

Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:30am (Traditional, Sanctuary) 9-9:40am (JAM—Family Learning) 9:45am & 11am (Contemporary, ConneXions Center)

WELCOME!

Each week at Peace, we are delighted to gather in community with people of all ages and stages in life. We want to create an environment that allows each to experience the loving presence of God. If you need assistance with hearing, we have hearing aids available at the back of the service area. If you have young children with you, wonderful. Worship is one of the best ways to form the faith of a child. *Big Kids Bags*, with worship-friendly activities, are available near the entrance. If your child becomes too restless, feel free to step out for a moment and return when they are ready. We also offer nursery for children under the age of three. Ask someone at the Welcome Center for directions. Welcome to Peace.

Today's Worship Elements

Inward Journey

We Sing and Pray

To settle our minds and shift our focus toward a loving God.

We Pass the Peace

To remind us that, whether we know one another or not, we are on this journey together.

We Listen to Scripture and a Sermon

To connect God's big story to our everyday story.

Outward Journey

We Give Offering as a response to God's generous love.

We Receive Communion to be strengthened for our everyday journey. All are welcome to receive this gift.

We are Sent to live a Jesus life of compassion, love, and hope.

Sermon Thoughts and Insights

We Make the Road by Walking

The book by pastor and author, Brian McLaren, will serve as a supplementary resource this fall. There are four ways this book will be helpful.

1. Sunday Themes: For extra reading and guided questions
2. STEP 2: Monday night in-depth study of the Sunday Biblical text and themes. Studies begin Sept. 18, 7-8:30pm.
3. Small Groups: You could choose to use it in your small groups or with a few friends.
4. Personal Guided devotional time each week.

Books are available at the Welcome Center for \$7.50

More for Today

Sermon

- Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 6:25-34 •Chapter 1 – *Awe and Wonder*
- Pastor Kai Nilsen

JAM Kick-Off (Children's Ministry)

- 9am (Fellowship Hall) See reverse side for details.

Baptism (at 11am)

- Evelyn Rae Wood, daughter of Ryan and Jenna Wood

Prayer Beads Available

- We invite you to pick up your prayer bead packet during communion. See reverse side for details.

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Connect

September 10, 2017 Service: 8:30am 9:45am 11am (Please circle)

Name: (please include all in attendance today) _____

Email: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Address: _____
Street _____ Zip _____

- I am new today! I'd like to learn more. (Please visit our Welcome Center before you leave today, to pick up a welcome packet)
- I attend regularly, this information is new and I am not yet logged into Peace's online community, Realm.
- Please sign me up for Peace's Email Newsletters using the above email.

See other side for more ways to connect with us.. Please place this card in the Communion Baskets during worship.

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

1) Friendship Bible Study (with our Differently-Abled Adults)

Volunteer to help lead this Bible study, held on the first & third Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. No experience needed, but a kind an loving heart, a must!

STEP ②

Monday Nights: 7-8:30pm, Series begins September 18

2) Step 1: be in worship each week to hear the sermon. *Step 2*, (even if you miss step 1), take a deeper dive biblically and practically into the preaching texts for the week. Our pastors will lead these learning sessions which will include a combination of spiritual practices, in-depth biblical guidance on the Sunday texts and opportunities to make practical application to your everyday life. Ready to take another step on your journey?

Step 2: Monday Nights.

To learn more about these ministry opportunities or to sign up, fill out both sides of the form below, circle the corresponding number and place in the baskets on the Communion Tables.

Women Connected—Prayer Walk



**Sunday, September 17
2-4pm & 6-8pm, Peace Sanctuary**

Back to school is a great time to reestablish your relationship with God through prayer. A team of Peace women are reaching out across generations to connect women through this new event.

This interactive walk-through prayer experience can be done on your own, during the open time frames and will take approximately 30 minutes of your time. Come and join us in praying God's word as we focus on children, Biblical teachings, hope and identity

Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for fellowship, connections and light refreshments.

Questions? Contact Lori Nelson at Lnelson@peacegahanna.org

Give

Donations given online (1st week of month) combined with gifts collected at worship services on Sunday, September 3: \$ 24,020.28

Attendance Numbers:

8:30am Service: 113 (5 in nursery)

9:45am Service: 202 (5 in nursery)

11am Service: 137 (4 in nursery)

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Engage

Ministry Opportunities—Sign me up! Circle the corresponding number from today's announcements (See details on reverse)

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Request prayers (submit below)

(Please ask approval from those for whom you pray, as requests appear on Peace's Prayer Board & Prayer Line email.)

Families—New for Sunday Mornings



Kick-Off Today (Children's Ministry)
9am, Fellowship Hall

Classes Begin
September 17, 9am

Why a Change?

We received wonderful feedback from families during our Becoming Light sessions and congregational survey this past Spring. We have envisioned the next steps for faith formation of children, students, and families at Peace.

Our previous Sunday Learning structure did not offer the opportunity for families to worship together.

We believe...in worshipping together, families participate in key faith formation.

A study at Fuller Seminary confirms, "Of the many participation variables we examined, involvement in intergenerational worship and relationships had one of the most robust correlations with faith maturity."

We know children learn by example.

We believe...we have a unique and valuable opportunity at church for children to see examples of people of faith living out their lives.

We know connections and relationships matter.

We believe...in adults and parents supporting one another in faith.

Worship together for a more robust faith. What a concept.

Welcome to our new J.A.M.!

Missed this morning's kick-off event? Don't worry! Contact Greta Clouse gclouse@peacegahanna.org for all the details.

Peace Prayer Beads

Today you will receive a tangible way to express your Inward and Outward Journey. These prayer beads require minimal assembly and come with a guide, explaining how to use the beads in your daily lives. We encourage people of all ages to set aside time to intentionally pray with your prayer beads. Pick up yours on the Communion Tables today!

Silver: Inhale and exhale a few times to center yourself in prayer.

Red: Gratitude "Today I am thankful for..."

Purple: Confessional "Help me to..." or "Forgive me for..."

Cross: Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives.

Blue: Family "I pray for family and friends close to me..."

Green: World "I pray for neighbors near and around the world..."

Silver: Inhale and exhale again to conclude your prayer.

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What Else?

Any other questions you have?