

# The Peaceful News

The Peace Presbyterian Church of Lakewood Ranch, Florida Newsletter

Winter, 2021-22

## As we complete our Season of Gratitude,

having made new commitments of generosity for the coming year, there is abundant faith, hope, and love in the air. Thank you for leaps of faith taken by new friends making pledges to the Operating Fund! Thank you for boundless hope in generous giving to Building Fund 4 as we advance on paying off the sanctuary. Thank you for wonderful witnesses to loving relationship and meaningful mission with the church. These gifts are so profound that you may join in the comical and courageous declaration made by Grant Lowe on Dedication Sunday: *if we should die before we wake, we pray the church our pledge will take!*

Peace Church is giving thanks to God for each of you, as you demonstrate a deep love for God and neighbor in your words, wealth, and wisdom, and as you testify to the immeasurable worth of every human being. *"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven."* (Johannes A. Gaertner) We pray to God every week, on earth as it is in heaven."

We are relishing with gratitude our great diminished COVID risk, so here are some significant gatherings to celebrate: I am excited about a Thanksgiving brunch,

followed by decorating for Advent this Sunday. I am prayerful about a memorial service on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I am enthusiastic about our Alternative Giving Fair on Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. I am eager to hear two concerts on the 28<sup>th</sup>—one at 2:00 in the sanctuary and another online at 5:00. I am



pleased that Peace Adventure Seekers are having Trolley tour of lights and the Children, Youth, and Families are having an Advent dinner, at which children and youth will prep for nativity play. I am enthusiastic about a new event on the Peaceful Path this year on Sunday evening, December 19. With an illuminated path at sunset, we will enjoy Carols and a Living Nativity from 5:00 to 7:00. Hot Apple Cider will be offered under the portico, along with an opportunity to share stories and burdens, lighting candles of hope in the sanctuary. We will cap off Advent with our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm. New life, new hope, new joy Christ brings...listen to the angels sing!

Prayerfully yours,

*Elizabeth*

Rev. Elizabeth M. Deibert  
Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church

INSPIRING WORSHIP · AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

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# *A Broken Bell*

by *Barbara Wright*

I had an interesting, yet insightful experience one morning at church.

Our bell choir was going to play for the first time since “live,” in-person worship services were discontinued due to COVID-19 a few weeks before Easter 2020. That was the second year I’d played in the bell choir, and my bell playing had improved. The pieces we had practiced for several weeks were familiar tunes, but we knew we needed to accept the move to recorded and/or Zoom services without musical accompaniment for the health and safety of all. Early spring 2021 worship services were provided in-person outdoors with everyone attending bringing lawn chairs and coats & blankets to keep warm—but no music or singing included. Once it was determined that most church attendees had received both COVID-19 vaccinations, worship services were moved back into the air-conditioned(!) sanctuary—but wearing masks and sitting spaced apart. Still no singing, but the organ and pianos provided music.

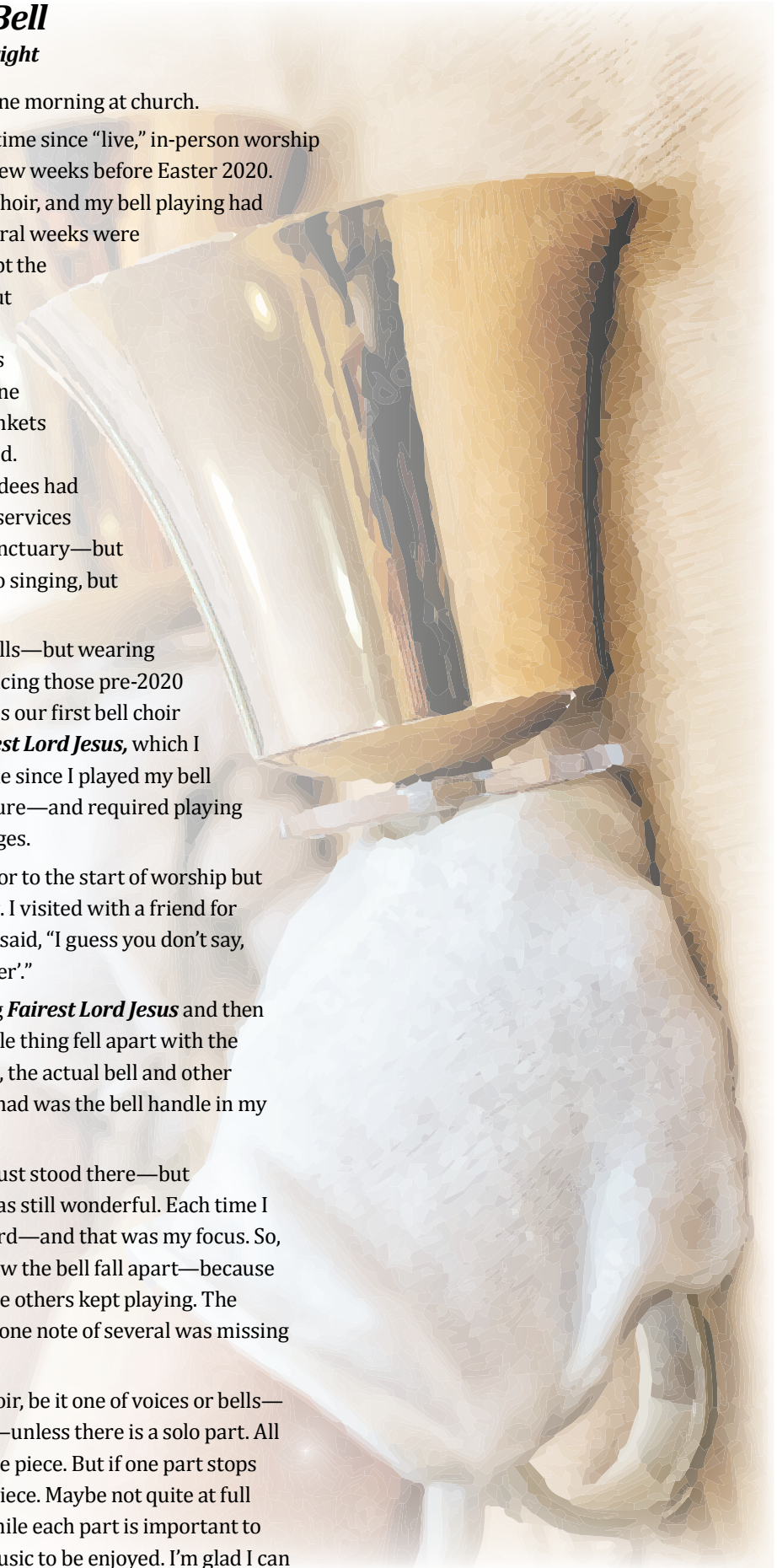
Finally, we felt it would be safe to play the bells—but wearing masks—and began several weeks before practicing those pre-2020 Easter pieces. This morning during worship was our first bell choir performance since 2020. We were to play, *Fairest Lord Jesus*, which I enjoyed but felt my bell played an important role since I played my bell frequently—multiple notes almost every measure—and required playing immediately before and after turning music pages.

We had a practice session thirty minutes prior to the start of worship but with a short break as worshipers were arriving. I visited with a friend for a few minutes, and as we went to our seats, she said, “I guess you don’t say, ‘break a leg’, for playing a bell, so ‘break a clapper’.”

The bell choir enthusiastically began playing *Fairest Lord Jesus* and then it happened. As I loudly played my bell, the whole thing fell apart with the clapper landing on the floor in front of the table, the actual bell and other pieces landed on the table in front me, and all I had was the bell handle in my hand.

The piece still had two pages to its end, so I just stood there—but listened—and finally realized that the music was still wonderful. Each time I had played my note, it was the top note in a chord—and that was my focus. So, my absence wasn’t that obvious—unless you saw the bell fall apart—because my part was just one part of the chord which the others kept playing. The melody was still there, though not as full—just one note of several was missing in the harmony.

I did find this experience insightful—in a choir, be it one of voices or bells—no one part is more important than the others—unless there is a solo part. All parts work together to bring full harmony to the piece. But if one part stops or breaks, the rest keep going to complete the piece. Maybe not quite at full harmony, but still the music was completed. While each part is important to the whole, in this case there was still enough music to be enjoyed. I’m glad I can be part of Peace Church’s Bell Choir!



# The Peace Adventure Seekers

Peace Adventure Seekers, a new group of members and friends, took a trip to Mixon Fruit Farms in August to learn about the transition to bamboo and had a wonderful lunch afterward. In October, the Peace Adventure Seekers went on the LeBarge Dolphin-Manatee Watch Cruise, with lunch afterwards at Der Dutchman. Twenty-five people joined in on a beautiful day for cruising on Sarasota Bay.

An upcoming trip planned: The SRQ Holiday Lights Trolley Tour on 12/18/21 at 6:30, with optional dinner prior to the tour. We have rented a 32-passenger trolley from SRQ Trollies which is the limit for this excursion. We will begin a waiting list when we have maxed the sign-up. December 1 is the cut-off date for sign up.



The cost is \$20.00 (checks to Peace & memo "trolley") per person. Signup deadline is 12/1. Dinner at 5:00 as a group at Sommers Dutch Family Restaurant (additional cost). Meet at Burlington Coat Factory, Bee Ridge & Cattleman Rd. to board the trolley for the 6:30 p.m. tour. Returning at 8:00 p.m. Invite your whole family!

These trips have provided an opportunity for members, new and old, to get to know each other better. For more information contact Coralee wlcain@gmail.com or Gwen GwenCerto@aol.com



*Peace Adventure Seekers on the Dolphin/Manatee Watch Cruise on Oct. 21 at Sarasota Bay.*



We have resumed Fellowship after the worship service – It has been great to have the opportunity to visit with everyone again after church. There were special treats for Halloween. And we will be having a Thanksgiving brunch on Nov. 21 after the service—turkey, ham, egg casseroles, vegetables and special desserts. There are no classes that day so hopefully all will stay and enjoy. Additionally, there will be some tables set up outside for those who wish to eat outdoors.

Our team helped with the Gratitude Ice Cream Social on Nov. 13, and arranged food for several memorial services, recently.



# Worship Events



The Worship and Music Team have continued to meet by Zoom so far in 2021. The purpose of the Team is to be of service to the Pastor, Elders and the Congregation in preparation for worship. We have all overcome challenges during Covid to provide a meaningful worship experience while keeping all members of the congregation safe.

The team continues to set up Communion each Sunday which is served by Pastor Elizabeth. The team also provides a yearly schedule of Liturgists to participate in the service by praying for our world. Mickey Miller plans to hold a training sometime in the New Year for anyone wanting to volunteer to be a Liturgist.

It has been such a blessing to be able to worship inside the Sanctuary while remaining vigilant to follow CDC guidelines. Thus, we continue to suggest that masks be worn while inside the Sanctuary. We are grateful for our faithful volunteers who have worked diligently to live stream the Sunday service, allowing those at home to participate as well.



*Ringside Handbells Ensemble from Sarasota playing in September*

We have enjoyed several special worship experiences this Fall, including the celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 3, where breads from Haiti, Ireland, India, Italy and the Cherokee nation were provided by members of the congregation. Reformation Sunday was celebrated on October 31 with a skit demonstrating the differences between “faith” and “works” as argued by Martin Luther and a priest from the Catholic Church.

Whether it’s a formal orchestra or casual carols sung on a neighborhood path, this Christmas Season at Peace will highlight our musicians, families and Peaceful Path.

The Voices of Peace and the Bell Ringers have begun practicing again under the talented hand of Amy Cerniglia, our Director of Music, in preparation for the Advent Season.

Members of the Worship and Music Team will assist the Young People in decorating the Sanctuary on November 21, the Sunday before Advent begins.

The Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble will perform a concert on Sunday, November 28, at 2:00 pm. Their triumphant marches and lively holiday selections will kick off the first Sunday of Advent in Peace’s sanctuary.

On December 19, a nativity play featuring many of Peace’s young children will delight worshippers at the 10:00 am Sunday morning service followed by refreshments at Fellowship Hour.



*Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble will be performing at Peace Church on Nov. 28.*

That evening, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Peace will have Carols on the Peaceful Path with a Living Nativity. This beautiful walk through the path, alight with luminary candles, will include scenes from the nativity story and live music with carols you love. This silent nativity will not require a script or memorization, and all youth and adults interested in participating are welcome to reach out to Amy. We look forward to seeing you in the glow of candles on the Path to celebrate the nativity story.

Your Worship and Music Team encourages you to join us as we enter the Advent Season to celebrate our Lord’s birth. It will lift your spirits!

Kathleen Germano, Team Elder

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

Colossians 3:16

Peace Presbyterian has embraced its mission “...to make God known...” through strong education programs – both formal and informal – for all ages. This is particularly evident for Peace adults who have been blessed with many opportunities to be led by talented, devoted leaders who continue providing educational sessions even through the current pandemic. As 2021 comes to a close and 2022 begins, health and safety continue to be a major consideration for educational activities as recommended by the Session. However, a few in-person classes are now available while other opportunities continue via Zoom. Please consult the weekly worship bulletin for specific information on attending programs.

Please also check Peace’s weekly bulletin soon for an announcement about available downloadable sets of weekly Advent PDFs via email each week. Some hard copies will be available at church for those who prefer it that way. Offered by the Presbyterian Outlook, and provided by Peace church members, Night Watch ADVENT DEVOTIONS 2021, were written by editor Teri McDowell Ott. Each week includes a reflection, daily Scripture readings and a short prayer for each day.

Current and upcoming Adult Educational programs and classes are listed below:

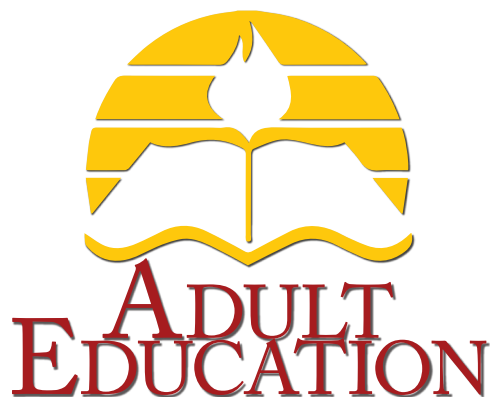
Two new in-person classes are running November through December on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.:

- **Younger Adults** – Elizabeth Deibert is leading an in-person study for young adults and parents whose children attend CYF classes. This new study, titled Building Resilient Faith in Families, is meeting in Classroom #31 (East Hall)

- **Older Adults** –Richard Deibert and Bill Clough are leading the class, Celebrating Our Faith: An Engaging Conversation with the Catechism. The class meets in the Gathering Room (Front Hall, Room #23)

- **Older Adults** – Beginning in 2022, Mickey Miller will lead a new study on the New Testament book of I Peter. The class will meet in the Gathering Room (Front Hall, Room #23)

Classes and programs continuing to be provided remotely via Zoom (Zoom links for each are provided in the weekly worship service bulletin):



**Bookworms**—(also called the Monday Night Book Study)—The Bookworms have a new format—only meeting once a month on the third Mondays of October, November, and December to lead discussions of an entire book for the month:

- On October 18, led by Shannon Jung, the Bookworms discussed Samuel Wells book, *“Love Mercy: The Twelve Steps of Forgiveness,”*

- Patti Jung led the November 15 discussion of Elizabeth A. Johnson’s book, *“Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology,”* and

- A discussion leader to be determined will lead the December 20 book selection, *“Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World,”* by Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

**A Matthew 25 class**—also on Monday nights via Zoom at 7:00 pm, titled A Conversation on Racism (Based on *“Acting Against Racism”* from Christian Century magazine), will be held on three evenings in November and three evenings in December. The six sessions will be led by Grant Lowe. Dates, topics, and authors of each session are listed below, and a comprehensive study guide can be downloaded:

- November 1 – *THINK ABOUT RACISM, YOUR ROLE, AND HOW YOU WANT TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE, BECOMING LESS DEFENSIVE ABOUT WHITE PRIVILEGE.* Author is Peter Marty, Editor of Christian Century.

- November 22 – *JAMES BALDWIN REMINDS US NOT TO BE SURPRISED BY THIS.* Author is Brad R. Braxton, founding senior pastor of the Open Church in Baltimore and chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer at St. Luke’s School in New York City.

- November 29 – *I BELIEVE RACISM IS WRONG. SO WHAT?* Author is Teri McDowell Ott, chaplain at Monmouth College in Illinois.

- December 6 – *HOW DO WE KNOW BLACK LIVES MATTER TO GOD?* Author is Kelly Brown Douglas, who teaches theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where she serves as dean of the Episcopal Divinity School. Her latest book is Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God.

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Adult Education cont.

- December 13 – *WHY ARE SO MANY WHITE AMERICANS STANDING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE?*  
Author is Alan Sherouse, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

- December 27 - *WEARING DOWN STRUCTURAL EVIL WITH THE MINISTRY OF EROSION* Author is Willie Dwayne Francois III, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville, New Jersey, and president of the Black Church Center for Justice and Equality.

**... and ongoing opportunities include:**

### **Faith and Film**

Led by David and Dotty Thomas with assistance by Eirinn Camphire and volunteers, Faith and Film begins its 2021–22 new season in September. It will continue to be held by Zoom. Check the listing of films on next page.

### **Men's Prayer & Bible Study**

This group, led by Mickey Miller and Bill Clough, began around 15 years ago meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 AM, currently via Zoom, with 9–10 regular attendees and several prayer partners with whom they share prayer concerns. Currently they are completing the Gospels.

### **Romeos**

(Retired Old Men Eating Oranges)—Led by David Thomas and Wally Harman, Romeos began three years ago, and currently meet by Zoom. About 9 to 12 guys meet on Thursdays each week to discuss individual chapters in devotional books. Currently reading Scott Paulson's book, "70 Life Lessons," but after finishing it the participants will make recommendations or suggestions for the next book or readings.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Susan Hyde and Kathleen Germano lead a group of 20-35 women on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM - now via Zoom. Using the Life Guide Bible Study curriculum, the women will complete studying Acts in November, and in December will begin studying Ruth.

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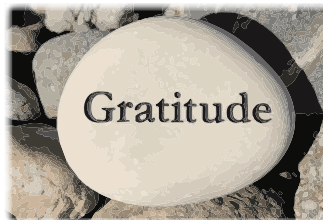
## **Gratitude Team**

Peace Presbyterian Church takes a different approach to stewardship than most churches.

While most churches seem to ask for money so they can meet a specific church budget or goal, the Gratitude team at Peace believes giving should reflect a person's gratefulness to God for all that has been given them.

Peace is actually running two campaigns this year – one for the annual Operating budget and the other for the three-year Building fund budget which is required by the Presbyterian Foundation which holds the mortgage on our sanctuary.

Besides many inspiring sermons given by Pastor Elizabeth, presentations have also been made during the past few weeks by Sue Seiter, Lydia Kaeyer, Diane Brinkmeyer, Robin Miller, and Grant Lowe highlighting the various ways that they have been grateful to Peace in their lives. This was culminated with our annual Gratitude Ice Cream Social held on Saturday, November 13th.



Ingathering Sunday was the next day and while figures are far from being final, preliminary figures are encouraging.

To date, we have received 75 Operating fund pledges totaling \$353,091 and 68 three-year Building fund pledges totaling \$783,680 Based on the 105 pledges that we had last year, we still have a long way to go this year before final figures can be determined. We are not concerned however as the congregation of Peace is historically reflective of their blessings and often take additional time to submit their pledges.

The Gratitude team is always extremely thankful and quite frankly humbled by the continuous response of our congregation in the generous support of their church. God has blessed us all and we are more than willing to give a portion back to God. Offering envelopes are now available at church. Thank you all for making this a wonderful gratitude season!



## FAITH AND FILM

Second Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

For now, we will meet on Zoom to watch and discuss the films. Check the weekly Zoom notifications for the URLs, meeting IDs and passcodes.

**Dec 10, 2021**

***Soul*** (2020, PG, 1:40)

*Dirk Brinkmeyer*, Discussion Leader

**Voices of Jamie Foxx, Tina Fey, Graham Norton**

After landing the gig of a lifetime, a New York jazz pianist suddenly finds himself trapped in a strange land between Earth and the afterlife.



**Mar 11, 2022**

***Nomadland*** (2020, R, 1:48)

*Patti Jung*, Discussion Leader

**Frances McDormand**

Spirituality and Practice 2020 Award Winner. Winner of four Oscars, including Best Actor and Best Movie. This is the remarkable odyssey of a feisty woman who finds community and her true self in her home on the road.



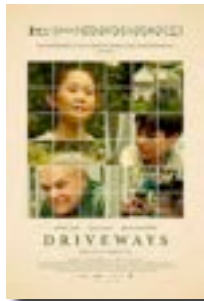
**Jan 14, 2022**

***Driveways*** (2019, 1:23)

*Lynda Harman*, Discussion Leader

**Hong Chau, Bryan Dennehy**

A lonesome boy accompanies his mother on a trip to clean out his late aunt's house, and ends up forming an unexpected friendship with the elderly gentleman who lives next door. This was Bryan Dennehy's final film performance.

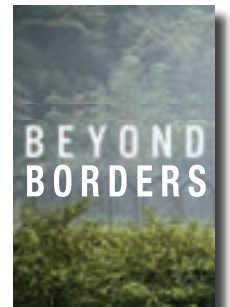


**Apr 8, 2022**

***Beyond Borders: The Threat of Climate Change*** (2021, 1:14)

*Chris and Eirinn Camphire*, Discussion Leaders

Documentary, from the Environmental Justice Foundation. David Attenborough and scientist Johan Rockström examine Earth's biodiversity collapse and how this crisis can still be averted. April is Earth Month, and Peace Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care Congregation. "The climate crisis represents the greatest threat to global peace and security, development and the preservation of human rights in the 21st Century."



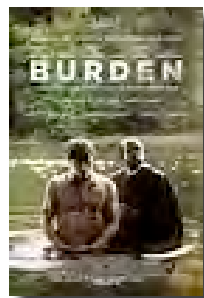
**Feb 11, 2022**

***Burden*** (2018, R, 1:57)

*Denny Noto*, Discussion Leader

**Forest Whitaker, Garrett Hedlund**

The film follows Mike Burden, an orphan raised within the Ku Klux Klan, who attempts to break away when the woman he falls in love with urges him to leave for a better life together. The Klan seeks out Mike for revenge. A Black Baptist church congregation led by Reverent Kennedy agrees to protect Mike, his girlfriend, and her son. Based on a true story.



**May 13, 2022**

***Two of Us*** (2019, 1:39)

*Amy Cerniglia*, Discussion Leader

**Barbara Sukowa, Martine Chevallier**

Pensioners Nina and Madeleine have hidden their deep and passionate love for many decades, but their bond is put to the test when they are suddenly unable to move freely between each other's apartments. May 17 is Mobilization for International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.





Matthew25 gathering

The Earth Care Matthew 25 Team had a successful fundraiser to convert the lights in the Peace Center over to LED! Thank you to all who donated! This change will save approximately \$1,000 per year in electric costs. We have a Road Clean-Up scheduled for December 4th from 9am-11am, all are welcome! Supplies are provided and it's a great opportunity to chat with Peace friends while doing good work. We are working on our Earth Care recertification for 2022. If you're interested, join our team! Contact Tom Finnerty or Christian Camphire.



## STREAM (Formerly MJM)

Thank you to all who zoomed on Nov. 8 to seek justice! Our new name for this group is **STREAM** (Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee.) We are grateful for Team Leaders: Amy Cerniglia, Linda McCallister, The Orrs, Tom Finnerty, Ofelia Uribe, The Jungs, Marlene Schmidt, & The Camphires, plus Tina Juillerat, bookkeeper, and Elizabeth Deibert, treasurer on the board.

We had 52 people participate with Peace on Zoom for the Founding Convention along with 14 other Manatee County churches. Peace is the only Presbyterian Church in the group. This year STREAM will be researching solutions to Affordable Housing/Homelessness and Criminal Justice issues.

*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)*



Former Manatee Justice Mission, now STREAM



## Worship Team at Christmas

On Sunday, December 19 from 5:00-7:00pm, Peace will have Carols on the Path with a Living Nativity. This beautiful walk through the path, alight with luminary candles, will include scenes from the nativity story and live music with carols you love. This silent living nativity will not require a script or memorization, and all youth and adults interested in participating are welcome to reach out to Amy. We look forward to seeing you in the glow of candles on the Path to celebrate the nativity story.

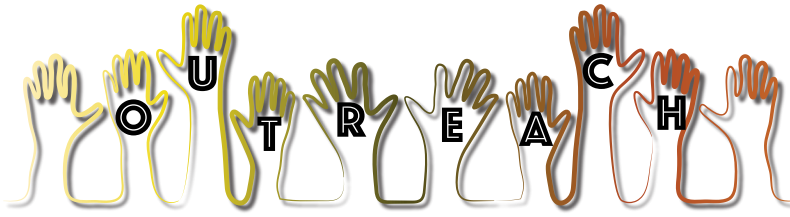


# Outreach Team

Fall has arrived, and the Peace Outreach Team is looking forward to upcoming events in November and December. We have been supporting / teaming with other groups to make things happen at Peace, in large and small ways. For example, the Gratitude Team's delightful initiative in asking people to complete "Gratitude cards" was helped by new pens purchased by Outreach.

The Pumpkin Patch fundraiser for CYF (Children, Youth, Families) was enhanced by a visit from "Princess Leia Organa" aka Amy C, who gave two spooky organ concerts of 20 minutes each; donations going to youth music.

The Peaceful Path, which is growing in popularity and getting lots of visitors and publicity, now has a plaque donated by Outreach, thanking the Scouts who help with cleanup. There is also a QR code on the path. (Take a picture with your phone and it will lead you to a slide show about our church.)



In December, we hope to have luminaries lining the Path for Christmas, and our team will help to make that happen. Our main contribution for the rest of the year, continuing

into 2022, will be a concert series: three concerts presented by the Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. (November 28, January 30, and March 27.) A \$10 donation is requested. Please come and bring a friend!

It has been my privilege to chair the Outreach Team since 2019, and I will be stepping down in 2022, leaving the team in the capable hands of new Chairperson Ann Comer Woods.

All good wishes for a happy holiday season, and a new year of joy, peace and health for us all.

Sincerely,

Lynda Harman



*Pumpkins arriving for the pumpkin patch*



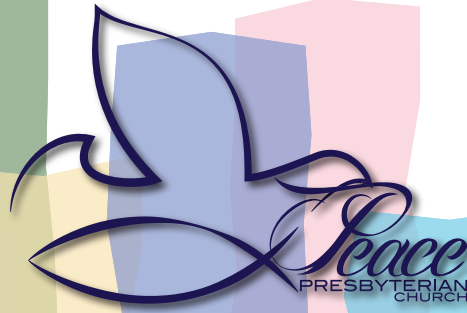
*Organ Spooktacular by Princess Leia (Amy Cerniglia) and the Bumblebee (Cynthia Tate)*



*Youth Volunteers for the Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 30.*



*The Kemps ended up in a scary photo.*



# 2021-22 CONCERT SERIES

**January 30, 2PM**  
Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble  
\$10 for all ages

**November 28, 2PM**  
Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble  
\$10 for all ages

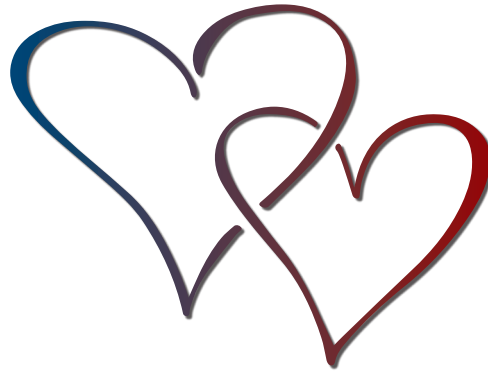
**March 27, 2PM**  
Lakewood Ranch Wind Ensemble  
\$10 for all ages

**April 10, 4PM**  
Ring Sarasota  
\$15 adults; under 18 free

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## Congregational Care

In late August, Pastor Elizabeth (accompanied by Eirinn, Amy Cerniglia, and Sally Schoeffel, on 3 occasions) visited 16 households. These folks were identified as those being unable to attend in-person worship (due to COVID concerns), those not well connected through Peace's many Zoom offerings, as well as those who are lonely, isolated, or acting as caregivers. We spread a little joy and hope through human contact, just listening, and praying along with a "special delivery" of a fresh flower bouquet. These visits were well received and really seemed to refresh and lift the spirits of all involved, as we continue to endure a prolonged pandemic.



With thanksgiving, we recognize the Care Cluster Leaders in their role of caregiving throughout the year!

They mostly work "quietly behind the scenes" supporting others in their joys and challenges through e-mails, cards, phone calls, occasional meal coordination, and daily prayer. Gratitude and blessings this holiday season to: Barbara Noto, Debbie Lewis, Sally Brettle, Joy and Pete Kottra, Linda Juillerat, Larry Forrester, Ellen Walch, Louise Lippert, Susie Melum, Jamie Reagan, Connie Thelen, Gertie

Rineer, Glenda Kragt, Bonnie Sokalsky, Emily Miller, and Congregational Care Team leaders, Anne Warburton and Sally Schoeffel. Our joy is in giving---gifts of comfort, gifts of time, gifts of cheer!



*Some of the fresh flower bouquets the Congregational Care Team took to members this summer.*

## Peace Mission Team

Peace's mission giving is having an excellent year! Mission giving for the first 9 months of 2021 exceeded the full amount given in all of 2020!

And of course, that does not include the many hours that have been donated to our partner organizations.

We have planned an Alternative Gift Fair for November 27th from 10am -2pm in Friendship Hall and in the courtyard. We will have tables set up for: Beth-El, Turning Points, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Cedarkirk, Christmas Joy &



Presbyterian Gift catalog, STREAM (formerly Manatee Justice Ministry), and Books for Kids. Each table will be manned by either a representative from that organization or a member of the Mission team that is involved with that mission. It will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about how God is moving in our community. And you will have the chance to help change lives and restore hope by giving a portion of your gift giving budget to one of the ministries Peace supports.



Our Wednesday's Kids group of elementary students have been enjoying their time at Peace, we walk on the Path, explore drumming, learn the catechism and doxology and even had a dance party with the bubble machine!

On Sundays we are delighted that the acolytes are back and our Sunday Godly Play class has had up to 13 children. Youth group has been serving at Beth El and Turning Points.

During Advent we look forward to presenting a new Nativity Play and on December 12th at 4pm we will have a special Advent dinner with crafts for the Peace families with children. What will the new year bring? We are praying that it is good health and more opportunities to gather together, growing strong in our love for Christ and serving others.

## Children, Family and Youth

Our big fall event, **The Peace Pumpkin Patch** was a great hit! We were delighted to welcome so many families from the community to enjoy free kids' activities, explore the Peaceful Path, listen to Amy's spooktacular concert and buy pumpkins, baked goods and cider! We raised \$400 for the Youth Fund and had a great time making decorations for the not-so-haunted path. We are planning that this fun event will return next year!

Keep an eye out for **Peace Christmas Cards**, with art by Lydia Kaeyer, they will be available before Thanksgiving in two new designs.



*Students at Godly Play on Sundays*



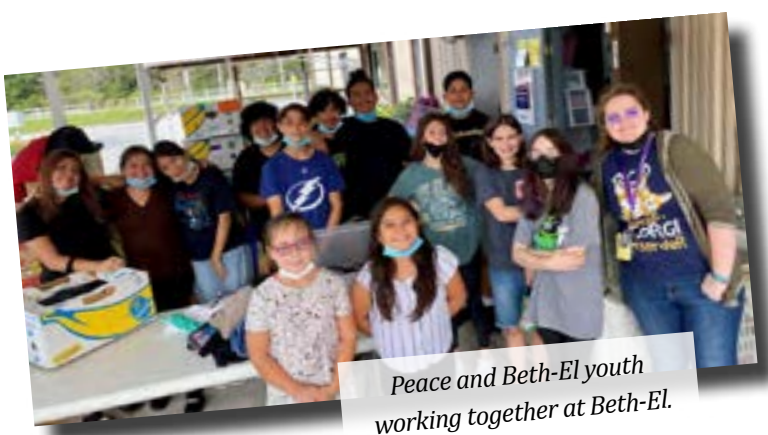
The youth helped with landscaping at Kim Nolting's house during her recovery from a broken arm and leg.



Wednesdays' Kids with Pastor Elizabeth on the Peaceful Path



Wednesday's Kids Camryn with Emmalyn and Moreland with Sydney



Peace and Beth-El youth working together at Beth-El.



Peace Families at Tampa Bay Rays game

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