

PAX PEACE



The Voice of Peace

PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ;
serving one another in Christian love,
so that God's Holy Spirit may save the
lost and strengthen the saved.



Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter July, VBS and our district convention are behind us. I thank Bob Poe for his service as our Lay representative and for all who volunteered and worked at VBS to make it possible and a great success!

Rev. Terry Nelson will serve our congregation on July 6th at the 10:30am service. The schedule for the 4th of July weekend is as follows:

Friday July 4th – closed
Saturday July 5th – no service
Sunday July 6th – service 10:30 am – no Bible Study

I will return for services on July 12th and 13th at our regular scheduled service times.

As many of you are aware, the need for pastors in our church body is great. We've seen the need in our circuit as pastoral vacancies remain with many of our local congregations. Even our seminaries were unable to fill the calls requested by congregations for a pastor, so 54 congregations were not provided a candidate. Entering the SMP alternate route program myself some 15 years ago, I have been blessed to serve Peace as pastor for the past 13 years.

President Matt Rich has, like me, felt the call of the Lord to serve the church in a greater way as a second career pastor, and I am excited to inform you that the Board of Elders voted unanimously at our June meeting to present Matt as a candidate to our Council and Voters to begin the application process into the SMP program. We will be working with the Council and Voters over the next few months to ask the blessing of the congregation and the Lord's direction as to how best to proceed. The application process can take a while at both the seminary and district levels, but I believe that the Lord has brought us this far for His purpose and will bless our efforts. Please keep Matt and Tricia in your prayers as we, together with them, follow the Lord's leading in our faith life and future together!

In Christ.

Pastor Tkac

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; the LORD
lift up his countenance upon you and
give you PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

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Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 9:30 a.m

Midweek Bible Study has ended for the summer, and will resume in September

Confirmation classes ended on May 19, and will resume in September.



Birthdays

7/3 Beth Schreiner
David Lippencott
7/5 Lilleanna Poe
7/8 Rene Catanzaro
7/9 Carol Smith
7/13 Jay Squanda
7/17 Deborah Arnold
7/20 Jaystin Slavik-Hudson
7/21 Karen Akkashian
Lynette Bright
7/23 Bill Voss
7/24 Marty Temple
7/29 Mark Wittke

Anniversaries

7/18 Jay & Sheila Squanda 33rd



Our Gifts
Missions
Flowers
Driveway

Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1, niv)



Camp all

"Don't worry. I'm a church pastor. First little problem, and they'll find me."

July

2025

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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

		1 7pm Monthly Prayer Meeting	2	3	4 	5 No Worship Service Pastor Tkac
6 10:30 am Worship Service –with Pastor Nelson Pastor Tkac Vacation	7 No 10 am Bible Reading Class Pastor Tkac Vacation	8 Pastor Tkac Vacation	9 Pastor Tkac Vacation	10 Pastor Tkac Vacation	11 Pastor Tkac Vacation	12 6:30 pm Worship Service Pastor Tkac Returns
13 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	14  10 am Bible Reading Class	15	16	17	18	19 6:30 pm Worship Service
20 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	21  10 am Bible Reading Class	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 pm Worship Service
27 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service Parents Day' 	28  10 am Bible Reading Class	29 	30	31		

Ladies Guild will not meet again until September, 2025. In the meantime, they will be collecting bottles and cans during the month of July.



Elders will not meet during the month of July

Thursday's Midweek Bible Study will resume in September



Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1st at 7pm

Elders serving during the month of July are Mark Bunarek & Jon Parlette on Saturday & Bob Poe & Steve Smithson on Sunday.

Serving our altar during the month of July will be Judy Harroun and Carol Smith



Are you willing to service the altar in December for just 1 week? In order to prepare the altar in December, we would need 4 teams to take 1 week each. The first 2 weeks are already taken, but, we have 2 more weeks left. Anyone interested should let Erika Hoffman know.

Anyone wishing to add something to the Newsletter or the weekly bulletins should write it down and leave on Peggy's desk, or send it in an email to peacewaterford@gmail.com



Thank you to all the children, parents, teachers, and volunteers who helped make this years VBS so great!

Pastor Tkac will be on vacation from Friday, July 4th through Friday, July 11th. He will return on July 12th for Worship Service. Pray for a restful vacation for him and Monica, they so deserve it.

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!



Our 2025 Budget vs Offerings
Received Year to Date as of
June 30, 2025

2025 Budget as of 6/30/2025 \$82,500.00

2025 Offerings received as of 6/30/2025 \$84,010.25

As of 6/30/2025 our offerings received are over our budget, year to date, by \$1,510.25