



The woman who calls herself "Peace Pilgrim" gestures as she tells her experiences to an audience at the Church

and even though I am penniless I have riches that money can't buy."

Peace has one anecdote about her confrontation with a disturbed teen-age boy who struck her in a fit of fear. Many people in the audience who had heard the story before begged Peace to tell it again.

"I was in a town once where there was this very disturbed boy," she began. "It was said that he once beat his mother so bad she was taken to a hospital

"He wanted to go for a walk in the

woods but was afraid to go alone for fear he would get hurt with no help nearby. No one in the town would go with him, so I went into the woods with him.

"While we were there a thunderstorm came up on us and he became so afraid he got violent and started hitting me. I showed him compassion and he stopped. I'm told he never got violent again.

"Sure I had a few bruises," she said, "but what is a little pain when you change somebody's life for the better?"

She's been a vegetarian for 35 years. "I won't ask someone to do my dirty work. I couldn't kill a living thing."

She then laughed and said, "We haven't even learned not to kill each other yet."

Peace has definite plans for a world of peace, and feels that world peace can be achieved in her lifetime.

"I would like to see a Peace Department developed," she suggested. "I think there should be a world language that everyone should learn as a second language."