

The Peaceful News

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch, Florida Newsletter

Fall, 2020

Jesus spent forty days praying in the desert before starting his ministry. Noah, his family, and all the animals endured forty days and nights of endless rain, waiting patiently for the sun and rainbow. We will have survived forty weeks of pandemic by the time we get to Advent this year. Remember when we thought it would last about forty days? For perspective, remember that the Israelites spent not forty days or weeks, but forty years in the wilderness, where they wandered after idols and wondered why life was so hard, and while there, they received the Ten Commandments—a new social covenant

“Spend more time and energy tuning in to the gifts of the Holy Spirit...” for loving God and neighbor. We could benefit from a new commitment to the covenant of loving God and neighbor in this wilderness season. We need a revival of peaceable living, in the middle of the fierce and ugly discord in our country. We need to appreciate more than ever that we belong to one another, and that our well-being is connected to other people’s peace and health and protection.

The Church (big C, means the whole Church not just us) has a lot to contribute to this conversation—not that we are the only ones with any truth to share. Yet the truth of our Judeo-Christian faith is often distorted by power brokers, in Biblical times and in ours. Even we ourselves need better grounding and saturation with the grace and peace of Christ, so that our words and deeds are more graceful and peaceful, a healing presence for our community.

We need more time in meditation on all things beautiful and loving, divine and devotional than we spend watching the news and engaging social media, significant as it is. Otherwise, we will be swept up in the feverish passions and miserable conflicts that are threatening to rip us apart. My friends, please stay informed about current events but do not be consumed by the “breaking” news. Watch out for devilish conspiracy theories, which feed your mistrust and fear of others. Spend more time and energy tuning in to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and reminding yourself of God’s providential care.



You are blessed to be a blessing, so nurture in yourself an attitude of gratitude. Consider all the unexpected blessings of this difficult COVID season. Share those blessings with the Gratitude Team and me, so that our voices might swell in thanksgiving to God. Vote, work, and pray for the common good, for the blessing of all the people God created.

⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...” Christ was humble, kind, and compassionate, willing to suffer for the sake of love.
Are we?

Prayerfully yours,
Elizabeth

Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert
Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church



Weekly Zoom Meetings at Peace Newcomers are Welcome!

An invitation to a ZOOM meeting comes with a link. When you Ctrl+Click (some devices request you to just click) [the link in blue](#), it will walk you through downloading an app that will allow you to join the meeting. You may want to download it prior to the meeting. You can find the app in your app store on

your phone or tablet. Look for the blue Zoom icon like the one above. Finally, you may also go directly to Zoom.us and ask to “join a meeting” then follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID and then the password. All the information to join any of our Peace meetings is listed below.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Week	1	2	3	4 5	6	7	8
Second Week	1	2	3	4 5	6 9	7 11	8
Third Week	1	2	3	4 5	6	7	8
Fourth Week	1	2	3	4 5	6 10	7	8
Fifth Week	1	2	3	4 5	6	7	8

The above normal monthly calendar displays the Zoom meetings that occur on a regular basis. An explanation of the particular meeting along with the hyperlink or the Meeting ID and Passcode necessary to “attend” any or all of the meetings

can be found in the table on page 3. Take advantage of the virtual opportunities Peace has made available to connect with the congregation during these COVID times.

Meeting Number	Frequency Day/Time	Description
1	Weekly Sunday 11:00am	Morning Adult Bible Study led by Mickey Miller & Bill Clough Studying selected texts from Old & New Testament Meeting ID 857 1656 1104 Password 477929 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716561104?pwd=b2hXcEliM2VnS0M0UnNSbFFQTU5nZz09
2	Weekly Monday 7:00pm	Evening Book Study led by Richard Deibert & others Studying <i>Across That Bridge</i> by John Lewis Meeting ID 856 7517 5482 Password 165580 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85675175482?pwd=dW44aVl4bWh3WkN3QnRjdDVvR2t1KZz09
3	Weekly Tuesday 6:30am	Men's Prayer Group Meeting ID 999 5188 9224 Password 119851 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99951889224?pwd=d3RhSjVNU2pUdVbWdmMvMamJUNHBvQT09
4	Weekly Wednesday 9:30am	Women's Bible Study Meeting ID 891 9073 1642 Password 479789 Ctrl+Click https://zoom.us/j/566184468?pwd=YkdnbXN4QWVnbDFMRTNNUm1lRk1LQT09
5	Weekly Wednesday 6:30pm	Music Ministry (for All!) Meeting ID 933 5444 3642 Password 515946 Ctrl+Click https://zoom.us/j/93354443642?pwd=TTVzcmcxNklxcnNsUTdLWXFqSjlldz09
6	Weekly Thursday 2:00pm	ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Oranges) Meeting ID 895 8930 4271 Password 299607 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425906460?pwd=NHB2OG9nTXcxUktBdndYbFpOYlF6dz09
7	Weekly Friday 2:00pm	Living in the Present Meeting ID 895 0509 3388 Password 766414 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89505093388?pwd=Y3dXMiUyWdNwSkRHa2x4U0ZDaEFmQT09
8	Weekly Saturday 11:15am	Children Pre-K-5th Grade Growing in God's Love Meeting ID 846 1407 8007 Password 060533 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84614078007?pwd=U2JtUUMrVytGT21lVkrQmZVRRUNBUT09
9	Monthly 2nd Thursday 9:30am	Stephen Ministers Group Meeting ID 926 6091 2613 Password 300425 Ctrl+Click https://zoom.us/j/92660912613?pwd=TVlzMktkWmVlQzI4YjItdDZVcmd3dz09
10	Monthly 4th Thursday 7:00pm	Season of Peace Reflections Meeting ID 833 3092 6248 Password 739585 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83330926248?pwd=N1k2SIZ6R1dOQzZsNGNBOEhFM1ZMUT09
11	Monthly 2nd Friday 6:30pm	Faith & Film Meeting ID 827 2578 0368 Password 643091 Ctrl+Click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82725780368?pwd=MXVlUjFpYy1dYWVW9EL3ZTdGh1MW1aQT09

Property Team

With gratitude and joy, we welcome new team members Gary Holbrook, Ben Rigney and Kim Schoeffel! Our work sessions have proven very successful and weekly accomplishments (big and small) make us proud to be part of the Peace Property Team. Outside, we've been busy working on making the grounds more beautiful and look forward to the cooler days that Fall will bring. Inside, we continue to cross off items on our "honey do" list. It is a joy



to arrive in the morning and hear the children laughing and playing outside as the Montessori School has given new life (and sounds!) to our campus. We are thankful for the outdoor, Sunday morning services and are working very hard to make sure that once our doors are fully opened, you are welcomed back to a happier and healthier Peace property.



One of the "Peace Deer" is careful to obey the crossing signs



The Peace Rally on SR 64 this summer.



FAITH AND FILM

The Faith and Film meetings have moved from in-person to zoom activities. As of this writing the following movies are scheduled for the 2nd Fridays in October and November beginning at 6:30pm. Further meeting information can be found on page 3.

Oct 9, 2020

On the Basis of Sex (2018, PG-13, 2:00)

David Mullen & Judi Creneti, Discussion Leaders

Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer

The true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice.



admits to being silent and antisocial. The authorities have decided to move him from his solitary confinement in a maximum security prison to another prison situated in the Nevada desert. Assigned to do "outdoor maintenance," Roman observes some of the other inmates working with wild mustangs, led by Myles (Bruce Dern), the crusty and critical trainer in charge of the program. Based on a true story. Authentic mustang horse training scenes.

Nov 13, 2020 (tentative)

The Mustang (2019, R, 1:36)

Dirk Brinkmeyer, Discussion Leader

Matthias Schoenaerts, Jason Mitchell, Bruce Dern

Uplifting story about how a wild mustang becomes a spiritual teacher to an emotionally shut-down man. Roman Coleman (Matthias Schoenaerts) is a prison inmate who



Dec 11, 2020 (tentative)

The Biggest Little Farm (2018, PG, 1:31)

Documentarian John Chester and his wife Molly work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres outside of Los Angeles. The hopeful story of a natural farm built on biodiversity and a recognition of interconnections, impermanence, and transformation. (NOTE: *The Biggest Little Farm* might be rescheduled for an April 2021 date in proximity with Earth Day.)



Peace Music Department

As the pandemic stretches on, Peace families and children continue to make music together in beautiful ways. The virtual service is able to offer a variety of styles and instruments in safe settings with no risk of spread. Check out the photos to see just a few of our recent participants. The outdoor service on Sunday mornings at Peace will be more limited, with no wind instruments or singing, but no less lively.



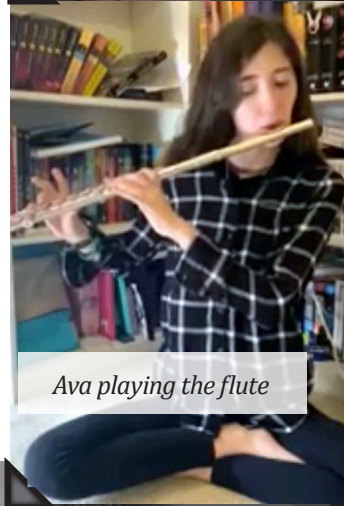
Lydia Kaeyer serenading us on her flute

On the weekly Music ZOOM, gathering handbell ringers, singers, and other musicians, we began a series of lectures at the beginning of September from Mary Louise Bringle. One of the most celebrated hymn writers alive today, she took us through the “four last things” in hymns throughout the ages: death, judgement, heaven, and the new creation. She compared how hymns treat those topics today with older hymns from years past, always bringing good humor to the more somber subjects. In October, we will enjoy a return to our fellowship time, but stay tuned for more learning opportunities on the Music ZOOM each Wednesday at 6:30.



A duet with Linda McCallister and Cynthia Tate

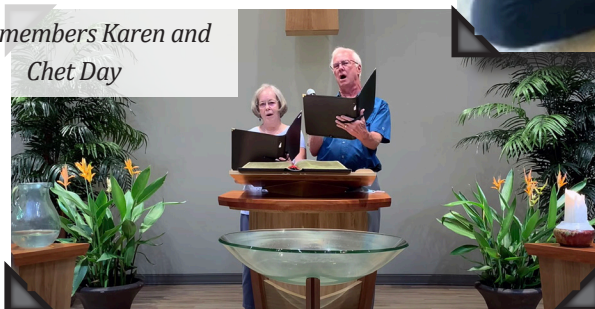
With Lively Learning kicking off, Elizabeth and I are excited to make music with the kids at Peace again. Also, on “Take a Break Wednesdays,” a half hour of the weekly time for kids will involve games, dancing, crafts, and activities that all build musical knowledge in ways that are fun and engage the whole body. Songs learned during this time will also be able to appear in our virtual services! Look out for Peace’s kids singing songs from around the world on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October.



Ava playing the flute

– Amy Cerniglia

Choir members Karen and Chet Day



David Howard with a joyful Gospel tune



Kaitlyn and Savana singing



Amanda, Jenni and Jamie leading “Guide My Feet”

MISSION TEAM NEWS



The Season of Peacemaking and Global Witness

The Mission Team, with funding from Pastor Elizabeth, has donated an AED to Beth-El. This potentially life-saving device was presented to Roberto Villadoniga by Sally Schoeffel. Sally will train members of the Beth-El staff in the operation of the device which will enhance the safety and wellbeing of the clients, volunteers and staff of Beth-El.



Thank you to all the members of Peace for their continuing generosity which made this donation possible.

The Season of Peacemaking and Global Witness is being celebrated from September 6–October 4, World Communion Sunday. The Peace and Global Witness Offering “encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.” The Mission Committee would like to encourage our congregation to give generously, remembering that 25% of the offering will stay here at Peace. We hope you have been enjoying the daily devotions, “A Season of Peace,” from the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Fellowship Team



Fellowship will be hosting an outside Fellowship time after the 8:30 service on Oct. 11. We will have water, lemonade and individual packs of muffins and cookies. We will be outside by the Peace Center doors. Please feel free to come by and pick up a treat. We will start serving around 9. Stay in your car or stand or sit outside and spend some time with your friends. Bring your own chair.

We look forward to seeing everyone and hope to have more opportunities for Fellowship in the near future.



The Involvement Team has been on hold during the pandemic. We are getting back in business now that we’ve had a group of new members recently join our church.

We are reaching out to these new members and becoming better acquainted with their interests and passion for spiritual growth. Our goal is to assist them to find ministry teams that they would enjoy becoming involved with and building relationships.

We will also be reaching out to other members who are not actively participating

in teams at this time. If anyone is interested in joining the Involvement Team; we would love to hear from you. Please contact Debbie Bauman at bobdebbauman@gmail.com.

Our next virtual Zoom meeting will be October 8th at noon. Below are the Zoom details.

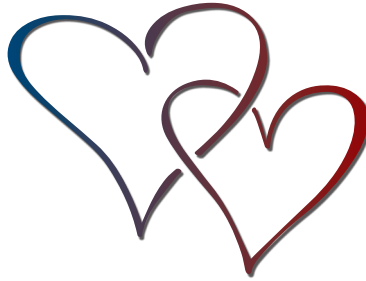
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Congregational Care

The Covid pandemic may have stifled much of what we want to do day-to-day but at Peace Presbyterian Church it seems activities move ahead with great gusto. Good for us! The Congregational Care Team has grown over the summer. We are pleased to announce that we have added a new Care Cluster Leader to the team-welcome Gertie Rineer. Gertie is a long-time member of Peace, is involved in the Fellowship Team and Women's Bible Study, and now brings her caring heart and enthusiasm to share with others through Congregational Care.



The Stephen Ministry group is also growing. The newly trained Stephen Ministers commissioned on September 20th are: Eirinn Camphire, Amy Cerniglia, Leslie Cerniglia, Kathleen Germano, Robin Miller and Kim Schoeffel plus Louise Lippert and Toby McCallister who have renewed their training. We congratulate them for completing their training and thank them for responding to God's call to be in service to others.

Congregational Care is always "On." In these days of frequent concern, decision making and frustration we strive to support each member of the Peace congregation in whatever way we may be helpful.

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the "After People." Stephen Ministers offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

...after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

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Children, Family and Youth

Children, Family and Youth have started out this fall with some great activities! After staying connected on Zoom every Saturday, the older youth and

younger kids are finally getting together in person! We are always careful with safety protocol to make sure everyone stays healthy.

Every Wednesday from 3pm-5pm kids are welcome to "Take a Break" at Peace with volunteers. We do crafts, have a Bible lesson, learn music and enjoy games & recreation! We have 5-7 children coming each week and almost as many volunteers.

Sundays we have a new confirmation class learning all about what it means to make a commitment to put God first. This is a thoughtful group of 8th-10th graders who are on this journey along with five teachers and five mentors from the congregation. These youth will be participating in worship on November 1—mark that date!

Youth Group is meeting in person Sunday evenings to enjoy dinner and have lively learning via Montreat@Home. The teens are so glad to be reunited after so many months. Lively learning for the younger kids continues on Zoom every Saturday morning.

September 26th we had a Family Retreat Day at Cedarkirk! We were the only group there and enjoyed climbing the rock wall, swimming in the pool and riding the zipline.

Looking ahead to the fall, we plan to do some local mission work over Thanksgiving break and hold a meaningful advent project for all at Peace to participate in. Don't forget: The Peace Family Cookbook will be launching before Thanksgiving! We are grateful to all who provided recipes.

We hope you have enjoyed seeing the children and families during virtual worship services: reading the Call to Worship, providing music and singing songs and even lighting the Christ candle! Thank you for all the encouragement that you give them for the gifts they bring to Peace.



Cameron and Luke with popsicles at Day Camp



Wednesday Bible stories with Pastor Elizabeth



Musical Rhythms with kids



Children learning to use liturgical scarves



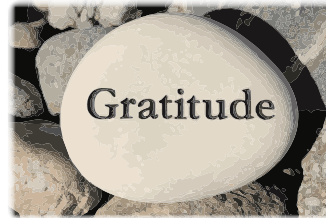
Saltart creations by the kids

Gratitude Team



On Saturday, November 14th, the Gratitude team will host an ice cream social at the church. Ice cream will be provided in whatever comfort level you might have—in person, drive-thru, etc. We are also asking that the annual pledges be turned in at this time or if you cannot be there on Saturday, they can be mailed in or brought to the church in person during the week.

During our September meeting, we tried to anticipate the “COVID-19” response to this year’s pledging. Based on the continued outstanding giving levels during the crisis, we feel confident that Peace will continue to support our church to the best of our abilities. Your faithfulness has been a definite blessing!



Pastor Elizabeth will preach sermons based on “A Call to Gratitude.” These will start with the October 11th service featuring

“Inspiring Worship.” “Authentic Relationships” will be the subject on October 18th. October 25th is “Compassionate Outreach” followed by “Nurturing Discipleship” on November 1st. Finally, “Responsive Stewardship” will be the subject of the sermons on November 8th and 15th. Be sure to worship with Peace and hear Elizabeth’s inspiring messages of how Peace has coped with COVID-19.

Also during each service, members of Peace will tell their stories of “Unexpected Blessings” that the COVID-19 pandemic has bestowed upon them. Yes, this cloud does have a few silver linings. Please be ready for various entertaining and positive messages from your fellow worshipers.

How the CARES Act Affects Charitable Giving

What does the CARES Act mean for your charitable giving?

On March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill provides increased tax incentives for charitable giving for individuals, signifying an intent to stimulate philanthropy throughout America.

Are you itemizing deductions?

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash contributions was increased for individual donors. For cash contributions made in 2020, you can now elect to deduct up to 100 percent of your AGI (increased from 60 percent).

Not itemizing?

The CARES Act allows for an additional, “above-the-line” deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to \$300. If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, you can claim this new deduction.

Wondering about your Giving Account?

Both of these new incentives apply only to cash contributions to public charities and do not apply to contributions to supporting organizations or public charities that sponsor donor-advised funds. However, there have been no changes to existing deductions for contributions made into a donor-advised fund like your Giving Account. This means you are still able to deduct up to 60 percent AGI in cash and up to 30 percent AGI in

appreciated assets contributed to a donor-advised fund.

Existing carry-over rules still apply, so if your donations in 2020 exceed your AGI deduction limits, **you may carry forward excess deductions for up to five subsequent tax years.** As always, donors should consult with their tax and legal advisors when considering their charitable giving.

What about IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)?

The CARES Act did not change the rules around the QCD, which allows individuals over 70½ years old to donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity annually, **without taking the distribution into taxable income.**

However, remember that under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100 percent of their AGI for cash charitable contributions. This effectively affords individuals over 59½ years old the benefits similar to a QCD; they can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100 percent of their AGI for the tax year.

If you’re planning a large donation in 2020, this may be a smart strategy as long as you are between the ages of 59½ and 70½ and are not dependent on existing retirement funds.

The tax information provided is general and educational in nature and should not be construed as legal or tax advice.

For questions contact Dirk Brinkmeyer or Jerry Moore.

Outreach Team

Greetings from the Outreach Team! We are still waiting for the day when we can be “all together in one place,” as the disciples were on Pentecost. (Acts 2:1) Till then, we are working behind the scenes to promote ways of reaching out.

The most exciting recent development will be ready soon: Our pictures on Google Maps! (Thanks to Elizabeth for making us aware of this opportunity.) A photographer has taken several views of Peace, including both buildings and some still photos, indoors and out. Once the photos are in place, anyone who Googles our church will be treated to a virtual tour. When it's up and running, we will make sure to let you know.

Speaking of pictures...remember the “Peace Be With You” video, with many members recording a brief message? In case you haven't seen it, here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/B2h8qhnpcOE>

Enjoy! Seeing those smiling faces will surely lift your spirits, and maybe inspire you to write a note or make a phone call to someone you haven't seen lately.

We hope you're on Facebook, and have noticed our posts featuring the agencies and service providers who had hoped to be part of the Health and Wellness Fair. And remember that the Peace property offers the Peaceful Path, where you can come for a walk or a sit-down, surrounded by God's handiwork.

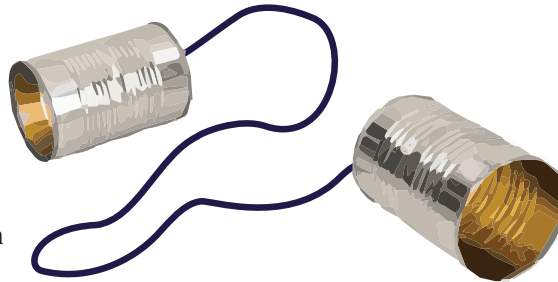
Future events are definitely uncertain, but Amy Cerniglia reports that in February (a mere five months away) we have tentatively scheduled a concert featuring “Ring Sarasota,” a delightful bell choir. If you haven't heard their music, you are in for a treat. (Peace member Suzi Regulski is one of the ringers.)

There have been other Peace-full events lately that Outreach can't take credit for... but you should know that Peace kids are meeting after school on Wednesdays for games, crafts, music, etc. in a socially distanced environment. Also, the Peace Rally on August 29, with members promoting racial justice on Highway 64, was well attended and well received by those who drove by. Worth repeating! Maybe get out the “Air Dancer”?

Finally, remember our partnership with Medlineplus.gov, the grant through which we received laptops to enable us to host information sessions at church and in the community. If you need to borrow a Chromebook, one may be available at Peace.

The Outreach Ministry always welcomes new members and new ideas. We meet next on October 8th, and hope you will consider joining us.

Lynda Harman, Outreach Chair



*28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

*30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:28-31

At the Congregation Zoom meeting on September 20, 2020 the quorum present unanimously approved the following elder candidates chosen by the Elder Nominating Committee. These

elders will assume their positions the beginning of 2021, and serve through to the end of 2023. We give thanks for their willingness to serve, and ask blessings on their terms in office.

Walters Cheso



Gratitude

Walters is currently a 3rd year student at LECOM school of Pharmacy in Bradenton. Walters was born in Cameroon and graduated from the University of Buea with a master's in plant biology. He moved to the United States in 2005 with a short stay in Logan, Utah before moving to Miami Florida where he was later united with his family in 2016. While in Miami he worked as a research biologist with Fairchild tropical botanic garden and later as an educator

with Miami Dade Public Schools. Walters is married to Relindis Cheso and they have 2 children (Wally and Janice). Prior to moving to Bradenton in 2018, the Cheso family worshipped at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church where Walters was serving as Deacon while the children were part of the children's choir. Born and raised in a traditional Christian community, Walters sees the church as a place to meet and share God's love with each other.

Kathleen Germano



Worship & Music

I grew up in Logan, WV and then Sarasota, Florida where my father was pastor of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church for 20 years. At Presbyterian College I majored in Religion /Christian Ed. and French with a degree in Secondary Ed. I then lived in Princeton, NJ, Bluefield, WV, Nashville, TN, Darlington, SC, Richmond, VA and Norfolk, VA before moving back to Bradenton 2 years ago. A minister's wife for 17 years, I later worked for HUD as a Multifamily Appraiser for 15 years, followed by 16 years doing Real Estate for the Army Corps of Engineers. My immediate family consists of my three children, Heather, Kate and

Daniel and my two granddaughters, Ava and Gerika Joi. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church, accepting Christ as my personal Savior in high school. I spent many summers in Lynchburg, VA with my grandmother, working in a day camp at my Uncle's church for inner-city children. This is where I learned that God loves all His children equally. I have grown in my spiritual life especially during my time at Peace where I have enjoyed serving in the choir, leading the Worship Committee and have just completed the training to be a Stephen Minister. I believe God is calling me now to be an Elder. My heart's desire above all else is to answer His call, serving Him as faithfully as I am able.

Julia Sammons



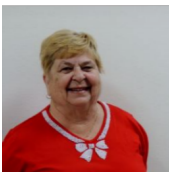
Youth

Julia is a junior at Lakewood Ranch High School. She was born in Durango, Colorado, and moved with her family to Oklahoma and then the panhandle of Florida when she was little. She moved to this area when she was in 4th grade. Her parents, Jonathan, Aubrey, and her sister Genevieve came to Peace with her at that time. Julia enjoys singing, art, writing, and science. She is engaged with BSA Scouts at Peace on Sunday afternoons and celebrates 12 years of Girl Scouts this year.

She has gone to Cedarkirk and Montreat multiple times. At school, she is involved in Film and Acting, Strategic Gaming Club, and Orchestra. Julia is continually active at Peace. She has been in Choir, Orchestra, Youth Group, and has served as an Acolyte. Julia serves on the Earth Care Team and for three Sundays during COVID, she worked for the Worship and Music Team by film editing our worship services.

Julia's term of service will be 2021 only.

Ellen Walch



Fellowship

I was born and raised in NJ and went to Watchung Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield, NJ from 6 months old until I moved to FL. My husband, Ed, and I came to FL after our daughter Beth permanently moved here after graduating law school. We followed Peace from college to realtors' building and to its present location and formally joined Peace in 2014 by letter of transfer. Ed and I have been married for 56 years. In addition to Beth, we have a son, Ed, his wife, Leslie, and grandsons, Zach (19) and Connor (12). I was ordained in 1988 as an elder at Watchung and served on many different committees. I

was also Clerk of Session for many years at Watchung. Primarily, I was a stay-at-home mom and did volunteer work with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school and church, including Sunday school classes for 4-6 year olds. At Peace, I have been involved with the Fellowship Team, serving as leader for several years, and the Peace Crafters. I am also on the Congregational Care Team. After giving much thought to becoming an Elder at Peace, I came back to something that my long time minister at Watchung, Rev. David Newson, said to me when he was retiring..."Ellen, always bloom where you are planted." Peace is where I am planted.

John Warburton



Administration

John grew up in a Southern Baptist church in Charlottesville, VA. Following undergraduate education at VMI, he married Anne (his high school sweetheart) and began a 20-year career as an officer in the USAF, including completion of a PhD in meteorology. This was followed by 25 years in business development with two government contractors. He and Anne have two children, a son and

2 grandchildren in Lake Zurich, IL and a daughter and 2 grandchildren in Bradenton. John served on Session at 3 other churches (generally involved in church personnel, finance and administration issues) before he and Anne became part of the Peace family 4 years ago. John feels called to continue working for Peace on the Admin team, making sure that we continue with responsible stewardship of all that God has provided.

More News



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A Gift to Peace for the PCUSA Disaster Assistance can support many affected by Hurricane Laura and the CA fires. Make checks to Peace with PDA in your check memo.

Our work of peace and reconciliation is supported by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. These gifts also unite us with Presbyterian peacemakers across the country and the world who are active, not passive; who are doing, not waiting. Donate on line at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/> or make a gift to Peace with Peace&Global Witness in the memo. Thank You



YOUR VOTE MATTERS t-shirts are available for purchase. 100% of the purchase will be donated to Peace & Global Witness Offering. They are available at the church center for \$20.00. Mission Team: deanvittetoe@gmail.com or Office:office@peacepcusa.com

Support Samaritan Counseling of the Gulf Coast while you enjoy a golf outing at Laurel Oak Country Club on October 17. \$125/single. Please email the church office for registration or sponsorship forms.

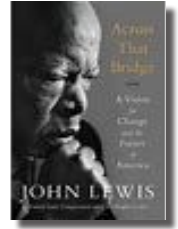


Beth-El Updates: If you would like to help with food pantry bagging (masked) on Mondays or Thursdays, email juniemiller40@gmail.com

More News, Opportunities, & Updates

Experience-Based Biblical Spirituality at 11:00 am, Sunday on Zoom. The class will explore OT and NT passages and personages whose experiences/encounters with God have been decisive events on the arc of Jewish and Christian faith, and which supply the model for communal Christian worship and for the personal piety of Christians everywhere. This will be led by Mickey Miller, with Bill Clough assisting. See Zoom Meetings sheet which is sent out midweek for class link.

Join us to read and discuss Former Representative John Lewis' book, *Across That Bridge*, on Monday Evenings at 7pm. This group will be led by Richard Deibert and others. The book is available on Amazon and Walmart.com. The Zoom link is included in the info sheet that is emailed out weekly. We are grateful for all our teachers and facilitators this fall, including Richard Deibert, Mickey Miller, Bill Clough, Eirinn Camphire, and so many who lead!



Whether you are a musician or simply love music, you're invited to join the Music ZOOM each Wednesday. See Zoom Meetings sheet for link.

Parents: Bring your child to **Take a Break Wednesdays at Peace!** If your kids are distance learners this is a chance to connect with friends in person! Drop them off and take some "me" time for yourselves! Between 3pm-5pm each Wednesday, we invite children to join us making crafts, getting exercise, enjoying music and reading a Bible story. Mask wearing and distancing will be observed for everyone's safety. No need to sign up, just show up. Take a Break Wednesdays are happening each week starting September 9th!

Take household hazardous waste to be disposed of properly. Our county landfill will accept both hazardous and electronic waste Monday-Friday 8am-5pm & on the third Sat. each month from 9am-3pm. Address: 3333 Lena Road, Bradenton. Improper disposal leaches toxic chemicals into the land & water.



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