Peace Church News

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Hope...

The last 6 months or so have not been good for many of us. Never before have I known a time like it, where family members, friends, people I heard about, were suffering in some way. It rattled my foundations and enveloped me in a dark cloud. It also brought me to thinking about what it is that makes us contented in this world or at least brings us a sense of peace.

It brought me back to the time when we, as a family, first came to Germany. With a small baby, a confused and frightened 3 year old, no German to speak of, no friends or family around, it was tough. There was a time of enforced waiting. I had nowhere I could run to! It cost some tears and heart searching throughout the next three years, before I felt ready to accept that Germany would be my home.
Strangely, for a while after this decision, God felt very close and taught me some new things. This experience heralded a time of personal development.

The New Year service that we shared with Friedenskirche in 2004 seemed to confirm this turn. I carried the sermon around with me for a long time until it became so 'dog-eared' that I could scarcely read it – but I do still have it! The text was taken from Joshua 1 v1-9 and is God's encouragement to Joshua as, after all the waiting in Egypt and in the wilderness, the Israelites finally entered the Promised Land. These words seemed to be a personal encouragement to me at that time. 'Go on, take this step into the unknown. I am with you and will be beside you.' It was and is a pertinent message as we face another new year with its challenges. Just then, in 2004, these words reassured me of the hope we all have, that God is beside us in everything.

Hope – This word in English usage today carries with it an idea of doubt. I hope she is coming today, but….
In the Bible the word Hope indicates something much more certain, not just wishful, nor even positive, thinking. Anselm Grün in his book about depression writes at some length about hope and quotes Paul in 2 Cor.1 v9-11
" ..that we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us."
So our Hope is in God who transforms the darkness, the taste of death. Hope sets itself on that which is unseen, on God's involvement in the future. There where there seems to be no hope – God gives hope, and there where there seems to be no life – God creates life anew. God changes the end of the story - although problems, situations, may remain.

One of those I referred to at the beginning of this piece is my cousin. Three years younger than I, we grew up together and she is precious to me. In the autumn she rang me to tell me she had been given the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. I was devastated and wasn't very helpful in my initial response to her. Some time later, she came to visit us with her husband. They have 5 sons, all of whom are gorgeous! Something she said both surprised and inspired me. She had celebrated her birthday in November, had bought a sparkly dress and invited friends to a party. She said to me ' I was determined to have fun.' There is not a shred of self pity in her approach to the illness which at the moment is in remission. She hopes in the future, in God who gives her reassurance that He is with her and she lives her life as fully as she can. She continues to do her job working with women prisoners, trying to rehabilitate them for life in the community. Not many of us have her strength but she is an inspiration. Hope keeps her in a situation that is full of the unknown.

Hope is often linked with a time of waiting. We are a people of 'quick fixes' as I read in a book by Sue Monk Kidd recently. I found this book 'by chance' in the fiction section of the English bookshop in München. How long it had lain there, who knows? However, this book and the meditations within it have supported me through those dark weeks and continue to do so. She

talks about the necessity of waiting in a positive way, – facing the struggle- seeking God – being prepared for transformation- allowing time, comparing the process to that of a chrysalis before the butterfly emerges. I know I am often guilty of rushing around, keeping myself busy, doing anything rather than face the tussle of personal and spiritual change. I would like my problems to melt away with a prayer, my neighbours who complain that we are too noisy to move out, the turbulence of family life and children to be soothed into an endless calm – and so on! But things happen in life and we have to find a way to cope, allowing these times of pain to be used creatively toward growth. It is a process that continues throughout our lives, the continuing upward spiral, the constant transformation as we more closely resemble the image of Christ. The verses in the letter to the Romans written by Paul speak about hope and change. Romans 8 v25 "but if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." And in v 29 he talks about God's intention that we should grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

As this New Year begins, maybe we can encourage one another. Maybe we can find a place of waiting together until that Hope becomes something seen.

I leave you with a prayer that Pastor Christine gave to me years ago. I came across it again, hidden in a book. It is a prayer of commission and now I pass it on to you.

'Take up your task with Hope and Faith.
Believe that you are a child of God.
The world is waiting for you to emerge.
So go with courage into the costly path of Christ.
Go with imagination into the creative life of God.
And go with freedom into the Life of the Spirit."

Love,
Katie

News from Peace Church Life

Auf Wiedersehen Pet (*)

by Phil Gill

As the alarm sounded at 7am on a Saturday morning, in order to make it for an 8am start at the building site (church), a disturbed Katie gently reminded me of the building work still needed at our flat: cupboards to be assembled in the children's rooms, the dripping water in the bathroom, the cracks to be filled and painted over. Oh well, I thought as I set off, there's always the afternoon for that. "Bye love".

A cheery Dieter Reinert welcomed me and I tagged along as he was showing people the work to be done and coaxing everything along professionally. I started off creating a temporary wooden partition wall for the crèche area with Martin Kümmerlin and another chap from Friedenskirche. It was clear they were getting on just fine without me, so Emily and I sawed off another partition wall and placed it near to where they were working, for them to fix up.

All the while, I had been watching Karl-Heinz with the rotary hammer drill (or chipping chisel), knocking out the sides and top of a door, in order to allow it to be removed easily and replaced with a new door, then sealed around and plastered back in. The German word for this work is "stemmen" and Karl-Heinz, had got in my view the best job of the lot. I had secretly been harboring a desire to try it and seeing that he'd been the only one on this task for a good hour, I persuaded him to let me have a go, "you look like you could do with a rest, can I have a go?" This question would come back to haunt me.

The dust, grime and racket which this machine threw out were not to be under-estimated. The sheer weight alone was another obstacle for this otherwise office-worker / pen-pusher and the vibrations when the hammer touched the walls to knock out the masonry was making my whole body shake. At one point I climbed off the ladder for fear of being shaken off. Dieter offered tips to improve my technique "hold it nearer your body!" It was no good though and after 15 minutes I was looking around for something else to do, as my arms were bending just trying to keep the machine horizontal. Karl-Heinz had been given another of these tools, even heavier than mine and was on to knocking out around the next door.

A further three volunteers appeared with another three heavy-duty chipping chisels, more like the pneumatic drills used to break up tarmac, which shamed me into giving it another go; meaning 5 of us in total hamme-

ring away at the masonry. Karl-Heinz and I were working around the doors and another three people were hard at it drilling into the entrance hall floor to loosen the bricks. There was an army of helpers just involved in transporting the smashed up masonry to two skips positioned outside the church doors. Johannes later commented on a certain Zen-like quality to the man/machine oneness of "stemming" on the floor, but if you were without ear defenders and dust protection, the noise and dust was overwhelming. It was no surprise to see a very determined Christine exiting the building, shaking her head, with a mobile phone clutched to her ear and trying to find refuge somewhere quieter.

Fortunately, breakfast arrived and Reiner called out for us to down tools and take a break.
I left after the morning's work and then returned "on-site" the following Saturday, the same procedure as last week.
Horst was "Bauleiter" this time and we started off by removing the wooden slats in the cellar compartments and then transporting these upstairs for taking to a recycling point. Dust mask and goggles were put to good use as it was impossible to breathe clean air down there, let alone see. Ulrike Pfannkuchen, more at home with negotiating sheets of music, made light work of clearing away the rubbish and rubble; the cobwebs and coal-like dust, seemed to have accumulated there over decades. I had to keep going upstairs every 15 minutes for gulps of cold air which re-invigorated like food to someone starving. My mood lifted as at one point coming out of the cellar area, I saw the familiar wavy lines around the doors to the toilets and fellowship area which meant one thing: more "stemming" was called for!

This time, it all clicked into place like building Lego: mains extension, machines, masonry chisel bits (greased first), safety gear, ladder; lift machine, keep tight to your body, press onto masonry and push button. Ah, it was easier this time, not quite like a knife through butter but after the "practice" week, it all felt "just right". I could get into this I thought, as I hummed along in the little world created in my head enclosed by ear defenders and face mask.

Going upstairs for some fresh air, I noticed another two "stemmers": Sam Frimpong and Albrecht hammering out the floor leading to the crèche and prayer room. Christine had, in case you were wondering at this point, long since left the building, taking the confirmation class to Otterfing and a quieter Saturday to boot.

Leaving to go home, I passed the yellow-trimmed uniform of a Deutsche Post lady tiptoeing around the mess to pop the mail in the rows of letterboxes. The whole experience had been surreal.

When I got home, I headed straight to clean up and relaxed in a hot bath, which soothed the sores, aches and pains. I closed my eyes, was dozing and contemplating it all: we'd been drilling for Deutschland, grafting for Ghana, stemming for Yorkshire. Then a drop of cold water landed on my nose and snapped me back to reality: Katie would be back in an hour and there was still that leak to fix!

(* name of a UK television comedy series about a group of men leaving their wives to work as contract labour on a German building site in the 1980s, a few of whom were Geordies, whose dialect includes "pet" as another word for "darling". Somehow I can't imagine a German saying "Auf Wiedersehen Haustier!").

Nativity Sunday 2009

by Jenny McPherson

It was with great anticipation that Alistair and I arrived at Peace Church on Sunday 13th December to participate in our first Nativity Sunday since arriving in October. We were unsure as to what to expect, but were delighted to find that this annual celebration involving the children and the adults was every bit as enjoyable and thought provoking as we have come to expect wherever in the world we have been.
The simplicity of the message which was acted out in the story of Lukas and the Wise Men was evident for all to see. Lucas was left behind by the other three kings as he used the money and provisions he had taken with him to help others on the way. He may have missed out on the birth of Jesus but he certainly didn't miss out on the message that Jesus brought to the world.

It was wonderful to see the mix of people, nationalities and colour of all those participating in the nativity and truly showed to us that God is a God for all; all inclusive. The faces of the children as they tried to remember what they should be doing, the anxiety of the adults as they ushered people to their places, the slipped costumes and the refusals to take part, all added to the enjoyment of the occasion and to the atmosphere in the church. It was truly a memorable experience and one

that was recounted the following week when I was in the congregation of our church in Edinburgh as they also celebrated their nativity.
The second part of the service was to say farewell to Ben and Naomi Yebuah. What an emotional experience this was. Although we did not know Ben and Naomi, it was obvious that they were truly loved and held in great esteem by the whole congregation. It was heart warming to see the seemingly never ending queue of people, patiently waiting to give their best wishes the couple.
Despite the tears it was indeed a celebration of the work that Ben and Naomi have done in Peace Church over the years. The African Choir singing so exuberantly behind them was so uplifting and a great send off for them as they return to their native Ghana where, I am sure, they will be welcomed with open arms and will soon be at the centre of their community as they certainly were here at Peace Church. After the service we were introduced to our first African Meal which was truly amazing. How the ladies in the kitchen produced so much food for so many was just amazing.
We are looking forward to many more services like this in the future and feel blessed to be a part of such a caring and inclusive church.

When There Was Nothing but an Ocean of Tears…

New Year's Eve Meditation on Isaiah 9: 2-7
Reiner Kanzleiter&Christine Erb-Kanzleiter

Sisters and brothers,
how has the year 2009 treated you? Has it treated you well? Has is treated you with successes, celebrations, joys and happiness?
Or does the memory of this year now coming to an end lie heavily on you and darken your visions and dreams of 2010?
For some of you we could answer this question. About others we wouldn't have a clue. For ourselves we know only too well.
How do you carry on when you look back at what you consider the worst year in your life?

Maybe you simply do what some Old Testament prophets did. You dream and speak more than you actually know. You don't foretell, but you forth-tell. And by what you say you encourage yourself and others to face a future shadowed by the darkness of past and present.
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light…"
When Isaiah spoke these words, there was much darkness. A foreign king had conquered their small country and turned it into one of his provinces. Former prophesies of gloom and doom had been fulfilled. But Isaiah was over all a prophet of hope. Light will come to our darkness: he was so certain of the coming of light that he spoke in a prophetic past tense, as if it had already come. It was so real and vivid in his mind that he felt the positive future had already begun, the saviour who they all were waiting for had already come. Still his life and that of his contemporaries was marked by much pain and suffering, characterized by disappointment and frustration, filled with despair and hopelessness. He attempts to encourage the people by talking of a nation being multiplied. Maybe not an easy picture for us, but for a nation that had been depopulated through war it would indeed be a joy if the birth rate increased. He talks about the "joy of harvest" – also not easy for us: our food supply is independent of the seasons. But in Isaiah's time, as still for many people in the world today, harvest signified the end of a long period of hunger.
We are dealing with images of the past, sure.
But we do understand the message of great joy – no matter whether told then or now.
With the Christmas story still in our minds, the joy is evident. "…see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people…"
With a faith that carried Isaiah through, his sorrow could be turned into joy.
And what was true then must be true today!
Whatever burden or mess we have in our past, the promise is that by living a life of faith, we will be able to deal with it.

Isaiah talks of freedom and victory, of peace and disarmament, of a new kingdom that will be permanent. It will have no end… A new king will arise. He will hold up good times for all people. He will be extraordinary and special and help the people to live in an ideal world: a world in which people would live together in peace.
…a world in which God will live with his people, he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, death will be nor more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

Isaiah had a dream. John had a dream.
Martin Luther King had a dream:
"…that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood… I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged according to the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream that one day… the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it."
This year now ending, is the year of the first black American president… Martin Luther King had a dream…
We, too, dream of a day when war and pain and darkness will be no more. We dream of peace, we dream of healing, we dream of light.
And as the people of God, we are called to use our dreams to be pointers towards the kingdom of God. No matter how dark our lives can be at times.
There is a place for our dreams… safely embedded in our faith in God. For without God, the dream remains but a dream, Martin Luther King says, and with God, the dream can, and will, become reality. And Isaiah would utterly and totally agree with that, as far as I understand him.
Isaiah has shared his most precious dream with the people who live in darkness... and he's sharing it with us tonight. We can believe in it.
And we can dream it. Dream against all the odds in our lives, dream against violence and wars, dream against accidents and catastrophes, dream against weakness and exhaustion, dream against pain and despair, dream against the exploitation of the environment and the ignorance of the people, dream against hostility and discrimination, dream against all that divides people, against all that holds them down, and against all that oppresses them…
We can be light for each other. We can be hope for each other. We can bring peace to each other, if we just follow who Isaiah was pointing to, who John had met, and who Martin Luther King drew all his courage from:
Jesus of Nazareth – and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace…
Let us choose Isaiah's verses as a vision for the year to come – maybe by merely and simply saying:
"I believe in God.
When there was nothing but an ocean of tears,
God sighed over the waters
and dreamed a small dream:
light in the darkness,
love for the loveless,
healing where there is pain."

Love and Serve the Community

by Emily Zumpe

During the New Year, you may take the time to consider the year which has passed and set new goals and resolutions for 2010. Many people consider eating better (or less), quitting smoking, working out regularly or generally striving for a healthier body. But have you considering your contribution to the body of Christ?

In Ephesians 4:11-13, Paul writes that it was Christ who called each person to fulfill different roles in the body of believers, which is the church. Jesus came to "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Wow! Now wouldn't that be a great goal for this year - I'd certainly like to attain and receive the full measure of Jesus Christ in my life! But what does this mean in our daily lives exactly? How can we attain unity and maturity? Paul suggests that these can not come from praying and accepting God alone, but that serving the Lord in a body of believers helps us reach our full potential as individuals, and at the same time helps the church fulfill its' mission to love and serve the community.

Peace Church has many active missions, and we need your support in order to continue doing God's work in Munich. There are many ways in which you can serve, from praying for the church to giving money regularly (even small amounts), from greeting visitors with a warm smile to preparing church coffee, from helping a refugee relocate to teaching a Sunday school class. There are countless ways in which we and God want you to serve, but I'd like to share two special opportunities with you.

A few years ago, Katie and Phil Gill wanted to clean out their attic and considered how their "trash" could perhaps be someone else's "treasure." And so the idea of our Give and Take Day was born. We started small, asking members to set aside clothes and household items during their spring cleaning and bring them to the church. But this ministry has grown, first to a biannual, and this year to a quarterly event! We now receive donations from individuals and other churches and organizations in and around Munich - so much so that our storage was overflowing before the last event in November! Yes, we will be having 4 G&T weekends this year, and we encourage everyone to mark their calendars (March 13th, June 26th, September 25th, November 20th), begin cleaning out their attics, basements, closets and garages - and to prayerfully consider your support of this ministry. We need volunteers to cook, greet donors, sort donations, assist visitors, continuously arrange and clean up, and finally help box up all

leftovers for further donation to a local charity. Why is this ministry important? Many members of our church family first heard about Peace Church when they visited a G&T day, and the spirit of community, service and mutual giving and receiving urged them to return. For me, I love to clean out the junk in my home, but I also love to hold a little baby in my arms as her mother "shops" and to discover a treasure to bring back home for myself. When I look around my home, I see members of the church in the tea tins, Christmas decorations, coats, books and more. How lovely to be surrounded by the body of believers in this way!

Secondly, I would like to encourage you to consider Paul and his own ministry, which is mirrored in the Peace Church outreach mission of visiting local prisons to lead worship services in English. When I first came to Peace Church, I was a bit weary of this ministry, having never been in a prison in any country. But during my lay preacher training, I felt compelled to go along. I was curious, but scared about what I would see and experience. The first visit was daunting, but the love and support of an ecumenical group helped me to relax, and after one visit I was hooked. Seeing the looks in the eyes of men and women who are hurting and desperately need to hear that God loves them and has a plan for them, that He has not given up on them - this motivates me to continue going back to various prisons on every opportunity. Jesus Christ did not just come for the middle class, the rich, the established - he spent time with all types of people in all types of situations - and he clearly said that his love was for everyone. You may believe this - but do you live it? The prison ministry is admittedly a step outside my comfort zone, but isn't that what Christ called us to do? To travel to every corner of the world and shine the light of His love on the darkness of despair? Please consider stepping out of the comforts of your daily routine, and attending a service with our group. We need people to go along to drive, sing, pray, read Scripture, and simply support this group with your presence - to shake hands and share the love of God on the "front lines", putting feet (and a loving smile) to our faith. Services are planned for March 14th, June 27th, October 17th, November 14th.

As you consider the fitness of your physical body for the coming year, please also prayerfully consider the condition of the spiritual body of believers, and resolve to join us in a few new out-of-the-box opportunities to grow and mature in your own faith and in unity.

Thomas Kemper, New Chief Executive of United Methodist Mission Agency

Thomas Kemper, a layman from Germany, will assume the position of Chief Executive of United Mission Agency on March 15th 2010. He is the first general secretary of a united Methodist agency from outside the United States.

"Thomas Kemper is uniquely qualified and gifted for this position," said Bishop Bruce R. Ough of West Ohio, president of Global Ministries and co-chair of a search committee that presented his name to the agency's executive committee. "His global perspective, missionary experience, sound Wesleyan theology, broad ecumenical involvement, and passion for Christ's mission will benefit the General Board of Global Ministries and the entire United Methodist Church as we advance our commitment to be a truly global movement."

With the German Methodist Mission, Kemper worked for two years with Vietnamese boat people in London before spending eight years in Brasil. A highlight of his time in Brasil was working with Roman Catholic sisters in ministry with the homeless, including organising worship in the streets. He has travelled extensively and contributed to field work in Africa. He can communicate in five languages.

Kemper considers it imperative for the mission agency to hold mercy and piety together and to "help local churches around the globe to feel and see themselves as part of a worldwide family, and to overcome the boundaries of culture, race, and denomination in the name of Jesus Christ." He said that he profoundly believes that "the gospel can transform individuals and the world."

"My desire to become involved in the international ministry of the church grew in my young adult years," he explained. "It was greatly strengthened in 1976 at a World Methodist Council youth event in Dublin, where I learned why we as Methodists so strongly believe that personal and social holiness hold together. My roommate was from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He was white and able to get an exit visa from South Africa, but his friend, who was black, was refused exit. I began to see what it means to struggle for the sake of faith."

Kemper said he thinks that Global Ministries can make valuable contributions to all of the focus areas by continuing its commitments to its traditional goals, such as making disciples for Jesus Christ, strengthening congregations, combating racism, seeking peace, providing humanitarian relief, and building strong ecumenical relations. A major role of the mission agency, he said, is to "enable and facilitate mission wherever it is already happening."

Did You Know That?

Over 50 children and youth were present at the Christmas Craft Day on Saturday 5 December? With the awesome help of the teenagers and some adults the church children made the most wonderful Christmas presents to take home and give them to friends and family.

On 29 November Joel Talleh was baptised at Peace Church? …followed by the baptism of Sherif Baturi and Angela Balogun on 20 December, and the baptism of Lizzy Erabor, Richard Sunday, Johann Haseneder and Aseosa Obedegbe on the 27 December. We wish all the children and their parents showers of blessings for their life together.

Nobody will stay hungry… – was the theme of a beautiful all-age and baptism service prepared by Katie Gill and Pastor Christine? A huge meditation cloth painted by an artist from Uganda had inspired them in the Women's Bible study to share paintings and texts with a congregation of all ages. (see on www.peacechurch.de sermons).

On Christmas Eve the local congregation was almost smaller than the number of guest who attended worship at Peace Church? We welcomed guests from the USA, Great Britain, Singapore, India and Poland, and were thrilled to see the same to English ladies again for the third time in three years. Anne Delph from Cambridge and her mother keep coming back to us for Christmas, always bringing delicious Christmas puddings in their luggage.

Asylum seekers at Peace Church always receive free tickets on Sundays to travel home safely from church? On average we need ten to fifteen tickets per Sunday. If you would like to support this ministry, talk to Pastor Christine.

Peace Church statistics look pretty good? Our membership increased in the past year. We are still able to raise enough funds for the precious work we are doing, even though the financial situation of our "risk-taking mission" sometimes looks quite unsure and is always unpredictable. We thank everyone who donated to our church community in the past year, and pray that they will continue to support us throughout 2010 as well.

In 2009 25 people were baptised at Peace Church? 23 children and 2 adults. We received into membership 13 new people, and had to say good bye to three members for good. Dickson Adomako, Naomi and Ben Yebuah returned to Ghana in the second half of 2009.

The Women's World Day of Prayers is held at Peace Church again in 2010? The liturgy for this outstanding ecumenical event comes from Cameroon, and Caro Voss, Nicole Biyee and Jenny McPherson are representing our congregation on the committee which prepares the event.

A list of Peace Church plans for 2010 will be published with this edition of Peace Church News? If you receive a printed version, you will find the list enclosed. If you receive the newsletter online, the list is attached to the e-mail as is the file with the Peace Church News.

The Women's Bible study will restart in February? Inspired by the famine hanging "Bread & Roses" on which Pastor Christine preached on Sunday 3 January, the women are trying to produce their own meditation cloth. ("Bread & Roses" can be seen on www.peacechurch.de sermons).

Peace Church now has a church secretary? Jenny McPherson works alongside Pastor Christine one to two mornings per week. Thanks to Jenny for her great commitment!

Hillary organised a concert featuring Titilayo who inspired us with her beautiful rendition of seasonal songs. The concert attracted a good crowd on a bitterly cold winter's evening in December and the proceeds of the evening, about 600 €, will be used for the church's work with asylum seekers. A big Thank You to Titilayo and Hillary and other helpers!

At a reception of new members we welcomed four new people? Mojisola Dabiri from Nigeria, Seibatu Kalon from Sierra Leone and Jenny and Alistair McPherson from Scotland joined Peace Church on Sunday 17 January.

We saw two new preachers in our pulpit in the last two months? It was lovely to have Kirsten Schaetz from Friedenskirche with us on the 4th Sunday in Advent! And on 17 January Alistair McPherson preached his first (beautiful!) sermon to us. Alistair is now officially a lay preacher in our congregation. Kirsten is a lay preacher at Friedenskirche and will help us when needed. Our thank you goes to all preachers in our church throughout the past year, and who, by the way, came from at least 5 different nations.

Pastors Christine and Reiner are now getting support? A retired Methodist minister who used to be their District Superintendent when they were young pastors, is helping them one week per month to manage the work load and to allow them to care for their son Nicolas who is now back home from hospital. Pastor Ulrich Jahreiss will be in Munich again from 15 to 21 February.

Peace Church Calendar

February

Tuesday 2 February	Restart Women's Bible study
Wednesday 3 February	Council on Ministries
Thursday 4 February	Home Group & Bible Sharing (restart)
Saturday 6 February	Faschingsparty for Kids' Club kids and families and friends
5 to 7 February	Weekend Away – Confirmation Class
Sunday 7 February	Sunday Worship
Sunday 14 February	Sunday Worship & Valentine's Party
Sunday 21 February	Sunday Worship
Tuesday 23 February	English-speaking Prisoners' Support Group AGM
Saturday 27 February	Confirmation Class
Sunday 28 February	Sunday Worship

March

Thursday 4 March	Home Group & Bible Sharing
Friday 5 March	WWDP
Saturday 6 March	Kids Help Kids: Activities
Sunday 7 March	Kids Help Kids: bilingual all-age communion service followed by lunch and activities
13 & 14 March	Give & Take
Sunday 14 March	Prison Service in Landsberg (Peace Church in charge)
Sunday 14 March	Sunday Worship
Sunday 21 March	Sunday Worship
Saturday 27 March	Confirmation Class
Sunday 28 March	Palm Sunday: Stations of the Cross
Monday 29 March	Holy Week Meditation (shared with FK)
Tuesday 30 March	Holy Week Meditation (shared with FK)
Wednesday 31 March	Holy Week Meditation (shared with FK)

April

	no Home Group & Bible Sharing in April
Friday 2 April	Good Friday communion service
Sunday 4 April	Easter Sunday Worship
5 - 10 April	Kids' Club Retreat in Kundl
Sunday 11 April	Sunday Worship
Saturday 17 April	Confirmation Class
Sunday 18 April	Sunday Worship
Sunday 25 April	Sunday Worship

Impressum

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