

# PEACE PIPELINE

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

MARCH 2010

## From the Desk of the Pastor Lenten Season 2010 "Words of LIFE From the Cross"

On Wednesday, February 17, 2010, Ash Wednesday, we began our six week Lenten journey around the theme—"Words of LIFE from the Cross." Each Wednesday, through March 24, we continue to gather at 7:30pm as a church family to consider and contemplate the meaning then and now of Jesus' seven last words (or phrases) that he spoke as he hung from the cross.

The Lenten season allows us to shift our focus from Jesus the Christ child who was born as a babe in Bethlehem to Jesus the adult who now bears the weight, punishment, and penalty of sin that must be paid in order that our relationship with God and each other might be fully reconciled and restored.

As you read this hopefully we are beyond the major history making snow storms we encountered last month. Yet, it was interesting to observe how our human behavior toward one another was affected by the snow. If you are like me you witnessed short-temper, bad attitudes, disrespect, and meanness to name a few. In each situation I wondered what really provoked the person to display such negativity. In my analysis of each situation I could indicate who was right or wrong, who was fair or rude—but beyond the external display I was moved to consider the deeper root of the matter. For at the heart and core of every evil and bad thing that happens is Satan and sin. If we are honest with ourselves (as I sometimes say in my sermons) we must admit that a lot of bad things that happen to us, around us and in us happen not only because of the effect of the snow storms in our lives but also

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
Luke 23:34 (NIV)*

because of the sin storms that show up in so many ugly ways.

The Lenten season gives us the opportunity to examine the actions and behavior of humanity in general but it also more specifically gives us an opportunity to examine our own actions and behavior over against what God and His word expect of us.

The good news of the Lenten season is this—God knew that left alone to ourselves we would not be able to overcome or resolve our issues of sin between God and each other. That is why the words of God to Satan in Genesis 3:15, *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel,"* are important for they announce to humanity past, present, and future that God, Almighty from the very foundation of the earth had put in place a plan of action to redeem and rescue humanity. This plan of action became true from the cross as Jesus spoke the seven last words from the cross, words that include "forgiven," "paradise," "forsaken," "behold," "thirst," and "commit." This Lenten season I courage you through faith to embrace the meaning of these words as Jesus gave them from the cross and experience anew the great love of God that empowers us to overcome all that would seek to keep us from loving and serving God and each other. Have a blessed Lenten season as we march with Jesus once again to Calvary.

*Pastor Wiggins*

### **2010 Holy Week and Easter Schedule** **Maundy 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

Please invite your family and friends to come out and celebrate with us.

## **FINANCE CORNER**

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

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you will abound in every good work.” 2nd Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

#### **Finance Ministry Update**

At the congregational meeting in December, it was announced that the Finance Ministry has secured the auditor firm of Wm. C. Saddler & Co. PA to perform an audit of the financial statements for Peace for the year ending 2009. The first phase of the audit engagement began February 1st with the examination of the contributions/revenues and the final phase to resume later in April to give the finance team adequate time to prepare.

#### **Stewardship Update**

Peace, we are blessed as many members have taken the step of faith in obedience to God. Our 2010 pledges received to date total \$202,299 from 87 members. We are so thankful for your generous financial support and your continued commitment as faithful stewards of that which God has entrusted to you. While the 2010 pledges are a little more than \$5,000 short of what was pledged in 2009, we prayerfully believe that those who have not pledged will find it in their hearts to do so. “God’s Work, Done God’s Way, Never Lacks God’s Support.” “Where God guides, He provides.” If you need a pledge card, please contact Daris Coleman, Financial Secretary or pick one up from one of the ushers on Sunday.

Many of our parishioners were unable to bring their tithes/offering to the church because of the inclement weather. Have you considered participating in the Simply Giving Program? It is a safe, convenient way to make your regular church offering using electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may be already using EFT to pay your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premiums monthly through automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account, so why not provide your church with the same consistency?

For more information or an enrollment form, please contact the church office, Daris Coleman or Jeffrey Edge

*Submitted by Carolyn Kimbrough*

#### **Message From A New Elder**

I would like to thank the Peace Lutheran Church family for their vote of confidence and words of support on my election as an Elder at the December 2009 Congregational meeting. On Wednesday,

January 20, 2010, I had the pleasure of joining Pastor Wiggins and Minister Peters on visits to several sick and shut-in members of Peace Lutheran Church. This was part of my orientation and training as a new Elder. I want to share my feelings and impressions from the four visits that I participated in. Our visits included opening prayer by Minister Peters and scripture reading (John 1:1-11) that reminds us that Jesus is the true light that gives light to every man. Pastor Wiggins conducted the Holy Communion service that was followed by a prayer and the benediction.

In our visit and conversation with Mrs Kathleen (Kay) Jackson I was impressed by her longstanding years of service to PLC’s Altar Guild and other organizations. She remembered times when the oil was frozen in the candles and the wicks could not be removed. This very same thing happened just a few Sundays ago on my first service as an Elder. Most important to me was her wish to return to Sunday worship services and her plans to make transportations arrangements to get to church.

The visit with Mrs. Mary Patton was of special joy to me because not only is she my neighbor in Cameron Grove, but she was one of the many members of the PLC family who sent me cards of encouragement during my illness in 2009. I told her how much her cards and telephone calls lifted me up and that she was an inspiration to me and Naomi. She added how much she enjoyed the music festival in November and was so glad to be at church for that occasion. We recognized that Mrs. Patton’s way of caring and sharing her life is a living testimony to us all.

Mrs. Olivia Dixon was very happy to see us when we visited her. She had a radiant smile and kept reminding us that “God is a good God.” Mrs. Dixon’s son joined with us in a circle of prayer during our visit. Before we left, she starting singing and asked that we all join her in singing “This is the day that the Lord has made.” This was inspiring and gave a special meaning to our visit.

Our last visit with Mrs. Elouise Johnson was full of laughter and stories of her life. Mrs. Johnson keeps in contact with several PLC members by telephone and from talking to Mrs. Patton earlier, she knew we were on the way. It was so evident by her smile and expression of happiness the love she has for her family. Mrs. Johnson asked that we keep her family in prayer and she too hopes to be able to come to church on future occasions.

These visits were confirmation for me the need for all of us to keep our PLC family members in our prayers, hearts, and minds, especially those who are sick and shut-in. I believe that I am very blessed by this opportunity as a PLC Elder to serve our heavenly Father and the members of our church. Please keep me in your prayers.

Peace and blessings,  
*Elder Walter Person*

## SICK AND SHUT INS

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



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Clinton, MD 20735

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**Imani Thorne**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Monet Halmon	1	Wonza Lawrence	11	Meredith Lee	26
Tameka Keys	2	Lamont Russell	13	Odell Lee	26
Michael Carter	2	Kianna Ward	13	Prenell Jones	26
Jazzmine Wesley	2	Lamont Young	14	Jhonna Ferguson	27
Vallorie Coley	4	Lavonne Lattimore	15	Lemuel (L.T.) Chalmers	29
Rodneyka Nelson	4	Jamal Pelt	17	Richard Peters	29
Constance Bronson	5	Deborah Reeder	18	Antoine Proctor	30
Sydney Arrington	5	Clarissa Edmonds	19		
Paula Matthews	5	Romaine Peters	21		
Veronica Moten	7	Tyrone Cook	21		
Brittany Alexander	8	Shaniqua Boyette	21		
Vivian Scruggs	8	Asia Rodgers	21		
Brandon Bailey	9	Carnelia Austin	23		
Rose Cherry	10	Courtney Bryce	23		
Mark Dooley	10	Taya Hunter	23		
Dorothy Spriggs	11	Linda Graham	25		



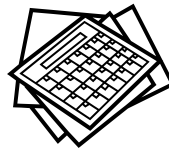
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**Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor**  
**Cora Boone, Church Administrator**  
**Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor**  
Sunday School: 9:30 am;  
Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am  
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am  
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: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



**March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**March 17: St. Patrick's Day**  
**March 20: First Day of Spring**  
**March 28: Palm Sunday**  
**April 1: Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2: Good Friday**  
**April 4: Easter Sunday**

**Pipeline Publication Schedule:** Articles for the **April 2010** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **March 14**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at [jo\\_dooley@yahoo.com](mailto:jo_dooley@yahoo.com).