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An Open and
Affirming (ONA)
Congregation

**Vision: A safe and
inclusive church
living God's radical
message**

Communion the first
Sunday of the month

8:30 a.m. Traditional
Worship
11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Note: August 14 -
ONE service at 10 a.m. at
Essex Park

Nursery care available
during the 11 a.m. worship
service

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Olive Branch

August 2016

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

I recently received our new United Church of Christ calendar. On the cover was the passage from Psalm 46:4, "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God." MAKE GLAD! In mid-July Adele and I took a vacation to Denver, Colorado to visit our youngest daughter, Leah, who is doing an internship there. We were blessed to have Alex (our oldest daughter) and both of their boyfriends join us as well. One of the "adventures" that was planned for us was the opportunity to go white water rafting (one of things on both Adele's and my bucket list). Our family has spent a lot of time canoeing (especially on the Current River in Missouri) with "minor rapids" along the way, but we never experienced rapids and the rush of water like we did in Colorado. I have to admit, I started the day with some trepidation! :-). After the 3rd "safety" lecture, I figured they were serious about the dangers of doing such a thing. The other thing they emphasized is that the raft had to work in concert/together. If the 6 of us did not cooperate with the instructions of our guide with our rowing we could end up on the rocks or capsized! ... but none-the-less.... into the raft and water we went. We started slowly from the shore, but as soon as we made the first bend in the river we faced our white water challenge! And it was AWESOME! The joy, laughter, Adele yelling in my ear, and thrill of the water ride made us all filled with gladness. We made it!

As I reflect on our journeys, this passage from Psalm 46 speaks to us all. We are all on the same river of life, but many different streams/tributaries/situations flow into our river. Some of our river-ways are smooth, but we too can turn a corner and face rapids along the way. Sometimes our river streams push us to new ways and directions, some speed up our trip, some cause us to pull over and rest. Sometimes we are pushed towards the rushing waters and rocks... but when we follow our guide, and paddle together, we find a way to maneuver through the rough places together. At the end of each "joy-filled" rush of rapids, we would all raise our paddles and do a paddle high-five! And then let out a BIG YELL of gladness and celebration! We made it through another set of rapids, and by working together we didn't lose anyone or capsize! A good day. :-)

Here at Peace United Church of Christ, we do a great job of working together on our journey... but sometimes I wonder if we forget/neglect to really share the celebration of our ride together? Sometimes I wonder if we forget/neglect to really give thanks for God's work in our lives - for God's work in ministry as we continue to reach out as a safe and inclusive church living God's radical message - for God maneuvering us through the waters. I hope and pray that we will find a way to more greatly engage, celebrate, give thanks, be filled with exhilarating joy, and MAKE GLAD the blessings we receive when we work together for advancing God's presence and love in our community. I don't know... if I were you I would be on the look-out for a "high-five" celebration coming your way as we thank God for calling us together as God's people. MAKE GLAD the city of God!

Peace,

Pastor Paul

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Check the on-line version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our June and July events!

Just so you know...

Please submit all articles for the next issue of the Olive Branch by the **15th of the month** to the Church Office or email to office@peacechurchucc.org.

The deadline for the bulletin is
Wed at **9 a.m.** every week.

The deadline for PowerPoint announcements
are **Thursdays at Noon.**

JUNE & JULY PHOTOS!



August Events

Peace Lantern Ceremony

Tuesday, August 9th at 6 p.m.
East Silver Lake Park Shelter

Annually, a Peace Lantern Ceremony is held at Silver Lake to commemorate the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to reflect on the serious consequences of the use of nuclear weapons in future conflicts. This is a community-wide event and volunteers are needed to assist with the following. Please see sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Day of Event

- **Set Up** (Move picnic tables into place, help decorate shelter, organize lantern-making supplies, assemble luminaria. This needs a couple strong people to move tables, plus 1-2 to do lighter work.)
- **Canoe and Crew** (After the lanterns are floated, they must be retrieved from the lake. Two canoes are usually used for this.)
- **Clean Up** (Undecorate shelter, put away supplies, disassemble lanterns and luminaria. We need 2-3 people.)



All-Church Outing Spirit of The Water Lunch Cruise

Thursday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.

We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and around 4 p.m. we will return. Cost is \$35/pp which includes bus ride and lunch. We need a minimum of 15 people in order to go so be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall by August 5th. No refunds are available.

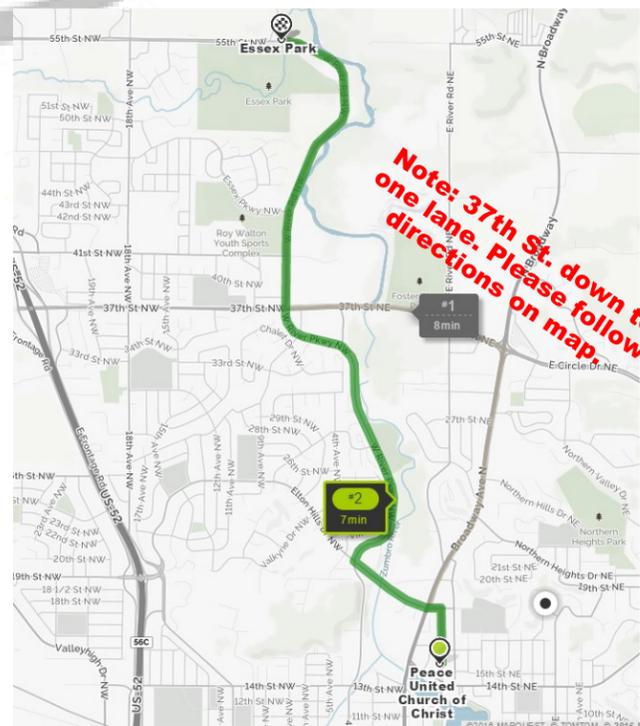


Outdoor Worship Service, Blessing of the Animals & Picnic

August 14th at 10 a.m.
Essex Park
(5455 West River Rd NW)

Join us at Essex Park in Rochester to celebrate the warm weather with our annual outdoor worship service with Communion and blessing of the animals at this special 10 a.m. service. We ask that your animals be on a leash and only bring if they are comfortable around crowds. If you can't bring your pet, bring along a favorite blanket, toy, or collar.

Following the service, there will be a fellowship picnic (a free-will donation will be collected). Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair (there will be a few chairs and picnic tables available), a beverage and a simple finger-type dessert to share. All beef hot dogs/buns, chips, and condiments will be provided. We'll also have water, cups and plates. Come out and enjoy the summer day with your Peace Church Family!



Peace Happenings

Tuesday Morning Men of Peace Group @ 7 a.m. Peace Room

(All men are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion which generally focuses on the upcoming worship scriptures.)



Tuesday Morning Women of Peace Group @ 10 a.m. - Peace Room

(Group begins on Tuesday, August 30th. All women are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion on the upcoming week's lectionary scriptures.)

Tuesday Beverage & Bible @ 5 p.m. - Glynner's Pub

(Tuesdays, from 5-6 p.m. at Glynner's Pub [1643 Broadway Ave N] & we'll gather for fellowship and discussion.)

Thursday Morning Women's Group @ 7 a.m. - Peace Room

(Reading and discussing A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle)

Thursday Night Men of Peace Group @ 6:30 p.m. - The Dwelling

(Group does not meet over the summer. Will resume in the fall.)

Twice Monthly Race Forward

(Everyone is welcome to attend this group as we explore our blind spots and open up the uncomfortable discussion of race and privilege. This group will resume starting on Tues, September 27 @ 7:00 p.m.)

Monthly Saints of Peace Outings

(See our Saints of Peace outing schedule and sign ups in the Fellowship Hall; events are open to those ages 55 and better.)



Monthly Miriam Ministry

(Breakfast Meeting on Aug 24 @ 9:30 - Baker's Square North. Call the church office by noon on August 23rd if you plan on attending...ALL WOMEN WELCOME!)

Grief Support Group Begin September 15th

(Join us for our grief support group on September 15th. Call the office or sign up online if you are interested. Meeting dates are 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1 and 12/15. Two different sessions are available at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.)

June Financial Update

	June	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$32,500	\$195,000
Actual Pledges received	\$26,674	\$178,870
Diff	-\$5,826	-\$16,130
June pledges collected in 2015	\$32,303	

June pledges collected in 2016 are \$5,629 down compared to 2015. Year to date, we are down \$16,130.

Non pledged dollars, to date, are still a bit ahead by about \$3,000 which is very good. Year to date, we are \$13,194 behind budget of pledged and non-pledged dollars.

Historically, the summer months of June, July, and August, we have struggled to get pledged dollars in. We need to do what we can so we don't get further behind.



Rally Day and Fall Kick-Off

September 11th, 2016

ONEservice
10 a.m.

Faith
Formation
11 a.m.

Live Auction
12:00 p.m.

Outdoor
Activities
11:45 a.m.

Come and spend your day with us! We'll begin with ONE worship service, followed with a shortened Faith Formation time for all youth, and then outside at 11:45 a.m. for everyone to eat, have fun, and help raise money for Peace UCC!!

There will be activities for the kids (combo bouncy house and slide, face painting, and sidewalk chalk) and a live and silent auction taking place. Our youth will be selling hot dogs, brats, chips, and pop. All proceeds from the food will go toward the youth summer mission trips and the money from the Annual Auction events goes to the general fund at Peace UCC. Please consider auction donations of hand-made items such as quilts, rugs, crafts, and homemade treats like pies, jellies and breads. Gift and talent donations such as boat rides, dinners, lawn work, baby sitting, window washing, etc. are excellent options as well.

Identify your donations or gift basket ideas on the Rally Day volunteer board located in the Narthex each Sunday morning. See Debby if you have any questions.

September Events

Office Closed

Monday, September 5th

The church office will be closed the first Monday in September in observance of labor day.

Race Forward

If you are feeling helpless and wondering what you can do about racism and the violence around race, we will restart the race forward group on September 27th where we grapple with issues of privilege and race. The goal of this group is to learn and raise awareness of the complexities of the race issue.

If you are interested, contact Ruth Larson, rularoch@hotmail.com and you will be added to the contact list.

Grief Support Group Meetings

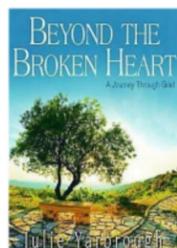
"Beyond The Broken Heart"

Starting Thursday, September 15th

9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10,
11/17, 12/1 and 12/15.

10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Beginning on September 15, this ongoing program will explore how does the heart understand grief when it is broken by the death or loss of a loved one. To sign up, call the church office (282-6117) or go to this web site: <http://goo.gl/6A7EiW>.



August 2016

Birthdays

- 1 Jody Morbeck
- 2 Cheryl Dirksmeyer
- 3 Gary Karau, Deb Arneson, Kenyatta Kruezfeldt
- 4 Tate Johnson, Kira Edmonds
- 6 Micaela Buda
- 7 Jacob Trachsels, Joseph Bianchi, Greta Oetliker
- 8 Anne Lilleskov
- 9 Mandie Theuer, Kari Siewert, Lacey Strauss
- 10 Shaun Weston, Melinda Basballe, Emily Balloy, Seb NellHoff, France NelHoff
- 11 Jeanne Hawkins, John Franklin, Zach Nevala
- 12 Sid Euler, Lloyd Larson
- 13 Ryan Fritz
- 14 Aaron Wells, Paul Bauch, Jaden Barker
- 15 Fred Schnell, Randy Markee, Phyllis Holloway
- 16 Sapphire McKnight
- 17 Weston Sagdalen
- 18 Erland Karlstad, Grant Kesselring
- 19 Terry Miller, Michele Hanenberger
- 20 Glenn Eichhorn, Jill Savage
- 21 Joanne Roeber, Nadine Christie, Lilly Poterucha
- 22 Chip Runde, Anika Hall, Laura Potts, Lincoln Moody, Rosalie Poterucha, Nick Peterson
- 23 Laurie Klein
- 24 Brenda Rogerman, Alan Streiff
- 25 Buck Lenz
- 26 Michelle Jerabek, Sheila Boss, Gloria Liebenow, Randy Stevens, DeAnn Hines, Reed Peterson
- 27 Ken Wilder, Emily Schmitt
- 28 Ashley Chapman, Dustin Rueb, Susan Graves-Johnson, Jeff Poterucha, Joanne Markee, Marcella Swan
- 29 Sharon Blomberg, Kendra Laughlin
- 30 Maxine Pfeifer, Nicole Ramaker, Dianne Barker
- 31 Christian Markee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)	3	4 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace	5	6 • 10:00 am (104):Quilters Group
Kitchen Remodel						
7 • Worship w/ Communion (8:30am & 11am)	8 • 6:30 pm (Peace Room): Steph en Ministry	9 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (F-Hall): Construction Status Meeting • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners) • 6:00 pm: Peace Lantern Ceremony (Silver Lake East Shelter)	10 • 7:00 pm: Church Council (Dwelling)	11 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace • 10:30 am: Saints of Peace Outing (Boat Cruise)	12	13
Kitchen Remodel						
14 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 10:00 am: Outdoor Worship & Blessing of Animals @ Essex Park • 4:00 pm (Peace Room): Project Legacy Orientation Mtg	15	16 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 12:30 pm (Buena Vista): Sr Card Players • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)	17 • 5:30 pm (Peace Room): Stewardship Committee Mtg	18 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace	19	20
Kitchen Remodel						
21 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	22 • 6:00 pm (215): Faith Formation Team Meeting	23 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (F-Hall): Construction Status Meeting • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)	24 • 9:30 am: Miriam Ministry Breakfast Mtg (Bakers Sq North)	25 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace • 9:00 am: Channel One Volunteers • 6:00 pm: Worship Planning Team Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc)	26 • 5:00 pm (Sanc): Gibbons / Berg Wedding Rehearsal	27 • 8:00 am (115 & 208): Gibbons / Berg Wedding Prep • 3:00 pm (Sanc): Gibbons / Berg Wedding
Kitchen Remodel						
28 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	29	30 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)	31			
Kitchen Remodel						

This Month's Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
7 (Youth Camp Experiences)	8:30 a.m.	Mark Wieland		None
	11:00 a.m.	Mark Wieland	JOY ONEVOICE	
14 (Outdoor Worship)	10:00 a.m.	Tonia Ely		Picnic
21	8:30 a.m.	Tonia Ely		None
	11:00 a.m.	Tonia Ely	JOY ONEVOICE	
28 (Stephen Ministry Sunday)	8:30 a.m.	Mark Wieland		None
	11:00 a.m.	Mark Wieland	PEACE ONEVOICE	

August Happenings

Fellowship Picnics Continue

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Summertime continues and so do the Fellowship Picnics. Join us on the following dates and locations:

- August 3 Nachreiner Park, 2209 25th Ave. NW
- August 10 Southern Woods, 4982 11th Ave SW
- August 17 White Oaks Park, 4597 55th St NW
- August 24 Allendale Park, 1895 Allendale Park Lane NW
- August 31 Bear Creek Park, 1237 Marion Rd SE

Pen Drive for Samaritan Bethany (Month of August)

Bring in your extra (working) pens or pick up a new pack. These will be collected throughout the month and donated to the staff at our Samaritan Neighborhoods (Burr Oak and Country Club Manor). Donations can be dropped off in the box in the office by the end of the month.

Peace Apparel

Order deadline: Sunday, September 18th

We are excited to announce the unveiling of our new apparel with our new logo! We have pull-over sweatshirts, men and women's button downs, polos, and t-shirts (children's sizes available in crew neck t-shirt only). All shirts are embroidered with our new Peace logo and our t-shirts have our logo embroidered and the back is screen printed. Prices vary depending on what item you order; payments due when ordering. Order forms and payments are due by Sunday, September 18th!



Demo Crew Needed

Monday, August 29th at 8:00 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the demolition of the coatroom, Narthex floor, and the old usher's room (AKA Mona's old office) on Monday, August 29th. Please contact Debby if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Get Together

Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. Stephen Ministry is one of those get-it-done-together ministries.

Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things!

Is God calling you to get together with this team? Would you like to be part of a ministry that gives people care and support when they need it most – while making a difference in your own life? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister! We invite you to join us to learn more about Peace's Stephen Ministry program on August 28, 2016 at both services.

Note: Peace United Church of Christ will be holding another training class of Stephen Ministers starting on September 18, 2016. For more information, contact Sondra Bentz at (507) 288-6819 or Kim Sullivan at (507) 251-9672.



Construction Update

Much has transpired over the past 2 months!! We began our project on Monday, June 6, by demoing the kitchen. Special thanks to those who helped tear down the block, remove cupboards, counters, and flooring. We even surprised the construction crew with what we accomplished!! The items that we removed also went to good uses: Habitat for Humanity Restore and donations to Cronin Home.

The weather was perfect, just a bit warm, for our ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, June 26, where many gathered to celebrate. A lot of planning and work has gone into our Footsteps to the Future campaign and it was extra special to see it all come to light.

The perimeter fencing has gone up, digging has begun for the new footings, the stain-glass windows to the south have been covered to prevent from being damaged, our south canopy was dismantled and moved to be reused later, the new pass-through window in the kitchen has been cut out, new plumbing is taking place in the kitchen, and new dishes and cups have been chosen. However, we did encounter a 'bump in the road' with regard to our permit. It's hard to truly understand how our city works for these kinds of projects. One week we are progressing, the next week we are being put on hold, new codes are identified. But...we have persevered and although this has put us about 2 weeks behind our original schedule, everyone will be working hard to keep us moving forward.

It's also been an adjustment period for our visitors and members....utilizing a different entrance into church, limited access with no kitchen or water, and lots of noise and dust. But knowing what awaits us in the end – it will make it all worth it...and we'll soon forget the inconveniences of this past summer.

We encourage you to look at the schedule chart hanging in the Narthex (in front of the office). This outlines all timelines for all the work that is scheduled. Our help is still needed to reduce costs: more demo work is needed (eg, existing coat room and narthex flooring is scheduled for Monday, August 29) and assistance with finishing touches (eg, hanging doors, painting). Please contact Pastor Paul or Debby if you are available to assist with these. Because of the stringent work schedule, we don't have a lot of flexibility with time.

We have much to celebrate!! Your generous donations and sweat equity are what make projects like this possible. Everyone coming together!! We are making our 'footsteps to the future'.

The floor plan on the left shows various rooms including Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Classroom, Library, Meeting Room #1, Nursery, Sanctuary, and Stairwells. A green shaded area indicates 'Unfinished space'. The photograph in the middle shows a brick building with large windows under construction, with a yellow and black 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION' sign in the foreground.

June and July at Peace United Church of Christ

