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PEACE  CHURCH

May 2024

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What a night!

Drag Queen Bingo was a great success!

Thank you to all who attended, donated, and/or volunteered! Over \$4,000 was raised for Peace United, and we couldn't have done any of it without YOU!!

Saturday, April 13, 2024
Photo credit: Jody Morbeck



Above: Artist Joseph Alexander
Below: Bingo Mama, Karla Hamilton
Right: Bingo Administrator, Lynn Alcock



CALENDAR

May

FRIDAY 3: Channel One Volunteering 9a, Channel One HQ; John Pavlovitz presentation 7p, Sanctuary

SATURDAY 4: Once and Future Classics Performance: The Three Musketeers 7:30p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 5: Communion Sunday Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, with John Pavlovitz 10:30a; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 6: Moving Monday 7a, Silver Lake

TUESDAY 7: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Social Action 6p, Peace Room; Race Forward 6:30p, Zoom

WEDNESDAY 8: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 9: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room; The Spark 6p, Dwelling

FRIDAY 10: OAF Performance: The Three Musketeers 7:30p, F-Hall

SATURDAY 11: OAF Performance: The Three Musketeers 2p, F-Hall; One Day Choir 12-2:30p, Choir Room and Classrooms; OAF Performance: The Three Musketeers 7:30p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 12: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 13: Moving Monday 7a, Silver Lake

TUESDAY 14: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22

WEDNESDAY 15: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall; Spark Gathering 6p, Dwelling

THURSDAY 16: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room; Enormous Africa 7p, Zoom

FRIDAY 17: OAF Performance: The Three Musketeers 7:30p, F-Hall

SATURDAY 18: Rochester Pride 12-5p, Soldier's Field; Rainbow Choir Concert 12p, Pride Rochester; OAF Performance: The Three Musketeers 7:30p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 19: Pride Sunday: Pancakes for Pride 9a, F-Hall; Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service featuring the Rochester Rainbow Choir and the Children's Program, 10:30a; Peace Picnic: Picnic and Play 12p, F-Hall

MONDAY 20: Moving Monday 7a, Silver Lake

TUESDAY 21: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30p, Zoom

WEDNESDAY 22: African Unity Meal 5p, F-Hall; Church Council 7p, Peace Room

THURSDAY 23: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex;

SUNDAY 26: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 27: Memorial Day- PUC Office Closed. No Movin' Mondays

TUESDAY 28: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22

WEDNESDAY 29: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 30: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room



Scenes from Easter Sunday, March 31 2024
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9a: PANCAKES FOR PRIDE

Pop in for some pancakes and good company. Donations from this event will go toward our Pride offering.

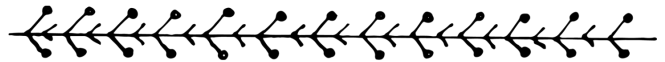
10:30a: PRIDE SUNDAY SERVICE

Enjoy the music of The Rochester Rainbow Choir and a great Sunday Service in honor of our LGBTQIA+ friends and family

12p: PICNIC AT PEACE

Pack a lunch and join the fun! Stick around and get to know other families and make new friends!

 **Spotlight** News



Once & Future Classics presents



THREE MUSKETEERS
The Musical

www.onceandfutureclassics.org
Tickets \$20
Peace United Church of Christ
1503 2nd Ave NE Rochester

May 2, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18
at 7:30 pm
&
May 11 at 2:00pm




THE FIRST THREE WEEKENDS IN MAY: Don't miss Once and Future Classics' next exciting production, Three Musketeers: The Musical. Featuring fast-paced action, witty humor, and a star-studded cast of purely local talent!

See if you can spot the four Peace Members in the cast!

7:30p: May 2,4,10,11,17,18

2p: May 11

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3vWs4xh>

FEATURED EVENTS

African Unity Meal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 5:30p: Our Enormous Africa group is very excited to gather together on African Unity Day to enjoy some traditional African cuisine and music! The dinner will comprise of delicious African food including fufu with okra soup, groundnuts soup with rice, fried plantains, yam and the much talked about western African jollof rice. Beautiful and danceable African music will be played. African Day dinner is open to all. Sign up is required, as we will need to know how much food to prepare. All free will donations will go toward the cost of the meal and future Enormous Africa events and supplies.

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/QmuVkJFg>



The Spark:

WEDNESDAYS THRU May 15, 6p: Through differing forms of engagement, Spark will provide new opportunities for our faith and life to intersect. Reflect, interact, create, or just be still. Join us at 5:15p for a meal.

Pancakes for Pride

SUNDAY, MAY 19 9a: Pop in for some pancakes and good company, all for a great cause! Breakfast will include juice, coffee, pancakes, and sausage. A gluten free option will be available. Donations for this event will go toward our Pride offering.

Rochester Pride: **Volunteers Needed**

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 12-5p: Peace is very proud to raise our sponsorship level to **PLATINUM SPONSOR** at Rochester Pride! Social Action is looking for volunteers to take one or two hour shifts on May 18th at Rochester Pride! Meet great people, see old friends and tell people about how great Peace United is! Sign up to help out here: <https://signup.com/goeUTLqmG>

Picnics at Peace– Picnic and play

SUNDAY, MAY 19 12-1p: Pack a lunch and join the fun! Picnics at Peace bring the community together for a fun meal and an opportunity to chat and play together.

One Day Choir:

Do you love to sing but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Join us for just one rehearsal to make great music.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 12-2:30p: Fountain of Wayne's "Stacy's Mom," just in time for Mother's Day!
<https://forms.gle/jh6ZVK2KVpfguqYEA>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 5:30-8p: Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" to honor Pride month.
<https://forms.gle/X6aKPzRuZD41Bwk87>



Scenes from Sunday April 7, 2024
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LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

- 2: Summer Sunday Service 9a begins
- 2: Social Action Ice Cream Social
- 3: Social Action Team Meeting
- 7: Channel One Volunteering
- 8: Pride Ride
- 26: One Day Choir: Lady Gaga's "Born This Way"
- 28: Topsy Tie-Dye



MAD CAMP!

Music, Art, Drama for kids!

Last chance to register!

Limited spots available!

JUNE 17-21, 8:30a-4:30p: Whether your child is an experienced performer or wants to be a tree in the background, Peace's MAD Camp is for them! Local theater director and schoolteacher Jen Ryg and Peace's director of programming and music Dylan Starr will teach your young performer or backstage artist the skills they need to produce a fun, kid-approved musical.

Pack a lunch; light snacks provided.

Grades 1st-8th

Cost: Free, donations accepted

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/3f51LPdxr5BS4Uki9>

Below: The Spark, Wednesday nights at 6p



THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



Right here, in our community

Little Free Pantry Summer Items

Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this summer. Please refer to the suggested list of warm weather needs. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

General guidelines: Ready to eat soups with pop-tops (no can opener needed). No glass containers. Single-serve sized items (not bulk or family sized). No expired items. No used or open items. No canned veggies (they do not get taken). Give dignity by choosing items you would eat yourself or serve to guest.



Channel One Team members : Dale Ely and Diane Shanks

LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUMMER LIST

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| Ramen | Crackers |
| Rice | Pretzels |
| Ravioli* | Water |
| Spaghetti | Nuts |
| Tuna pouches | Cereal (single serve box) |
| Chili* | Vienna sausages* |
| EZ mac | Jelly |
| Applesauce cups | Pasta |
| Fruit cups | Pasta sauce |
| Pudding cups | Tampons, pads |
| Juice boxes or pouches | Toothpaste, brushes |
| Oatmeal packs | Socks (new) |
| Peanut butter | Baby wipes |
| Jerky | |

Family Promise: New Year New Home Fundraiser

Peace Teens and Social Action team have come together to create a fun and meaningful way to support Family Promise as they work to secure a new home to house the multiple families that they support. Family Promise is planning renovations to an existing building. These renovations and all of the furnishings will require funding.

On Sunday mornings, teens and adults will be in the narthex to take donations toward their goal of raising \$10,000 by the end of 2024. Please donate what you are able; Enough for a can of paint? Enough to purchase a toy for their family play room? Maybe even enough for some furniture! No donation is too big or too small. If you would like to donate digitally, please scan the QR code or follow this link: <https://bit.ly/43FaaM8>

Questions? Email Linda Bradley



FINANCIAL UPDATE

May

Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays this month:

- 01 John Kuth
- 02 Samuel Giere
- 04 Ruth Lyngholm
- 05 Jeff Teskey
- 06 Amy Allen, James Fritsche
- 09 Ed Leaf
- 11 Susan Crawley,
Robert Stevens
- 12 Linda Bradley
- 14 Cecilia Kesselring
- 16 Keira Basballe, Ben Sadler,
Leslie Sunnock
- 17 Diane Rueb
- 21 Shirley Fritz
- 23 Ila Teskey
- 25 Emily Christie
- 28 Tamara Berven
- 29 Charles Barrows,
Donell Beaulieu,
Anne Fritsche
- 31 Keondre Bryant

	MAR 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	MAR 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$ 32,500	\$ 97,500	\$32,500
Pledges received	\$ 25,439	\$ 81,570	\$24,930
Difference	-\$ 7,061	-\$15,930	\$ 4,032

Our pledged gifts for March came in below budget once again by -\$7,061 but ahead of last March 2023 by \$509. The positive is that our non-pledged gifts for March were a bit over budget by \$145 and \$349 more than March 2023.

Other income, for the month, was ahead of budget by \$3,594; however, total income for March came in at -\$3,319 under budget.

Good news is that expenses for March were \$2,537 below budget; however our net income was -\$4,828, which is worse than our budget -\$4,043.

At the end of March our

* General Operating account is \$ 25,461.33

* General Operating Savings is \$191,913.86

* CD account is at \$75,000

Capital Funds Account is at \$26,638.33 (we are still able to cover our building mortgage for the year)

Please contact Brian Osowski (bosowski15@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



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