#### Peace United Church of Christ

Today's Forum: Belonging & Community at Peace Church

The Shared Ministry Team just went through a name change and are now the Belonging & Community Team. Come to share your ideas, energy, and hopes for what it means to build the Beloved Community here at Peace Church.

#### Easter Raffle

Peter Rabbit (or maybe Mopsy or Flopsy) is coming to the Easter breakfast. This rabbit will go home with one of our families, or maybe a grandparent or aunt or uncle! Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the church office beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. Drawing will be held at Easter breakfast, April 20<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:30 hour. Soft, pink, and close to 21 inches when seated—this rabbit is looking for a home! Raffle funds will support the PK Fund, funding this year's youth trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.

**Prairie Burn Coming Soon** 

The conditions are right for our prairie to undergo its planned maintenance burn, administered by Prairie Restorations, Inc., sometime between April 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for a special e-blast when we know the date and time. We will hold sacred space to observe the burn and honor the memorial intent of the prairie. If you are part of a group that will meet during the burn window, we will be in touch directly about parking and entrance details.

Food Allergies & Restrictions: Help Us Be More Inclusive

With a variety of upcoming food related events, Melissa Boyle of Food and Fellowship would like to get a better sense of the number of people with special diets and how well we are doing making sure everyone feels included. If that's you or someone in your family, please send a quick email to Bri in the office. What is your special diet or food needs? Vegetarian? Vegan? Gluten free? No nuts? No eggs? Something else? Also how well do you think we are doing at labelling potential allergens or any suggestions you might have? We want everyone to feel welcome at all our food related events.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 14th

9:00am Yoga with Robin in the Fireside Room and Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**6:30pm Coordinating Council** in the Fireside Room and Zoom

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30am CHUM Breakfast Making in the Kitchen

3:30pm Listen, Reflect, and Connect Group in the Fireside Room

5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

5:30pm Kids Club in the Wildwoods Room

5:30am Childcare Available in the Nursery

**5:45pm Bible Study** in the Fireside Room and Zoom

6:00pm Middle School Youth Group in the Youth Room

**6:15pm Choir** in the Sanctuary

7:00pm High School Youth Group in the Youth Room

Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday

8:00am Men's Breakfast at Perkins on London Rd

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday

7:00pm Good Friday Service at Pilgrim Congregational Church

Saturday, April 19th - Holy Saturday

10:00am East Sunday Breakfast Prep in the Kitchen

5:00pm Beach Vigil on Park Point Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis.

9:30am NO FORUM

9:30am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt in the Fellowship Hall

10:30am Worship with Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis. Children's Church with Amanda McElray Hunter.

# **Holy Week**

# Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 17th, 7pm

In his final hours, Jesus redefines power through acts of humility, including sharing a final meal with his closest friends and those who will soon betray him. After breaking bread, the disciples argue about who is the greatest, but Jesus tells them that the greatest must be the least and the leader must be the servant, turning their hierarchy on its head. According to Jesus, humility is powerful, and real power is shown through humility. This service will look a little different than years past, as we gather around tables for handwashing and a more robust communion meal.

### Good Friday: Friday, April 18th, 7pm Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E 4th St

We will celebrate a collaborative Good Friday service with our friends from Pilgrim Congregational Church and Glen Avon Presbyterian Church.

### Beach Vigil: Saturday, April 19th, 5pm at Park Point

Come join us for an Easter Eve beach service on Park Point. We'll gather at the Tot Lot beach area at 5:00pm. Enjoy a bonfire - there's usually 15-20 of us, all ages welcome. Singing, scripture, prayer, communion. After the service, we roast marshmallows and eat s'mores.

# Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 20th, 8:30am and 10:30am

Grief is a healthy response to Jesus' death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning. And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning. The other disciples don't believe the women's message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Grieving doesn't have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief. Celebrate the hope and promise of the resurrection with us on Easter morning.

#### **Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt!**

Come eat breakfast with Peace families!

Join us for breakfast at **9:30am on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20**<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:00am, we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt (also in the Fellowship Hall). We'll have lots of eggs filled with goodies - it's always a lot of fun!

#### **Easter Breakfast Menu**

- Carmel Pecan Baked French Toast
- Vegan and Gluten Free Berry Baked Oatmeal
- Regular and Vegan Sausage
- Brunch Salad with Strawberries and Maple Poppyseed Dressing
- Assorted Fresh Fruit
- · Punch and Coffee

Suggested donation of \$20 per family