

PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

APRIL 2010

From the Desk of the Pastor Easter 2010

"The Battle is Over—Really, It Is!"

Since our human fall into sin man has daily fought the battle to overcome the plague and disease of sin and every evil. I am convinced more and more that much of what we do in our attempts to find peace, comfort, security, and meaning in life is really the age-old struggle and battle that began when Eve ate of the forbidden fruit that had to be delicious and passed some on to Adam who also ate. Although I make no claims to being an expert on human or government behavior, regardless of the country, land, or people, I see issues of justice, oppression, poverty, and inequality stemming from the root and core of brokenness brought on by the insidious work of Satan and sin.

Often to overcome the brokenness that has contaminated every fiber of our community, church, and home life we often fight against one another, Democratic against Republican, conservative versus liberal, right wing against left wing, husbands against wives, children against parents, insiders versus outsiders, natives against immigrants, and so on. I imagine as you read this there is someone or an institution or business that you have severed ties with or rather not deal with because of real or perceived hurt or harm that has occurred.

Yet, I am also convinced that if we allow the good news of Easter and the Resurrection to have proclamation and application through active faith in our day-to-day existence I believe humanity will be empowered to overcome the condemnation that we have fought against self and one another since the time our first parents were evicted from the Garden of Eden.

I share these thoughts believing that the power of Easter and the Resurrection reaches all the way to Eden and springs forth into 2010 with the good news that the condemnation of Eve who pointed

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:1-2 NIV

and accused (condemned) Adam and He who rightly pointed and condemned Satan, that the condemnation that accuses and pronounces fault and failure has been satisfied and defeated by Christ's suffering and death on the cross and His resurrection on that first Easter Sunday.

Romans 8:1 then rightly proclaims to all the world that there is now no condemnation through Christ Jesus. In other words **"The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia!"**—as the hymn writer says in the beautiful resurrection hymn, "The Strife is O'er." Given that the battle is over we are able to live with great boldness and conviction to say and show love, compassion, and great grace to the loveless, to those whom we have shunned and even to our enemies—all because of Christ's great victory on the cross. This sentiment is captured in the words of the African American intellectual Dr. Cornel West, who said:

"To be a Christian is to live dangerously, honestly, freely- to step in the name of love as if you may land on nothing, yet to keep on stepping because the something that sustains you no empire can give you and no empire can take away."

Let us go forth and live in love and in the freedom of the good news of the gospel that announces that the battle is over—really, it is! Give someone a hug, tell someone you love them, do a kind deed "just because" for someone who would not expect it, and have a blessed Easter as we celebrate what God in Christ has done for us—that which we were unable to do for ourselves. To God be the glory!

Pastor Wiggins

2010 Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maudy Thursday Worship and Holy Communion

Thursday, April 1, 2010 – 7:30pm

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 2, 2010 – Noon and 7:30pm

Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Easter Sunrise Worship – 6:30am

Easter Breakfast – 8:00am to 9:15am

Sunday School – 9:30am to 10:30am

Easter Festival Worship and Celebration – 10:30am

Church 50th Anniversary Update The Year of Jubilee – The Year of Kingdom Building

Our Lord and Savior has abundantly blessed Peace Lutheran Church with His amazing grace, mercy, and faithfulness since 1960.

We are pleased to announce the names of those serving on our 50th Anniversary Committee: Pastor Wiggins, President Preston Blue, Karen Boyette (chairperson), Etta Watts, Linda Peters, Angelica Marshall, Barbara Smith, Minister Denitra Hawkins, Valerie Dancy, Sherry Edmonds, Kimberly Lawrence, Sharon Ross, Minister Kim Green, Elder Walter Person, Jr., Elder Larry Bailey, Rosalyn Peters, Antwan Rich, Marilyn Kohn, and Marcus Doakes.

Here is our first report:

On Wednesday, March 3, members of the congregation were invited to attend an open forum to share their ideas and suggestions for our anniversary. All of your written ideas and suggestions were provided to the anniversary committee during our first planning committee meeting. That meeting was held on Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The anniversary committee will consider all of the suggestions. We welcome your ideas and suggestions; however, we may not be able to implement all of the ideas and suggestions presented.

Based on the survey taken during the open forum, the first choice for the location of our banquet is the Camelot by Martin's Caterers located at 13905 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Hold the date: Saturday, November 20, 2010.

The all-inclusive cost will be \$60.00 per person for adults. The cost for children (ages 14 and under) is half price and will be \$30.00 per child. This fee includes the cost of the banquet, and its related expenses. A pre-payment plan will be established so that payments can be made over time leading up to a month before the anniversary. Stay tuned for more information.

The goals for this year's anniversary were shared with the anniversary committee. They include: (1) having an anniversary worship service on November 21, 2010; (2) having an off-site banquet on Saturday, November 20, 2010; (3) identifying outreach mission projects that members and friends of the congregation might support; (4) producing another church pictorial directory prior to November; (5) publishing a calendar/schedule of anniversary events and activities; (6) identifying an anniversary theme and support text for the anniversary; (7) producing a souvenir program booklet; and (8) using technology (i.e., a podcast or DVD) to record and share our 50th anniversary worship service to share with those who are sick and shut in and others who may wish to view the worship service.

Team leaders were selected to lead the following subcommittees:

- a. Anniversary Sunday Planning Team will be led by Pastor Wiggins
Our anniversary celebration will culminate with a worship service of praise and thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 21, 2010.**
(This team will be responsible for planning and coordinating all aspects of the anniversary worship service.)
- b. Banquet Team will be led by Linda Peters
(This team will plan the anniversary banquet, handle registration, all ticket sales, serve as hosts/hostesses, and other duties required for the banquet.)
- c. Pictorial Directory Team will be led by Barbara Smith
(This team is responsible for working with a selected professional photography company to produce a new church pictorial directory to replace the one last produced for our members by Olan Mills in 2001.)
- d. Souvenir Program Booklet Team will be led by Elder Walter Person, Jr.
(This team is responsible for coordinating the production of the 50th Anniversary souvenir program booklet with ads, patrons/sponsors, letters of support and congratulations. The souvenir program booklet will be distributed at the banquet.)
- e. Honorary Committee Members Team will be led by Etta Watts
(This team is responsible for identifying individuals to serve as honorary committee members, and also reach out to prominent community leaders and friends of the congregation.)
- f. Youth Ministry Team will be led by Angelica Marshall
(This team is responsible for planning youth activities for our children and teens in grades K – 12 to participate in.)
- g. Homecoming Team will be led by Rosalyn Peters
(This team is responsible for reaching out to those members who are inactive, out of town, and former members to invite them to come to the anniversary.)
- h. Publicity/Public Relations Team (To be determined)
(This team is responsible for handling all aspects of the publicity, both internal and external, to educate, inform, and involve the maximum number of members and friends. This team will serve in partnership with our already established PR team.)

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Each team leader will hold separate meetings with their group and will provide a written report to the full committee during our next regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, April 12, 2010.**

If you have a suggestion, idea or would like to recommend a theme for the anniversary, please send it in writing to Karen Boyette via e-mail to Danub3@verizon.net with your contact information. Please be sure to include your name, telephone number and the best time to reach you, in case there are questions. All submissions must be received by Sunday, April 11, 2010.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on one of the subcommittees, please contact the team leader identified directly to let them know of your desire to assist on that particular team.

Submitted by Karen Boyette

2010 Church Outing

Dear Family and Friends,



Just a quick note to let you know to Save the Date for the 2010 Church Outing that will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Birchwood Park, Oxon Hill, MD. We want to give you this heads-up so you can make plans to join us.

The Peace Lutheran Church Outing is a time for the Family and Friends to get together in an outdoor setting away from the Peace Lutheran Church campus. This will be a day that everyone can experience the joy of an away setting with worship and fellowship as we gather to enjoy the splendor and beauty of nature.

The team is making plans for this to be a wonderful celebration as we journey into our 50th year of spreading the good news about Jesus Christ in the Metropolitan Area.

As the time approaches, you will see more information about the plans for this day.

Submitted by Yvonne Brown

Peace Lutheran Church 2010 Men's Retreat "The Righteous Man"

The 2010 Men's Retreat is scheduled for May 6-8, 2010, at the Cacapon Resort Park, WV. Cacapon Resort Park received its name from being located in the shadows of the wide expanse of Cacapon Mountain. This mountain is the highest peak in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, reaching an elevation of 2,300 feet. The Cacapon River parallels the mountain in a meandering route beneath the mountains western slope. Cacapon

Lodge is situated on the east side of the mountain overlooking the wide expanse of green on the golf course. This 48-room facility offers a relaxed setting complete with lounge. Downstairs a recreation room provides hours of entertainment with various games.

The cost is estimated at \$200.00 per man. This includes double occupancy rooms in the main Lodge with all meals: two dinners, Thursday and Friday evenings, one lunch Friday mid-day, and two breakfasts, Friday and Saturday morning. The cost will include our conference room for the three-day retreat. We plan to have polo shirts to commemorate the retreat and this cost will be included in the price. Reservations and payments, full or partial, can be made starting now. We are finalizing the retreat program and agenda. There are opportunities for additional input and participation. Contact Walt Person on 301.218.1719 for more information and to get involved in this project.

Submitted by Elder Walter Person

Honor The Graduates 2010

Peace Lutheran Church
Fall/Winter 2009 graduates and prospective members of the Class of 2010 high school, college, and technical schools



graduates are asked to submit your name and e-mail address to Minister Pamela Edge as soon as possible. Within the next few weeks, you will be asked to prepare and electronically submit biographical information and a graduation/cap and gown photograph. All deadlines for requested information will be firm in order to prepare the Honor the Graduates program booklet. Please contact Minister Pamela Edge at bradeledge@aol.com or by telephone at (703) 968-5880.

Submitted by Minister Pamela Edge

FINANCE CORNER

How faithful have we been in the stewardship of our finances?

Remember this: Malachi rebukes the children of those who returned to Judah from Babylon. God desires only our best, but they were giving him much less. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields

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will not cast their fruit, says the Lord Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land, says the Lord Almighty." Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

Finance Ministry Update

Year-end totals (2009):

Total tithes/offerings - \$350,195.00
Total Ministry Expenses - \$364,996.65
Negative Balance – (\$14,801.65)

During 2009 we had other revenues from various accounts in the amount of \$33,996.65. If we did not have these additional funds available (the Griffin gift is an example of such funds), we would not have met our ministry expenses.

Stewardship Update

We are making progress in our 2010 pledges. The updated pledges received as of March 13, 2010 are as follows:

Total received to date is \$222,879.00 from 106 pledges
Pledges \$204,699.00 = 70 pledges
Building \$ 11,400.00 = 16 pledges
Welfare \$ 6,780.00 = 20 pledges

*Additional Special pledges received to date
Sunday school breakfast = \$1,200 – 1 pledge
Evangelism = \$180.00 – 1 pledge
Submitted by Carolyn Kimbrough

LWML DCMARVA Spring Rally

The spring rally was held at Trinity Lutheran, Lexington Park, on March 13. From Peace, Yvonne Brown and LaFreda McCoy had the pleasure of attending. We would like to share with you the minutes from that meeting. During the business meeting the following was decided:



1. Change to the By-laws. In the years we have a District Convention, no Fall Workshop will be held. This is to encourage everyone to attend the Conventions. Teresa Tester from Oxon Hill will update the current schedule by just marking off the Fall Workshop in 2010 and again in 2012. Grace will host the Spring Rally in 2014 and Oxon Hill the Fall Workshop.
2. Each society was asked to send \$25.00 to Teresa Tester as their part of funding the Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the District Convention in Richmond, September 24-26, 2010. Checks should be made out to "Chesapeake District LWML" with YWR-DCMARVA in the memo line.

3. Elections were held. LaFreda McCoy, Peace DC, was elected Zone Co-Chairman and Jeri Pharis, Lexington Park, Secretary/Treasurer. No one volunteered to run as Christian Growth Chairman. The By-Laws were suspended for one term to let Betty Ellis continue as Christian Growth Chairman.

LWML President Joan Kelly was our District Speaker. She reminded everyone that District Mites are closed out June 30. Eight projects have been paid. Keep those mites coming as five projects are still unpaid. Every society is reminded to keep Linda Roscoe, Zone Liaison, updated when their networker changes. If the networker has an e-mail address that would also be most helpful. It costs \$.51 to mail out the Mite Brigade and over \$1.00, when it comes back. The Mite Brigade is sent out via e-mail and everyone who has an e-mail account is encouraged to receive a copy that way. Every penny we save can go towards paying our grants.

The speaker was Melanie Gibbons, Parish Projects Coordinator from Lutheran World Relief (LWR). She talked about the various places and projects where they are working and stated they will be in Haiti four to five more years. One hundred fifty-seven health kits were collected for LWR and \$112.00 was collected during our worship service. Forty-five to 50 people attended the rally.

In the absence of Kay Frantz, current Secretary/Treasurer, minutes were taken by Nancy Miller.

Submitted by Yvonne Brown

Cabbage and Sausage

1 head of Cabbage
1 green pepper (chopped)
1 red pepper (chopped)
1 yellow pepper (chopped)
1 onion (diced)
A little sugar (optional)
Smoked turkey sausage (cut up)
Chicken broth (we use Swanson's 33% less sodium)
Season to taste

Saute' the green pepper, red pepper, yellow pepper, and onion in a little olive oil (or Pam cooking spray) until tender.

Brown the smoked turkey sausage.

Cook the cabbage in chicken broth. Simmer until done.

Add sautéed peppers, onions, and sausage and simmer.

(This is the soul food dish that was prepared for Pastor's anniversary by Ms. Sophia Boyette, Danny's mom)

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



Veronica Bennett

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Georgia Green	1	Donna Bryce	16	Linda Bernard	26
Barbara Kone	4	Linda Peters	16	Michael Ford, Sr.	26
Carolyn Kimbrough	5	Chasity Petgrave	16	Elliott Edge	29
Timothy Richie	5	Chanetta Boone	18		
Brandon Bailey	8	Mikquan Johnson	18		
Stephen Carpenter	8	Brittany Smith	18		
Jo-Anne Dooley	8	Carolyn Williams	18		
Lenetta Martin	10	Rose Ellis	20		
Carolyn Jackson	12	Davon Green	21		
Elouise Johnson	13	Arlene Murray	22		
Theresa Lucas	13	Ajenae Jordan	24		
Taylor Reeder	15	Tyrone Nowlin	25		



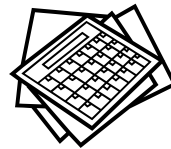
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Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor
Cora Boone, Church Administrator
Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am
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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 1: Maundy Thursday
April 2: Good Friday
April 4: Easter Sunday
April 21: Administrative Professionals Day

Pipeline Publication Schedule: Articles for the **May 2010** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **April 11**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at jo_dooley@yahoo.com.