

OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

PEACE  CHURCH

October 2023

BUILDING A BIGGER TABLE
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RALLY DAY & BIRTHDAYS
PATHWAYS INFO.
FINANCIAL UPDATES (JULY & AUG.)

PULL UP A SEAT at A BIGGER TABLE!

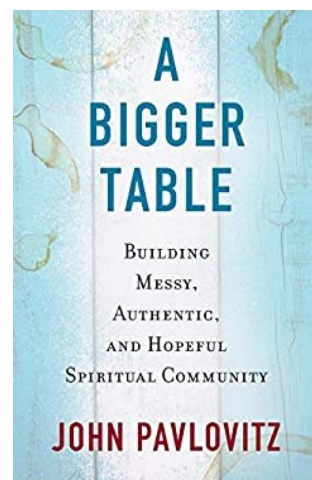
October 15 – November 19

Each week our PATHWAYS program will focus on subthemes derive from John Pavlovitz's book, "A Bigger Table."

On Sunday mornings our children, teens, and adults will be working simultaneously on the same themes and scriptures on what it means to create a BIGGER TABLE. All are encouraged to share in the 9:15–9:30 Intergenerational Gathering.

At 9:30 everyone will engage in age specific groups.

OCTOBER 15 –	Your Usual Seat: Invite and Welcome
OCTOBER 22 –	The Tensions: Argue
OCTOBER 29 –	Radical Hospitality: Share
NOVEMBER 5 –	Total Authenticity: Learn
NOVEMBER 12 –	True Diversity: Talk
NOVEMBER 19 –	* <i>Pull Up A Chair</i> : Sit and relax



*On November 19, John Pavlovitz will be leading the morning session and worship! To celebrate our PEACE UNITED BIGGER TABLE, we will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19 @ 11:30.

We are also wanting to create optional adult study group times. If you would like to lead/create your own small group to reflect on "A Bigger Table", please let Clare know.

Come, and pull up a seat, for our new series, "A Bigger Table". Books are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk for \$20

"Discrimination hinders people from finding community, and it robs the Church of the tremendous gifts that diversity brings."

— John Pavlovitz, A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community



CALENDAR

October Events



TUESDAY 1: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22

THURSDAY 3: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Narthex

SUNDAY 1: World Communion Sunday: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service with Communion, 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 2: Social Action 6p, Peace Room

TUESDAY 3: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Afro-Christian Convention Book Study, 6:30p, Zoom

WEDNESDAY 4: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 5: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room;

SUNDAY 8: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 9: Once & Future Classic Auditions 6:30p, F-Hall

TUESDAY 10: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Afro-Christian Convention Book Study, 6:30p, Zoom; OAFCA Auditions 6:30p, F-Hall

WEDNESDAY 11: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 12: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm

SATURDAY 14: Feed My Starving Children Volunteer meet at church by 12:15p.

SUNDAY 15: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 17: : Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; NOTE: Afro-Christian Convention Book Study Break- NO Zoom

WEDNESDAY 18: : Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall;

Church Council 7p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 19: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

SUNDAY 22: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service with Autumn Langholz Baptism 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 24: : Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Afro-Christian Convention Book Study, 6:30p, Zoom

WEDNESDAY 25: : Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall;

THURSDAY 26: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Peace Rm

SATURDAY 28: Drag Queen Bingo Set up 9a-12p, F-Hall & Narthex; Drag Queen Bingo Early Performance 4p, F-Hall; Drag Queen Bingo Late Performance 7p, F-Hall; DQ Bingo Tear Down 9p

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

Feed My Starving Children

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 — Have fun packing meals! Peace is looking for volunteers to help pack meals at the Feed My Starving Children HQ in Eagan MN. This opportunity has been set up by confirmant Anya Theuer. If you are interested in signing up, please use the following Google Doc link:

<https://bit.ly/48A9FF4>



Left: Jenny Langholz with her new baby girl, Autumn
Right: Pathways youth receiving their bibles. 9/10/ 2023 (photo credit Jody Morbeck)

FEATURED EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
HALLOWEEN
DRAG QUEEN BINGO
TWO PERFORMANCES
4P & 7P

CASH PRIZES
COSTUME CONTEST

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

Drag Queen Bingo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28—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) . If the show is not sold out, tickets will be available for purchase at the door (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) for \$20/pp.

LINK TO TICKETS: <https://bit.ly/3sIFACN>

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/vtSdgjip>

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

16-19 John Pavlovitz weekend

19: Community Thanksgiving Meal

October 29, 3-4p
Trunk or Treat
Listos Parking lot: 1503 2nd Ave NE, 55906
PEACE UNITED

Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 3 to 4p — We will be holding this fun way to celebrate Halloween in the Listos parking lot this year! Peace is currently looking for individuals who will decorate their car/ trunk and hand out candy or non-candy prizes to trunk or treaters Please see the sign up at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Tracy yactivities@peacechurchucc.org

Save The Date
Sunday, November 19, 12-1p*
**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING MEAL**

"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart."
- Cesar Chavez

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5 PER ADULT, CHILDREN AND TEENS EAT FREE.

*or until we run out of food

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



Right here, in our community



Hawthorne Helps

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER—
Help neighbors in need feel their best as they head back to school!

Hawthorne Helps is a partnership between Rochester Public Schools' Hawthorne Education Center and First Unitarian Universalist Church with support from many faith communities. Volunteers staff a distribution area offering free items to adult students that cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps). 85% live at or below the poverty level. **HH is currently in need of floss, toothpaste and toothbrushes.**

Donations can be dropped at the Welcome Desk in the Box labeled "Hawthorne Helps"

Little Free Pantry at Peace

YOU CAN HELP— Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this winter. Please refer to the suggested list of cold 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.

Scarves, hats, gloves
Handwarmers
Socks (all sizes, kid & adult)
Plain t-shirts (all sizes)
Diapers, wipes
Toilet paper, Kleenex
Tampons, pads
Chapstick
Deodorant
Lotion, soap
Toothpaste, brushes
Peanut butter
Pasta sauce, pasta

Rice, pasta, ramen
EZ mac
Chucky soups, canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs
Cereal (hot and cold)
Snack crackers
Dried fruit, nuts, jerky
Granola bars
Tuna packs
Rice/potato mixes
Canned meat
*No condensed soups, please

Jefferson School Support

Peace is proud to partner with our neighborhood school to provide healthy snacks for students and donations that might help families in need.

Below is a list of suggested items:

- individually wrapped snacks (chips, crackers, granola bars, etc). Non-peanut snacks are needed too (fruit cups, applesauce, Nutri grain bars, etc).
- They would also like to have gift cards available (gas, Walmart) for those families in need.

Donations can be left in the bin located by the Welcome Desk. Please leave the gift cards with Clare.

Community Meal Nights

WEDNESDAYS : 5:15p-Peace Church is excited to bring back Community Meal Nights! Each Wednesday we will be providing an opportunity to get to know our neighbors by hosting a meal and offering our fellowship to all. This meal is provided at no cost but suggested donations for those who are able will be \$5 per person. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up (5-7p). To sign up, visit: <https://bit.ly/3LeX2VU>

If you would like to prepare a meal, please contact Clare.

Questions? [Contact Clare](#)



9-24-23 Pathways leaders and youth create Lasagna and bread for the Wednesday Night meal

RALLY DAY!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Photos by Jody Morbeck

October Birthdays

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

October

- 02 Joseph Haack,
Vicki Schoonover,
Zac Siewert
- 03 Gina Kesselring,
Jenny Langholz
- 08 Deborah Schroeder,
Cortney Stevens-Bignell
- 09 Dean Pollock
- 10 Mary Bennett
- 12 Audrey Ewert, Stevi Hallisy,
Mark Wieland
- 13 Chris Potts
- 14 Craig Johnson
- 15 Shannon Bennett
- 17 LuAnn Rueb, Joleen Sherden
- 18 Colton Cox, Theresa Diekvoss
- 19 Ed LeQuire
- 20 Lois Hanenberger
- 23 Paul Keehn
- 24 Beverly Clark, Sara Johnson
- 26 Debby Adams, Marie Neher
- 28 Dana Basballe, Jan Smith
- 30 Ronald Welke





PATHWAYS

SUNDAYS, 9:15a

Lessons on being a good human

Pathways is a weekly PreK-Adult program designed to promote kindness, compassion and peace within the community.

Pathways

Pathways is an engaging and interactive series of activities and workshops to help you learn more about yourself, your community, and your spirituality.

- Register your child for Pathways here: <https://forms.gle/dJ85qPm2R6UuDQrW6>

- Link to the Pathways Plan: www.peacechurchucc.org/pathways

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

Peace is seeking adults to help teach lessons each Sunday, 9:30-10:15a. No teaching experience required. Lessons and materials will be provided by Peace staff.



WHO IS WELCOME AT PATHWAYS?

People ages 3+ are invited to Pathways, Sundays from 9:30-10a at Peace.

WHAT WILL I LEARN AT PATHWAYS?

From October 1-8, we will explore the theme "What are we made of?" We will learn more about the traditions, stories, nourishment, and goodness that help make us who we are. October 15-29 will start our "Bigger Table" series

WHAT ARE WE MADE OF

October 1: Water

Fill your cup and uncover truths about water, the water cycle, and water conservation.

October 8: Goodness

The Golden Rule. The Ten Commandments. The Book of Law. What helps make us good people? How can we improve ourselves? Can we improve others? Find out how goodness can be found all around us.

A BIGGER TABLE

OCTOBER 15 - Your Usual Seat: **Invite and Welcome**
 OCTOBER 22 - The Tensions: **Argue**
 OCTOBER 29 - Radical Hospitality: **Share**



LEFT: 9-24-23 Pathways leaders and youth create salad and cookies for the Wednesday Night meal
RIGHT: 9-27-23 Teens & Youth serve Wednesday Meal (photo credit Jody Morbeck)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JULY 2023	YEAR-TO- DATE	JULY 2022
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$227,500	\$35,167
Pledges received	\$27,374	\$202,137	\$28,022
Difference	-\$ 5,126	-\$ 25,363	-\$7,145

	AUG 2023	YEAR-TO- DATE	AUG 2022
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$260,000	\$35,167
Pledges received	\$25,525	\$225,662	\$27,853
Difference	-\$ 6,975	-\$ 34,338	-\$7,314

The pledges in July were below budget by **-\$5,126** and YTD increased to **-\$25,363** behind budget. Compared to last July, we were down **-\$648** and down **-\$30,000** last YTD.

We received all our 2023 rent monies for Listos. The total was \$16,000 (including August rent). This put us in better shape for the month at \$10,483 above budget and greatly improved YTD total income to \$11,828 below budget. It also put us ahead of last year total income by approximately \$3,000.

Expenses for the month were down \$8,188 from budget and are \$28,522 below budget YTD. Compared to July 2022, our expenses were \$2,683 more.

Again, the Listos rent is being paid up. We finished the month \$18,670 better than budget and are ahead for this year by \$12,695. Compared to July we are ahead by \$14,290 and last YTD just a little down by approximately **-\$1,500**.

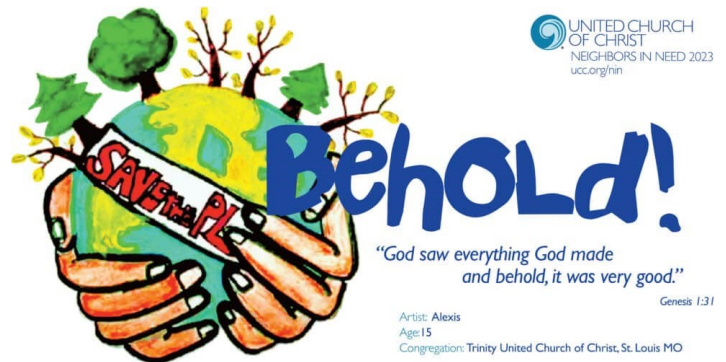
Please contact Tom DeYoung (LTDEYOUNG@msn.com) if you have any questions.

I'm concerned that I am repeating myself for the last few months, but we are down again for the month compared to budget by **-\$6,975** and a total of **-\$34,338** behind from budget.

We received an approximate rebate check from RPU in the amount of \$10,000 which helped our total income greatly this month and YTD. For the month, we were ahead of total income by \$1,081 and for the year, \$18,162; not so bad with pledge dollars being off by **-\$34,338**.

Monthly expenses were over budget by \$3,139, but YTD we are \$21,391 better than budget. Our bottom line for the month was **\$2,058** over budget, but YTD we are \$3,221 better than budget.

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Neighbors In Need Offering on Sunday, October 1.



Semi-Annual Meeting: Sept 24, 2023

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