

The Peaceful News

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch, Florida Newsletter

SPRING-2, 2019

As Peace continues to grow,

we are finding new ways to build strong relationships.

By the way, we have tripled our participants in our first decade as a chartered congregation—from 120 to 360!

We are forming more small groups for fellowship, service, prayer, and study.

We are exploring new creative summer worship and learning across intergenerational lines. We are adding

an Involvement Team to focus on relationships with newer participants. We are offering more outreach and mission opportunities, so that you can choose to be part of the ones that inspire you most.

What we believe is this: involved participants find church life to be more meaningful, because deeper relationships of caring are what sustain us in the challenges of life. Closer relationships enable us to be Christ to each other. In particular times of difficulty, we hope you will feel free to call on your care cluster leader or to ask for a Stephen Minister for extra listening support.

We encourage all of you to work with us as we aim to build these closer relationships that are life-giving. Try a ministry team on for size. See if you find their work

engaging. At these team meetings, we always allow time for sharing joys and concerns, so that we are being the family of God together before we aim to do the work of God together.

This summer's focus on the

Parables of Jesus will give us opportunity to plan in small intergenerational groups some new ways to explore and respond to the Word of God. Sign up for a group—which will meet in June after 9:30 worship to plan later summer services. Each group will have one Sunday in July or August. I hope I hear you thinking, “Now that’s not hard, and could be a lot of fun!” If you put something into it, you will surely get something out of it. Like the Parable of the Talents—you have to take a risk—and invest yourself!



Prayerfully yours,

Elizabeth

Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert

Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

25 + PARTICIPANTS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 – 10AM TO 12NOON



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NEED HELP? CHURCH FAIR HAS GOT IT!

A Health & Wellness Fair designed to answer many questions about health topics is set for Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at Peace Presbyterian Church, 12705 State Road 64, Lakewood Ranch. Admission is free.

Organizations Taking Part in Health and Wellness Fair:

Can Community (STD, HIV)
Manatee County Library
MCR Health Services
WIC
Meals on Wheels
Community Paramedic
Pharmacist and RN
Ascent Audiology & Hearing
Whole child manatee
Tidewell

Fl Cancer Specialist and support services
Blake Hospital H2U activities for seniors
Codependents Anonymous
Toni Muirhead
Oncology massage
The Eye Associates
United Vein
Ellenton Discount Pharmacy

Future Care Genetics
Medline Plus
Electronic Caregiver
Neuro Challenge foundation for Parkinson's s
Adjust Your Life Chiropractic
Westminster Communities of FL
Turning Point/Lecom
American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

Boyer & Boyer P.A.
Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast
UF IFAS Extension
Smart Couples Florida
The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center

“Manatee County has so many programs designed to meet a variety of physical and mental needs that we are hoping to get the message out for those in need; many of them desperate for assistance,” says Toni Muirhead, a volunteer with Peace Church.

Blue Butterfly is one such program many folks have not heard about. “Blue Butterfly is a project of **Tidewell Hospice’s Grief Education and Support Center** offering support for children and teens ages 5 to18 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives,” explains Timothy Wolfrum, Hospice Communications Director.

“Just as a butterfly emerges from a dark cocoon, a child can find the world a brighter place through the grief process,” Wolfrum adds. “As a teen participant explained, ‘It’s the butterfly effect: We learn to help heal our grief, then we go help someone else with theirs.’ “

Need assistance with a senior family member? **Meals on Wheels**, known for delivering hot meals to shut-ins, offers **Daybreak Adult Day Center** five days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Lakewood Ranch. “Our Adult Center provides much needed respite for caregivers with structured, therapeutic and fun programs for seniors,” said Maribeth Phillip, President of Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee. “These programs are specifically designed to promote the well-being for individuals who have weakened physical or mental capabilities.”

“Everyone stays healthier when folks can get out of the house and mix with other people,” adds Jerry Gironda, Meals on Wheels client activities manager. Scholarship assistance may be available for Daybreak clients.

More than 25 agencies and services will be represented at the Health and Wellness event. Screenings will also be provided. For more information, call 954-309-4802.

The Peace Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund

Your Session has approved a Legacy Fund - for those members of our congregation who care deeply about Peace's future. This future is beyond the construction of the new Sanctuary. It is an opportunity for members to provide a permanent source of financing for our church by contributing to this endowment.

Your philanthropic gesture will benefit both Peace and yourself. Gifts may be tax deductible – whether they are given during your lifetime, set up as a trust, or if they are designated in your will. Gifts can include money, appreciated stocks or bonds, property, etc.

Gifts will be invested and subsequent funds earned will be used by Session in the following three areas:

- General Operating Fund
- Capital Facilities Fund
- The Mission and Benevolence Fund.



Gifts can be made at any time and are ideal for your estate planning.

The Legacy Fund is not meant to replace any giving that you already participate in, but rather it gives the option of creating a living 'legacy' for the future of Peace.

Stay tuned for more information on Sunday, May 5th – Legacy Sunday at Peace!

Crafters



Crafters will continue meeting through the summer on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 a.m. -12 noon. Please feel free to join us at any time.

We need to have more prayer shawls. If anyone is interested in crocheting or knitting one, we have patterns and yarn. Please see Ellen Walch or Marlene Schmidt.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special Dedication luncheon. It was a fabulous day and a great time sharing a meal with all of our family, friends and neighbors.

Thank you to all who have contributed to Fellowship time. If you would like to bring something, sign up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Ellen Walch. You do not need to supply all the treats- you can add to what Fellowship provides, or team up with one or two others and provide it all. Drinks are always provided by Fellowship and the team will cleanup.

If anyone is celebrating an 80th birthday or more, or anniversary of 50 years or more, and would like recognition

during Fellowship time, please let the team know and we will provide something special during that time.



Fellowship Time between first and second Worship Services

Peace has a new **Lost and Found** location. The table in Fellowship Hall on the clergy wall contains items that have been found around the church. If you have lost something, please claim it here.

Plan ahead for our special upcoming Fellowship events, including **Mother's Day, Father's Day** and **celebrating our graduates**.



MOVIES SET FOR 2018-19 FAITH AND FILM

This group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, Sept. to May. We gather at church at 6:30 to visit with each other. The movies begin at 7:00 p.m. SHARP, followed by discussion.

There is no need to sign up or make any advance plans. Just show up on the correct Friday and enjoy the movie. This group is a great way to ease into the “+2, as in Worship +2 is what we do.” **BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND ANY REFRESHMENTS**



May 10, 2019

Leave No Trace (2018, G, 1:49)

A father and his thirteen year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon, when a small mistake derails their lives forever.



MISSION TEAM

Beth-El Workers—our Team worked a record 916 hours in the final quarter of 2018.

The team members reflect Peace Church. Some work all-year; some, seasonally. Some come every week, some come occasionally. All are welcome, we will find a job for everyone.

We fill bags with groceries every Thursday and have been doing that every week since 2008. Volunteers meet either at the Smoothie King/Trumans on SR 70 near LWR Blvd (Publix Shopping Center) or on the north side of the Ft. Hamer Bridge at the County Park. Many members of the current team have helped from the beginning. Some started helping only a few months ago. Twice a month we go to Beth-El on Monday to re-bag 4,000 pounds of beans and rice.

We all find joy in working together to help feed hungry people in the Wimauma community, farmworkers and others.

If you're interested in finding more info, contact Junie Miller, cell: 941 545-4752 or check out their website: Beth-El.org.

CROP Walk 2019

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world. Thirty-five Peace folks, representing 3 generations, joined in The Manatee County CROP Walk on Sunday, Feb. 24, fulfilling a Christian imperative to help feed the hungry. CROP (Christian

Rural Overseas Project), dubbed the “granddaddy of charitable walks,” started in 1947 under Church World Service to help feed those in need post-WW II.

Many Manatee County churches gathered at Palmetto United Methodist where our own Pastor Elizabeth led the event's opening prayer. We then walked the 3-mile round trip over the Manatee River via the Green Bridge taking in God's beauty while reflecting on our many blessings.



It was a stellar afternoon in all aspects: weather, fellowship, and impact made. Peace Church has consistently ranked in the top 2 spots for number of walkers and amount donated. Peace raised \$ 2,241 this year (and close to \$ 12,000 over the past 5 years), 25% of which stays locally, where each dollar purchases about 6 pounds of food! Plan to join us next year for another fun-filled and worthwhile few hours on a Sunday afternoon!

Report from Peace Music Department

After “pulling out all the stops” for a celebratory Dedication service with Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, all of our ensembles will come together for a worshipful Easter experience.

Easter Sunday will begin with an early bluegrass service at 8:30 and a traditional choral service at 11:00 featuring all of Peace’s wonderful ensembles.

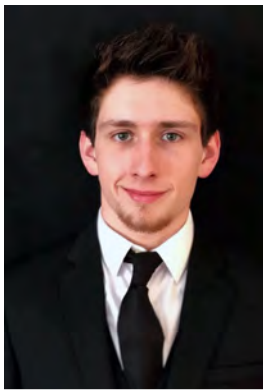
On May 6, 7:00 p.m, Amy will be installed as sub-dean of the Sarasota/ Manatee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in a special service at Faith Lutheran Church. Peace members are encouraged to attend.

States. Seven fantastic concerts are in store for next year, kicked off with Amy’s annual organ recital at the Peace Family Fun Fest on Nov. 2. It’s not too early to get excited about the new season!

This summer will introduce several exciting musical opportunities at Peace. In place of the usual choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights in June and July, Amy will offer classes in the children’s choir room for any adults interested in learning to read music. Attendees need not be choir members or musicians of any kind! Whether you would just like to pick up the skill or become more confident, you’re welcome to attend.



This year’s concert series concludes on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. with an organ recital by Kipp Gill, M.M. With his most recent recital at Blue Mountain College, he has performed as a soloist throughout the United



Concert Organist Kipp Gill

Finally, on a Sunday evening in June and again in July, Amy will lead jazz vespers services.



The Children’s Choir practicing

These folks are Praying for You!

If you have attended Peace Church 3 times, you are considered “Peace Family.” Every one of you (428 folks) is prayed for, by name, every day of the week.

Another group of faithful pray-ers, pray every day the concerns that come into the church by request, including the ones in the bulletin. If you want your request in the bulletin, please say so, otherwise, it will be held in strict confidentiality. You can give your request to Pastor Elizabeth or Emily Miller 941-753-9227.

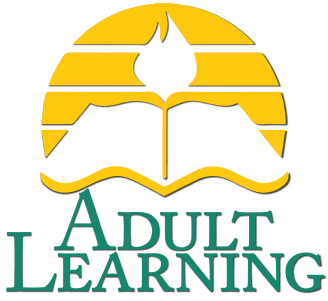
Thank your faithful prayer team when you see them: Sally Brettle, Betty Clough, Larry Forrester, Linda Juillerat, Mary Agbor Kajang, Joy Kottra, Debbie Lewis, Martha McCrea, Emily Miller, Junie Miller, Peter Miller, David Mullin, Denise Murray, Pam Norvell, Barbara Noto, Gertie Rineer, Jamie Reagan, Sally Schoeffel, Debby Sunkenburg, Connie Thelen, Ellen Walch and Anne Warburton.



These people pray for our Peace Family by name everyday.



Adult Lively Learning Courses
All adult classes start on April 28 ...



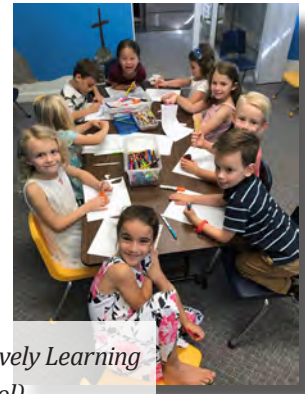
Five Love Languages:

“Love languages” describe the way we show love and appreciation and feel loved and appreciated. But there may be a disconnect. Depending on our individual personality types, we may experience love

differently from our spouses, family members, or close friends. That means we may show love in ways that don’t communicate the love we want to show. In this five-week intergenerational course you will learn something about your love language and the love languages you will encounter in others as well as how the love languages apply to God. This class will be held in the Gathering Room, Classroom 2 (East Hall) Leaders: Bill Clough and Elizabeth Deibert

Earth Honoring Ethics: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.” (Psalm 24) In the class Earth Honoring Ethics we will reflect on God’s creation and how we care for the world we inhabit. This will include the impact of climate change and the range of impacts it is having and will be having. Given our mandate of stewardship of God’s creation, we seek to gain perspective or wisdom on how the church is called to respond. The course will be held in Classroom 9 (West Hall). Leaders: Grant Lowe & Shannon Jung

Letter of James: A five-week long Sunday School course co-facilitated by Mickey Miller and Richard Deibert. Come join us, as we get to know James: as a vital individual in his day; in relation to Jesus; in relation to Paul, and other first-century movements; and in relation to the Church through the centuries.



Students at Godly Play Lively Learning (Sunday School)

Lively Learning Groups for Children and Youth at 9:45

PreK – 3rd – in Godly Play rooms (East Hall);

4th – 8th grade – Feasting on the Word in Surf Shack (East Hall)

High Schoolers – Youth Room East Hall



Pastor Elizabeth engaging with kids at the Children’s Sermon.



Peace Members walking the labyrinth near the pond fountain, thankfully all participants found their way back.



New members joined Peace in March



The new pulpit furniture was a big part of the March 3 Sanctuary dedication.



Youth Group learning about positive thinking

Worship and Music Team Partners

The Worship and Music Team appreciates all who serve communion, also fulfilling roles of greeters, ushers, and stewards on the same Sundays. Ushers and greeters are responsible for the warm welcome of worshippers. Stewards care for the elements on the table before and after communion. We are thankful to Jenni Holt, who has voluntarily taken on the role of setting up the communion server schedule, as well as the acolyte schedule on a monthly basis. We encourage you to read Jenni's emails closely, looking not only for your dates but for instructions, which have changed since we moved into the new sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Celebration
8:30 Worship (Bluegrass Music)
9:45 Exciting Easter Brunch (No classes)
11:00 Worship (Classical Music)



We will be having an important Communion Server refresher training. We would welcome more servers in our rotation. You do not have to be an elder, but a confirmed member professing Christian faith. New and experienced servers, please stay in the sanctuary after the single service on June 2nd. We will go over the tasks related to each station so everyone will understand responsibilities and changes that have been made for communion in the new sanctuary. We hope you agree with us that it is an honor to serve in this capacity, as stewards of Christ's mysteries.

CFY AND FF



The Peace Kids Club played miniature golf.



Youth Group working at Nate's Honor Rescue

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27 we present the Italian Rat Pack Dinner Dance at 5pm! Don't miss this great annual event—a delicious Italian Dinner (from Valentino's Restaurant) followed by a silent auction and dance with a DJ in the Sanctuary! All ages welcome and free childcare is provided. Tickets are \$30. This is a fundraiser to help our Peace kids pay for summer camps. Get your tickets now!

June 2 – Aug 2 Cedarkirk Camp in Lithia, FL. (Weekly) Various themes to choose from: art, culinary, explorer, etc. (3 day/2 night camp for grades 1-3 and 6 day/5 night camp for grades 4-12) Prices vary from \$235–\$600 depending on program. Visit Cedarkirk.org for more information and registration. Check the master calendar on the CYF bulletin board to see who from Peace is attending which week.

June 22–29 Montreat Music and Worship Conference in North Carolina, for those who finished grades 8-12. \$300

July 8–12 Traveling Vacation Bible School at Peace, led by Cedarkirk Staff. For Children who have completed K-5th grade. 30 spots available, \$95, \$90 for siblings

July 20–27 Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina for those who finished grades 8-12 \$300



Cub Scouts from Pack 126 assisted in the road clean-up in April.

In April, 15 Peace families enjoyed a weekend of fun, faith and adventure at Cedarkirk Camp—our biggest group ever! The staff at Cedarkirk were delighted to welcome so many young children. We sure are blessed to have such a vibrant group! Now, as the school year is winding down, we look toward the summer, and that means **CAMP TIME!**

We welcome the Traveling Day Camp back to Peace Church this summer! Day camp is July 8–12th and children who have completed grades K-5 can sign up to attend. Enroll your kids or grandkids! Camp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and lunch and snacks are provided. Cost is \$95 for one child, \$90 for siblings. Registration forms are available at church, or email [CYF@](mailto:CYF@peacepcusa.com)

peacepcusa.com for forms and information. 30 kids maximum, so sign up soon!

We have two groups headed to Montreat: From June 22–29 a multigenerational group of music lovers will attend the Music & Worship Conference. Then from July 20–27 we send our high schoolers and chaperones to the Youth Conference. All will return with wonderful connections and a stronger faith in God!

Camp opportunities are made possible for all kids at Peace due to fundraising efforts. The CYF Team truly appreciates your support of our fundraisers, like the upcoming Italian Dinner and Dance. Thank you, thank you! Keep a look out for events for all ages this summer at Peace, plus updates to the youth wing.



Cedarkirk Family Retreat brought friendships.



Peace Church at Cedarkirk Family Retreat in April



Zipline at Cedarkirk and the waiting line

Are you registered for summer camp yet?

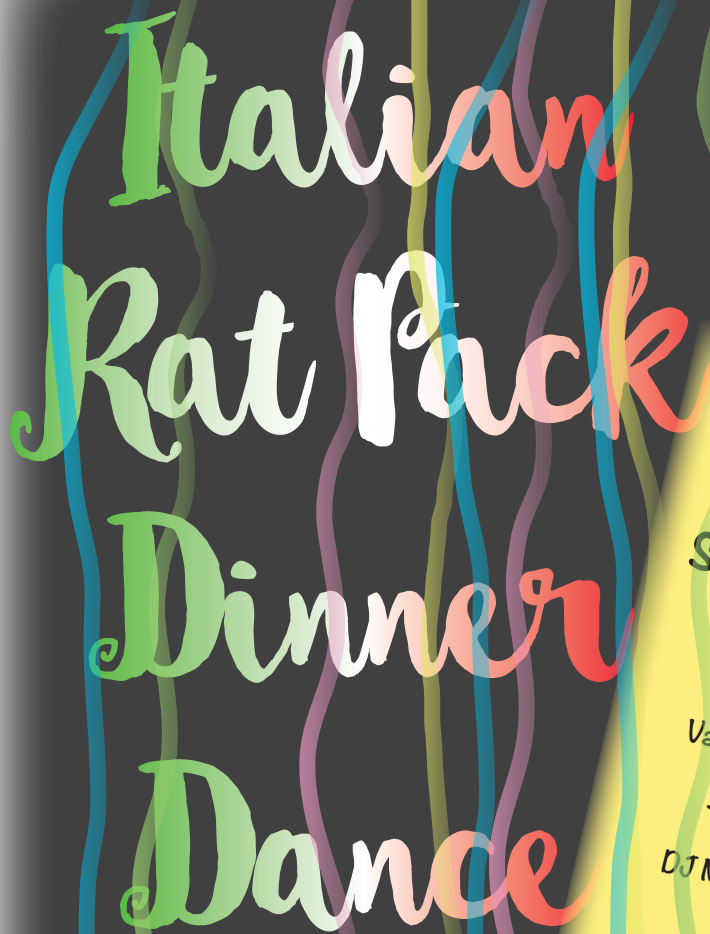
June and July may seem a long way off, but Cedarkirk's summer programs are filling quickly and you don't want to miss out! Sign up today for your week of games, songs, worships, cookouts, and time to hang out with your new best friends.



Try exciting activities like canoeing, the high ropes course, campfires, zip lining, and kayaking. Deepen your connection to God and learn new things about yourself as you spend time in the woods away from your usual routine. Pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org to register online. For more information or to request a confidential scholarship, please contact the camp office at 813.685.4224 x2 or camps@cedarkirk.org.



Games at Cedarkirk



Italian
Rat Pack
Dinner
Dance

PEACE KIDS
Fund Raiser
Saturday, April 27
5pm

Food caterer by
Valentino's Restaurant

\$30 per person

DJ Music for Dancing

Childcare Provided

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