

# The Peaceful News

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch, Florida Newsletter

WINTER, 2014

New property, new year, and new people means new potential at Peace! I have been very pleased with the congregation's enthusiasm and flexibility in this time of transition. We are gearing up for two more work dates on February 1 and 15, organized again by Neil MacQueen and the Property Team. We want to be ready for Dedication Sunday on February 23rd at 3:00.

The Session of Elders (six of them to be installed on Sunday at the Congregational Meeting at 9:45) have been meeting to bond as leaders of the church and to shape a vision for 2014. Priorities for this year are as follows:

- Continue to Renovate and to Define the Functionality of the Building
- Continue to Adjust Gracefully to Two Worship Services & New Morning Schedule
- Develop a Master Plan for the Property
- Enhance our Presence in the Community with Events, Outreach, and Service
- Welcome a New Part-time Staff Member to Build Ministry to Youth, Young Adults, & Families

New potential at Peace in the new year depends on new people getting engaged with this new property to do new things to glorify God and serve neighbors. Let's discover together what those new things will be!

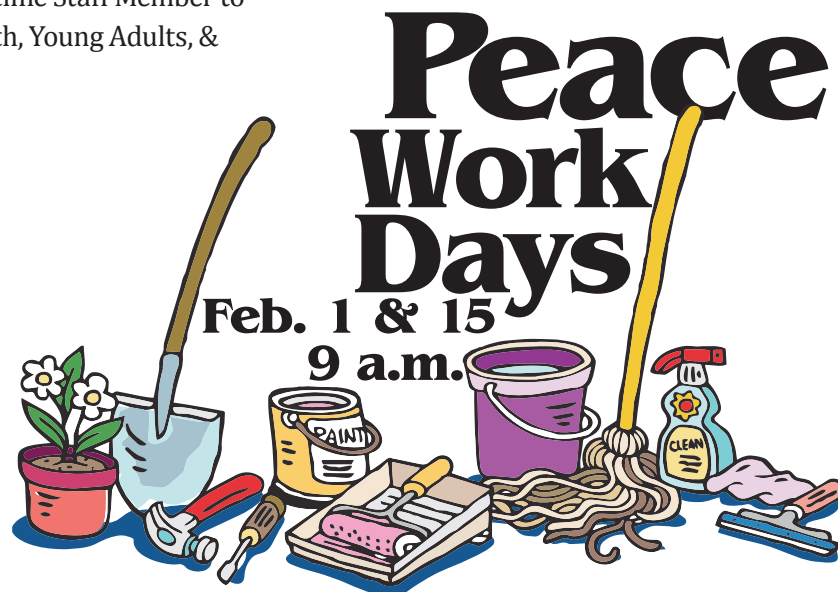
*<sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who made peace with us through Christ, and has given us the ministry of peacemaking. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18, adapted from the NRSV)*

With a heart full of gratitude,

*Elizabeth*

Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert

Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church



# Faith and Film



David and Dotty Thomas once again are holding monthly "Faith and Film Movie Nights" on the second Friday of the month at 7:00.

The schedule in 2014 is:

Feb 14—"Fill the Void"

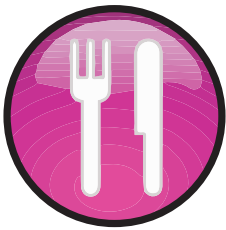
March 14—"Lee Daniels' The Butler"

April 11—"Of Gods and Men"

May 9—"Still Mine."

There are handouts available on Sundays with more information on each film. Pick one up!

## Peace Monthly Dinner Groups



A great way to meet new friends in a very casual setting is to sign up for the Peace Monthly Dinner Groups. The groups get together on the third Saturday of the month from September to April. No one needs to go every month. Each time those who can get

together sign up. Some people sign up to host—if they can seat 6 or more people in their home. The hostess decides on the main course and asks the people attending to bring something to round out the dinner. The food is always delicious and the camaraderie is excellent. Sign up for the next dinner at the worship services. You'll be glad you did. The next dinners are on Feb.15 and Mar.15. There will not be one in April as the third Saturday is Easter weekend.

## New Camp Day

Celebrating Families at Cedarkirk:  
Worship, Fun, and Learning on January 25

Sponsored by Tampa Bay Presbytery and open to all families. Go to [Cedarkirk.org](http://Cedarkirk.org) to learn more about this exciting opportunity just one hour north of Peace



## 2014 CHURCH CALENDAR

- January 26**– Annual Congregation Meeting, Installing and Ordaining new Elders—9:45 a.m.
- February 8**– Faith Focus, 1st Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Theological Seminary and Professor of New Testament—9:30–11:00a.m.
- February 9**– Next New Members Meeting—9:45 a.m.
- February 23**– Dedication Day for Peace's New Property – 3:00 p.m.

All are invited as we celebrate God's good gift of 24 beautiful acres of land and give thanks for the generosity of time, talent, and treasure that made this new home a reality. The 13,800 SF building, originally built in 1997 by Aurora Ministries for their ministry of distributing audio Bible cassettes in 70 different languages, has a chapel, offices, kitchen, fellowship area, rehearsal rooms, and many classrooms for all ages. A new sanctuary is being planned for 2016.

**Come meet some new friends, make some new commitments to God in worship or service, and discover a new PEACE!**

### HELP WANTED

**New Youth Position Available at Peace**  
Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch is seeking a part-time person to direct ministries for youth and their families, and young adults. Prior experience with youth ministry is preferred.  
Send résumés to  
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### OPPORTUNITY

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alitto vendele nihicia perunt.  
Sedis etur arum di dolut quo temped



*A photo from Junie Miller "We celebrate the gratitude of Peace for the seven Peace Baggers who prepared 400 bags of groceries this morning at Beth-El. Tomorrow the farm worker families will receive a generous bag of canned food, plus a ham, a chicken and some fresh bread." Every Thursday 5 to 15 people from Peace bag up food as a mission to Beth-El.*



*Henry Sunkenberg works on decorating the Christmas tree in the Lobby of our new church home.*



*Pastor Elizabeth Deibert stands with Stirling before the fountain in the courtyard during a very moving baptism at the second worship service on Jan.12. Stirling was the first person to be baptized since we have obtained the new building. Stirling's teacher and grandparents look on.*



*On January 5, Peace Church held an Epiphany Bonfire, enjoyed by both youth and adults. Brush from the property and Christmas trees from the congregation were burned. Kids from left: Bailey, Zoe, Clare, Matt and Nathan.*





# Peace Church...



## Property Update on Peace Church's New Home

We've moved into our new home and, like many property owners, we've found a few things that need to be done. There has been a lot of painting going on—the Chapel, Lobby and Gathering Room have a new coat. Renovations continue on the café and music rooms. There will be painting and new carpet in the large gathering room. The areas with tile have been cleaned and grouted.

Now we are concentrating on evaluating the irrigation system and making repairs to it. Then some of the old plantings will be ripped out and a new planting design will be implemented. There also are some areas of the driveway that will be getting repaired.

We now have cleaning and pest services hired. **One important addition is blue recycling bins in most of the rooms. Please use them, to help our environment!**



*In mid-December the new sign for our church was installed on State Road 64.*

## Lively Learning for Adults

Peace is happy to offer a new class for adults, during the Lively Learning hour. Sacred Place Sacred Role: Finding our Rightful Place in Creation, by the Paul Kirbas Institute. It runs six sessions and is a gentle, upbeat, thought-provoking introduction to our role in creation and in the science and religion discussion.

Each session has a brief intro, videos (about 5 minutes of intro and 5 minutes of panel discussion), some discussion questions, ideas for further reflection, and a closing prayer. Because this is a pilot project of the Institute we need to get at least 12 people to commit to attend so we can give Paul informed feedback.

If some people will volunteer to lead it we have the capability to keep up the Nooma class which is video vignettes followed by discussion about the Christian struggle for daily faithfulness. Affinity Group—sharing the joyful struggle of caring for aging parents, rounds out the Lively Learning options for adults. We also still subscribe to the Wired Word if someone is interested in leading it.



## Children's and Youth Classes

**Infants and preschoolers** with Damaris Luna

**PreK-2nd Grade** (Godly Play) with Eirinn Camphire, Kris Pino and Suzi Regulski;

**3rd-5th Grade** (Lions) with Lucy Kemp and Adrienne Gyure

**6th-8th Grade** with Neil and Michelle MacQueen

**9th-12th Grade** with Chip Schaaff and Matt Clay

The grade-schoolers are working with both the Presbyterian curriculum, We Believe, and sometimes supplement it with various workshop ideas such as drama, art, food, games, and a variety of others from the Rotation Model developed by Neil MacQueen.

The Jr. and Sr. High use current events to discuss perspectives in their lives and service-oriented lessons.



**Lively Learning and Building Relationships at Peace Church are from 9:45-10:45, between the two worship services.**

**The classes, both adult and children's, can always use more helpers. If you wish to volunteer, contact Richard Deibert for the adult classes and Lucy Kemp for children's.**

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