



November 2023

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PONDERINGS OF PASTOR PAUL....

I LOVE this time of year. The change of season, crisp air, the beautiful fall colors, and the anticipation of what is coming next! There is something beautiful about transitioning from one season of life to another. I think we all experience transitions in some way or another in our personal lives... some more dramatic and impacting than others, but we are always in change and transition.

Peace United is no different. We experience change and transitions all around us here at Peace United. We most notably saw this in our church as our 14 confirmation teens shared their journey's and projects, and celebrated their confirmation journey with the congregation. We are so thrilled and proud of these young people who have confirmed their faith and now making a transition to new understandings of what it means to live out our faith as a member of Peace United.

Congratulations to our 2023 Confirmation Class:

Keira Basballe, Nate Basballe, Nick Giere, Elyse Lequire, Vivien Lequire, Cooper Osowski, Dominic Osowski, Will Sadler, Diezel Siewert, Zac Siewert, Anya Theuer, Anna Thompson, Ben Wieland, and Marty Wieland.

We have been, are, and will be experiencing significant changes as we continue our dynamic work with John Pavlovitz over the past 6 months. Through John's leadership our Ministry Teams are being re-invigorated, and new directions and transitions are being established. We are also exploring and understanding new ways of being the Church in the ever-evolving/changing world. Through new models of worship, creating new focus and framework for our PATHWAYS program, providing incredible outreach to the world around us through our OUTREACH Team, and establishing powerful ways to engage with one another through our CONNECTIONS Team we are experiencing a revival or energy and participation! Transitions are taking place! Thank you all for your continue support and involvement as we continue to provide love and light to so many.

As we roll into this new fall/winter season, we look forward to another dynamic weekend with John Pavlovitz. John will be with us from November 16-19 providing connections with the teens and entire congregation. Most notably will be our November 19 Sunday morning experience with John and our Thanksgiving Meal as we build a BIGGER TABLE with the community around us. We will be exploring new methods and ways to connect and worship with one another. Be on the look out for more information about the November 16-19 weekend.

I celebrate each of you and am thankful for our ministry we share together! Let's continue our openness to new ways to be the church God has called us to be. Peace, Pastor Paul



CALENDAR

November Events



WEDNESDAY 1: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

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

SUNDAY 5: Confirmation & 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; 3p

MONDAY 6: Social Action 6p, Peace Room

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

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

THURSDAY 9: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room

FRIDAY 10: Teen Game Night 5p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 12: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Lego and Lounge 2p, Dwelling and F-Hall; Christmas Choir Rehearsals 3:30p, Choir Room

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; Church Council 7p, Peace Room

THURSDAY 16: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Teens Friendsgiving 5p, F-Hall

FRIDAY 17: Thanksgiving Meal Prep 12p, Kitchen

SATURDAY 18: Cooking Crew 8a, Kitchen; Hospitality Team Meeting with John Pavlovitz 10a, F-Hall; Creative Art/Marketing Team Meeting with John Pavlovitz 12:45p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 19: Special Sunday with John Pavlovitz (details to follow). Worship Service, 10:30a; Thanksgiving Meal 11:30a, F-Hall & Narthex; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsals 3:30p, Choir Room

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

WEDNESDAY 22: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

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

SUNDAY 26: Pathways Gathering 9:15a, F-Hall; Pathways all ages 9:30, All Classrooms; Worship Service 10:30a; Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsals 3:30p, Choir Room

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, 8a, Peace Rm

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER

- 1: Channel One Volunteering
- 2: Women's Shelter Work Day- Christmas Decorating
- 3, 10, 17 Christmas Choir Practice 3:30p
- 20: Blue Christmas Service 6p
- 24: Advent Service 10:30a
- 24: Christmas Eve Service with the Peace Christmas Choir 4p



FEATURED EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving Meal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 12p:

We are very excited to bring back the Community Thanksgiving meal, but we need your help!

Friday & Saturday : Cook turkeys, slice turkeys, prepare or assist in preparing beans, stuffing, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes.

Saturday: Set up and decorate dining tables

Sunday: Assist the kitchen leader in heating and finalizing the meal prep, set out desserts, help with busing tables during/ after the meal, and dish washing.

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3sflpv4>

Sunday, November 19, 11:30a-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

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All Ages Game Night

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10,

5:30p: 5:30-8:30p—All ages

are invited to fill a fall night with fun and laughter. Play

familiar board games and

learn new ones. Kid and

family friendly! Event happens at Peace Church in the

fellowship hall. Bring a snack to share and cash to put

towards pizza for dinner.

Questions? [Contact Tracy](mailto:Tracy@peacechurchucc.org)



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Legos and Lounge

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2-3:30p:

Join cohosts, Kari Siewert

and Tracy Walton, for a family Lego

and Lounge event. We will meet in

the Fellowship Hall from 2 to 3:30p.

Bring your Legos (and wear

loungewear if you'd like) to hang out and create

something!!! This is an open house event for the whole

family so come and join us anytime! We will provide Lego

Duplos for younger kids.

Light snacks will be served.

Questions? [Contact Tracy](mailto:Tracy@peacechurchucc.org)

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Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Our Music Director, Dylan Starr, is inviting you to sign up for

our 6-week Christmas Choir! We will practice on Sundays,

3:30-5p (beginning November 12) and will perform on

Christmas Eve at the 4p service.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3u3lAb>

Questions? [Contact Dylan Starr](mailto:Dylan@peacechurchucc.org)

(dylan@peacechurchucc.org)

Race Forward via Zoom

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7p: The

Race Forward group meetings will resume November

14th! This group strives to move the conversation

forward about race and privilege in our society.

The group will start reading and discussing [The Sum](#)

[of Us](#) by Heather McGee

Questions? [Contact Ruth Larson](mailto:Ruth@raceforward.org)

ularoch@hotmail.com

Christmas Decorating at The Women's Shelter

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1-3p —The Social Action and

Outreach Team is asking other to join them to help

decorate the Women's Shelter for Christmas. All

volunteers must pass a background check first. Anyone

interested needs to reach out to Joan Leof giving their full

name and birth date.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3Qiz6Og>

Questions? [Contact Joan Leof](mailto:Joan@charter.net) jleof@charter.net.

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



Right here, in our community

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

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.

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| Scarves, hats, gloves | Pasta sauce, pasta |
| Handwarmers | Rice, pasta, ramen |
| Socks (all sizes, kid & adult) | EZ mac |
| Plain t-shirts (all sizes) | Chucky soups, canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs |
| Diapers, wipes | Cereal (hot and cold) |
| Toilet paper, Kleenex | Snack crackers |
| Tampons, pads | Dried fruit, nuts, jerky |
| Chapstick | Granola bars |
| Deodorant | Tuna packs |
| Lotion, soap | Rice/potato mixes |
| Toothpaste, brushes | Canned meat |
| Peanut butter | *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.

(aoffice@peacechurchucc.org)

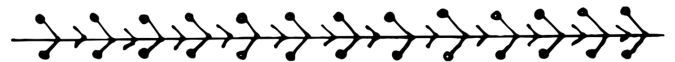
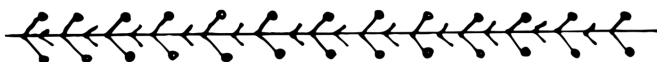
Jefferson School Meal Makers

TILL NOVEMBER 19: Peace Church Social Action Team will be collecting curated boxes of food for Jefferson families who have identified a need for boxes of food for their Thanksgiving Meal.

Please consider donated a Meal Maker box or a \$25 grocery gift card for the purchase of a turkey or ham.

Each box should include:

- Box of Stuffing
- Can Of Green Beans
- Bottle of Juice
- Box of Granola Bars
- Cranberry Sauce
- Applesauce
- Box of Mac and Cheese Mix
- A Can of Corn
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Cake/brownie Mix
- Jar or packet of gravy
- Pouch of tuna
- Bag of ground coffee



Spotlight News

FAMILY PROMISE ROCHESTER ANNUAL FALL FAMILY CONCERT AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 12p: Enjoy great music and help out a very great cause! Family Promise Rochester is hosting a choir concert and auction at **Christ United Methodist Church, 400 5th Ave SW, Rochester MN 55902**. A free-will offering will be collected to raise funds for Family Promise Rochester to continue their vital work and vision of a community in which every family has a name, a livelihood and the chance to build a better future.

Silent Auction: 11:30a-12:30p

Concert: 1-3p



REP THEATER PRESENTS: WINTER WONDERETTES

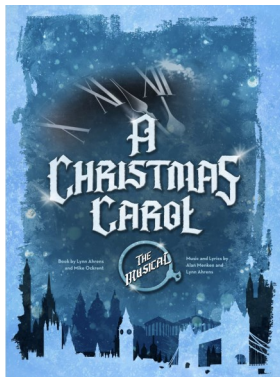
By Roger Bean

Directed by Rebecca Sands

It's Christmas 1968. When Santa is a no-show at a holiday party, a fabulous and funny quartet of women use their talent and creative ingenuity to save the evening. Featuring sparkling 1960's versions of holiday classics, this energetic and glittering holiday musical is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. See if you can spy our very own **Melissa Kloempken!**

Performing Nov 24 -25, Nov 30 – Dec 3 and Dec 7-10, 2023

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



MAYO CIVIC THEATER PRESENTS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Alan Menken & Lynn Ahrens

This is a spectacular musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well-known story. Follow the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he is visited by three spirits on Christmas Eve. Join us for this magical holiday tradition, perfect to share with the whole family.

Directed by **Dylan Starr**, Music Directed by Catherine Davis

Performances December 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23

*Our ASL interpreted performance will be held on December 14.

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

ONCE & FUTURE CLASSICS PRESENTS: Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas at Peace UCC

The Queen has commanded that Shakespeare write a romantic comedy to be performed on Christmas day, but he has just gotten the inspiration to write his greatest tragedy: Hamlet! His acting company wants to do a musical loaded with Christmas songs, and his new girlfriend is expecting to play the lead role. Won't it be fun when his long-lost wife and children show up for the holidays?

Well, it probably won't help his bad case of writer's block, but hey, he's still got two weeks left until opening night! Yes, it's a romantical-comical-musical-Christmas-farce based on a very silly version of Hamlet.

Performances : 7p: Dec 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, & 16 / 2p: Dec 9

Ticket link to come!



Once and Future Classics
presents... **Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas**

Auditions: Oct 9 & 10 at 6:30pm
Performances: Dec 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, & 16 at 7:30pm
Dec 9 at 2pm

Peace United Church of Christ
1503 2nd Ave NE Rochester



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?

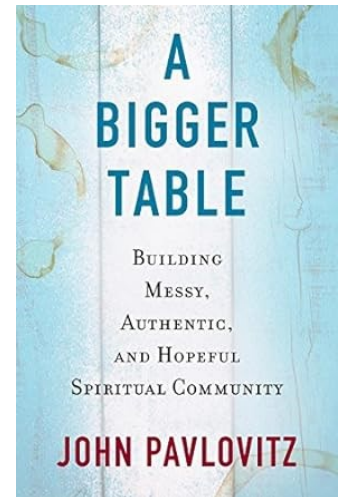
From September 10-October 8, we will explore the theme "What are we made of?" We will learn more about the traditions, stories, nourishment, and goodness that help make us who we are. Other themes we will explore this year include creating a "Bigger Table" and the Underground Railroad.

A BIGGER TABLE

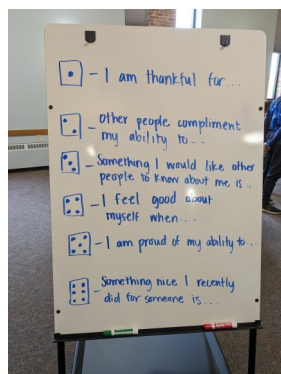
November 5, 12, 19

- NOVEMBER 5 - Total Authenticity: **Learn**
- NOVEMBER 12 - True Diversity: **Talk**
- NOVEMBER 19 - * *Pull Up A Chair*: **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.**



Dylon introduced us to his friend Lewie! Pathways families played a game that helped us know a bit more about each other.



FINANCIAL UPDATE



November Birthdays

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

November

- 01 Bryce Bjork, Jackson Esau, Robert Lee
- 02 Mae Bignell, Ramona Trachsel
- 03 Diane Shanks
- 04 Killian Bennett, Isabella Bjork, Elena Kesselring, Kaleb Siewert, Erica Stalnaker
- 07 Zach Basballe, Mary Karlstad, Timothy Liebenow, Anna Thompson
- 13 Ann Gerlach
- 14 Dana Molitor, Ellie Ryg
- 17 Thomas McLaurin
- 19 Harrison Esau
- 20 Olivia Schmitt
- 25 Lucas Diekvoss
- 26 Stacy LeQuire, Jane Pfeifer
- 27 Matt Knoepke
- 28 David Marcham
- 29 Gerald Bentz, Alex Sunnock

| | SEPT 2023 | YEAR-TO-DATE | SEPT 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Pledges budgeted | \$ 35,500 | \$ 292,500 | \$35,167 |
| Pledges received | \$ 25,450 | \$ 251,113 | \$23,834 |
| Difference | -\$10,050 | -\$ 41,387 | -\$11,333 |

Pledges for the month were below budget by **-\$10,050**.
Year to date, we are behind budget by **-\$41,387**.

As for other income, we are down **-\$600** from budget, but YTD we are ahead of budget by \$15,166.

Total income was down **-\$8,335** and YTD down by **-\$26,497**.

September expenses were below budget by \$2,639 and YTD we are below budget by \$24,116.

Bottom line, our September budget is \$5,696 above which isn't too bad compared to our total income being down by **-\$26,497**.

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



ABOVE: Drag Queen Bingo: Oct 28, 2023

BELOW: Trunk or Treat: Oct 29, 2023

