

The Peaceful News

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch, Florida Newsletter

SUMMER, 2017

We've dreamed and prayed, donated and planned for a very long time for this real (not just ceremonial) groundbreaking. I'm so grateful to God that you stayed the course and kept the faith.

Let me remind you of these challenges: Soon parking will be temporarily difficult, so be kind if you are able-bodied. Soon we will have a few change order decisions, despite our long and methodical work with architects and builders, so be flexible. Soon some will be tempted to say, "I thought we would have this or that in the new

building!" So resist negativity, but ask good questions and continue to be thankful and generous.

"...we will be giving God all the glory."

Let me remind you of these joys: Soon we will be able to welcome more people

comfortably to our two worship services. Soon we will be able to meet and greet friends and newcomers easily in the spacious narthex (lobby). Soon we will have a lovely fellowship hall in our former chapel, and the café will be consistently available for adult education. Soon we will have a hearing loop and a great sound system, and wide comfy chairs with thick cushioned seats. Soon we will have a beautiful new organ to help us sing God's praise, one that consists of nine

different organs and a thousand instrumental sounds. Soon we will have a specially designed chancel suite (pulpit, font, table) that communicates who we are and what we believe about the power of the Word and Sacraments to make the Gospel live in us!



Soon and very soon...like maybe next June, we will move in. But 'til then, we will be giving God all the glory. May our gratitude and our continued generosity make this sanctuary a blessing to our community and an inspiration to all who worship with us. Your gifts, your trust in God, and your commitment to keep focused on our ministry and mission make all the difference. Keep it up, faithful Peace Church. It's great to be growing with you!

Peacefully yours,

Elizabeth

Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert

Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church

Time and Talent Fair

Sunday,
August 27 at
9:30 & 10:15am

Worship + 2 is what we do!



Notes from The Gratitude Team

November 12th is Pledge Sunday with Gratitude classes being held on October 15th, October 22nd, November 5th and November 12th. These classes will be held between services during the Lively Learning Time. Our Gratitude study this year will be a book by James A. Harnish entitled: **“Earn. Save. Give. – Wesley’s Simple Rules for Money”**

We are co-sponsoring the 2nd

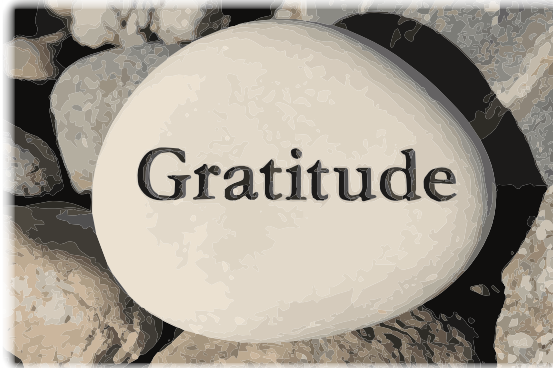
annual Time & Talent Fair to be held on Sunday, August 27th between services. The quarterly giving reports were recently mailed out. Please check with the church office if you did not receive yours.



Current team work in progress:

- 1) An on-line giving option is currently being developed. More details to follow.
- 2) We will hold “Gratitude” dinners in members’ homes during the last weekend of October.

Completed projects: The new Legacy Fund has been approved by the Session. The Legacy Fund is our new church endowment, which has been created to accommodate gifts from those who wish to give to the church or remember it in a will. See following article in this newsletter about The Legacy Fund.



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 are tax deductible – whether they are given during your lifetime 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!

The written Legacy Funds Policy is available in the church office. Questions can be addressed to Dirk Brinkmeyer, Ed Walch, or John Warburton.

The Peaceful Readers

Six members of our church (maybe more) have been reading to at-risk kids in a number of elementary schools, housing projects, and community centers this summer. The opportunity to interact with many lower-income white, African-American, and Hispanic kids has been rewarding, from all reports. We are delighted that so many PPC members have seen the grace in this ministry. For such opportunities in the fall, stay tuned.



Anyone interested in joining Peace Church should notify Pastor Elizabeth Deibert. The next New Members

group weekend will be Sept. 9–10. Members will be joining the church and having luncheon on Sept. 10.



MOVIES SET FOR 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. The theme for this year's films is "Challenges."

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." **NEW THIS YEAR: BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND ANY REFRESHMENTS**

September 8, 2017

Hundred Foot Journey (2014)

Discussion Leader: Ivy Ruark

In "The Hundred-Foot Journey," Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is a culinary ingénue with the gastronomic equivalent of perfect pitch. Displaced from their native India, the Kadam family, led by Papa (Om Puri), settles in the quaint village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val in the south of France. Filled with charm, it is both picturesque and elegant—the ideal place to settle down and open an Indian restaurant, the Maison Mumbai. That is, until the chilly chef proprietress of Le Saule Pleureur, a Michelin starred, classical French restaurant run by Madame Mallory (Academy Award -Winner Helen Mirren), gets wind of it. Her icy protests against the new Indian restaurant a hundred feet from her own, escalate to all-out war between the two.

October 13, 2017

ME BEFORE YOU (2016)

Discussion Leader: Peggy Donaldson

This is the story of a caretaker and paralyzed man, and deals with right-to-die issues. Adapted from the bestselling novel by Jo Jo Moyes, "Me Before You" tells the story of the relationship that blossoms between a contented small town Englishwoman and the wealthy, paralyzed Londoner who hires her as his caretaker.

November 10, 2017

HIDDEN FIGURES (2016)

Discussion Leader: Mickey Miller

This is the incredible untold true story of Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe)—brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history. The launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit was a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

December 8, 2017

GIFTED (2016)

Discussion Leader: Roger Kragt

Frank Adler (Chris Evans) is a single man raising a child prodigy—his spirited young niece Mary (Mckenna Grace)—in a coastal town in Florida. Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the seven-year-old's mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank's formidable mother Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan,) whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate Frank and Mary. Octavia Spencer plays Roberta, Frank and Mary's landlady and best friend. Jenny Slate is Mary's teacher, Bonnie, a young woman whose concern for her student develops into a connection with her uncle as well.

January 12, 2018

NOBLE (2014)

Discussion Leader: Ivy Ruark

They broke everything but her spirit. They took everything but her dream. This is the incredible true story of a fearless Irish heroine driven by her daring vision to escape the slums of Ireland and risk everything on the streets of Vietnam.

February 9, 2018

THE SHACK (2017)

Discussion Leader: Elizabeth Deibert

Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, "The Shack" takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths.

March 9, 2018

QUEEN OF KATWE (2016)

Discussion Leader: Barbara & Denny Noto

"Queen of Katwe" is the colorful true story of a young girl selling corn on the streets of rural Uganda whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess, and, as a result of the support she receives from her family and community, is instilled with the confidence and determination she needs to pursue her dream of becoming an international chess champion.

April 13, 2018

SECRET LIFE OF BEES (2016)

Discussion Leader: Jim Padula

Set in South Carolina in 1964, the film is the moving tale of Lily Owens a 14 year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping, honey and the Black Madonna.

May 9, 2018

A MAN CALLED OVE (2016)

Discussion Leader: Dirk Brinkmeyer

A Swedish comedy-drama film based on author Fredrik Backman's 2012 book of the same name. In the leading role as Ove is Rolf Lassgård. Ove is the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principles and a short fuse, he spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave. Ove has given up on life until a boisterous young family moves next door.

Peace Church's Music Ministry

The Music team is about 75 strong now and growing each year. Anyone interested in joining this great fun group should get in touch with Gia Havener at diapason08@gmail.com or after worship services.

Since it takes some weeks to get back into the rehearsal swing this year we are starting earlier. We have so much work to accomplish this season.

The schedule is:

Tuesday—Gospel Guys at 1:00 pm
Ringers of Peace at 7:30 pm

Wednesday—Brass and Reeds at 5:00 pm
Mens Choir at 7:00 pm with women
joining us at 7:30 for Voices of Peace

Friday—Harmonizing Women at 1:00 pm. (This is a change)
Youth Orchestra at 5:00 pm.

New groups planned for this year are a day-time ringing session, a small SABT Octet in mid-September, and a youth music group.



New Organ for Sanctuary

We are about to order the new organ for our new sanctuary. It is an Allen Bravura-3 manual with antiphonal speaker and is fitted with the ability to add pipes to it in the future. It goes

beyond the capabilities of most organs with recording abilities, thousands of combinations and best of all is made in Macungie, PA.

The company is building the organ to Gia's specifications. Allen builds every part of their instrument in their own plants. Don Deibert—chairman, Karl Fleger, and Gia have worked very closely with Ted Hayes—our musical consultant and his company Dunne Music of Florida. He has worked for the Allen Company since 1973. Ted is also the organist at First Presbyterian church in Bradenton.

The organ costs were very high but Ted worked with Don and they got it to a wonderful price for all that we are getting. The final figure is \$88,000, of which we have collected \$50,000. We have ordered the organ and now need to collect \$38,000 for the last payment before installation.



Broadway Comes to Lakewood Ranch

Gia has been working on *"A Not So Peaceful"* Broadway show for a November fundraiser. It will have many songs that you all know. There will be about 45 performers in the show ranging in age from 6 to 87 years old.

Rehearsals start in September and if you are interested in helping out see Gia. There is no admission price but a basket will be at each door for a love offering, which will benefit our youth musicians for summer music camps.

Please keep the date open. NOVEMBER 18th at 7:00 pm here at Peace. Come early to get a good seat. We have singing, dancing, comedy, and great piano playing!

The Parents group is starting up again. Our first get-together will be September 9th at the Uribes home at 6:00 pm. More details coming soon.



Day 4 HOPE

The Day 4 Hope was a huge success. On Saturday, July 22, 105 children from 40 families were invited to attend an amazing back-to-school event. These families received:

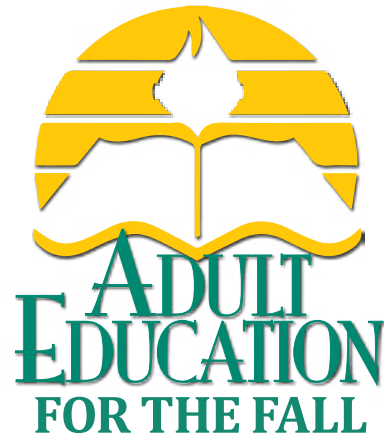
- A medical, dental, and eye exam
- A professional haircut by a licensed hair stylist
- A professional family photo
- A \$50 gift card to buy school clothes or uniforms
- A \$25 gift card to buy new shoes
- A personal care bag containing shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, etc.
- A book bag filled with school supplies
- A bag of food
- Information and books from corporate sponsors
- A free breakfast, lunch or snack depending on the time of their appointment.

Thanks to your generous contributions in terms of money, time and talent this day was memorable for all. 20 people

from Peace Presbyterian Church partnered with volunteers from Christ Presbyterian Church to put on this great event. Neither church

could have done this individually, but by working together we were successful. The Mission Team thanks everyone! Without you, this fabulous day would not have been possible. All day we saw smiles on both our guests' and volunteers' faces.

We will be supporting Day 4 Hope again next year. Next year though, we will be seeking additional corporate sponsors. Check out the "Thank You" board and please thank the volunteers and corporate partners for their support. If you work for an organization or know of an organization that would like to support this endeavor, please let Nancy Hogue know.



David Mullen will lead a discussion of Parker Palmer's book *Let Your Life Speak, Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

Peter Miller will lead a discussion of *Things that Make for Peace*

Bill Clough will lead a discussion of *Luke/Acts*

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (in addition to a special intergenerational event for October 29th!) Peace Church will offer a two-stage course on the Reformation taught by **Bill Volton** and **Bill Clough**. The first stage will be introductory and use the pamphlet prepared by Donald McKim entitled Reformation. The second more advanced study will begin after the first of the year.

Also this fall the Gratitude team will lead a discussion of James Harnish's book *Earn, Save, Give*, on Oct. 15, 22 and Nov. 5, 12.

Mickey Miller and **Richard Deibert** will discuss several biblical models of Gratitude.

Shannon Jung and **Dirk Brinkmeyer** will lead a course on Faith and Money.

Later in the fall a course led by **Chip Schaaff** and **Dana Scott**—Bible Basics: New Testament—will be taught.

And there will be a study of Advent Hymns led by **Linda McCallister**.



Blood Drive—August 13

Did you know that one pint of blood can save the lives of three people? A sign-up sheet for the next blood drive, Sunday morning in the church parking lot is at the front desk.



Peace Presbyterian with aid from Cedarkirk camp counselors held a terrific Day Camp at our church the first week of June. This band was not deterred by rain, playing outside in it and then mixing up a batch of slime to play with indoors.

Peace Youth at Cedarkirk

Many of the youth at Peace have spent time this summer at church camps. The younger youth have been at nearby Cedarkirk, here are some of their reflections on their time away.

My time at Cedarkirk the past last 2 years has been AWESOME! It reminds me of the camps that I had with the boy scouts and it brings me closer to God. I love the community and food they have there. Some of the activities that I love the most are zip-lining, canoeing, and archery. My favorite camp is the "Family Retreat" because I'm able to be with my family and my Peace friends. Overall, I really enjoy this camp. It is just a fun experience for all.—Jamie Holt

My experience at Cedarkirk was the best time. I learned that you don't judge anyone on how they look, speak, or their color, because we are all one in God. I did zip-lining for the first time. We danced, and I will love to go there again.—Marilyn Ebai Kajang

Camp this year was by far the best of all my visits to Cedarkirk! I saw people from the community I knew already, and made new friends too. I connected with God through the people there, during song time, worship, and even just singing loudly walking from place to place. Every year that I go to Cedarkirk, I'm amazed by how accepting everyone is of people from different backgrounds and beliefs, and how much closer to God I feel when I leave.—Julia Sammons



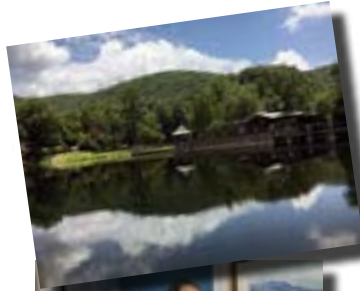
Ten youth from Peace attended the youth conference at Montreat in July. The theme “A Missing Peace” welcomed them right in. In addition to worship, they met in small groups and discussed diversity and racial harmony, did mission work, hiked in the mountains (and streams) and ate and grew closer to God. In addition to the youth from Peace there were two youth from First Presbyterian, Bloomington, IN, where Rev. Kim Adams serves. (She is formerly our seminary student and intern.) Plus six chaperones from the two churches and two younger siblings. For an immersive look at the week check out the Youtube video put together by John DeBevoise at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMtURd_sE8s&feature=youtu.be

Montreat was an awesome experience. I loved the daily schedule of keynote, small groups, worship and then wrap up the day with a cozy conversation in back-home group. “A Missing Peace” was the theme, and it involved talking about what else the world needed and discussions about diversity, and the fact the we were all really uneducated about other races and what we need to love everyone. Small groups broke me out of a shell I created when being so close to my friends here. Being involved and talking in small group allowed me to meet a lot of new and interesting people. As a second-timer, it was still as fun and exciting as the first time. I can’t wait for next year!—Evan Sliwowski

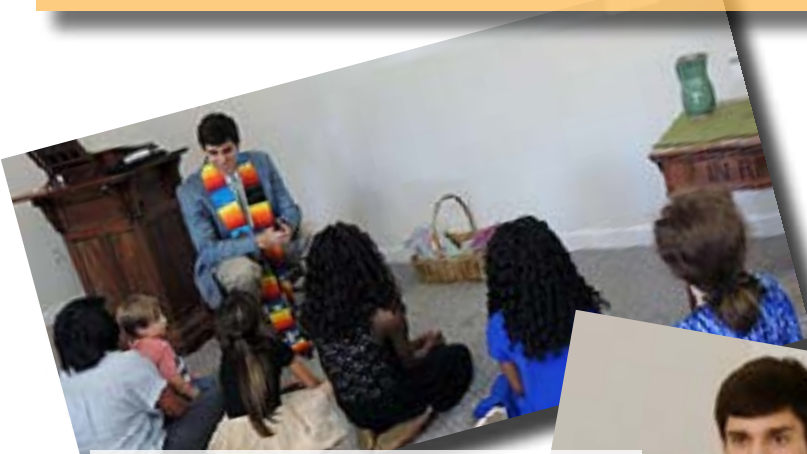
I went to Montreat two weeks ago and it was fun. My favorite part was the time I spent with the youth group and with the friends I made there. At Montreat we did some pottery, hung out at the Huck and we went hiking to the falls and worshiped together. Thank you guys so much for helping with the funds for Montreat. It was awesome, and I can’t wait to go back.—Amanda Holt

Montreat is an experience that’s almost indescribable to those who haven’t been there. The feeling of connection to God and yourself is incredible. As long as I can go to Montreat, I will. It’s such an amazing place!—Cormac Camphire

Montreat was a wonderful part of my summer. I got to spend time with friends I knew and meet other people. It was to strengthen my connection with God in a safe and positive place like no other.—Jacquelyn Bouchard



PEACE PHOTO ALB: JM



John DeBevoise arrived at Peace as a summer intern to work with the youth group and jumped right into the role with fervor. He also assisted Pastor Elizabeth Deibert with worship. On July 2 he preached and led the children's time. In addition, he reworked the Peace website. We have all benefited from John's enthusiasm and expertise in technology.



Young adults who have moved or headed to college are joyfully welcomed back to worship.



Peace celebrating graduates from high school, college and graduate school on June 5



An amazing group of confirmands—Jacquelyn, Izzy, Evan, Cormac, Matthew, Amanda and Bailey—joined Peace on May 21

PEACE PHOTO ALBUM



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



On May 29 an Italian Dinner Fundraiser, cooked by Gia Havener (our music director who honors her mother each year with this dinner) raised money for youth camp scholarships. The Chapel was packed and the youth helped serve and clean-up, then each one spoke about his or her experiences at church camp.



Many of the Peace Youth spent the first day of summer vacation bagging rice and beans for distribution to farmworker families at Beth-el.



The Latest on Sanctuary Building Progress

Here is the most recent report from the Building Vision Team on the progress of the construction of the Sanctuary.

1. Construction and architectural documents are in the Manatee County permit approval process and we expect to have County approval in a couple of weeks.
2. Our contractor, Willis Smith, put the project out for competitive bid.
3. The competitive bid generated a guaranteed, maximum price of \$2,872,000 which exceeds the previous cost estimate by \$317,000.
4. We are addressing the excess cost in three ways as follows:
 - a. Reduce the scope of the work by postponing the construction of the covered drop-off structure and the covered walkway between the two buildings.
 - b. Additional financing from PILP (Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program) has been secured and approved by Session, the Congregation and Presbytery.
 - c. Additional cost cuts are being pursued through a Value Engineering approach to construction.

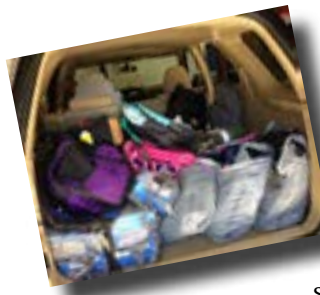
We are confident we will mitigate the excess cost and deliver a quality Sanctuary structure for the Peace congregation.



Peace Crafters AKA Blessed Hands

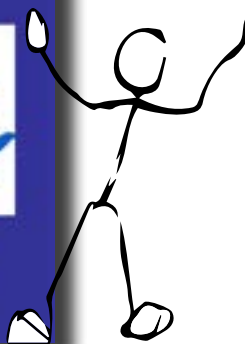
What have Peace Crafters been up to this summer? We have been collecting 7" by 9" knitted or crocheted samplers. We are binding these together to make into blankets, which will be given to "Turning Points" in the late fall. We continue to make baby blankets and prayer shawls as well.

We will resume meetings in September on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am until 12 noon. Anyone can join. The Crafters are for everyone who is interested, not just knitters and crocheters, but painters, scrapbookers, beaders, metal workers, and quilters, and anyone who likes to work with their hands.



Back to School for Beth-el

A very generous \$595 was collected from our congregation for the grateful Farmworker's Community. At Beth-El's request, 30 larger, more durable high school back packs and five cases of composition notebooks were delivered along with a variety of elementary school supplies. Peace's donations helped these kids start the school year with dignity and the confidence to succeed among their peers.



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