

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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# OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

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September  
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### Fire Update

It's hard to believe that fall is knocking on our door. While we were hopeful to have use of more space by this time, the reality is that we don't. Supply chain issues with materials and scheduling of workers is making us use that 'patience' card again. However, things are moving forward. Here are the key updates that have occurred:

- Vinyl tile on the elevator stairwell stairs was removed.
- Stage was dismantled and another storage container was added to the south parking lot to store everything.
- All woodwork in the Sanctuary and Sacristy (including the ceilings) have been sealed. This includes the doors and inside windows to the Sanctuary in the Narthex.
- Ramp was built in the Sanctuary to allow the electric lifts to access the naïve area. Additional ceiling jacks were added to the storage area below to provide stability to support the heavy equipment.
- Wood slats in Sanctuary were removed. This will be put back after the organ pipes are cleaned and new fabric replaced (both in front and back of the Sanctuary).
- Re-painting has begun in the Fellowship Hall and the storage area (under the Sanctuary).

While the list above seems rather small, all these items are important steps as we move forward. September will be a very busy month for abatement of the asbestos in the Fellowship Hall, the cleaning the organ pipes (removing, cleaning, and putting back in), replacing the fabric covering the organ pipe area and the acoustical fabric in the back of the Sanctuary, putting a poly-tech flooring in the storage area (below the Sanctuary), so that we can begin to empty some of the storage containers in our parking lot, re-assembling the stage, and continue with the new paint colors. We are hopeful that the carpeting will be installed in the Sanctuary sometime in September, but the rest of the flooring won't be available until the end of October or later. The Sanctuary chairs were ordered after our Congregational Meeting on August 14 and are in production. Estimated availability is predicted the middle of November. We continue to work one week at a time to see what can be done on this south end; we are still working for an end date close to Easter of 2023 for the north end. We appreciate your willingness to 'think outside of the box' as we work to make our Faith Formation year possible and for other ministries to continue.

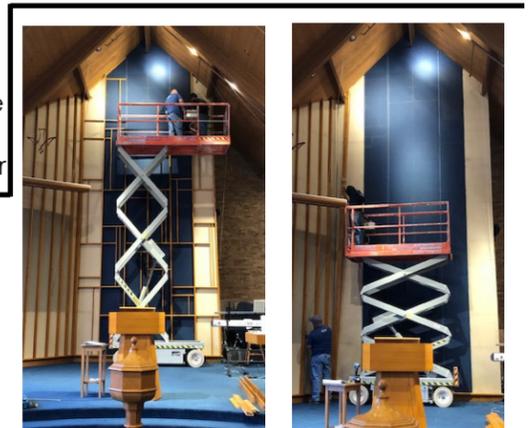
If you have any questions about the fire renovation, please reach out to me or Pastor Paul.

Hope Continues to Grow Here!!

Debby

### **Images Right:**

Removal of the wooden slats in preparation of cleaning the organ pipes.



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### Dismantling the Stage

Special thanks to Kirby who put in many hours working with Knutson to dismantle the stage in preparation for the asbestos abatement and repainting!!

**Photos Bottom/Right:** Temporary ramp built in Sanctuary to allow electric lift to access the naïve. Additional ceiling joists are added to the storage area in basement to ensure the weight of the electric lifts don't come through the floor!



**Photos Right/Bottom/Bottom Right:** Painters (led by Rob Stevens) working hard sealing the woodwork and scraping the mold from the basement storage area walls



# FEATURED EVENTS

## Rally Day

SEPTEMBER 11, 10a—1:30p: Come join us as we kick off our fall programming schedule with a Rally Day Celebration! We'll begin our day with worship at 10a (NEW TIME), followed by Faith Formation for all ages in the F-Hall. Then at 12p, we'll all gather on the front lawn for FREE food and fun! We'll have a pizza truck, a bounce house, and activities. It will be the perfect way to be in community with each other and reconnect after your summer break.

10a—Worship (with our Rally Day Choir)

11:15a—All Ages Faith Formation in the F-Hall

12—1:30p—Rally Day Festivities on the Front Lawn

## Hawthorne Helps

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER — Hawthorne Helps is a partnership between Rochester Public Schools' Hawthorne Education Center and First Unitarian Universalist Church. Volunteers staff a store, offering items that cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps). Students may select items twice a month, free of charge. The store is currently in need of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and floss. We'll be accepting donations through the month of September and can be dropped at the Welcome Desk, in the box labeled "Hawthorne Helps."

## Coming up....

### Drag Queen Bingo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15—It's FINALLY coming back!

Volunteers and Donations Needed: We are excited to make this happen, but need your help! We are in need of volunteers to help out with set up, food/water sales, admission, tear down and donations of water and/or treats (all prepacked and store bought) that can be sold during the show. Link to sign up. <https://signup.com/go/scqHdRU>

Drag Queen Bingo Event: Two shows are scheduled—early and late, with a max attendance of 104 for each show. Costumes are encouraged, prizes will be awarded for the best outfits. Over \$500 in cash prizes (if the bingo playing audience exceeds 100 players) for each show. Advanced Ticket Sales will be sold at \$15/pp (ONLINE ONLY) and open on Sunday, September 11. If the show is not sold out, tickets will be available for purchase at the door (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) for \$20/pp. See the link to purchase tickets on page 4—September Calendar of Events.

## Orpington Acres Farm Stand

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18 —Time is running out to purchase organic farm fresh produce and home-baked breads, jams, jellies, and canned goods. They will not be with us on Sunday, September 4 (due to Labor Day), but you can catch them the following 2 Sundays only from 10—Noon on the South parking lot.

## Guest Speaker: Project Legacy—Karen Edmonds

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ 11:15a—Project Legacy is one of the agencies that we support throughout the year. But what is Project Legacy? Who do they serve? Karen Edmonds, co-founder and Executive Director, will share what Project Legacy is all about and how your donations help to support to provide hope, connections, and support to youth and young adults of color who may have experienced poverty, trauma, homelessness, and sexual exploitation. Questions? Contact Joan Bietz.

Hey Peace Church!

In the past four years, I have come to think of you as family. I have been grateful that the Welcome Desk Coordinator position came at the exact right time for me as we adjusted to family transitions, my kids' growing needs and the balancing act that is called "parenting." Peace Church holds a very special place in my heart. I have accepted a position with the Rochester Downtown Alliance that will start September 6, 2022. Although I will not be at Peace as much and will not be able to work every Sunday, I will still be maintaining some of the responsibilities that I have taken on over the past four years.

I have been so thankful for the love and support, the flexibility when it comes to family and the very welcoming community of people that makes Peace Church one of my favorite places. I will keep my email address (aoffice@peacechurchucc.org) as I work mostly remotely, so please feel free to email!  
Clare Tarr

# CALENDAR

## September Events

**THURSDAY 1:** Women's Fellowship, 8a, ZOOM or outside

**SUNDAY 4:** Communion Sunday Traditional Worship, 9a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

**MONDAY 5:** Labor Day—OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY 6:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, Narthex; Beverage and Bible, 5p

**WEDNESDAY 7:** Rally Day Choir Rehearsal, 6:30p, Sanctuary

**THURSDAY 8:** Women's Fellowship, 8a, ZOOM or outside

**SUNDAY 11:** Rally Day—Worship, 10a (NEW TIME); Orpington Acres Stand, 10a, South Parking Lot; Faith Formation, 11:15a, F-Hall; Rally Day Festivities, 12p, Front Lawn; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; Drag Queen Bingo Tickets go on sale today:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drag-queen-bingo-tickets-410631749617>

**TUESDAY 13:** Men's Fellowship 7a, Narthex; Beverage and Bible, 5p

**THURSDAY 15:** Women's Fellowship, 8a, ZOOM or outside; Card Sharks, 6:30p, Narthex

**SUNDAY 18:** Special Worship, 10a; Guest Speaker: Project Legacy, 11:15a, Sanctuary; Faith Formation, 11:15a, F-Hall; Orpington Acres Stand, 10a, South Parking Lot (Last Day); Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

**TUESDAY 20:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, Narthex; Beverage and Bible, 5p

**WEDNESDAY 21:** Church Council, 7p, Narthex

**THURSDAY 22:** Women's Fellowship, 8a, ZOOM or outside;

**SUNDAY 25:** Contemporary Worship, 10a; Faith Formation, 11:15a, F-Hall; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

**TUESDAY 27:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, Narthex; Beverage and Bible, 5p

**WEDNESDAY 24:** All Ages Picnic, 5:30p (Wedgewood Hills Park, 5117 52nd Ave NW)

**THURSDAY 25:** Women's Fellowship, 8a, ZOOM or outside

**NOTE: Sunday Morning Schedule Change beginning Sunday, September 11**

**10a—Worship**  
**11:15a—Faith Formation**

MEN OF PEACE  
 Every Tuesday, 7a  
 (Narthex)

BEVERAGE AND BIBLE  
 Every Tuesday, 5p  
 (Glynner's Pub)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
 Every Thursday, 8a  
 (via ZOOM or meeting outdoors)

Coming in October:

- Enormous Africa
- Race Forward
- Drag Queen Bingo
- Trunk or Treat



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JUL 2022	YEAR-TO-DATE	JUL 2021
Pledges budgeted	\$35,167	\$246,167	\$35,167
Pledges received	\$28,022	\$232,003	\$26,198
Difference	-\$7,165	-\$14,164	-\$8,969

As we reach the mid-point of the summer months, our pledged gifts are hanging in there. Even though we were down \$7,165 for the month, we were ahead of last year!

Total income for July was down \$9,658 from budget, but still better than last year by \$835. YTD we are down \$28,443.

Our bottom line continues to look very good based on our overall expense control. Month-to-date we are \$6,902 better than budget and \$4,165 better than last year at this time. YTD we are \$21,584 better than budget.

Our net income is down \$2,756. YTD, we are down \$6,858 which isn't so bad when our YTD income is down \$28,443. And, compared to last year, we are \$41,715 better YTD. This is mainly due to having only 3 months of the Associate Pastor expense this year.

Overall, the financial end of things are looking good. If we can just hang in there with our August gifts, we will have weathered the 3 slowest pledge gift months of the year. It also appears that we are not incurring any excess expenses due to the fire damage, other than utilities. We will be checking into the excessive use of electricity costs due to the fans running non-stop and see if our insurance will cover some of these utility costs.

Please contact Tom DeYoung (LTDEYOUNG@msn.com) if you have any questions.



Photos Left: Scenes from the 8/28 worship with our guest preacher: Rev. Tammy Rider.

## September Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays in September

- 03** Dale McCamish
- 06** Wendy Nevala, April Oelkers
- 07** Evelyn Stiller
- 08** Aubrey Burkhard, Kaylene Geiger
- 09** Erick Rist
- 10** Ken Fritz, Tamara Haack
- 11** Vivien LeQuire, Shelley Schmitt
- 14** Margie Barrows, Joel Gordon
- 15** Grayson Bignell, Anthony Cook, Ernie Roeber
- 16** David Arns, Carlton Swan
- 17** Mary Bennett, Thomas Winters
- 18** Joan Bietz, Anya Theuer
- 21** June Kulinski, Jennifer Newton
- 22** Judy Berg
- 23** Ben Bedard, Quintin Dykes, Carrie Wieland
- 24** Sharon Franklin, Sarah Gordon
- 25** Cassidy Harmon
- 26** Olive Ryg
- 28** Bruce Franklin
- 29** Karla Hamilton, Kim Tande, Jesse Wilder
- 30** Judi Bjork, Melissa McLaurin