

THE PEACE FAMILY CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 2019

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Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| Nov. 10 | Veteran's Day Salute
Dedication of Pledge Cards During Worship |
| Nov 17 | Samaritan's Purse ShoeBox Dedication
Stated Session Meeting |
| Nov 20 | Presbyterian Women/Circle |
| Nov 21 | Friendship Group Dinner at Hudson Bay 5:00 pm |
| Nov 24 | Minute for Mission/Presbyterian Women Thank Offering
Community Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm at Cedar Falls
Baptist Church |
| Nov 30 | Decorating for Advent and Christmas |
| Dec 7 | Peace Church Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm |



FROM REV. BECKY...

Dear Peace Family,

In the middle of October, the Session of Peace gathered to do some strategic planning. As we began our time together, we opened the Bible to Matthew 6:25-34. As we read, about a God who cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, we found our way to this verse: *“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

At that same meeting we asked, if striving for God’s Kingdom is our vision, what does that look like at Peace Presbyterian Church today? Under the direction of Walt Swing, our church treasurer, we studied our narrative budget, which tells the story of the ministry happening, making updates to reflect our current ministries, and striving for the Kingdom of God together.

The theme of this year’s Stewardship Campaign at Peace is Vision 2020. We want to be a church that has a vision that honors our call to strive for the Kingdom of God in the year 2020.

We are so excited about what God is doing at Peace! We have been blessed to have so many visitors in worship over the course of the past year, with some of them becoming new members; we have forged new, active relationships with many community partners; we are exploring new activities and ministries together, and reviving our vision for ongoing ministries; we are active in mission, education, and fellowship. We believe that the next year will be a crucial year for our church, as we continue to serve, learn, and grow together.

Your elders are beginning to distribute the 2020 stewardship packets. These packets contain a copy of our narrative budget, a letter explaining our church’s stewardship model, a pledge sheet, and an “Opportunities for Ministry” survey. We are asking that you spend

some time reading the narrative budget and prayerfully considering how you will join your church in having a vision for the year ahead. New ministry and new vision will require new commitment--of money, time, and God-given talents. The question to ask is not, "What can I spare?" but rather, "What is God's vision for us and how I can give toward that?"

In the coming weeks, we'll look at what it looked like for the early Christians to strive for God's Kingdom, and consider the example they set for us and our vision. On Sunday, November 10, we'll ask you to bring your pledge sheet and your "Opportunities for Ministry" survey into the worship service to place in a basket along with your brothers and sisters at Peace, so that we can dedicate it to the glory of God. Your participation on this Sunday will allow us to have the clearest vision for the year ahead, updating the numbers in our narrative budget, and assessing the resources our members are sharing as we strive for the Kingdom together.

Thank you for sharing your life and your resources with our church. May God's goodness fill each day!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Becky

Sundays in November

November 3

All Saints' Sunday
Matthew 6:25-34
Acts 2:42-47

November 24 Morning

Christ the King Sunday
Luke 1:68-79

November 10

Pledge Sunday
Luke 13:18-21
1 Corinthians 3:5-15

November 24 Evening

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7pm
John 6:25-35
Pastor Becky preaching at Cedar Falls
Baptist Church

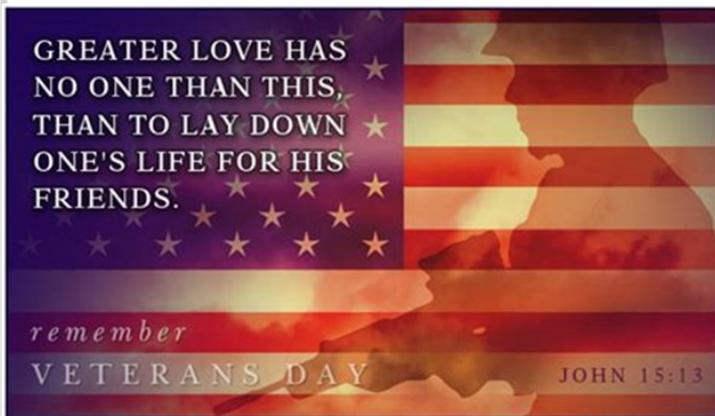
November 17

Last Sunday of Ordinary Time
2 Timothy 4:1-8

All Saints Sunday Roll Call

On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, we will have a time during our Prayers of the People where we will read the names of our brothers and sisters who have died in the last year. If you have a loved one you want remembered on that list, please contact the church office or email Pastor Becky. You will have an opportunity to speak additional names during the time of remembrance.

Veteran's Salute—VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 10TH:



There will be a remembrance table in the Fellowship Hall for you to display photos or memorabilia of your loved ones who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall prior to the worship service and Fellowship Committee members will arrange them for you.

The Local and Global Missions Committee has a goal to collect 50 boxes of dressing for Family Promise, who will distribute the boxes of dressing to families for Thanksgiving. If you are able to donate to this endeavor, please bring the box of dressing to the church before November 17th. A committee member will deliver the boxes by the 17th of November. Thank you for your help in assisting others in need in the local community.

Friendship Group at Hudson Bay - The senior adults will enjoy dinner at Hudson Bay together on Thursday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are **NOT** required but always appreciated. All are welcome to join us!

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering - Brenda Britt will present a “Minute for Mission” during the November 24th worship service. Please give generously to this worthwhile project.

Community Thanksgiving Service - The annual community ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is at Cedar Falls Baptist Church on November 24 at 7:00 pm. Rev. Becky is preaching the sermon.

Poinsettia Orders - Orders for poinsettias will be taken beginning Sunday November 24th through Sunday December 8th. Order forms will be in the Calendar insert or you may telephone the church office to place your order. The cost is \$9.00

Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas.—We will be decorating on Saturday, November 30th beginning at 9:00 am. Please let Laura Jimenez know if you are planning to help to ensure there are an adequate number of volunteers.

Peace Post Office – If you are planning to give Christmas cards to members of the church, take them to the “Peace Post Office” after worship beginning Sunday, December 1st and continuing for the month of December. The “Post-lady” Sandra Blackburn and her helpers will deliver your mail to the church members. You pay the church only 25 cents per card (versus paying 55 cents per card) and the church will benefit while you save money. The post office is located in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall.

Peace Church Christmas Dinner - The Dinner will be December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The men will provide the meat. Attendees are asked to bring a vegetable, a salad, a casserole, or a dessert. **Transportation for the Church Christmas Dinner is available.** If driving at night would prevent you from attending the Dinner, please contact Bill Chater (728-8349), who will make arrangements to have someone pick you up. If you are willing to provide transportation for someone, please contact Bill Chater and let him know.

Hygiene Kits—Can you imagine how difficult it would be for you to almost never take a bath – or even worse not to be able to brush your teeth or comb your hair? Put deodorant on? Such simple things we take for granted. The homeless, a growing part of our population, do not even have the minimum of cleanliness. We can help. It does not even take a lot for any one individual, together, to make a huge difference. Twice a year we, the lucky members of Peace Presbyterian Church, gather together hygiene kits to aid the less fortunate. **The next time is December 8th.** Please bring your contributions in for dedication during worship on December 8th of these much needed and warmly welcomed kits.

And what goes in them, you ask? Toothbrush and toothpaste, combs, brushes, deodorant, soap, washcloth, shampoo, razors (for men), shaving cream (for men), **NO** pressurized spray items. The small, travel kind. **NO** mouthwash. Then wrap these in a towel, pink or white for females, blue for males. Thank you.

Looking Ahead: Blue Christmas Service

Our Blue Christmas service will be on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. This is a service that makes space for any hardness of life that causes the holiday season to seem less jolly or joyful—the loss of a loved one, an ending or transition, or any sort of sorrow or hardship. We will worship together, giving thanks for the Light that no darkness can overcome. This is a good service for visitors and you are encouraged to invite neighbors, friends, or co-workers who might be grateful for a service like this. We also will need volunteers to provide cookies to serve after the service.

Looking Ahead: Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service is on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to read during the service. If you are willing, email pastor@peacepcnc.org.

Volunteers Needed

Lay Readers for 2020 – Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important role in the worship service. Contact Alison Shirley for additional information or to volunteer.

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The “2020 VISION” Stewardship Campaign will be conducted during the period November 1 – November 10, 2019. You will be contacted by your Elder and asked to complete an “Estimate of Giving Card.” Now that we have a full-time, ordained minister, it is extremely important that we have an accurate estimate of the financial resources that will be available for expenditure in 2020.

While you will be asked to estimate a specific sum per week or per month, please be assured no one will be billing you should a change in circumstances prevent you from giving the full amount of your original estimate.

The ultimate example of generosity is represented by the Lord Jesus Christ giving his life in exchange for giving us Eternal Life. In an effort to repay that generosity, each of us is urged to give sacrificially from the financial resources God has made available to us.

“Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Included in the packet from your Elder is an “Opportunity for Ministry” form for you to indicate the areas/activities you want to serve. Please prayerfully consider the many choices available.

A REASON TO CELEBRATE



November Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays

November 17

Ilyse Hines

November 25

Kelly Britt

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries This Month



N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 9

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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<p>3 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/All Saints Remembrance 12:05 After Church Fellowship Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	4	<p>5 8:30 Prayer Group</p>	<p>6 MU@Peace</p>	7	8	9
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<p>24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Minute for Mission/ PW Thank Offering 12:05 After Church Fellowship 7:00 Community Ecumenical Service at Cedar Falls Baptist Church</p>	25	<p>26 8:30 Prayer Group</p>	27	<p>28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	29	<p>30 9:00 Decorating for Advent and Christmas</p>