

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN
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THE PEACE FAMILY CONNECTION

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE Meeting ID: 838-0698-2875
GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP (starts at 10:45 a.m.)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:05 a.m.)

Each Week on Zoom:

Midday Prayer, Wednesdays at Noon
Meeting ID: 980-5593-4305

Worship Laboratory, Thursdays 1:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 828 6746 8943

Peace's Happy Hour Fellowship, Thursdays 4:00 pm
Meeting ID: 937-2097-1265

To join a meeting by phone instead of internet or smart device, dial 1 (646) 558-8656 and enter the meeting ID.



FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Peace Church Family,

This month marks six months since we last worshiped together in our sanctuary. During our last service together in person, I became a little weepy. I felt silly, because for goodness' sake, it wasn't like we were leaving the church forever! You could not have been convincing enough on March 15 for me to believe that it would be the end of August and we would still be worshipping together online only. I thought for sure we'd be back together for Easter...and then Pentecost...and then surely by the end of summer...

What has God done during these past six months? As a congregation, we have learned more about what it means for us to **be** the church. We have learned about worship and prayer and fellowship, both as we gather online and as we attempt to practice our faith in our homes with printed materials coming in the mail or by reading scripture and praying. We have learned to use new technology, and we have learned how to pass the peace on Zoom, over the phone, and from a distance, rather than with hugs and handshakes. Perhaps we have learned about grief and lament, as we have lost loved ones and haven't been able to gather for funerals, or as we watch the number of lives lost to the virus continue to climb. Maybe the words of the Psalmists, or other passages of scripture, have sounded new and surprisingly relevant during this time.

My hope is that your faith has not been dormant these past six months, and that not being able to gather in church has not stopped your participation in worship, prayer, fellowship, and service to others. My suspicion is that if you stop and think about the ways you have grown and been challenged as a person of faith, you might be able to make quite a list. And my prayer is that you will continue to seek God, love your neighbors, and grow in your faith whatever the next six months bring. The goal is never to get back to the way things were before--the goal is to continue to learn and grow and be changed in the light and love of Christ.

Pray for your Session (and your pastor!) as they continue to meet to discern what is wise and necessary. Pray for one another that you would continue to share in the life and love of the Body of Christ. Pray for our world, nation, state, and community.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

Peace be with you,
Pastor Becky

Children's Church and Youth Group: With the start of the school year, we will no longer have Youth Church on Tuesdays at 2:00. We are looking for ways to gather our young people in the coming months and plan to start offering an online breakout room for them during the service on Sundays starting in September. Stay tuned!

“Not So Fast! Reading Tricky Passages of Scripture Together.”

Pastor Becky's Fall Bible Study

Tuesdays in September at 9:00 a.m. OUTDOORS* at the Church

Wednesdays in September at 6:00 p.m. ON ZOOM

To sign up: <https://forms.gle/7nyhcG4vx8dpB2Xv9>

This September, we will look at five passages of scripture that make for good study and discussion. Each week we will read a passage and seek to share in understanding what it says, what it means, and what it means for us as individuals and as a church. Our format will be simple, and our goal will be to learn together how to read and interpret scripture and be encouraged by it!

September 2: Genesis 32:22-32 (Jacob Wrestles with God)

September 9: Matthew 15:21-28 (Jesus and the Canaanite woman)

September 16: Jeremiah 29:1-14 (Jeremiah's letter to the Exiles)

September 23: Job 1:1-22 (A meeting between God and Satan about Job)

September 30: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Paul's instructions about food offered to idols)

*The outside, in-person study will meet behind the church, near the picnic pavilion. Participants are asked to bring their own chair, a mask, and plan to practice physical distancing. Inclement weather will cancel the study for the week (you can still join on Zoom). We will cap the class at 9 participants (plus Becky). Contact Pastor Becky with questions!

Contribution Statements

The statements reflecting how much each congregant has given during the period Jan 1 to Jun 30, 2020 are available.

If you are interested in determining if our records are correct, please call Walt Swing at 580-1409 or e-mail to wmswing@yahoo.com

Online or At-Home Worship

Here's how to join the Zoom call, starting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday:

Option #1--Go to this web address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83806982875>

Option #2--Call into the meeting on any telephone line.

Dial 1-646-558-8656.

When prompted, enter the meeting ID which is 838-0698-2875 and then hit the # key. Pause for a moment and when the voice asks for your participant number, hit the # key to join. (you do not need any additional numbers)

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Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition

We continue to partner with CDRC in ministry by donating one room for their office space. CDRC will partner with Peace in ministry by making a monetary donation each month to cover the costs of their utilities and building use.

CDRC Director Luz Sanabria-Reyes resigned her position with CDRC to accept another position.

The mission of Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition (CDRC) is to assess unmet needs and provide Cumberland County residents access, coordination, and education of available resources in a long-term disaster caused recovery. They formed in 2011 in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Through our partnership with CDRC, we now have the opportunity to distribute perishable food items like fruits, veggies, and gallons of milk on an ongoing basis. If you would be interested in picking up these items when they are available, please let Marcia know and we will communicate our interest to CDRC and let you know as these resources are available.

Local and Global Missions

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes - There are plenty of shoeboxes available to enable you to bring God's love and joy to a child. Christmas in July is in full swing. If you want to participate in this worthwhile project but are unable or reluctant to shop, please phone the church office. Please phone the church office between 10:00 am and noon on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to schedule a time to come to the church to pickup a Shoebox.



Crochet Group Did you know the crochet group makes pocket prayer cloths to share with people who are ill or in need of encouragement and prayer? These prayer cloths have raised stitched that form a cross or a heart and are meant to be held for comfort. If you would like a prayer cloth to take to someone you pray for, or if you crochet and would like this pattern, contact the church office! We received this note from someone who has been on our prayer list and who received a prayer cloth:

"Be kind to each other." Ephesians 4:32

I want to thank you for the beautiful prayer cloth you sent me. It meant so much that you would think of me (someone you didn't know). Thank you also for all the prayers you said for me. I felt them and God's love and protection.

Sending love and thanks,
Martha

Christian Sympathies to Members and Family and Friends of Members in their bereavement with the loss of those who ended their earthly journey since the last published newsletter.

Ty Adkins
Jennings Beaty
Richard Becker
Orville Bennett
Kenneth Byrd
Ernest Curry
Judy Dorman
Jim Jarvies
Ernest Johnson
Margaret Johnson
William (Billy) Jones
Billy Kelly
Glen Kelly

Dee Langdon
Virginia Loughran
William Martin
Dominic McAlister
Bill Midkiff
Sherri Moore
Karl Nock
Olin Odom
Billy Parker
Gene Parker
Earl Richmond
Dorothy Sidebotham
Ann Snow

John Dennis Starling
Sherry Stone
Dorit Teeters
Louise Upchurch
Bernard Vann
C.T. Vivian
Betty Jean Walters
Tommy Warren
Sandy White
Harriot Wilkins
Carol Williamson
Debbie Wood
Dr. Jerry Wood

A REASON TO CELEBRATE



September Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 4
Carolyn Gibbons
Thea Hines

September 10
Gladys Taylor

September 20
Terry Merritt

Anniversaries

September 17
James and Janet Peterson

