



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

January 2019



Beginning the New Year—STOP, PRAY, and WAIT.

“While staying with the disciples, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.” –Acts 1:4

Our spiritual lives need a healthy mix of activity. We respond, give, and receive in many ways. We also need to stop and rest. We need time for reflection and listening through prayer, discernment, and the hardest of all: the discipline of “waiting.” Scripture reminds us to “Go” *after* we wait

upon the Lord.

When Jesus was about to ascend into heaven, he called his disciples around him and gave them their mission: “You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This only came about *after* they had been told to *wait*. How did they wait? We are told that they gathered together and they devoted themselves to prayer. They disrupted their “life as usual” of busyness and isolation and came to a prayerful stop, together.

Let’s stop and prayerfully think about the ways you and others have been nurtured and transformed through the ministry of our church. How do you want that to continue? What are the new ways we can be Christ to others? Where have we fallen short of God’s vision for our congregation? Where have you missed the mark or resisted Jesus’ calling to this church’s mission through your life?

Let’s follow the example of Jesus’ first disciples. Stop and wait on the Lord. Devote yourself to prayer for our congregation. Together, let’s discern Jesus’ will and way for this next year together. Did you make a commitment in the giving of your time, talent, and money this past fall during our Stewardship season? As part of that commitment or as a new commitment, I ask you to pray regularly for our church, for one another, for yourself. Prayer prepares our hearts and minds to be open to Jesus’ way and God’s calling. Prayer leads us away from our own wants and needs and the over-influence of fear and comfort. Prayer keeps God’s vision before us.

Waiting for the Lord is good for us. But like many things that are “good for us,” we need each others encouragement to “eat right and exercise daily” when it comes to our spiritual task of stopping, praying and waiting on Jesus’ guidance and way. I look forward to joyfully discovering and taking-up Jesus’ call to us as Peace Church in 2019. Pray with each other. Pray for our church. Wait upon the Lord and his promises.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CARRY ON THEIR MISSION WITH THE HELP OF THE PEACE FAMILY

“With the prayers and support of this wonderful congregation, in December the Presbyterian Women were able to fill a record number of 176 Blessing Bags for the Open Door Mission. Thanks to everyone for saving and purchasing personal care items for these bags. In January and February we will focus on collecting travel or full size lotion and razors. The red box on the bottom shelf of the foyer grocery cart will accept any of your personal care items throughout the year. Also, our Mitten Tree was filled with hats, scarves, mitten/gloves, child undies and socks. These were donated to COPE. Again, thank you for helping us carry on the PW mission.” - Liz Baker, PW Mission Chair



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The PW met on Wednesday, January 2, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall for a business and fellowship time. New officers were installed with Pastor Bonnie Wilkins officiating. Serving for 2019 will be Linda Hurt and Marilyn Schreiner, Co-Moderators, JoAn Ferguson, Secretary, and Terrie Dunavant, Treasurer. All women of Peace are invited to all PW meetings and join in all mission projects. The group will gather next on February 6. Feel free to contact any of the officers with questions.

THE PEACE RETIREES met for a Christmas Potluck on December 14. Sharon Bossman and Le’Ora Wells opened their home for the noon meal. The group enjoyed great food and warm fellowship. All retirees (and those who wish they were!) are invited to the next potluck on January 9 in the church library with Tom & Barb Sladek hosting.. Everyone is asked to bring their baby picture to the January lunch. Contact the church office (402-289-1104) for more details.

TIME FOR ME/US SETS GATHERING DATES - Join the fellowship group as they come together for their January gatherings. Contact Matt & Jodi Marshall for more details - 402-359-1245.

January 18 **6:30-8:30pm** Everyone is invited to share fun and laughter at the January fellowship night. Childcare provided. Meet in Fellowship Hall.

January 9 & 23 **6:00-7:30pm** Kid’s Group Play Date. Children age 2 through Middle School and their parent/guardian are welcome to enjoy crafts, snacks and fun in Fellowship Hall.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE DATES - The adult choir will hold Sunday practices on the following dates:

Sunday, Jan. 6 1st Sunday Choir - meet in sanctuary at 9:30 am

Sunday, Jan. 20 Chancel Choir (with robes) - meet in sanctuary at 9:30 am

Sunday, Feb. 3 1st Sunday Choir - meet in sanctuary at 9:30 am

There will be no Wednesday choir practices until Feb. 13 when we resume weekly Wednesdays.

Remember that everyone is welcome to join the choir! Just drop in at one of the rehearsals or contact Director Scot Thompson (402-618-1445) for more information. Come make a joyful noise with us!

ARE YOU INTERESTED in having your child or family serve as acolytes on Sunday morning? Contact the office (402-289-1104) to get into the rotation! Everyone is welcome to be part of this worship element.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - If you are over age 70½ and must take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from a retirement account, consider directing these distributions directly to the church instead of writing a check for your offering/pledge. This prevents the RMD from being included in your taxable income, and also ensures that the charitable deduction doesn’t go to waste if you don’t itemize.



NEED INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE? CONTACT US ANYTIME!

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Rev. Bonnie Wilkins: 870-415-2082 (cell); peacepcpastor@gmail.com

PEACE RECEIVES KOMAREK CHARITABLE TRUST FUND GRANT FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Peace Church has received notification from the PMRV Mission and Evangelism Committee that the church has received a Komarek Charitable Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00. The funds are given for the purpose of capital improvements on church buildings in the Presbytery. The Buildings and Grounds Co-Chairs Bernie Baker and Michael Young prepared and submitted application for the grant. They will present possible uses of the funds to the Session for approval and direction. A report on decisions regarding the grant will be shared with the congregation at a future date.

ELI RICH STELK BAPTIZED AT PEACE

In the December 9th worship service Eli Rich Stelk became the final 2018 baptismal recipient at Peace Church. Born on September 16, 2018, Eli is the son of Taylor and Brynn Stelk. Two sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and Eli's God Parents were in attendance. Rev. Bonnie Wilkins officiated at the ceremony. Eli is at home with his parents at 4724 N. 170th St. in Omaha.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

will be Sunday, January 27, immediately after the morning worship service. Those who plan to submit a written report for publication are asked to do so by Monday, January 14. Please email or drop off your report (preferably on flash drive) to the church office.

BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

January Anniversaries: 15 Rich & Diane Novak

January Birthdays:

- 1 Dani Duckert, Tom Whisinnand
- 4 Susan Scholl, Kevin Wamsat
- 8 James Koel;
- 12 Graham Davidson, Mary McArdle
- 14 Elisa Bowcott
- 21 June Karr
- 22 Allison Hall
- 23 Donna Dermyer
- 25 Barb Fitzwater
- 26 Scott Koel
- 28 Anne Settles, Anthony Zaner
- 29 Judy Miller, Max Tobias

THE MUSIC AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS PRESENT THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "CHRIST IN ME"

A highlight of the Christmas Season at Peace was the worship service presenting the cantata "Christ in Me" on December 16. The service featured music and drama by the Music and Christian Education Departments. The drama portions of the cantata, clearly presenting the scriptural Christmas story, was written by Pastor Bonnie Wilkins. The music, under the direction of Scot Thompson, featured an orchestra and the adult and children's choirs. Joining the Peace musicians as guests were members of other area churches and the community. Familiar carols and new offerings both added joy to the special worship service. We are grateful to all who shared their time and talents to bring this service together for God's glory.



PEACE CHURCH HOSTS COPE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn held it's annual Christmas party at Peace Dec. 8. This was the 10th year that the church was able to host the event. Over 500 guests received gifts and refreshments. All the children who could brave the cold enjoyed train rides outside. Music and entertainment were provided by area groups and Santa Claus even made an appearance. The Peace Youth Group provided assistance with crafts. Many from Peace served at the event.



JANUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS - Dates, Events, Locations, Contacts

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
Jan 2	9:30am	PW Meeting - Fellowship Hall; All women of Peace are invited	Linda Hurt, Marilyn Schreiner
Jan 3	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180th & Center - All men invited	Hal Huff
Jan 3	8:40am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth gr 4-12	Scot Thompson
Jan 6	9:00am	Sunday School - All ages; Children on Lower Level; adults in Library	Pastor Wilkins
Jan 6	9:30am	1 st Sunday Choir Practice - All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Jan 6	10:15am	Worship - Sanctuary; Everyone; Birth-3 yrs Nursery available	Pastor Wilkins
Jan 9	12:00pm	Retiree Potluck; Church Library All Retirees invited. This month your baby picture to the luncheon—we will have some fun!	Church Office
Jan 9	6:00pm	Me/Us Kids Play Date: Kids 2-Middle School & Parents; Fellowship Hall	Matt & Jodi Marshall
Jan 10	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180th & Center	Hal Huff
Jan 13	8:40am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth gr 4-12	Scot Thompson
-	9:00am	Sunday School - All ages; Children on Lower Level; adults in Library	Pastor Wilkins
-	10:15am	Worship - Sanctuary; Everyone; Nursery available for Birth-3 yr	Pastor Wilkins
Jan 14	6:30pm	Session Meeting; Church Library	Pastor; Terrie Dunavant
Jan 15	10:00am	Women's Book Study – All women; Library	Pastor Wilkins
	6:00pm	Men's Book Study – All women; Library	Thaddeus Wilkins
	6:00pm	Men's Book Study – All men; Church Office	Pastor Wilkins
Jan 18	6:00pm	Me/Us Fellowship Group; Everyone; Child care provided	Matt & Jodi Marshall
Jan 20	8:40am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth grades 4-12	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School - All ages; Children on Lower Level; adults in Library	Pastor Wilkins
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Practice - All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship - Sanctuary; Everyone; Birth-3 yrs Nursery available	Pastor Wilkins
Jan 23	6:00pm	Me/Us Kids Play Date: Kids 2-Middle School & Parents; Fellowship Hall	Matt & Jodi Marshall
Jan 26	9am-4pm	Quilt-In-A-Day; Everyone Invited; Fellowship Hall	Nancy Haack

COMING UP: A NEW PICTORAL DIRECTORY! Watch for dates we will be taking pictures and updating the current information for the directory.



Peace Mission Statement

We seek to deepen our commitment to God through Jesus Christ with meaningful worship experiences, education, mission, and to welcome all who want to know and learn about God and the Church.



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