

## Peace Lutheran Church

### 2017 Calendar of Events

- Jan. 1 Guest musician, Lynda McManus
- Jan. 5 Thursday Evening Meditation resumes and New Tai Chi series begins
- Jan. 8 Epiphany--Guest Musician, Pr. Lucy Kolin  
Forum: *Volunteer Career Services/Prison Ministry at FCI, Dublin with Ron Elsdon*  
Jazz Church West: *Lorca Hart Trio*
- Jan. 13 Second Friday Films: *The Giver*
- Jan. 14 John and Karin Shepanek donate office desk and filing cabinets to Peace
- Jan. 15 American Baroque Orchestra Singers concert at Peace, augmented by local singers
- Jan. 16 MLK celebrations in Walnut Creek and Alamo; I-SRV sponsors Candlelight Peace Walk in downtown Danville at 4:45
- Jan. 21 Peace members attend Women's Marches in Walnut Creek, Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose
- Jan. 22 Family Service; Elise Ching teaches Qi Gong Lord's Prayer with the Confirmands  
Peace Council retreat in the afternoon
- Jan. 29 Elizabeth Hunter Ashley sings during worship
- Jan. 31 Memorial Prayer Service for Lisa Gorman  
Education Committee meets
- Feb. 3 First Friday Films: *A Man Called Ove*
- Feb. 5 Annual Congregational meeting followed by Solar Committee presentation;  
Nancy Carlston donates to help complete Fundraising; congregation recommends to Council that Solar Project move forward;  
Elizabeth Hunter Ashley solos with the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra
- Feb. 7 Healing Prayer Team meets to plan service for March 26
- Feb. 8 Contract signed with SunPower for installation of solar panels on Peace roof
- Feb. 11 Valentine's Day Tea @ Tyme for Tea (Fremont) organized by Pat Leong and Diane Kurtz
- Feb. 12 Guest Musicians: John and MaryEllen Nowel;  
Forum: Karl Smith with Rwanda School Project and Fr. Innocent Rugaragu and Ron Snyder with PICO International;  
Jazz Church West: *Leon Joyce Jr. Quartet*
- Feb. 14 Peace Council meets
- Feb. 18 Justice Advocacy Group meets at the Elsdon home

- Feb. 21 Peace Council meets
- Feb. 25 Memorial Service for Astrid Malvre
- Feb. 26 Family Service celebrating the Transfiguration created by Charlene McPherson and Pat Leong; Youth Group as Transfiguration actors  
Baptism of Lillian Meynier (Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve);  
Confirmation Class meets in the evening
- Feb. 28 Pr. Steve and Rabbi Dan receive the Courage Award from the SRV Middle and High School Student Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday service
- Mar. 2 Tent of Revealings installed for Lenten period
- Mar. 3 First Friday Films: *Finding Dory*
- Mar. 5 Jazz Church West: *Mad Duran and the Saxophonistas*
- Mar. 8 Peace members attend Lenten services at San Damiano for the Wednesdays of Lent; Gary, Drew, Jeanie, and Elizabeth and John Ashley provide music
- Mar. 9 Peace hosts the Bishop's Chrism Mass
- Mar. 12 Pr. Steve initiates SAP (Serenity at Peace) Rising Lenten season at Peace.
- Mar. 21 Peace Council meets
- Mar. 26 Healing Prayer Service; Pr. Elizabeth Felts preaches at her last Sunday at Peace - Abigail Vass (her daughter) sings *Bitter*;  
SF Gay and Lesbian Band performs *Earth Songs* in the afternoon
- Apr. 1 Installation of Art Exhibit of works of Timothy Brooks, who is currently incarcerated
- Apr. 2 Family Service with Bruce Silverman and friends drumming  
Barb Kline makes Thrivent presentation  
Jazz Church West: Erik Jakobson and the Berkeley Jazz School All-Stars (Faculty)
- Apr. 7 First Friday Films: *The Brand New Testament* (reshown in May)
- Apr. 9 Palm Sunday  
Forum: *Peace as a Sanctuary Church*, facilitated by Pr. Steve and Ron Elsdon
- Apr. 13 Passover Seder, with meal coordinated by Diana Howard
- Apr. 14 Good Friday contemplative prayer service
- Apr. 16 Easter, with Brunch before and Easter Egg Hunt after; singers: Elizabeth Hunter Ashley, Ginnie Padgett and Teresa Stroin

- Apr. 18 Peace Council meets
- Apr. 23 Earth Day Sunday  
Confirmation class at 5 pm  
Sycamore Strings concert, directed by Goran Berg, at 7 pm
- Apr. 26 Mock Job Fair for inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin; Peace volunteers coordinated by Ron Elsdon
- Apr. 30 Forum: *Peace as a Sanctuary Church (2)*: Attuning Listening Skills  
Chromatica concert at 7 pm
- May 5 First Friday Films: *The Brand New Testament*
- May 7 Good Shepherd Sunday  
Jazz Church West: *Clairdee & The Ken French Trio*  
Forum: *Peace as a Sanctuary Church (3)*—guest Laura Magnani from American Friends Service Committee
- May 10 *Keep Calm and Diffuse the Tension*: Defusing Hatred Workshop at Peace with Pr. Steve and Rev. Will McGarvey
- May 12 Memorial Service for Peter Evald Thomsen
- May 13 *Embodied Prayer and the Divine Feminine*—San Damiano Retreat with Pr. Steve & Kaleo and Elise Ching  
Mother's Day Tea at Tyme for Tea
- May 14 Family Service
- May 16 Peace Council meets
- May 20 Healthcare Community meeting at Peace—organized by Ron and Linda Elsdon; speaker Gerri Fields  
Pacific Choir and Coelis perform at Leshner Center
- May 21 Forum: *Peace as a Sanctuary Church* with Jeanie Locklear and immigrant guests
- May 27 Memorial Service for Fred Garrity
- May 28 Solar Installation Celebration Dinner
- June 4 Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation: *Julia Laurlund, Mak Laulund, Reese Schoening, Nik Schoening, Alex Sherry, Kyle Hejilik, Luke Miletich, Gracie Mitchell & Jack Mitchell*  
Jazz Church West: Gerry Grosz and the Jazz Kitchen—12<sup>th</sup> Season Finale
- June 9 Second Friday Film: *Hidden Figures*
- June 11 Trinity Sunday  
Forum: Peace as a Sanctuary Church

- June 18 Father's Day; Family Service designed by Charlene McPherson and Pat Leong, featuring beach balls
- June 20 Peace Council meets
- June 24 Kersti Malvre's article, "Looking After Elderly Parents", appears in the NY Times in a series about possible impacts of repeal of the Affordable Care Act
- June 25 Guest musicians, John and Mary Ellen Nowell; *Julia Dahl* is confirmed  
Forum: *Teen Challenge* program presentation by Barbara Ghinazzi's niece
- June 24 & 25 Play *Honky* performed at Peace
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- July 7 First Friday Film: *Arrival*
- July 13 Pr. Steve's vacation begins
- July 16 John Brett, preaching and presiding; guest musicians John and Mary Ellen Nowell
- July 23 Rev. Paul Schmidt, preaching and presiding; guest musicians John and MaryEllen Nowell
- July 30 Rev. Lyle Beckman, SF Night Minister, preaching and presiding
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- Aug. 6 Pr. Steve presides and preaches; Guest musician Alice O'Sullivan
- Aug. 12-13 Pr. Steve co-facilitates the Compassionate Conversations Retreat at the Vajrapani Institute in Boulder Creek
- Aug. 13 John Brett presides and preaches; Paul Schmidt, music
- Aug 15 Bright Stars of Bethlehem present program at Peace in conjunction with the Palestine Unlimited Exhibit currently in the Sanctuary
- Aug. 29 Memorial service for Edward Enrique "Rick" Mino
- Aug. 27 Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief; Youth Group meets
- Aug. 29 "Stand Together Against Hate" at Temple Isaiah, Lafayette
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- Sept. 2 Mary LaCasse Art Exhibit "*Emergence*"- curated by Bill Carmel
- Sept. 3 Collection for Hurricane Harvey sent to Lutheran Disaster Response
- Sept. 7 Meditation resumes and new 12 wk Tai Chi session begins
- Sept. 8 Second Friday Film: *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them*
- Sept. 10 Homecoming Sunday; Peace Council retreat
- Sept. 15 Memorial service for Emma Sonja Laurlund
- Sept. 17 Guest musician, Paul Schmidt  
Forum: "*If I can't sing it, it's not my Reformation!*"—Creating new songs/hymns for our times—project introduced by Pr. Lucy and Boris Erlank

- Sept. 22 Memorial Service for Bill Sewall
- Sept. 23-24 Pr. Steve attends Interfaith Workshop at the Mt. Shasta Buddhist Center
- Sept. 24 Pr. Elizabeth Felts presides and preaches
- Sept. 30 *Embodied Earth Prayer / Aloha Qi Qong* retreat at San Damiano with Kaleo & Elise Ching and Pr. Steve
- Oct. 1 St. Francis Animal Blessing during worship; solo by Elizabeth Hunter Ashley;  
flute by Jeanie Locklear  
Jazz Church West: Sylvia Cuenca Trio [Sylvia is a drummer from New York]
- Oct. 6 First Friday Films: *Beetlejuice*
- Oct. 8 Family Service  
Youth Group meets at 12:30; joins Interfaith Youth Gathering at Beth Chaim
- Oct. 15 Forum: *Draft Sanctuary proposal*
- Oct. 17 Peace Council meets
- Oct. 22 Guest musicians: Alice O'Sullivan and Amy McKenzie  
Forum: *"Reflections on the Religious Heart of Bach's Music"* with Bach selections played by Alice O'Sullivan
- Oct. 26 Wedding of Maja Miletich and Jeremiah Watkins at Peace
- Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday; Reformation lunch with Brats and Beer after Worship;  
Financial statements distributed;  
Halloween Tea @ Tyme for Tea (Fremont) organized by Pat Leong and Diane Kurtz  
Peace Vanpool to Grace Cathedral for **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation**  
Pacific Choir sings Bach's Cantata #80 [ *Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott* ] before liturgy  
Bishop Victoria Gomez from Nicaragua preaches (Peace Delegation met her in Managua in August 2013)
- Nov. 1 Education Committee meets
- Nov. 3 First Friday Film: *North by Northwest*
- Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday  
Forum: *Weaving our Stories* conversations project introduced by Crystal Larsen  
Jazz Church West: *Jeff Denison Electro-Acoustic Quartet*; artist reception with Mary LaCasse
- Nov. 12 Forum: *Peace as Sanctuary*—2<sup>nd</sup> draft  
Sycamore Strings Academy Fall Concert at 6 pm
- Nov 14 Peace Council meets
- Nov. 19 Stewarding Sunday

- Nov. 22 Annual *Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service* hosted at Peace at 7:30 pm
- Nov. 26 Christ the Vulnerable Sunday
- Dec. 3 Advent begins; Giving Tree Shelter families are chosen  
Forum: Justice Advocacy Committee meets  
Jazz Church West: *Anton Schwartz & Josh Nelson*  
Veil Tapestry goes on exhibit for one month at the Islamic Center in Oakland
- Dec. 5 Peace members attend Taize services at San Damiano on Wednesday nights in Advent
- Dec. 8 Second Friday Film: *Christmas Story* inspired by a Finnish legend
- Dec. 9 *Pure Delight* Christmas Concert
- Dec. 10 Pr. Lucy sells Rwandan Christmas gifts in Gathering Hall  
Forum: *Peace as Sanctuary—Advent Draft=Draft 3*
- Dec. 16 Christmas Tea @ Tyme for Tea (Fremont) organized by Pat Leong and Diane Kurtz  
Chanukah Celebration with Beth Chaim at Blackhawk Plaza
- Dec. 17 Giving Tree gifts brought to church; delivered on Dec. 19 to shelter in Concord  
Weaving Our Stories conversations during Forum
- Dec. 18 Pr. Steve celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination
- Dec. 24 Mary Sunday; with Baptism of Asher Pierovich [parents Lauren and Alex]
- Dec. 24 5:00pm - Children's Service: The Little Drummer Boy, Noah Ashley; Mother Mary, Alex Sherry; Joseph, Luke Miletich; Shepherds, Evan & Sydney Wettstein; Angels, Sydney and Ridley; Archangel Gabriel, Julia Dahl, Wise ones, Patrick and Madison Kiley; soloists: Jamie Madsen, Elizabeth Hunter Ashley
- Dec. 24 10:00pm - Candlelight Service: guest musicians, John and Mary Ellen Nowell; Drew Cremisio performs his composition 'Prayer'; Peace Quartet sings "Today Is Born A Savior"
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day carols and Eucharist;  
Choi Family sings *Jesu Bambino* by Pietro Yon during worship.  
Peace Quartet sings "Today Is Born A Savior"
- Dec. 26 Baptism of Tanner Moran (McCann) [parents Erin and Jeff]
- Dec. 30 Baptism of Eaden Fallahi [parents Alexis and Amir]
- Dec. 31 Pr. Lucy Kolin preaches; guest soloist, Dr. Ellen Foster Randle.