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The Banner of Peace

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The Worship Committee is sponsoring Poinsettias for the congregation this Christmas. The cost is \$13.00 per arrangement. Envelopes are in the Narthex. Limited quantities available.



Bell Choir Rehearsal is 5:30 pm every Thursday, regular choir rehearsal is at 6:30 pm every Thursday. See Pastor Grace Scarle if you are interested in joining!

Dear PEACE church family,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all" (Luke 2:14)

As God's people we have this message to joyfully receive and declare: **"unto us a Savior has been born in Bethlehem!"** A Savior of **"great power and glory"** the Bible says; the King of kings and Lord of lords, who so loves us that He left all the riches and splendor of heaven to enter into our world of pain and suffering and warring. But no matter what befalls, this is always the Good News to be heard and shared in the midst of life's harsh winters

and barren wildernesses.

"Heaven and earth may pass away," but God's Word and His presence will last forever. Let **"Immanuel—God with us!"** be that name and that promise that is our sure and certain comfort, in this life and in the life to come. To God be all glory, power, and dominion forever and ever!
Amen.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
-Pastor Lonnie +

Finance and Stewardship Update

As of the end of October our expenses have exceeded our income by approximately \$30,000 and we have needed to use our reserves to be able to meet our obligations.

Although Stewardship letters with Time and Talent sheets and Estimate of Giving cards were mailed out to the entire congregation, 27 Time and Talent sheets and 60 Estimate of Giving cards were

returned and for that we are thankful. If you've not already done so, please prayerfully consider your estimated donations for 2024 and return your information to the church. Please pray and ask God how to use you for the ministry of this church.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernie Kabath

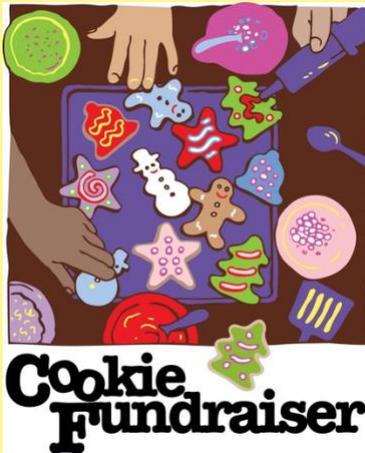
Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Committee is hosting the annual Hanging of the Greens. Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 am for a time of Fellowship and decorating the church. Juice and pastries will be served. Many hands make light work. See Ann Royer for more information.



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Peace Presbyterian Women

Annual Cookie Fundraiser on Sunday, December 17, 2024, after church. Packaging of the cookies will be on Saturday, December 16 at 1 pm in the church kitchen. ALL bakers welcome! One pound of cookies for \$5.00. All proceeds benefit Peace Women Mission Fund.



Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be CLOSED Monday, December 25, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024, for the Christmas and New Year's Holiday Season.

Please leave a message at 772-288-4146 or email the church office. Calls and emails will be monitored. Thank you.

Peace Church Memorial Garden

We have a beautiful Memorial Garden behind the church and presently memorialize over 150 of our passed members with a plaque in this garden.

If you want to make sure that you will be remembered, it is possible to pre-order a plaque in the office. Melanie will register your name and payment for the future. Take a look at the garden and make it part of your Memorial.

Presently the cost of the plaque is \$300.00.



Sunday School Christmas Party

Christian Education and the Children's/Youth Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th. Our party includes gift wrapping presents for our homebound, lunch, crafts, and games. 10:30 am to 2 pm. See Donna Berger for more information.



Port Salerno Elementary Book Sale

The Care and Nurture Committee will be hosting the Scholastic Book Sale on Sunday, December 3rd after church in Fellowship Hall. Books purchased will be given to 2nd grade students at Port Salerno Elementary. Students are allowed to choose two

books to keep as their own to take home and read over the Christmas Holiday. Prices remain the same: 2 books for \$5.00 or 4 books for \$10.00. And as a special 'Thank you' the committee will host Coffee Fellowship!

Third Thursday Bible Study

Christian Education is hosting the final "Third Thursday Bible Study" on Thursday, December 21, at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Please plan on joining us for a wonderful time of fellowship. We plan on beginning a new Thursday study after the first of the year and a special Welcome on Wednesday evening study near Lent. See Donna Berger for more information.



Peace Church History: The Construction

On September 1, 1987, it was voted to acquire the property on Cove Road. A Building Committee was formed with Chairman Clarence Blocker and members: Carl Brodka, Peg Dalva, Gary Dillard, Hap Hulick, Bill Scott and Frank Sweeten. At the Presbytery meeting on September 29-30 Presbytery approved our charter and the selected property at Cove Road, thus allowing the purchase of said property.

1988: This was the year of growing and preparation for the new church. The fundraising was successful enough to start planning the new church building. At a Finance Meeting discussing the finance of the new Church, we were short on funds and Charles Burg got up, asking what was needed and pledged the amount of \$ 200,000 for the Education Building, which now carries his and wife Norine's name. The building cost ran \$997,000 of which \$500,000 was raised from the members.

June 88: Session approved the sight plan and the architect for the new site. Later in 1988 the session agreed on the Building Committee's recommendation to have Mosely & Son Construction Co. as our Building Contractor. April of 1989: ground clearing and leveling began for the Sanctuary & Education/Office Building and for Peace Church in May 1989. All of this was video recorded by Charter Member Garry Meyer, including the dedication ceremony held at the site.

Tremendous work by the Building Comm. with weekly meetings and many changes

had to be addressed. During construction the irregular roof trusses caused some problems as did the framing of both the Cross and the round Presbyterian Window. There were two separate Committees overseeing the construction. The Building Committee under chair, Clarence Blocker, and the Memorial Committee for donations of all kinds (All Windows, all Pews etc.). See all the plaques on the Pews and on the windows.

On Sunday 10/29/89 the temporary church at Cove Center was closed and the first church service & dedication of the Education Bldg. was held and then, in late December the sanctuary received its C.O. for our first service was held in early January 1990.

Garry Meyer, one of the last founding members, was involved from the very beginning in our Church audio system & taped ministries program - and he still is involved with our live streaming on YouTube: Thank you Garry.



Creative Fellowship Hosts Movie Night

Join us on December 10th at 7 pm for a Christmas movie night, movie is 'To Be Announced', and potluck Hors d'oeuvres.



Mission Committee Fundraiser

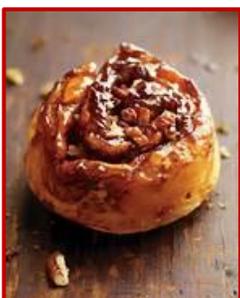
Enjoyment Books are on sale in the church office or online at <https://www.sapaynow.com/204711>

Share this link with family and friends to raise funds for Peace Church Missions! New Year, New Coupons!



Peace Church Annual Rummage Sale. Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, 2024. We will begin to accept items on January 2 in Fellowship Hall.

Caramel Pecan Breakfast Rolls “Sticky Buns” from Anne Nimmo’s house



- 2 – 10-ounce packages of flaky refrigerator rolls (Grands, Flaky or Buttermilk biscuits)
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- ½ cup butter, melted
- ¾ cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Lightly grease a Bundt pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix syrup, butter, sugar, and nuts. Drizzle some into the bottom of Bundt pan. Separate rolls and stand on end around pan. Pour remaining syrup mixture over rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan for three minutes. Turn out onto serving plate.

Looks like you've spent hours but only takes 15 minutes to prepare for baking.