

# *THE TIDINGS OF PEACE*

## *Peace Lutheran Church*

### *Ashland, Ohio*

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Ephesians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

As February begins I inevitably find myself thinking about Groundhog's day. It's that day when Punxsutawney Phil, the infamous little groundhog, supposedly sticks his head out of his hole to determine whether we will have spring or six more weeks of winter. Well, being that the first day of spring comes around March 21<sup>st</sup> on our calendar, technically, there will always be six more weeks of winter, and living in Ohio it typically feels like winter for much longer. With winter stretching on before us, can be hard not to fall prey to the doldrums of the cold and the darkness. They just seem to pull us in.

One of the traditions I have for the beginning of February is to sit down and watch the movie Groundhog's Day. In case you haven't seen the movie, the basic premise focuses on Phil, a reporter played by Bill Murray who has made himself very unhappy and lonely in life by being a bit of a jerk. Other people don't like him. He doesn't have any close friends. Then, through some strange occurrence, he is forced to repeat the same day (Groundhog's day) over and over again. The movie doesn't tell us how long this goes on, but the implication is that Phil has relived the same day for quite a while.

At first the monotony leads to only depression and loathing. But eventually, Phil begins to look upon his circumstance as an opportunity. He begins to make changes in his life- changes for the better. Some changes stay with him. Others end when the day ends and he has to begin again. But he continues to make these changes, and throughout the course of the movie you see Phil really begin to live and experience life because he begins to live a life not just for himself, but for others.

As followers of Christ we have received the same call. We are called to live each day in its fullness, in love and respect for one another. We are all one body in Christ Jesus, and whatever life we live, whatever actions we take towards one another, are the same actions we take towards Christ and the life we live for Christ. It is easy to get tied down in the everyday tediousness of our lives, especially through these winter months. But Christ reminds us that a life lived for others, a life lived in joy and in the fullness of the Spirit, is a life that brings hope to the world.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen

# OUR LOVE

*Too young! So very many said,  
But little did they know,  
"Our love" though it was "first love,"  
Would only grow and grow.*

*Childhood sweethearts seldom last,  
But we proved to all we could.  
I've been your sweetheart all these years  
As I always knew I would.*

*We were each others "only love,"  
We dreamed and planned and prayed,  
Then war stepped in, you had to go,  
But in my heart you stayed.*

*A year to the day reunited!  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> was our special day.  
Absence has just brought us closer,  
And we vowed that close we would stay!*

*More grateful to God than ever!  
He heard my each prayer and plea.  
Returned you safe, unharmed, unchanged,  
And still in love with me.*

*Then came the years of our babies!  
The miracle of our "true love."  
Each one so loved and so wanted!  
And sent to us from above.*

*The joys we knew while raising our five,  
Could sure fill a book or two.  
The years were busy, busy days,  
And how fast they flew!*

*We've been given so many blessings!  
Ten grandbabies now to this date.  
I'm sure there'll be a few more,  
For those we'll just pray for and wait.*

*We've worked hard and seen our dreams come true.  
And cherished all of our year.  
Our lives have held loving and laughter.  
And yes, a good many tears.*

*First in my heart and first in my thoughts,  
When I wake up each day,  
I ask our Lord to watch over you  
And by you side to stay.*

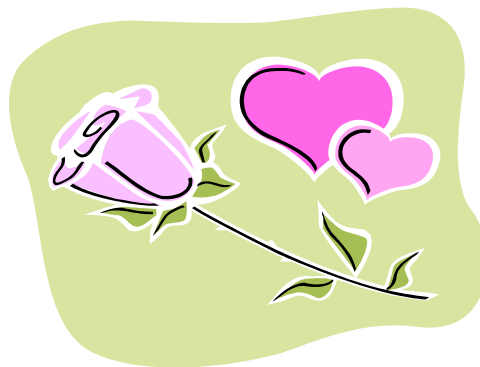
*I've taken your love for granted.  
I know that you're always there.  
I've been so protected and sheltered.  
Always so safe in your care.*

*Why was I born so lucky?  
You've been so loving, loyal and true.  
Your talents can't even be numbered,  
While my attributes are so few.*

*But I was born to love you!  
That was the reason for my life.  
The Lord knew just what "He" was doing,  
When he destined me for you wife.*

*For no one could ever love you,  
The way that have and I do.  
And I want you to know this Valentine's Day,  
I'm still so in love with you!*

*By Marta Bolen, 1986*



# WINTER SOUP COOK-OFF

Peace Lutheran Church is sponsoring  
a Soup Cook Off on February 12 (Snow Date Feb. 19)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Admission - 2 cans of soup

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



All proceeds to go to Local Food Bank.

Bring \$ to help decide winners.

Cooks wanting to participate register by Feb. 10th.

Contact Dan Bishop at [Reddogs51db@yahoo.com](mailto:Reddogs51db@yahoo.com) or 419-589-4481  
or Peace Lutheran Church at 419-281-1469

*You Need To Register For This Event*

## ***Ashland Food Bank—Items Needed***

***Food:*** Jelly, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Brownie Mix,

*Potatoes, Vegetable soup, Juices*

***Personal Products:*** Conditioner, Feminine Products, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Soap

## ***In Our Prayers***

Marta Bolen, Miriam Cunningham, Elsie Cook, Roberta Farley, Eileen Moyer, Martha Jeffers, Esther Lifer, Joanne Offhaus, Allen Strong, Lois Tegtmeier, Eileen Johnson, Marcia Bauer, Edith Allen, sister of Hanni Talpas, Carol Stone, Sheryl Budd, Betty Harper, Bethanee Bishop, Dave Kowalka, Peggy Selvage, Norma McClaran, Pearlie Oberholtzer, Bob Wharton, Nick Pagano.

The friends and family of Lee Robertson as they mourn.

Our Missionaries, Brian and Kristin Konkel and their son Khaya. Staff of Peace Lutheran Church, the Congregational Council and the members of the standing committees. Those serving in the Military, those who have been injured, those who have died, and their family and friends.

## *LENTEN SEASON 2012*

*February 21st Fat Tuesday  
At 6pm— Potluck & Entertainment*

*February 22nd Ash Wednesday, Service at 7pm*

*February 29th Soup & Bread at 6:00pm  
(all donations go to ELCA World Hunger)  
Lenten Service at 7pm*

*March 7th Soup & Bread at 6:00pm  
Lenten Service at 7pm*

*March 14th Soup & Bread at 6:00pm  
Lenten Service at 7pm*

*March 21st Soup & Bread at 6:00pm  
Lenten Service at 7pm*

*March 28th Soup & Bread at 6:00pm  
Lenten Service at 7pm*

### *Holy Week*

*April 1st Palm Sunday, Service at 10am*

*April 5th Maundy Thursday, Service at 7pm*

*April 6th Good Friday, Service at 7pm*

*April 8th Easter  
Easter Breakfast at 8:30am  
Easter Service at 10am*

# Easter Flowers

Item	Pot Size	Colors	Price	Quantity Ordered
<b>DAFFODILS</b>	7 1/2"		\$9.50	
<b>HYACINTHS</b>	6"	Blue	\$8.50	
		Pink		
		White		
<b>LILIES</b>	6 1/2"	White	\$9.50	
<b>RIEGER BEGONIAS</b>	6"	Pink	\$9.00	
		Red		
		Yellow		
<b>TULIPS</b>	6"	Pink	\$8.50	
		Purple		
		Red		

\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for ordering is March 2nd\*\*\*\*\*



*Payment is to be made with order –*

*Please send cash/check with your order to the Tabatha's Office.*

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

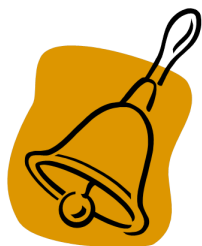
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

***FEBRUARY/MARCH MINISTRY STEWARDS***

<p align="center"><b><u>USHERS</u></b></p> <p>February Dan Bishop, Stan Crist, Adam Crist, Tom Budd</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>LECTORS</u></b></p> <p>02/05—Ron Pagano 02/12—Chris Swanson 02/19—Sandy Moherman 02/26—Larry Oberholtzer  03/04—Lisa Blackley 03/11—Wendy Wasnich 03/18—Ron Pagano 03/25—Larry Oberholtzer</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b></p> <p>02/05—Luke Blackley 02/12—Paige Swanson 02/19—Mikayla Myers 02/26—Ty Bolen  03/04—Shane Cook 03/11—Shelbe Oberholtzer 03/18—Erica Bowman 03/25—Danny Johnson</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>ALTAR CARE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>COMMUNION PREPARER</u></b></p> <p>February Connie Armstrong</p> <p>March Kathy Wharton/Amy Long</p> <p><b><u>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</u></b></p> <p>February Vicki McMullen/ Karla Pagano</p> <p>March Amy Long / Bekah Hogue</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>GREETERS</u></b></p> <p>02/05—Martha Jeffers &amp; Sand1 Sloan Carpenter 02/12—Elsie Cook &amp; Jean Boreman 02/19—Barb Dreher &amp; Karla Pagano 02/26—Norma McClaran &amp; Nevanka Fullk  03/04—Arlene Beebe &amp; Marie Allen 03/11—Connie &amp; Dick Armstrong 03/18—Skip &amp; Jill Hamler 03/25—Pearlie &amp; Shelbe Oberholtzer</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>WORSHIP TAPE DELIVERER</u></b></p> <p>February Chris Swanson</p> <p>March Pat Daniels</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u></b></p> <p>02/05—Larry Oberholtzer 02/12—Martha Jeffers 02/19—Bekah Hogue 02/26—No Flowers, Lent  03/04—No Flowers, Lent 03/11—No Flowers, Lent 03/18—No Flowers, Lent 03/25—No Flowers, Lent</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>FLOWER ARRANGER</u></b></p> <p>February Diana Kowalka</p> <p>March No flowers Lent</p> <p align="center"><b><u>FLOWER DELIVERER</u></b></p> <p>February Chris Swanson</p> <p>March Pat Daniels</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>NURSERY ATTENDANT</u></b></p> <p>02/05—Sandi Sloan Carpenter 02/12—Pearlie &amp; Shelbe Oberholtzer 02/19—Freda Cook 02/26—Leslie Blankenship  03/04—Stacy &amp; Erica Bowman 03/11—Sandi Sloan Carpenter 03/18—Pearlie &amp; Shelbe Oberholtzer 03/25—Chris Swanson</p>

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**



### **BELL CHOIR**

Handbells start on  
Feb. 1st at 6:15.

No handbells on Ash Wednesday.

### **Worship Committee**

Meets on the 2nd Sunday of every  
month following Worship.

Please join us if you are interested  
in being part of this committee.

## **MENS MINISTRY**

### **PEACE MAKERS**

Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month  
@ 8:30am, Next Meeting is FEBRUARY 18.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

1st Saturday of every month!  
Men of ALL ages are invited to the  
monthly fellowship breakfast.  
**FEBRUARY 4th @7am at Buehler's**

Come and enjoy good food, good conver-  
sation, and share the Good News for our  
lives. We are on our way for our busy lives  
by 8:00am

## **WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

### **FAITH CIRCLE**

Faith Circle will not meet in February

Faith Circle will resume its' regularly sched-  
uled meetings in the Meeting Room on March  
15 at 2:00 p.m. Betty Harper will be the study  
leader continuing our topic, To Follow and to  
Serve: The Gospel of Mark", session  
seven. The group will do a "Brown Bag" re-  
freshment time. All are welcome to join us for  
study and fellowship.

### **DORCAS CIRCLE**

Dorcas Circle will meet February 8th and  
22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship  
Hall. Alladies of Peace are welcome to  
come & knot quilts for world-wide distri-  
bution to those in need. Please join us for  
tying knots and good fellowship. You don't  
even have to know how to sew!!!  
**ALL Ladies** of Peace are welcome to  
come and help us knot our quilts. No meet-  
ings! No Dues! Just good fellowship.



### **PEACE ENDOWMENT**

Request forms for the distribution of grant funds are on the table in the Narthex. **Please return by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the church office, Phyllis Earick or Kathy Wharton.**

**WELCOME** to Dan Long, who joins the current committee, Phyllis, Ch., Kathy, Connie Armstrong, Larry Schiemann.

### **GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Advent event collected \$347.77 for *God's Global Barnyard*. We were able to purchase one sheep, one alpaca and two ducks. Thank you to those people who gave a "gift of love" in honor of those you love.

Three new people have joined the Global Mission committee.

**WELCOME TO** Lisa Blackley, Dave and Diana Kolwalka.



### **HEALTH CABINET**

Hello Everyone! I wanted to let you know that we had a great turnout for Life Line Screening on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. As you know LLS is held here at Peace for congregational members and people in community usually once a year. Their coordinator Fermin Olivera was quite pleased with over 90+ people. Thanks to those of you who did participate from Peace. This is a good opportunity to be tested for possible life threatening conditions.

BP Clinic will continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month In Meeting Room after church.

We are in the process of ordering "Care Notes" which will be displayed in a small rack on the Narthex Table. There will be something there for adults, teenagers and "kids".

Our book cart is now located in Fellowship Hall. It is being revamped and we are asking that you please bring back your book in a month. Thanks.

We are planning to have Yoga Classes in March and April (8 wks.) if we have enough people interested. It would be "Hatha Yoga" – flexibility, mindfulness and breathing. 4 sessions or weeks would be \$20.00. Classes would be conducted by Yoga Instructor Terry Meyer. A sign up sheet will be on Narthex table in the near future.

If there is something you would like to know more about health-mind, body and soul, let one of our committee members know. They are Marcia Bauer, Jill Hamler and Mary Yurkovich and me. If you would like to help us or become a member of committee let me know. Stay Well!

May God Bless, Sandy Moherman-Chairman

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The children have been enjoying sharing items with their Secret Pals! Be sure to look for a special Valentine in February.

Information about summer camps at Mowana is available from Shirley Beck.

Sunday School classes continue each Sunday morning at 9:00 for grades pre-school -12th.

In Christian Love, Shirley Beck





**COUPLES GROUP**

Couples group will be starting up again. Hope everyone is looking forward to getting together again. The first get-to-gather will be Saturday, February 11. I am planning a wine tasting party at our house. All you need to do is bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and we will provide the appetizers, hot and cold, for the evening. Arrive at 7:30 to share a glass or two and enjoy the food and company. We will make plans for the next get-to-gather. All couples are welcome. Look for the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Lynn Siloy

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank the congregation for participating in the giving challenge for 2012. The “My Thank You Gift to God” Treasure Chest has been placed on the altar and will remain there until July 1. If you have not completed your challenge, you may still do so. The forms and envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Just fill out, place in the envelope provided, seal, and write your name on the front of the envelope. You may put your envelope in the offering plate; your envelope will then be taken to the altar and placed in the Treasure Chest.

***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES***

<p>02/01—Don Stiner                  02/06—Bonnie Wuthrich                      Carol Forbes                  02/08—Martha Jeffers                  02/10—Lois Benner                  02/14—Dale Kratzer                      Sandy Mutchler                  02/16—Sandra McCracken                      Javier Felipe Garcia-Wasnich                  02/17—Carolyn Jeffers                  02/18—Carolyn Cook</p>	<p>02/22—Mike McKinley                  02/23—Maria Bon                  02/28—Deb Akers                  02/29—Ty Bolen</p> 	<p>02/04—Larry &amp; Bonnie Oberholtzer                  02/14— Skip &amp; Jill Hamler                  02/17—Robert &amp; Barbara McCrea  <b>Anniversary Highlight:</b>                  02/04 -                  Larry &amp; Bonnie Oberholtzer 51st                  707 Avalon Drive Ashland</p> 
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# FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 Handbells 7PM Choir Rehearsal	2 11AM Bible Study	3 Pastor Karen's Day Off	4 7AM Men's Break- fast @ Buehler's
5 9AM-Kids' Choir 9AM S.S. Classes 10-Worship/ Communion	6 Church Office Closed	7 Social Seniors 12pm-Brown Bag Lunch 12:30-Games	8 1PM Dorcas Circle 6:15 Handbells 7PM Choir Rehearsal	9 11AM Bible Study	10 Pastor Karen's Day Off	11
12 9AM Kids' Choir 9AM S.S. Classes 10-Worship 11:15 Worship Comm. Mtg.	13 Church Office Closed	14	15 11AM Bible Study 6:15 Handbells 7PM Choir Rehearsal	16 11AM Bible Study	17 Pastor Karen's Day Off	18 8:30AM Peace Makers (woodworkers)
19 9AM-Kids' Choir 9AM S.S. Classes 10-Worship/ Communion 4pm—Soup Cook OFF	20 Church Office Closed	21 <b>Shrove Tuesday Dinner</b>	22 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 11AM Bible Study 1PM Dorcas Circle 6:15 Handbells 7PM Church Service 8PM Choir Rehearsal	23 11AM Bible Study	24	25
26 9AM Kids' Choir 9AM S.S. Classes 10-Worship	27 Church Office Closed	28	29 <b>LENT</b> 11AM Bible Study 6:15 Handbells 7PM Lenten Service 8PM Choir Rehearsal		Pastor Karen's Day Off	

# Thank You

*I would like to express my profound thanks to all those who contributed to my welcome baskets. It was wonderful to find them sitting in my office on my first Sunday here at Peace and I have already put much of the contents to good use. Thank you as well for all the cards and gifts I received for both my ordination and my birthday. The show of support was truly overwhelming.*

*~Pastor Karen*

*Thank you for the delicious meal you served the Robertson family and friend. Your caring and thoughtfulness were deeply appreciated in our time of sorrow.*

*Sincerely—Jean Robertson*

*Thank you to all who sent us anniversary and Christmas cards! They brightened our days. We appreciate the wonderful friends we have at Peace.—Bob and Marta Bolen*

## ***2012 Council Members***

Barb Dreher, President

Dave Kowalka, Vice President

Bekah Hogue, Secretary

Amy Long

Stan Crist

Frank Harned

Connie Armstrong

Jim Anderson

Greg Siloy

Karla Pagano

Ed Oberholzer

Vicki McMullen

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Ron Blackley, Director of Music  
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Cell-419-606-0696

Shirley Beck, Christian Ed. Director  
419-368-6033

Tabatha Wagner, Office Manager  
419-281-1469 (church phone)

Ed Oberholtzer, Property/Grounds  
419-651-5551

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***MARCH TIDINGS DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15TH!***

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***The 7 Faith Practices of a Christian***

***Study, Pray, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve, Give***

***“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”. Luke 9:23***