

# The Peaceful News

THE PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKEWOOD RANCH, FLORIDA NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

## ***You have heard the story of the***

man walking on the beach who saw a young person picking up beached starfish and throwing them back into the ocean. The man approached and said, “There are miles of beach and thousands of starfish. You will never be able to save them all. The young person simply smiled and picked up another and said, “I just saved that one!”

It has seemed to me that the last few years have made some of us cynical and exhausted. We get easily overwhelmed, thinking we will never be able to find enough time and energy to do what needs to be done in the church, community, and in our own families. What little discretionary time we have is taken up in the dopamine hits of scrolling screens, flipping news channels, or watching Netflix. Yes, well, bend down and pick up another starfish or a load of wash. Drive to one more activity, joyfully seeking to make a difference in one person’s life that day. Sign up to be of assistance to one ministry team at church. Phone or email just one person who had surgery to say, “praying for you.”

No, you do not have time for everything that is offered in this community. You may have to say “no”

to some extra-curriculars or trips. You may be already doing too much at church—if so, give up something. Others will step up. You cannot single-handedly manage all the work of the church, even on one team. Share the load with others.

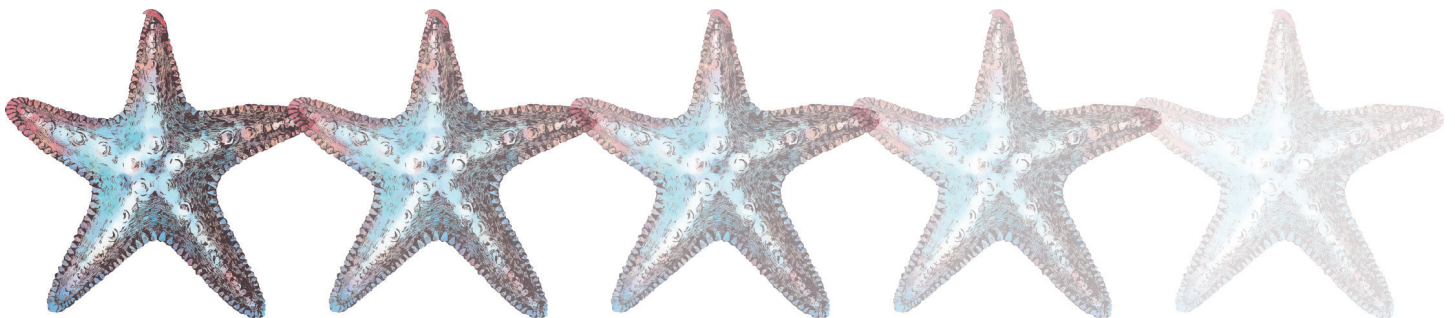


There are so many ways to make a difference—even at Peace. If you are simply attending worship, what one thing will you pick up and do? Who can you invite to do it with you? Multiply the ministry, share the joy, give generously to support the ministries of Peace. If each of us keep picking up one thing, the world will change for the better.

Prayerfully yours,

*Elizabeth*

**Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert**  
Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church



# EARTHCARE/MATTHEW 25 TEAM



## We Are an Earthcare Congregation

God blessed them:

*“Prosper! Reproduce!  
Fill Earth! Take charge!  
Be responsible for fish in  
the sea and birds in the  
air, for every living thing  
that moves on the face of Earth.”* Genesis 1:28 (MSG)

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is a growing earth care movement within the PC(USA). PEC is a national eco-justice network that cares for God’s creation by connecting, equipping, and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church.

You are invited to help with some of these activities we sponsor:

- The “Peaceful Path”
- Picking up trash on Upper Manatee River Road September 2nd and 30th
- Replacing lights with more efficient LEDs. We are still accepting donations to complete the LED conversion in the Peace center, sign up to sponsor a room!
- See suggestions in the Sunday bulletin for ways to exercise personal responsibility to care for God’s creation.

## National Conference—September 20-23, 2023

“The Climate Crisis & Empowering Hope” is the theme for our 2023 national conference. The conference will deal with practical ways that our faith can guide us to care for creation. The conference is streamed on-line.

For more details go to <https://presbyearthcare.org/2023-conference>

## We are a Matthew 25 Congregation

*‘Master, ... When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’* Matthew 25: 37-40 (MSG)

- **STREAM** (Stronger Together Reaching Equity Across Manatee) is a collaboration of 15 congregations working for affordable housing and improving enforcement of laws for minor offenses. You will be getting a personal invitation to support this effort. Cory Weckerle is our new leader. See photos from the Nehemiah meeting May 4!
- A trip is being planned to Montgomery and Selma to visit memorials of enslavement and civil rights November 18-21. Come and learn more after worship September 10.



Debbie & Uneeda at STREAM’s Nehemiah Action.



Pastor Elizabeth speaking to the Nehemiah Action group.



Earth Care team members seeking volunteers for the road cleanup.



Earth Care team during the June road cleanup.





# FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



May 2023

## Hurricane Season Approaches, but Recovery Continues

Last year, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Southwest Florida on September 28 as a Category 4 storm, devastating Lee, Charlotte and surrounding counties. Hurricane Nicole followed in November as a Cat 1 adding insult to injury. Millions of families were impacted with homes damaged or destroyed. Volunteers from across the nation came to help tarp roofs, muck out and gut homes and serve survivors in so many ways. As response transitioned into recovery, 17 Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) reactivated since Hurricane Irma or were newly formed across the state.



Photo: David Barnhart

Volunteer teams are now coming to repair and rebuild homes for those survivors who do not have the means to do so on their own. PC(USA) churches are involved in a variety of ways: two are serving as volunteer host sites, many are scheduling mission trips, some have members or staff involved with their local LTRG – serving on the board or a committee. Please consider getting involved in the recovery!



Photo: Edwin González-Castillo

The [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) national staff and Advisory Committee members were in Fort Myers in March for their meeting. While there, they visited partners in Immokalee including Misión Peniel, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance. Through [FLAPDAN](#), they also served as a mission team and worked with Florida United Methodist Disaster Recovery by helping to gut three mobile homes damaged by Hurricane Ian in preparation for repairs. Many thanks to PDA for their partnership and service!



Photo: Nell Herring

Schedule a mission work trip:  
[pda.callcenter@pcusa.org](mailto:pda.callcenter@pcusa.org) or  
866-732-6121

Find out more about your  
local LTRG by contacting  
[fla.pdan@pcusa.org](mailto:fla.pdan@pcusa.org)

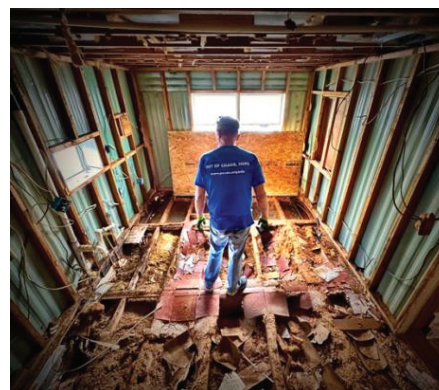


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### Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc.

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# Preparedness tips for churches and families...

The 2023 Hurricane Season is predicted to be above average again and it's time to begin our preparations. Here are a few tips...

## Determine your risk:

Is your neighborhood prone to flooding? Storm surge? Tornado or wind damage? With soaring construction prices, do you have enough insurance coverage?

## Hurricane supplies:

Restock your family [hurricane kit](#). Don't forget your pets!

## Special Needs Registry:

If you or someone you know has needs such as oxygen, medical equipment, refrigerated medications or other special requirements, help them to register NOW with their county's [Special Needs Registry](#). This gives officials important information to use in planning for vulnerable populations as well as allows first responders to provide special assistance during a disaster. Transportation to shelters can be provided.

**Listen to your local authorities:** Every county will have different plans and protocols best suited to their populations, communities and geography. Your local officials have updated hurricane plans, evacuation routes and shelter information, including which shelters are pet friendly. Listen to your local weather, emergency management and city/county officials. Heed their advice.

**Churches:** Check and update your disaster plan. If you don't have one, start [HERE](#). Make sure contact numbers for staff and others are current. Know your presbytery's disaster protocol. Review your insurance policies. Do you have enough church coverage? Assist the vulnerable people in your congregation and surrounding community by helping them gather hurricane supplies, sign up on the Special Needs Registry or putting up storm shutters and then checking on them after a storm.

**Churches are a vital part of a community's response and recovery!** Can you offer your building or grounds as a secondary post-storm shelter space, a point of distribution for supplies or a respite center for response workers? If so, please contact your local emergency management office and American Red Cross to let them know. They will work with you to determine if using your facility would be a possibility.

Please contact [FLAPDAN](#) with questions or if you need help creating or updating your disaster plan. We are here for you. Thank you for your continued support of FLAPDAN!

Stay safe,  
Kathy Broyard  
Executive Director / Emergency Management Specialist

## STORM SURGE

- Is the water that is pushed onto land as a hurricane makes landfall.
- Can range from a few feet to over 30 feet.
- Impacts coastal areas first, then moves inland.
- Is life threatening.
- Is fast moving, fast rising.
- Can wash away buildings and roadways.
- Know your evacuation zone. [Know Your Zone](#)

## FLOOD

- Flooding can occur anywhere where topography and drainage patterns cannot efficiently move and store water away from development or other areas.
- Are you in a flood zone? [Flood Maps](#)

*FLAPDAN's Mission  
To support Florida communities  
through disaster preparedness,  
response and recovery working  
in partnership with community,  
government and faith-based  
organizations.*

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# MISSION TEAM

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10.

The Mission Team helps us share our gifts by providing opportunities for all of us to give and serve. Everyone can be part of Mission—with volunteering, financial donations, and/or joining the team.

Our team has been enjoying a lighter summer calendar but has been busy expanding! We welcomed several very active new members (Bill Easter, Jean Benson, Jane Nicholl, Kathie Meyer, Kim Nolting, and Uneeda Brewer) over the summer. And we just added a Team Leader—Gordy Hyde! We look to continue to expand the team and our impact in our community. Come to a “Learn More About It” session and find a meaningful mission to support!



We're grateful to those in the congregation who generously contributed ~\$1,700 to the Pentecost Offering (with 40% supporting local initiatives for at-risk youth.) And thank you to everyone who provided school supplies for Beth-El's backpack drive (left)!

As the school year begins, Peace Baggers are back at the

Beth-El food pantry (right) after a brief summer break. Our Books for Kids volunteers are excited about a great weekly reading program with kindergarteners in Title 1 schools. Peace volunteers at Turning Points continue serving on the front lines of the affordable housing crisis. Our Meals on Wheels Plus/Food Bank volunteers provide meal delivery, social activities, and companionship for vulnerable seniors. We also had a great time serving in the soup kitchen at Our Daily Bread, which serves an average of 250 people per day!



We're planning a busy and exciting fall calendar—including a new Habitat build and Family Promise opportunities—so stay tuned! Please join us and feel free to share any mission ideas.



Gordy and Toni at Our Daily Bread—Mission work

## Mission Team Tips for Effective Giving

In our efforts to increase the impact of our Mission work, we're providing some tips to help all of us be more effective givers and better stewards of God's gifts. This issue's tips: 1) how to avoid burdening nonprofits with unwanted item donations and 2) how to provide more valuable gifts to our partners.

### #1) How to Avoid Donating Unwanted Items

Did you know that nonprofits (including partners) incur significant costs (sorting, storing, disposing, etc.) dealing with unwanted or unusable donations? These “gifts” also contribute to landfill waste. Even for something as essential as food, half of all canned good donations will never be used, according to the University of Pennsylvania Center for High Impact Philanthropy. But no need to worry if we make sure donated items match our partners' needs and guidelines (see below).

Fortunately, there are several ways we can help our partners devote more resources to their core missions (and not our closet cleaning or downsizing projects).

- Consider a monetary donation (see #2)

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## MISSION TEAM (continued)

- Match your gifts to partners' needs – check our new Donation Guidelines (posted at Peace) or ask the Mission Team Leader or Elder. For example, Manatee Food Bank tells us they can use all canned items on their list if they aren't dented, leaking, or > 6 months past the "best by" date. But if a partner hasn't asked for an item, it's probably not something they want or will be able to use. Same idea for targeted donation drives.
- Follow tips from the Charity Navigator (clothing examples below):
  - Most charities can only make use of items that are new, unused, or nearly new.
  - Donated clothing should be clean, in good condition (no holes or stains), and functional (no broken zippers, missing buttons, etc.).
  - Apply the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." If an item is something you wouldn't want to wear or use, why would someone else?
- Consider donating time and talents versus your items. Did you know that the Do Good Institute estimates that every volunteer hour is worth \$31.80 to Florida nonprofits?

### #2) How to Provide More Valuable Gifts to Our Partners

Be aware that monetary donations are our partners' greatest need—and the most valuable gift we can give. Nonprofit partners can also use our dollars far more productively than we can—consider this example provided by a food bank on the west coast.

Suppose you want to help the Food Bank, and you decide to go to the store to purchase 15 cans of soup, and you spend about \$25. Your donation provides approx. 15 meals.

Now let's say you donated \$25 to the Food Bank. Because that money is combined with donated food and donated labor, those same funds provide 100 meals—85 more meals than purchasing the canned items and bringing them to the Food Bank.

The Food Bank can also buy and distribute fresh produce, frozen protein, dairy and other healthy items, whereas you can typically only donate shelf stable items such as canned goods.

Similarly, the University of Pennsylvania Center for High Impact Philanthropy estimates that a food bank can provide 20 times more food for the same \$10 one of us might spend purchasing items to donate at a retail store.

You can get more creative and combine #1 and #2! Thinking about buying a new item and donating the "old" one? Consider keeping the "old" one for a while and making a monetary donation for what you would have spent on a new one. Same idea if you can borrow rather than purchase an item.



Peace Mission Team at  
Turning Points.

*"(Money) is an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends. In the hands of his children, it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked."*

John Wesley

As a kid I would occasionally go to our local U.S. Post Office with one of my parents to buy stamps or mail a package. While there I would often pay attention to the “Wanted Posters” that were locked behind glass doors in a case. Rewards were listed with the fugitives and perhaps I visioned seeing one of these people and somehow collecting the reward. I lived in Chicago, that increased the possibilities, but alas it never came to fruition.

Our photo wall in the Narthex at Peace has a much different purpose, it represents the current church leadership. Our wall provides an opportunity for all to view and recognize our leaders. The seventeen photos represent the current ordained leadership of Peace. The thirteen Ruling Elders along with the Clerk of Session have agreed to serve a specific term (normally three years) to form the Session of the church and during that time *“Ruling elders are called to ministry in partnership with teaching elders. Within this calling, ruling elders have responsibilities in several areas of the life of the church including exercise in leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline.”*

Peace is blessed with dedicated Ruling Elders that spend their time and talents to work hard to support Elizabeth, Mary Beth, Kelly and the staff, as well as all members of the congregation, in all that we do. Take the opportunity to thank them for their service to Peace.



## WALL OF LEADERSHIP



The Fellowship Team appreciates all the contributions from the congregation during the summer that added to the wonderful baked goods by the Team members. These extra contributions are always enjoyed, especially during the summer months when team members are on vacation. We have enjoyed seeing so many more people during Fellowship Time and hope that you have had an opportunity to connect with new and old friends this summer with the reduced number of classes.

We will be having our annual kick-off brunch on September 3, 2023, after worship. There are no children or adult classes that day so that all can take part in the brunch. We would greatly appreciate any contributions that you would like to bring on that day. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Walch (ewhallrays@verizon.net; 941-713-9198).

The Peace Crafters will be starting back up this Fall, with meetings on the third Friday of the month. More information will be upcoming.

Fellowship Team has taken on the Irregular Lunch Group, which has been renamed **“Don’s Lunch Bunch”**, in memory and honor of Don Deibert. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at noon at a different local restaurant. If you would like to join the Lunch Bunch, please let us know. You are not committed to coming each month—just come when you can. The August lunch is on August 24 at Skilllets on S.R.64 at noon. The September lunch will be on September 28th (watch your bulletin for location information).

Also, don’t forget Fellowship’s Musical Movies. The movies are held in Fellowship Hall on the last Friday of the month. August movie was on August 25 and was **Les Misérables** (starting at 6:45); followed by **Hairspray** on 9/29 (7pm); **Little Shop of Horrors** on 10/27(7pm); and then **Scrooge** on a special date of 12/1 (7pm), due to Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays.

## GRATITUDE TEAM

When I was in 5th or 6th grade in Sunday School, I received a small poster from my teacher. It read, “*Oh God who has given so much to me, give one thing more, a grateful heart*”. This is a paraphrased quote from George Herbert, an English poet, orator and priest of the Church of England. He lived long ago from 1593–1633. Many years later, I still have that little poster today, and I believe it helps me as I try to live a life of gratitude.

I believe that when we are filled with gratitude, we have a desire to ‘give back’ to those in need in any way we can. Peace Presbyterian Church provides us with many ways to give back through our time, talents, and treasures.

My parents were my example of giving back, both with their financial means and through caring acts in our church and community. The blessed memory of my parents giving back continues to live in me today and drives me to give.

About 30 years ago, I started writing in my Grateful Journal, which I continue to do today. It is a very real reminder to me of all I have received and for which I am very appreciative. When my

daughters were very little, we would always end our days with a story (or several), prayers and 3 ‘gratefals’. Their gratefals were always simple, i.e. grateful for going to play at the park, ice cream after supper, or wearing the favorite outfit to school, etc. Yet every night we would end our day together with our 3 gratefals. I believe this may be helping them today as young women to be mindful of all they’ve been given.

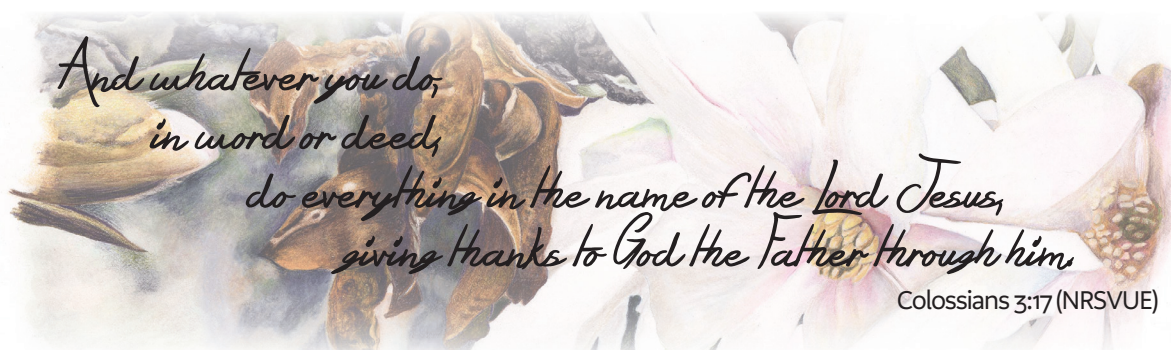
At Peace we will soon have our season of giving. Be on the lookout for new postcards where you will be able to write “I am grateful for...”. I am grateful for Peace and all the folks in our church and the opportunities it has given me. Another way to make lasting impact is through the Legacy Fund where members can create a loving legacy even after death by including the church in their estate plans. Let’s join together in love as the wonderful church we are and share our ‘gratefals’ by our means and service to all in need.

*Lin Ferroll*

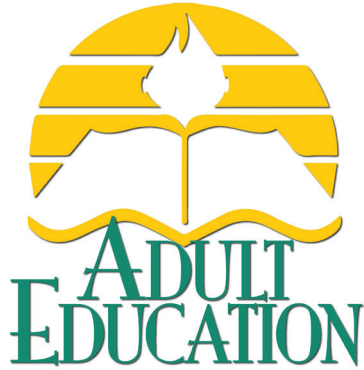


Peace Presbyterian Church has an endowment that has been created and initially funded by various members of the church. It is currently invested and growing and will be used for perpetual funding for the church’s Operating purposes, Capital Facilities purposes, and Mission and Benevolence purposes. In addition, numerous members of the congregation have remembered Peace in their final wills and it is our hope that this fund will be a testament to the continuing gratitude of those who have passed on to the greater life in heaven.

For more information, you can contact Legacy Fund Chairperson Dirk Brinkmeyer (941-920-7844 / [BrinkmeyerDirk@gmail.com](mailto:BrinkmeyerDirk@gmail.com)).







Since our beginning, Peace Presbyterian always put adult education in the forefront of church activities. When our congregation was half, even a third of our current size, there would be two, sometimes even three learning opportunities following worship a Sunday. Most of these offerings were due to the talented number of retired pastors and seminarians that were attracted to Peace and the excitement of Peace's possibilities and values.

Summer 2023 provided us with some wonderful learning opportunities, we explored the impact *Ezra and Nehemiah* made on the people of Israel led by Rev. Bill Clough. That was followed by Elizabeth Deibert and Bill Clough discussing *Problematic Scriptures*. Rev. Craig Miller offered five weeks with the *Gospel According to M\*A\*S\*H*, providing us with new ways of viewing the old TV show we love and grew up watching. These great classes were offered consecutively and gave one offering at a time. This September the Adult Ed Team will return to our old format of offering multiple learning opportunities simultaneously.



Adult Ed class on the Gospel According to M\*A\*S\*H\*

Rev. Mary Beth McSwain will lead a class that will provide new insight into many old Bible stories that we love but struggle to understand. Using the text *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scriptures with New Eyes* by Josh Scott, Mary Beth will take you on a journey through some of the Bible's most told, and perhaps least understood tales, helping you reimagine it while finding new wisdom.

1

We are excited to have Mickey Miller return to the classroom as he leads a Bible-study class, *Genesis Selections for 21st Century Christians* focusing on what the provenance of the Bible says in today's world. As is normal for Mickey's classes, opportunities will exist for input and discussion on the chosen verses, giving you room to learn and grow in your Christian journey.

2

The third learning opportunity this fall is a class that will focus on responsibilities to create dialogue and action for social justice in our society. *Race Relations: Christians' Responsibility to Know and Understand Social Justice* will use a series of books and DVDs to address the history of our country, the church and society as a whole and how those entities added to and/or reduced the difficulties that minorities suffered and continue to suffer. Participants will be given ample opportunities to express thoughts and opinions and encouraged to share personal experiences. This class is being offered in support of the Earthcare/Matthew 25 Team that is planning a trip to Montgomery and Selma to visit memorials of enslavement and civil rights November 18-21.

3

With worship time changing to start at 9:30am on September 10 our classes will begin at 11am and end by 12noon. We look forward to providing you with multiple learning opportunities and hope this marks our return to our new "normalcy."



**SECOND FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH, ALL MOVIES WILL BEGIN AT 2:30 pm IN TRINITY SQUARE AT PEACE**

**September 8, 2023**

*Good Night, and Good Luck*

(2005, Rated PG, 1:37)

Kim Schoeffel, Discussion Leader

Starring: David Strathairn, Patricia Clarkson, George Clooney, Jeff Daniels

*A stirring tribute to television journalist Edward R Murrow's courage, and conviction in a dark period of American history.*



**November 10, 2023**

*Miss Evers' Boys* (1987, Rated PG, 1:58)

Dierdre Anderson, Discussion Leader

Starring: Alfre Woodard, Laurence Fishburne, Craig Sheffer

*The true story of the U.S. Government's 1932 Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, in which a group of black test subjects were allowed to die, despite a cure being developed.*



**October 13, 2023**

*Ordinary People* (1980, Rated R, 2:04)

Chet Day, Discussion Leader

Starring: Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, Judd Hirsch

*A very special and poignant movie about growing up and family life that help us gain a fresh perspective on our own adolescence and adulthood.*



**December 8, 2023**

*The Most Dangerous Year* (2005, Rated PG-13, 1:56)

Wally Harman, Discussion Leader

Starring: Benno Fürmann, Guillaume Canet, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger

*An extraordinary film about a miraculous occurrence during Christmas in World War I when men laid down their arms and fraternized with the enemy.*



On Sunday, July 30, the Outreach Team handed out 20 plants with welcome cards. The Peace members who accepted the plants were asked to give them to their neighbors and invite them to attend Peace. We eagerly anticipate the results. And...

The Outreach team is also gearing up for this coming year's

**Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble** concert series. Performances are scheduled for Sundays at 2 pm on

**October 15, 2023**

**February 4, 2024**

**May 5, 2024**

**mark your calendars!**





# Worship Events



The Voices of Peace and Ringers of Peace have been on summer recess. Beautiful music has been provided for services by individual and small groups of vocalists and instrumentalists. The drama ministry did an enactment for a children's sermon. Parish Associates Mary Beth and Kelly, Seminarian Amy, and retired ministers Bill Clough and Craig Miller who are part of the congregation have provided inspiring worship services while pastoral staff were on vacations or experiencing wonderful events at Montreat.

Volunteers have continued to prepare and assist the Pastor in serving Communion. The Team does seek more volunteers to be cup bearers for Communion on Sunday mornings and always appreciates those congregants willing to serve as liturgists. Live streaming of all services has been provided faithfully by the Peace AV Team.



*Drama during Worship presented by Bryce, Chris, Emory, Emmalyn and Kelly.*



*Solo during Worship this summer.*



*Montreat Worship and Music Conference in July.*



*Dee, Mary Beth, Skylar, Amy and Craig in August.*



*Amy and Marsha piano duet during Worship*



# CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY



The Children, Youth and Families team hosted a Baby Shower in June for four sweet baby girls. What a joy it is to have them at Peace! One thank you note read in part, “We are so blessed and lucky to be a part of such a thoughtful, caring, generous and loving church family.”

Have you seen the new family worship tables on the woods side of the sanctuary? This space allows children to spread out, stand up and move around a bit. It has been very popular with families and now is expanded to include the children’s bookshelves and a rocking chair.

A group of 11 youth and 6 adults were surrounded In Joy at the Montreat Youth Conference. “Joy is found in God, while we are also God’s joy!” “Joy is not a destination, it is a practice,”

“The world needs our joy.” These ideas were shared by inspiring speakers, including our Co-Moderator of the PC(USA), Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace. We look forward to next year’s conference, which will be July 6-13, 2024.

Vacation Bible School at Peace brought 21 elementary students here for the week. With help from many Peace volunteers, the campers did art projects, science experiments, created celebration kits for kids in need, sang hymns, drummed drums and explored the path & labyrinth. We had so much fun together. The whole week was capped off with an inflatable waterslide here at Peace!

Coming up soon is our Cedarkirk Retreat for Peace families, September 16-17. All who seek rest can find it here. RSVP to Eirinn.

Please mark your calendars for the Peace Pumpkin Patch on October 21st from 10-4pm. Volunteer to help out for an hour or two. You will even be able to pre-order your pumpkins here at Peace!

*Music as a part of Vacation Bible School.*



*Peace volunteers delivering the Celebration Kits for Vacation Bible School.*



*Peace and Beth-El Youth at the Montreat Youth Conference.*



*Jake and K— Peace Friends*



*Baby shower for new children hosted by CYF in June*



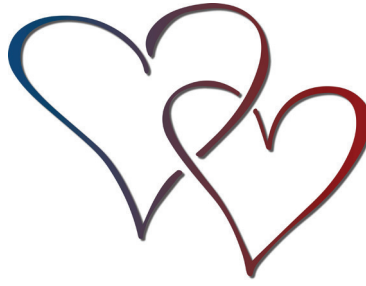
*Peace Kids Club having a blast at Defy Trampoline Park.*



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

**Do You Know?** Who are the newest members on our team? They are Deidre Anderson and along with those new to the Pray-ers group of 9 are Deanna Anderson, Jules Parrish, and Nina Stewart, who have each committed to pray for our entire congregation one day a week. These ladies care for the people of Peace in such a special and private way. Maybe you could remember them and their group as you pray yourself.

**Do You Know?** What we do for hurricane preparation at Peace? When storm warnings are issued the Care Group Leaders take on the important mission of contacting all in their groups—



who is leaving the area, who needs to shelter locally but somewhere other than their own home, who will shelter at home. This assists the church staff in providing as much safety as possible should the storm move into our area and follow-up once the storm has passed. (Note: Make yourself aware of the information on pages 3 & 4 provided by FLAPDAN).

**Do You Know?** How much enjoyment this team finds in connecting with all of you in this special place known as Peace.

Enjoy the rest of this summer.



*New Member class joining Peace in April.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our own seminarian, Amy Cerniglia, has won the **The Joseph Mihelic Scripture Reading Prize** each year she has been a student at **Dubuque Theological Seminary**, in addition to securing multiple scholarships to assist in covering educational costs. **The Joseph Mihelic Scripture Reading Contest** was established out of the conviction that scripture reading plays a vital part in the worship of God, and that it should therefore be read with clarity, conviction, and reverence in order that hearers may know they are listening to the Word of God. Amy will complete her seminary training in the spring of 2024 and pending approval from Peace River Presbytery, will be ready to receive a call to serve as a Minister of Music.



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