

The Beacon

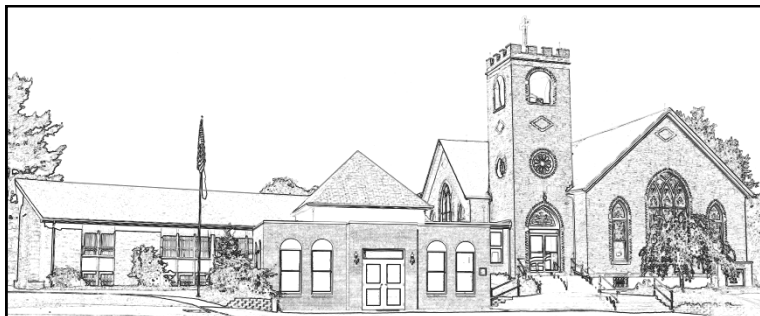
November 2024

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Cross-Lit Church

10581 Day Hill-Arnheim Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Ministers, All Peace Lutheran Members

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AGAPE Community Thanksgiving

Agape will hold its annual Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Sardinia Hope Church (formerly the United Methodist Church). Please bring a canned good or non-perishable food item. The offering will go to the Agape Emergency Fund.

Pastor Greg from Sardinia Hope will lead the service along with other pastors, and Pastor Marion from the Sardinia Church of Christ will

preach.
Refreshments will be served afterward. Come and give thanks to the Lord!



Thankoffering Sunday

Thankoffering envelopes and boxes are available in baskets at each entrance. Fill the envelope or a box with your Thankoffering. Offerings will be collected at both Thankoffering services on Sunday, Nov. 10.

The theme for worship will be "We Give You Thanks." The women of Peace will take part in the service and the Thankoffering money will go to the Women of the ELCA to be used for ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger is celebrating its 50th birthday this year.

Pastor Laura will have scripts ready soon and will be looking for volunteers.

All Saints' Sunday

We will observe All Saints' Sunday on Nov. 3. We remember those from our congregation or those family members who have died in the past year since the last All Saints' Sunday.

This year we will remember Rich Mullins III, the son of Ruth Litzinger; Carol Holton; Jean Schweickart; Paul Shreffler, the brother of Pastor Ron Shreffler; Claudia Fowler, the mother of George Fowler; Barbara Gundrum, the mother of Jerry Jewell; and Emma Lou Robinson, Martha Scott, and James Yochum, the siblings of Mary Taylor.

Worship will include special litanies, and family members will receive a votive candle with which to remember their loved ones. We continue to keep family members in prayer as they grieve for their loved ones.



Veterans Home Visit

Members are invited to join the Evangelism Committee as they assist with BINGO at the Ohio Veterans Home on Nov. 9 to celebrate Veterans Day. We will provide cookies for the veterans and prizes for BINGO. If you would like to assist, please arrive at the Ohio Veterans Home at 9:00 a.m. BINGO begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts about an hour.

The Cross-Lit Church - Faith, Hope and Love

Please Remember in Prayer

Anne Anderson
Roland and Fonda Barr
George Beltz
Marion and Cheryll Berry
Boswell and Sellers Families
Brittany Brown
Gary and Sandy Brown
Vicky
Kendal Conley
Sharon and Dale Ernst
Trey Gagen
Michell Grey
Pastor Scott Henning
Judy Huber
Wilfred and Norma Kelch
Anthony Koda
Judy Kress
Lucas Kuronen
James and Milly Leach
Sean Magill
Fae Miller
Family of Vicki Miller
Clarence Perry

Poplovich Family
Anna Lou Ralston
Karla Ritchie
Mattie Robinette
Dwayne Sawyers
Hugh Schaffer
Carter Shideler
Pastor Ron and Pastor Laura
Family of Brian Snapp
Robert Starett
Linda Sue Stephan
Don Stevenson
Bill and Paula Taylor
Keith Verville
James Wagel
Joellyn Waits
Michelle Wallace
Family of Wilma June Wallace
Ava Warmoth
Marilyn Wasson



Prayers for Health, Comfort and Strength

The Prayer List is published each month in the Beacon newsletter. Updates to the Beacon list are included in the weekly bulletins.

Please contact Pastor Laura or the church office to add names to the Prayer List or to request continuing prayers.

Requests for prayers may also be distributed through Peace Lutheran FYI emails and the One Call Now phone service.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Kalab Dearwester, Gordon Ellis, Michael Glass, Nicole Hatfield, Houston Henize, Daniel Kelch, Tom Mays, Tyler Thomas, Ryan Thornton, Jake Davis, Elijah Lawrence and Adam Vogel

Senior Member Birthdays

Mary Alice Hertlein (5-Nov)
12119 Hamer Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Wilfred Kelch (5-Nov)
5753 Camp Run Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Clyde Taylor (12-Nov)
23 Char Del Dr
Georgetown, OH 45121

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kate (Woods) and Daniel Dunn on the birth of a son, Vernon Levi, on Thursday, Sept. 26. Levi weighed in at 7 lbs 9 oz. He was welcomed home by sister Morgan, 11, and brother Dailen, 2. Proud grandparents are Jim and Tara Woods, and proud great-grandmother is Joy Creighton. Keep this family in prayer.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Emma Stephan and Dillon Niehaus, who were married on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Sardinia Church of Christ. Emma is the daughter of Eric and Sarah Stephan and the granddaughter of Richard and Linda Sue Stephan. Please keep this couple in prayer that Christ is always at the center of their marriage.

Open House for Mary Alice Hertlein

The Hertlein Family will hold an open house to celebrate Mary Alice's 100th birthday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. Mary Alice will turn 100 on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and is the oldest member of Peace. Stop by to wish her a Happy Birthday!

Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

Cameron McCall (at home)
Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)



**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.**

— "Give Thanks"
contemporary praise song

Dear Friends,

I love the above song. One year, our Vacation Bible School program at North Star included this song, and the DVDs we used to learn our songs included the motions you may see me do from time to time when we sing this at our Praise service. We taught the song and motions to our children, and when my Willowdell church hosted the community Thanksgiving service that November, we had children come up from all churches (since our VBS included children from many of the other churches) and sing. I love hearing the children sing and sharing what they've learned with others.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. It's been another year where that has been easier said than done. The year began with my brother-in-law, Paul, entering Hospice. His kidneys were failing, and he had said "no" to dialysis. He was finally in an assisted living program that he liked, and his fellow residents liked him, so this was a blow to us. He had known how bad things were many months before but had not shared this with us. But I give thanks because we had visits with him, we had one visit where he actually was improving, and I had the chance to share pictures of his great-niece with him, which he enjoyed. "She's going to be photogenic like her mother," he said on seeing her baptism pictures (of course, this made Rebecca happy). I give thanks that we could be of help, along with Steve and Marion who helped us clean out Paul's room in assisted living and even came and chatted with Paul. I give thanks that except for his very last day, Hospice kept him as comfortable as possible. And I give thanks that when we couldn't afford to bury him in Akron with his parents and grandparents due to the cemetery becoming for-profit, that Chuck and Willa guided us through the process to have him buried here, pushing us also to buy our own plots.

From the Pastor



When I took Pastor Ron to the ER in early May with breathing issues, I thought he would probably be admitted to Adams County, where they would take off excess fluid, and come home in five or six days. He was also supposed to see his cardiologist who would be coming to the hospital in a couple days. And that's how it should have gone, but it didn't. He walked into the ER with no problem, but after stays in three different hospitals and two stays at Monarch Meadows for rehab, he came home using a walker and a rollator, and his balance is still compromised. But I am grateful for prayers and letters and food delivered and money given to use for gas and food as I traveled back and forth to Cincinnati, Adams County, and Wilmington. I am grateful that after almost two months away from home, he was able to travel as planned this year. I am grateful for our daughter and granddaughter coming home over Memorial Day to surprise him and cheer him up. I am grateful for our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter in general.

I thought, after my father fell and was diagnosed with COVID last fall, that I would have to prepare to move him into assisted living, and that move just seemed like too much to me. I am grateful that he improved so much that he was allowed to stay in independent living. I'm grateful that he still gets himself to church and still leads Prayer Group at 93 1/2.

In September, as I traveled in heavy traffic down Fields-Ertel Road, I was the victim of a hit-and-

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run. My 2015 Camry, which I bought when we moved here, was hit from the back and totaled. It couldn't have happened at a worse time as we had two trips we planned to take in a short period of time. I was very stressed for about three weeks. I am grateful that I was able to get home that day and I was not injured and that my foot stayed on the brake and I didn't hit anyone when I was hit. I am grateful for insurance paying for a rental. I am grateful for everything falling into place from getting a "new-to-us" car to having the insurance check deposited directly. We had a car two days before we were to go on our second trip of the fall. I am not thrilled to be making payments again after paying the Camry off last year, but I can make them, at least. Again, I am also grateful for this congregation and offers of help and those who donated money toward my \$500 deductible. And so very touched.

This has been such a hard year, and yet this Thanksgiving I have so much for which to be thankful. This Thanksgiving, I remember you, and I give thanks with a grateful heart.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Angel Warmth Tree

The Sunday School Board will put up the Angel Warmth Tree in the Access entrance at the end of November. Since Wernle has closed, we are collecting items and money for the Wilson Children's Home in West Union.



Wilson has room for up to 20 children, and all of their current residents are over 12 years old. The boys and girls could all use warm pajamas (or flannel bottoms and long-sleeved T-shirts for the tops). Please buy women's small, medium, and large for the girls and men's medium and large for the boys. Hats and mittens also are welcome.

The Sunday School Board will still put angels on the tree for those who would rather give money. Each angel is worth \$5. A box for the money will be located below the tree and emptied each Sunday. Let's give these young people some "warm" memories from this Christmas season.

2024 Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Box Information

We are so blessed by the support of the Sardinia Area Community!

If at all possible, place one complete meal in one box or bag with \$12.00 in an envelope to help with the purchase of hams and perishable items. Please attach the envelope so it is visible in the box or bag.

If shopping for these items is not possible or is difficult for you, you may donate money and we will do the shopping for you. We are asking for \$25.00 to cover the cost of the items.

Items to include for each meal/box:

- ☐ 2 cans green beans (14 - 15 oz. cans)
- ☐ 2 cans corn (14 - 15 oz. cans)
- ☐ 2 large boxes instant mashed potatoes
- ☐ 2 jars or cans, or 3 packets of chicken or turkey gravy
- ☐ 2 boxes stuffing (dressing)
- ☐ 1 box cake mix
- ☐ 1 container frosting (icing)
- ☐ 2 cans fruit (15 - 20 oz. cans)
- ☐ 1 large box gelatin (Jello) or 2 small boxes

Collection Dates

Sunday, November 10 or November 17
1:00-4:00 p.m. at Sardinia Hope Church
If you need a different time or day,
please call 937-515-0898

Distribution Dates

Thanksgiving—Monday, November 25, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(The drop-off time will be scheduled when the box is requested)

Christmas—Monday, December 16 at a scheduled time

If you would like to join us on either distribution day, we would appreciate the help and you will be blessed! Please let us know by calling 937-515-0898.

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Fall Back!

Remember that we "fall back" an hour on Sunday, Nov. 3, as we return from Daylight Savings Time to Eastern Standard. Remember to set your clocks back so that you don't arrive at church an hour before anyone else!

AGAPE Quarterly Meeting

Agape will hold its quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Peace representatives are Pastor Laura, chair; Linda Sue Stephan, secretary; and Amy Beyer. Anyone can attend a meeting, however. We will wrap up discussion about the Holiday Boxes and the Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Sardinia Hope Church.

Cookbook Update

We extended the deadline for submitting recipes for the new church cookbook to Sunday, Nov. 10. This will still give us enough time to have the cookbooks ready to buy as Christmas presents for family and friends.

Encourage your kids and grandkids to submit recipes, even if it's as simple as cinnamon toast. Kids can also submit drawings with their recipes.



Decorating the Christmas Tree

Dorcas Circle, along with anyone else in the congregation who wants to help, will decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25. Advent begins on Sunday, Dec. 1, so we want the church decorated well ahead of time. Having some tall volunteers will make the decorating easier.

We also will be looking for families to do the Advent readings on Sunday mornings. Look for those readings soon along with a sign-up sheet. Thank you!

Luminary

We have all loved seeing the luminaria lighting up our grounds on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, the Sunday School Board members find themselves unable to take charge of the luminaria this year. If there is any other group who would like to take this on, please see Nikki Tracy or Pastor Laura.

Chair Pilates

Cat Bundy will lead us in Chair Pilates at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in Frey Hall. Chair Pilates is open to men and women of all ages and helps with balance and strengthening the body core. Please dress in comfortable clothing and bring a light weight.

Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or peacelutheran@ymail.com



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Council Minutes — September 8, 2024

Present: Steve Bundy, Dorothy Carrington, Paul Hertlein, Connie Perry, Cheryl Phillips, Travis Phillips, Linda Sue Stephan, Natalie Vogel, Elizabeth Waits, Steve Weddle, Joan Yockey, and Pastor Laura Shreffler

President Travis Phillips called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Steve Weddle led devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Paul Hertlein made a motion to accept the report and Cheryl Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Cheryl made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Paul Hertlein seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Pastor Laura Shreffler read the pastor's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property — from Pastor Laura – water coming from dishwasher. Paul Hertlein made a motion to go ahead and replace the dishwasher and stove and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. The new refrigerator is already scheduled to be delivered on Wednesday, September 11. Steve is going to attempt to get the other two appliances delivered with it.

Drain is caved in – Steve to call someone to come out and clear it out.

Bell tower update: Lower section – raise bell, change support, grease, new ropes, and reseal - \$1,200

Upper section – clean/pressure wash/seal - \$1,500.
There is a \$3,000 option for rubber roof.

Paul Hertlein made a motion to move forward with the \$1,200 and \$1,500 options and Cheryl Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Boiler/AC issues – Steve to call Ron

Tree limbs down by the garage – Steve to clean it up
Cemetery — dead pine tree – Travis to talk to Chuck about its removal.

Finance & Investment—nothing to report.

Evangelism — a recap of the summer lunch program was given.

We still need a driver for the fair parade.

The two new carts approved at the last council meeting have not yet been purchased.

Stewardship — nothing to report.

Scholarship — nothing to report.

Christian Education — God's Work Our Hands is next Sunday.

Worship & Music — October 20 is Senior Recognition

Youth & Family — The trip was a success. The group shared about the experience after the carry-in meal earlier today.

Registration for Quake is in October. Not sure what is next at this point.

Mission Fund — nothing to report.

Elizabeth Waits made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Paul Hertlein seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Blinds for hallway – Linda Sue Stephan brought in samples. Linda Sue and Richard Stephan have offered to help pay for the new blinds. Linda Sue to bring the company back out to measure the other side of the hallway. This item will be taken to the Congregational Meeting for approval and seeking donations from the congregation.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Hertlein made a motion to keep Pastor Laura's insurance as Portico Gold+ and Joan Yockey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Next meeting will be on October 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Hertlein made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel.

Congregation Meeting

We will hold our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17. To preserve time for Sunday School and Catechism classes, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Catechism will meet at 9:00 a.m.

The congregational meeting will take place immediately following worship, at approximately 11:00 a.m. We will vote on the proposed budget for 2025 and will also vote on new council members and members of the Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. Please prayerfully consider saying yes to a place in one of these groups when you are asked by a member of this year's Nominating Committee.

At the end of this year, we will be saying thank you and goodbye to Travis Phillips, Paul Hertlein, Shauna Weis, and Steve Weddle. They have worked hard this year and will be missed.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Change to Eastern Standard Time (Fall Back)	4 ELECTION DAY! <i>VOTE!</i> Pastor Laura out of office for medical appointment	5 ELECTION DAY! <i>VOTE!</i> Pastor Laura out of office for medical appointment	6 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	7	8	9 9:30 a.m. Assisting with BINGO at Veterans' Home to Celebrate Veterans' Day 2:00 p.m. 100th Birthday Open House for Mary Alice Hertlein
10 WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion * AGAPE Holiday Boxes Due * Church Cookbook Recipes Due 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	11 7:00 p.m. Doreas Circle Meets	12	13 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	14 7:00 p.m. AGAPE Quarterly Meeting, St. Mary's Catholic Church	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:00 a.m. Catechism 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Congregational Meeting Following Worship	18 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	19	20 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	21	22	23 1:00 p.m. Chair Pilates
24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	25 7:00 p.m. Decorate Sanctuary Christmas Tree	26 7:00 p.m. AGAPE Community Thanksgiving Service, Sardinia Hope Church	27 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30 ***** First Sunday of Advent on December 1 *****

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We welcome you to join us for worship, fellowship and service!

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every week
At both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

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