

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 a nursery for children under the age of three. Ask someone at the Welcome Center for directions. Welcome to Peace.

**Welcome Pastor Renee Ahern**

As we continue our Re-Formation Journey, connecting to both our history as Lutherans (tracing our pathways back to the Reformation in 1517) and our long history of Peace Lutheran Church (tracing our pathways back to 1838), we discover the Spirit of God leading us on new paths, over and over again.

Pastor Renee Ahern launched a new era for us at Peace Lutheran Church in 1983 by becoming the first ordained woman on the pastoral staff. The Lutheran Church opened the doors for the ordination of women in the prior decade. The people of Peace, as was consistent throughout their history, were open to the new movements of the Spirit and the ongoing re-formation journey.

Since her time at Peace, when she served with Senior Pastor Dwight Hedrick and her husband the Rev. Dr. Robert Ahern, she has served the church in regional bodies (Trinity Lutheran Seminary and both Mount Carmel and Nationwide Children's Hospitals) as well as local congregations in Marysville, Waldo, and Prospect, Ohio. She is currently Senior Pastor at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Bucyrus.

Renee and Bob have three sons, Robert III, Martin and Luke. Luke (who often plays in the contemporary band) and his wife Kelsey are Peace Members and parents to two children, KJ and Javon.

We are grateful for Renee's presence with us today and for her embodied witness to the way the Spirit breathes new life and direction into the church.

**Peace Prayer Beads Still Available**

You can still pick up a tangible way to express your *Inward and Outward Journey*. Pick up your kit today on the Communion Tables or Worship entrance.

**Sermon Thoughts and Insights**

*(Pencils available at Worship entrance.)*

**More for Today**

Sermon

- Genesis 3: 1-13, Philippians 2: 3-11
- Supplemental Reading from "We Make the Road by Walking" Chapter 4 (The Drama of Desire)
- Conversation with Pastor Kai Nilsen and Pastor Renee Ahern

Baptism at 9:45am

Vivienne Jane McCafferty, daughter of Frank and Cindy McCafferty

JAM Classes: 9am

Peace History Memorabilia on display outside of Worship

Altar Flowers

- In honor of their wedding anniversary by Steve and Jacqueline Montgomery.
- In loving memory of Glen Turner by Barbara and family.

Jewelry Sale: Stop by the tables after Worship, and support the Haitian Timoun Foundation.

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**Connect**

**October 1, 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.)
- 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) Southeast Testament Mission Trip: October 21

Join the SET Team for the annual fall trip for maintenance, repair and improvement projects to the building and grounds. There are projects for all including cleaning, painting, donation center organization, planting/clearing, cutting/splitting firewood, power washing, meal planning and preparation. (Friday-Sunday option may also be available).



### 2) Linden Lutheran Final Produce Give-Away: October 4

Help distribute free produce to Linden Community families at the final 2017 date, Oct. 4, 1:30-5pm at Linden Lutheran Church.

### 3) The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership:

Classes begin Oct. 5, 7pm, Family Ministry Space

Peace will host a six-class series, *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. Peace member Chuck Buchsieb, a certified John Maxwell trainer will lead these 60-90 minute sessions based on the book. Classes will be held Thursdays, beginning Oct. 5 at 7pm in our Family Ministry Space (formerly the Student Ministries Office).

### 4) Lutheran 101 with Pastor Doug—Begins Oct. 5, 7pm

This five-week class will discuss; (1) Martin Luther, (2) What is Grace?, (3) What are sacraments?, (4) Why we worship, and (5) How Lutherans read the Bible. If you are new to being a Lutheran, this is a great opportunity to learn what we are about. Or if you've been a lifelong Lutheran, this will be a great review. Attending all five Thursday sessions is a plus, but not required.

*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.*

## Give

- 9/18 through 9/24 Regular Offerings (Sunday worship and online gifts) = \$18,864.95
- Special Offering and Memorial Gift (\$25,000) for the Haitian Timoun Foundation/Chemen Lavi Miyò (CLM) = \$30,186.48
- Memorial Gift for Afghan Child Education and Care Organization (AFCECO) = \$25,000.00
- Total offerings 9/18 through 9/24 = \$74,051.43

Last Sunday's Attendance Numbers: (10 in Nursery)

8:30am - 126

9:45am - 290

11am - 148

## SET—Helping Those in Need



*"Helping Those in Need"*

In 2005, Peace members Joe and Janet Schmitt heard God's call To Love Neighbor, and they responded, donating six acres of land in Vinton County, to create Southeast Testament (SET), a nonprofit community organization that is dedicated to helping residents in 23 counties in central and southeastern Ohio.

God had a plan for six acres of land in Vinton County, and the faithful members of Peace Lutheran Church heard the call and responded. For two years, beginning in 2005, they cleared the wooded, overgrown acres to prepare the building site. During this time \$130,000 in financial support was raised, given by those who believed in a dream of opportunity and renewed hope for the people of Southeast Ohio. In October of 2007, a 6,700 sq ft building was raised and soon after, the interior was completed; all done primarily by the manual labor of Peace volunteers.

Beginning July 1, 2017 the Sojourners Care Network moved part of their operation into the SET building. Founded in 1999, with headquarters in McArthur, their initial mission centered on helping foster care youth. Today the mission has expanded and they provide a variety of programs including: foster care, runaway and homeless youth services, employment training, diploma and GED support, mentoring, leadership training, supportive services, and service learning opportunities as well as distributing donated furniture, household items, and appliances to needy residents of Southeast Ohio.

**Want to learn more about SET and how you can get involved?  
Sign up through today's ministry opportunity #1 and a SET  
leader will be in touch!**

## J.A.M. Has Begun!



**Sunday Learning for  
Children, Students & Adults  
9am**

Register your child(ren) today:  
[www.peacegahanna.org](http://www.peacegahanna.org)

[www.peacegahanna.org](http://www.peacegahanna.org)  
[info@peacegahanna.org](mailto:info@peacegahanna.org)

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## Engage

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

1      2      3      4

### Request prayers (submit below)

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

### What Else?

Any other questions you have?