



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

September 2019



From the Pastor's Pen: A New Perspective

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 2:5

I am reading a book that challenges us to live with different perspectives in order to find wholeness and make healing changes. Sometimes we need our lives to turn upside down in order to come right side out. Jesus did this kind of reversal teaching and living. His healings and parables turned the world and the culture upside-down. Some people came out whole or healed, others just turned away in disbelief or anger.

We need wholeness and healing. All these mass shootings, these acts and words of hate and violence against others, show we are in need of a healing and a change in our perspective. Is there any safe harbor in the social and political storms in our country? We are struggling to navigate in the context of violence, racism, political polarization, abuse, sexism, religiosity, mass shootings, and the list goes on and on, unfortunately. These things take place in our homes, work, schools, churches, public and private spaces. We have to come together with a change of perspective and a change of heart. The things that divide us have to be healed with our actions together through Jesus' way of love and peace.

Micky Scottbey Jones suggests in her prose below that there is no such thing as “safe space,” but together we are able to create “brave space”. Maybe this is a new perspective that will help turn things upside down and right side out.

— Pastor Bonnie

An Invitation to Brave Space *by Micky ScottBey Jones*

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as “safe space”
We exist in the real world
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But
It will be our brave space together,
And
We will work on it side by side.

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Continued from page 1: *Micky ScottBey Jones is an Associate Fellow of Racial Justice with Evangelicals for Social Action. She is the Director of Healing Director and Resilience Initiatives at Faith Matters Network based in Nashville, TN. Micky was named one of the Black Christian leaders changing the world in Huffington Post. You can find out more about her work at MickyScottBeyJones.com.*

Thoughts. Again. by Patricia F. Karthaus

No pain. No progress.

When we are (literally or otherwise) hit by something that causes pain, our first instinct is to hunker down and protect ourselves from further harm. Survival.

But then, finally, we are ready to move on again.

We don't move on in comfort.

In order to grow (in any way, physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually), we have to move into discomfort.

I think there's a delicate balance between discomfort and pain. It's tricky trying to stay in the Discomfort Zone in order to build and grow, without getting into the Pain Zone where progress can be reversed. If we push ourselves too hard, we can actually shut down our progress. It doesn't fit the No Pain No Gain saying that is so popular.

But staying in the Comfort Zone doesn't usually get us anywhere either. Little or no forward progress. We are made to learn and grow.

I like to say that God doesn't put us where He puts us so that we will be comfortable. He puts us where He needs us; where we can learn, grow, and serve. We are supposed to contribute somehow. To move forward.

I'm in the delicate dance of discomfort and pain, trying to walk a little, to build up broken bone, without reversing progress already made.

And I'm in the delicate dance of discomfort and pain, trying to heal my heart over the loss of my Twinnie. To remember her and carry her with me.

Both dances have meaning. Both have hope. Both are journeys worth taking.

I hope you dance today, too.



PW CONTINUES TO COLLECT BLESSING BAG ITEMS! Did you know that the hotel shampoo, conditioner, and lotion bottles are being eliminated? 200 million of those little bottles wind up in landfills annually. Presbyterian women have relied heavily on those products to fill our Blessing Bags. You can still help by donating full size bottles as well as bar soap, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, and lip balm. Our needed items have changed some this past

year so please keep these items on your shopping list to help us provide personal care items to the residents of the Open Door Mission. - Liz Baker

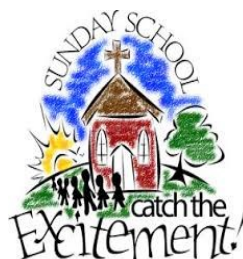


Adult choir practice begins
September 11
7:00pm
in the Sanctuary

Youth Praise Team practice
starts September 8 at 8:40am
in the Sanctuary

See Scot Thompson

Sunday School 2019-2020



Sunday, Sept. 8
9:00am Classes start
10:15am Special Blessing
During worship

Listen to your children praying

From Our Stewardship Committee

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	\$9,017.00
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A few weeks ago we gave you information about "Per Capita" expenses for Peace Church. We continue to encourage your engagement with this process if you haven't done so.

Our apportionment for this year is about \$40 per member. You can still make your payments to reduce the amount that is expected to be paid by Peace. Thanks in advance.

Our stewardship campaign for 2020 will begin in October and conclude in November of this year. Rev. Wilkins will be giving six sermons relating to the spirit of giving. We will also be blessed to hear from Monika Gross, Ken Bunnell, Steve Leonard, and Gary Scholl some time during this time frame. They will share their insights as to why Peace Church is important to them and why they continue to support the mission of our church. We hope to see you in church on these Sundays to listen to their insights.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Brosz, Stewardship Chair



Love. Grow. Serve.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....Have you ever considered serving on the sound crew? Or powerpoint crew or as an usher, greeter, acolyte or liturgist? Please think about it...pray about it...come watch a volunteer at work...and if God is calling you to serve let the office or Rev. Wilkins know! We will set up training and work with your schedule. Call today: 402-289-1104; 870-415-2082.

RETIREE POTLUCK LUNCH
Wednesday September 11
12:00noon
Church Library

Bring a friend and a main dish, salad or side dish to share. Dessert for all will be provided by Barb Sladek to celebrate her birthday.



The Men of Peace will hold another "Man Cave" evening of talk, dinner and bible

study on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30pm-8:30pm. Kick back and enjoy some good food and the study of the Word. If you are planning to eat you must RSVP to Dave Fulton at 402-850-9321 or email him at david.fulton@fdiconsulting.com, All men, all ages are invited!



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
Sept 1	9:00am	Worship; Communion; Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
Sept 4	9:30am	PW Meeting; Fellowship Hall; All Women	L Hurt, M Schreiner
	6:00pm	Worship and Music Committee Meeting; Library	Hal Huff
Sept 8	8:40am	Youth Praise Team; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School, Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	10:15am	Worship; Sunday School Blessing; Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Directory Photos; Everyone; Narthex	Thaddeus Wilkins
	11:15am	Cookie Sunday; Everyone; Fellowship Hall	Deacons
Sept 10	6:00pm	Hope Lodge Dinner/Mission Committee	Dave Fulton
Sept 11	12:00pm	Retiree Potluck Lunch; All Retirees; Library	Office
	6:30pm	Men of Peace/Man Cave; All Men; Fellowship Hall	Dave Fulton
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal; All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Sept 15	8:40am	Youth Praise Team	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	10:15am	Worship, Backpack Blessing; Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Directory Photos; Everyone; Narthex	Thaddeus Wilkins
Sept 16	6:30pm	Session Meeting	Rev. Wilkins
Sept 18	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal; All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Sept 22	8:40am	Youth Praise Team	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	10:15am	Worship; Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Directory Photos; Everyone; Narthex	Thaddeus Wilkins
	11:15am	All-Church Lunch & Session Committee Meeting	Rev. Wilkins
Sept 25	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal; All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
Sept 28	1:00pm	Peaceful Quilters; Everyone, Quilters Room	Nancy Haack
Sept 29	8:40am	Youth Praise Team	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	9:30am	Deacon Meeting; Fellowship Hall, Deacons	Liz Baker
	10:15am	Worship; Big Mission Sunday; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins; Dave Fulton
	11:15am	Directory Photos; Narthex	Thaddeus Wilkins

BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Sept 4 Craig & Robbin Dreibelbis; 7 Dick & Roberta Todd; 15 Tom & Dianne Rosenquist; 22 Tom & Barb Sladek; 28 Bert & Donna Peckham

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 1: Andrew Abrahams, Abby Thompson; 3 Patricia Seals; 4 Jan Fritsch, Duncan Whisinnand; 5 Mike Rogers; 6 Karen Fulton, Jyl Hopkins; 7 Jessica Shepherd; 10 James Weaver; 11 Barbara Sladek; 14 Robert King; 15 Marin Tartaglia; 16 Bert Peckham; 18 Hal Huff, Gracyen Wentworth; 19 Emily Molnar, Kenley Wamsat; 20 Adam Vance; 21 Craig Dreibelbis; 24 Jean Clanton; 27 Chloe Hazzard; 28 Jason Roessner

Please call or email the office if we missed you!



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.

