecca.chater@outlook.com](mailto:rebecca.chater@outlook.com) if you'd like to get involved in the process or obtain a copy!

Administrative Committee

Moderator  
Brenda Britt



Bill Chater



Walt Swing



Lynn Wallace



Rebecca Chater



**Updated  
Manual of  
Operations coming  
in May!**



2023 Updated Areas

- Electronic signature of minutes
- Documentation of MOO updates
- Bylaws and MOO review process
- Nursery policies and procedures
- Shepherd's Arm Benevolence policy
- Memorials policy
- Meetings of the session
- Copier lease
- Vulnerable adults policy
- Sessional committees
- Mission statement

# A REASON TO CELEBRATE



## May Birthdays/Anniversaries

### ***Birthdays***

*May 9*

***Tom Wilhelm***

*May 11*

***Teresa Dew***

*May 17*

***Rev. Becky Durham***

*May 20*

***Shane Blackburn***

*May 22*

***Kathryn McLamb***

*May 30*

***Willie Dorman***

### ***Anniversaries***

*May 3*

***Shane and Kelly Blackburn***

*May 17*

***Phyllis & Mike Freeman***



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Sunday      Monday   Tuesday   Wednesday   Thursday   Friday   Saturday

	1	2 9:00 Prayer Group in Fellowship Hall  Praise Ensemble Rehearsal	3 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer	4 9-10:30 Office Hours at Panera Bread on Ramsey St.	5	6
7 11:00 Hybrid Worship/Communion/Baptism 12:05 After Church Fellowship on Zoom 1:00 Called Session Meeting	8	9 9:00 Prayer Group in Fellowship Hall	10 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer  1:00 The Tie That Binds (Crochet/Knit Group)	11 8-10:00 Care Clinic Open House	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> 11:00 Hybrid Worship/PW Thank Offering 12:05 After Church Fellowship on Zoom	15	16 9:00 Prayer Group in Fellowship Hall	17 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer	18	19	20
21 11:00 Hybrid Worship 12:05 After Church Fellowship on Zoom 1:00 Stated Session Meeting	22	23 9:00 Prayer Group in the Fellowship Hall	24 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer	25 9-10:30 Office Hours at Panera Bread on Ramsey St.	26	27
28 11:00 Hybrid Worship 12:05 After Church Fellowship on Zoom	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30 9:00 Prayer Group in the Fellowship Hall	31 12:30 Hybrid Midday Prayer			