

# PEACE PIPELINE

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

FEBRUARY 2011

## From the Desk of the Pastor

January 14, 2011

Dear Members and friends of Peace;

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who makes all things possible.

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, during our congregation meeting I announced my decision to accept the Divine Call to become the Pastor of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL. On Sunday, January 2, 2011, I gave my farewell sermon, installed the new Church Officers and Board of Discipleship Ministry members, and by the time you receive this letter we will have shared our farewell luncheon, on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at the Blue Dolphin Grill, Crofton, MD, to give thanks and praise to God for our time together as Pastor, members, and friends of Peace.

I take this opportunity again to give thanks to God for the wonderful privilege and honor to have served as his undershepherd for twelve plus years as the Pastor of Peace, I also want to thank each of you for your love, support, and prayers that were shown to me and my family during our time together. It is my prayer that during our time together your life, as mine has been enriched because of the season that God ordered and allowed for us to be together.

Since my announcement to accept the call to Saint Paul, it has been my privilege to share special moments with many individuals, families, and groups. During those times we have talked about our years together, recalled special moments (and there have been many), we laughed and at times we shed tears and even cried. These moments are a reminder that the relationship between a Pastor and members, though at times fraught with the frailties of our humanness, is still filled with the gracious love and mercy of God that binds us and causes parting to be hard and difficult for many. It is hard for me. Though hard I pray that our comfort and confidence will be found in Him who has been with us down through the years. The Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 90:1-2 of the divine providence and care of our loving God, it says;

***"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.***

***Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God."***

May these words comfort, keep and hold us during this time of change and transition.

When I came to Peace in February 1998, I shared that one of my favorite hymns is "Great is thy Faithfulness." As we go forth with all that is before us, I ask that we embrace the words of verse three that say –

***"Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright  
hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousands beside!  
Great is thy Faithfulness!  
Great is thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new  
mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."***

My prayer for you and your family and for the Peace family whom I will always love, is that your unwavering faith and service to God, and to His church and His people will remain steadfast – with the confident assurance that God is not through with us yet. And, until he returns as King of kings and Lord of lords we will march on fighting the good fight of faith. May God bless you mightily to His good and the edification of His people.

WALKING IN JUBILEE,  
Rev. James Wiggins, Jr.

P.S. – I want to thank everyone (over 100 plus members and friends of Peace) who came out on Sunday, January 16, 2011 to share in the farewell luncheon at the Blue Dolphin Grill, Crofton, MD. I thank each of you for your cards, prayers, gifts of love and many farewell wishes. I also thank those who coordinated and facilitated the event. Your outpouring of love was a reminder that Peace is the place where "love reigns supreme." May God bless each of you. To Him be the glory.

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## From Then Until Now, On a Spiritual Journey in Jubilee Building for God's Kingdom

It all began in a very small theatre named Peace Lutheran Church. We found it in 1958, and we loved it so much.

Our first visit there was so warm and with spirit filled smiles, the Pastor, members and children were having refreshments, and asked that we stay for awhile. Well, we kindly obeyed and joined in with all who were present that day, and from then on, you could not run us away. We found out we could become members and our souls were filled to the brim, we said, we know its God, yes only Him. Our whole family took confirmation classes, we were confirmed and we were new, but over a period of weeks, the classes helped us, and we grew and grew and grew.

Before you realized it, the Pastor, and members put us to work right away. We enjoyed our assignments, and worked on them each and every day. Time went by, and we finally moved to our facility up on a hill, such a beautiful temple, and all of the members were OH, so spirit filled.

Moving there was so much to do, but our Lord never let us down, had no idea we would hold various positions, but God saw us through and He was always around. The Pastor and members shepherd many new members and children and baptized them into the fold, and before we knew it, the church was packed each Sunday with children and members untold.

We had so many programs and events happening day and night, the servants were busy, and Jesus was smiling on us, and He was never out of sight. We could feel his spirit each time a goal was completed, -- but wait a minute, times were so joyous many times we had to repeat.

I have to tell you we had Jubilee Bible Studies, journeying through the Bible and all the time we were Kingdom Building and proclaiming his redeeming love, it was just like gold and silver falling down on us, and we knew it was all from above.

Well, I think you know how hard we worked, and now the children have completed college, some are married and gone to find their way, but all the parents knew the children could not stay. It is time now for us to settle down a bit, and hand over the reins to our children, for we are not going to let them quit. We know the old members are growing old, but we are not worried, for all will never be told. Now of course, our children are taking our places, because they have the energy to run all the races. Many children went on to become professionals in many high places, but they never did stop running their races, for they learned how to run on solid rocks right here at Peace. Some came back to thank us for the solid rock they carried in their hand, and said to us, out in their world, the rock that was built by the Church, was really a command.

I could write a book for these fifty years of Kingdom Building, but my mind is not all that sharp now, and I don't know if I am really willing. So, I say to you: MAY OUR GOD TODAY WHO IS REIGNING OVER OUR 50 YEARS OF KINGDOM BUILDING TRANSFORM AND EMPOWER ALL OF US TO SERVE HIM WITH OUR WHOLE HEART, SOUL, AND MIND, AND DWELL WITH ALL OF US NOW AND FOREVER.

*Mildred E. Adams, Member, Peace Lutheran Church*

## New Year's Eve Watch Night at Peace Lutheran Church

On Friday, December 31, 2010, God blessed all who came out to share our traditional Watch Night and Blessing of the New Year worship service. We were blessed by our drama ministry, Faith Alive, who presented us with a powerful production that reminded us how our journey as Christians can be challenging yet blessed by God through His continuing mercy. We were also blessed to have a time of testimony sharing by many members. Below you will find the testimony of Allena Wesley; her testimony is a powerful reminder of how the love and care of God is able to see us through tough times and difficult days and how GOd can also use challenges to help us grow.

*Pastor Wiggins*

Do you ever just sit and marvel at how wonderfully awesome God is? As 2010 was ending, I gave a lot of thought to how God brought me through the year. It's probably best to go back a few years to get a proper perspective. My mid-to-late thirties brought me through a separation and divorce after 15 years of marriage. This was devastating—dissolving a marriage, overcoming countless obstacles as a new single parent, building a new life for me and the children, being transferred to a new department, and a new and extremely difficult supervisor. I prayed constantly for strength. Psalm 27 was constantly on my heart, "*the Lord is my Light and my Salvation...*" The more I prayed for strength, the more

God answered my prayers with new obstacles to overcome. I continued to ask for strength, and without fail, He continued to answer my prayers, making me stronger and stronger. I finally got the message—no longer is there a prayer for strength. Now, I pray that God will make me the Christian that he wants me to be and remove the one that I envision for myself. Through the process, there was a new awareness. When there are obstacles (let's call them "bumps in the road"), do every possible thing to resolve the issue, give 150% to reach a good outcome. After all else fails, let it go. Let it go! God will bring it to a proper solution, one far better than you could have ever mastered. This takes years of practice and even more patience, but it's true if you let go, God will provide.

Beginning in July of 2010, there were many bumps in the road I traveled: in July, I lost my ex-mother-in-law; in August, I lost my mother; in October, my cousin's widow died of pancreatic cancer, **and** I was told I had ovarian cancer; November 1st, I underwent surgery and although there were abnormalities, there was no cancer. What amazed me about myself was that through every bump—even the C-bump--the faith (or strength) that has grown through the years was there with such force that I had complete confidence in God's plan. With great joy, I say again, God is wonderfully awesome!

*Allena Wesley*



This is a special thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to support the Peace Lutheran Church Outreach Ministry with assisting the Metropolitan Police Department Sixth District with one of its four Santa Holiday outreach initiatives in Ward 7. I don't know about you, but the awesome Holiday outreach initiative we

experienced on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church warmed my heart as we watched blessings bestowed on many of the community families. Although the reason for the season is not to be materialistic, but to celebrate the birth of Christ; it surely brought joy to me seeing the excitement from the kids of all ages as they received their gifts from Santa. Hopefully, we'll have other opportunities to reach out beyond the walls of Peace to serve and be a blessing to the community at the tremendous magnitude as we experienced on the evening of Thursday, December 23, 2010.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful, blessed New Year!!!

Thanks Again and God Bless,  
*Wanda Freeman*

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our entire Peace Lutheran Church family for your prayers, cards, acts of service, fellowship and words of comfort during our bereavement at the death of Mr. Cleveland Morris Boyette. Thank you for allowing God to use you to minister to us and console our hearts. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Danny and Karen Boyette*



*Watermelon Road*, written by Peace Lutheran member Madeline Nowlin, is now available on amazon.com and rosedogbooks.com. You can now pre-order on Amazon. RoseDog Books has several options for

ordering your selections. The book is expected to be on Kindle in about 30 days.

**About the Book:**

The murder of Joel Creek created a ripple effect in the small town of Horace Graves, Alabama. His mother's lover, Uncle Sax, made a promise to kill everyone involved in the boy's death. Petey, Joel's younger brother witnessed the murder but could not tell what he knew for fear of his own life. Only Jesse, Petey's best friend, knew how badly Petey had been affected by his brother's death. In the summer of 1935, the two boys shared a gift and a secret that changed the town and their lives forever. The end of the novel was written to ask a question of the reader. Due to the events of that period, Madeline's answer to the question was "Yes."

Please note: This is not a children's book.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update

Greetings Peace Family. Our youth and young adults are really on the move and are doing great things in God's kingdom.

Our very own Kirsten Morgan has been selected to be a member of the exciting People to People Student Ambassador Program. The People to People Program offers unique and engaging educational opportunities for youth to explore different cultures, make new friends in other countries and in their own community, and to connect with people and places all around the world. It provides youth a highly educational and practical experience in which they earn academic credit, develop leadership skills, and gain an edge in the college admissions process and experience in being involved in a global program. Kirsten had to go through a rigorous process to be selected for this program. As a student ambassador she will be traveling as part of a delegation to Australia for 20 days in June.

She will be representing her school, community, state, and her country. Wow what wonderful opportunity and a blessing for her to have this opportunity. The trip will be very costly, about \$6,800. As her Peace family please join me in praying for her, encouraging her, and supporting her in whatever way God so leads you.

The Youth and Young Adult ministry was recently invited by Goshen Worship Center Church in Forestville, Maryland to participate in their first Annual Youth Service. Our very own Drama Ministry and Praise Team members participated in the service by presenting an inspiring skit of staying true to your convictions and faith in God and singing spirit songs of praise. Also we had several Peace members come out to show their love, unwavering support, and Christian fellowship to our young people and to the young people of Goshen Worship Center Church. God continues to do amazing things in the lives of our young people through his grace and blessings.

May God continue to provide experiences to our youth and young adults that will reach, engage and disciple them for Jesus Christ who said, "Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to them."

*Minister Kim Green*

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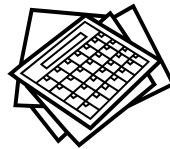
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Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am  
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**February 14: Valentine's Day**  
**February 21: Presidents' Day**

**Pipeline Publication Schedule:** Articles for the **March 2011** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **February 13**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at [jo\\_dooley@yahoo.com](mailto:jo_dooley@yahoo.com).