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An Open and
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*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

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

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Olive Branch

June/July 2016

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

I want to share with you, the Peace United Church of Christ family, updates on some major happenings that are taking place, and will continue throughout the summer.

SEARCH TEAM FOR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Search Team for our new Associate Pastor is underway. We have received profiles from several candidates that the Search Team has reviewed and are now engaging in reference checks and conducting Skype interviews. Following these interviews, the top 2-3 candidates will be brought to Rochester for a face-to-face interview with the Search Team. After these interviews, the Search Team will present a final candidate to the entire congregation (children, youth, and adults) with opportunities for Peace UCC members and friends to meet and dialogue. The final candidate will then be asked to preach and the congregation will vote to call our new Associate Pastor. The timing on all of this depends on the schedule of the candidates, but our hope is to have our new Associate Pastor here at Peace in August. Please continue to pray for our Search Team as they do their faithful, faith-filled work. The Associate Pastor Search Team Members are: Laurie Deyoung, Peter Haug, Ruth Larson, Stacy LeQuire, Sara Lopez, Joanne Markee, Thomas McLaurin, Marie Neher, John Pavek, Sela Rist, and Pastor Paul

BUILDING TEAM

A special thank you to everyone who has been supporting our building initiative, "Footsteps To The Future". Our projects will be starting on June 6 with the kitchen project first on the agenda. Other remodeling projects and the beginning of the building expansion will be occurring throughout the summer. One special note: OUR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY will be held on Sunday, June 26 @ 10:00 a.m.! Come and join in the celebration!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry outreach has been a vital part of our ministry for the past 6 years. Over these years our Stephen Ministers have provided amazing care to so many. This coming fall a new course to train new Stephen Ministers will be offered! Be on the lookout for more information this summer!

NEW MINISTRIES BEING CONSIDERED

In addition to our awesome existing ministries here at Peace UCC, there are several new opportunities (educational, spiritual, and social) for the summer, and others that are being reviewed to begin in the fall. Please prayerfully consider how you can become involved in any of our current ministries or new ones! You are welcome to share any other new ideas or dreams you would like to see realized as well by contacting Pastor Paul. Here are some proposed ideas coming up.

- Picnics
- Camping Trips
- Grief Support Group
- Various small groups
- Social Group
- Couples Group
- Sunday morning study groups
- Bible 101 Study
- New Men's and Women's Groups
- ALL-CHURCH Retreats

WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

We will continue our regular 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services throughout the summer! Be on the lookout for special services and opportunities! Remember if you attend a different worship service during the summer, you are encouraged to bring back any information and/or ideas from the church(es) you attend.

Have a Blessed Summer!
Peace,

Paul Bauch, Senior Pastor
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Check the on-line version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our May 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.

May Photos!

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

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



June Events

Graduation Recognition Sunday Sunday, June 5th

For those who are graduating at the end of this school year, we would like to recognize you during the worship services on the first Sunday in June. See page 6 for a list of the graduates.



No Place Like Home Family Promise Fundraiser

Thursday, June 16th from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Somerville in Byron
Black Tie Optional

The event includes a cash bar, cocktails, live music, dinner program and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased on Family Promise's website or call 507-281-3122.



Family Mission & Fun (Feed My Starving Children & Como Zoo)

Saturday, June 25th

Join our Peace family for a day filled with picnicking at Como Zoo and then participating in a family mission project at Feed My Starving Children. Children must be 5 to participate. We will take the Peace Bus. Cost per person is \$8 per adult and \$5 per child (includes picnic lunch and Como Park entry) plus \$5 per person to ride the bus (parking is limited, bus riding is strongly encouraged!) Register by Sunday, June 19. To sign up, see the sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board or contact Kristen Twitchell at ypastor@peacechurchucc.org.

Ground Breaking Ceremony & Summer Construction

Sunday, June 26th at 10 a.m.

Join us in celebrating the start of our building project in between services. We will be starting our updates and renovations in June. During this time, the kitchen will be unavailable for use. We are planning on having all the renovations completed by the end of September.



Monthly Summer Potlucks Begin Sunday, June 12th

Join us for our monthly summer all-church fellowship potluck lunches following our 11:00 a.m. services. Since the kitchen will be under construction, we are asking families to bring their own silverware and plates.



Saints of Peace Outing

Wednesday, June 29th from 4-8 p.m.

In June, the Saints of Peace outing will be a trip to the Zwingli UCC in Bern, Minnesota for wood-fired pizza and to hear the music of the Barbary Coast Dixieland band. We will be transported by the church bus. See the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



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's Bible Study @ 10 a.m. Peace Room

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

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.)

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday Night Race Forward @ 7 p.m. - The Dwelling

(Everyone is welcome to attend this group as we explore our blind spots and open up the uncomfortable discussion of race and privilege.)



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

(Reading and discussing Dying to Be Me by Anita Moorjani)

Weekday Night Women of Peace Group

(Proposed group will begin meeting in the fall due to busy summer schedules. Date/time TBD.)

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

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

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.)



Vacation Bible School "Surprise" - Stories of Discovering Jesus"

Monday, June 20th—Friday, June 24th
Congregational UCC

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday nights

Drop off can be at 6:15 p.m. Adult age group leaders are needed along with youth helpers. There is a nursery care (based on available volunteers) for ages three and under and the program is for pre-K ages 4 - 5th grade. 6th grade and up can help. It is free; we will help by collecting some snacks and crafts supplies. Watch for the sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board.



Summer Events

Congratulations to the PUCC Congregation

Thanks to our congregation, we are a 5 for 5 congregation! That means we have raised money through five out of the five UCC offerings of 2016. Thank you for helping better our mission and our church.



Outdoor Worship Service & Blessing of the Animals

August 14th from 10 a.m.

Join us in August here at Essex Park in Rochester to celebrate the warm weather and bless our animals at this special service.



Peace Lantern Ceremony

Tuesday, August 9th

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.

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** (Undecorated shelter, put away supplies, disassemble lanterns and luminaria. Needs 2-3 people.)



Graduation Recognition

Congratulations to all of our 2016 graduates!

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|----------------|----------------------|
| Jenna Acker | Taylor Keefe |
| Ryland Adams | Kenyatta Kreutzfeldt |
| Abol Barnaba | Sydney Loechler |
| Kaelyn Carlson | Flynn MacDonald |
| Neal DeYoung | Megan Paul |
| Kira Edmonds | Maddie Pavek |
| Aaron Holst | Griffin Rock |
| Zack Johnson | Aggie Salzwedel |
| Autumn Keefe | Jonathan Trachsel |

June 2016



June Birthdays

- Schalleen Nelson, Dave Paul, Elyse LeQuire
- Everal Gilbertson
- Arlene York, Cheryl Winters
- Julie Timmerman, Nora Hansen
- Bob Beaulieu
- Linda Frost
- Irene Fisher, Dawn Beach, Jacob Acker
- Patricia Ryan, Sheila Cada, Ida Brakke
- Justin Morbeck
- Gretchen Forbes, Sam Leof, Haylee Carlson, Jude Smith, Landon Winter
- Dean Alcock, Sarah Keehn, Adelyn Leof
- Jaeden Edmonds
- Mary Smith, Dustin Molitor
- Marlys Peterson, Judi Hensel
- Teresa Waldof, Lisa Winters, Beth Franks
- Jessica An, Joe Hensel, Jessie Neher, Riley Hansen
- Charli Bentz, Diego Lopez
- Mark Petit, Doug Rock
- June Franks
- Kyle Fieck
- Ed Rust, Stephanie Hensel, Sydney Simcox
- Beverly Morton, Lynn Alcock, Renee Springer, Nate Basballe
- Jannah Hawkins, Olivia Litke
- Stacy Velioske, Glen Holland, LuAnne Jacobs
- Garrett Johnson, Brian Trachsel, Doris Reuter, Ryland Adams
- Brian Winters, Adam Bowe

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Every Tuesday • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynner's)	1	2 Every Thursday • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship	3	4 • 10:00 am (104): Quilters Group
5 • Worship w/ Communion (8:30am & 11am) • 11:00 am: Graduation Recognition Sunday	6 • 6:00 pm (Peace Room): Social Action Committee Meeting	7 • 11:30 am (Peace Room): Clergy Cluster	8 • 7:00 pm: Church Council (Dwelling)	9	10	11
Kitchen Remodel						
12 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Potlucks	13 • 6:30 pm (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry	14 • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	15 • 5:30 pm (Peace Room): Stewardship Committee Mtg	16	17	18
Kitchen Remodel						
19 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	20	21 • 11:00 am: Capital Funds Team Meeting (Dwelling) • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Sr Card Players	22	23 • 9:00 am: Channel One Volunteers • 6:00 pm: Worship Planning Team Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc)	24	25 • 8:30am: Family Mission & Fun Day (FMSC & Como Zoo)
6:30-8:30pm - Vacation Bible School @ Congregational UCC						
Kitchen Remodel						
26 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 10:00 am: Ground Breaking Ceremony	27	28 • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	29 • 4:00 pm: Saints of Peace Outing (Zwingli UCC Bern)	30		
Kitchen Remodel						

June Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
5 Graduation Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	Special Music	No Lunch
	11:00 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	PEACE ONEVOICE	
12	8:30 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	Special Music	All-Church Potluck
	11:00 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	JOY ONEVOICE	
19 Father's Day	8:30 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	Special Music	No Lunch
	11:00 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	PEACE ONEVOICE	
26 Groundbreaking Ceremony	8:30 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	Special Music	No Lunch
	11:00 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	JOY ONEVOICE	

June/July Events

Good Earth Village Weeklong Day Camp

June 13th - 17th at Good Earth Village

Peace UCC will be having their Good Earth Village weeklong day camp for our youth in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Transportation is provided daily by Good Earth Village to and from Rochester and Stewartville (sites TBD). Cost is just \$150. Good Earth Village does provide full and partial camperships. Register directly through Good Earth Village at <http://www.goodearthvillage.org/new-page-5/>.



Pilgrim Point MS & HS Camp Registration Still Open

July 17th - 22nd at Good Earth Village

This is our 2016 summer youth trip for youth who have completed 6th - 12th grades! The cost is \$370 and you can register online at <http://uccmn.org/pilgrimpoint/conferencecamps>. Any youth needing financial assistance are expected to actively participate in the fundraisers. We will have a big group this summer which means we will need 3 adults minimum to go. Please let Kristen Twitchell know ASAP if you are able to chaperone. Adult registration fee is covered by Peace UCC!

Godfather's Pizza Booth

July 31st from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Olmsted County Fair

Eat pizza and help support Peace Church at this annual fundraiser. 10% of all proceeds go to the Peace Church general fund. Refer to the following link for dates/times/shifts available. If you have any questions, call Debby in the office. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A49A5AE2FA1FE3-godfathers

Fellowship Picnics Wednesdays in June and July

"Summertime and the livin' is easy."

Throughout the summer, join us at various city parks on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. No fuss at all; just BYOF (Bring Your Own Food and drink), kids can play and, adults can relax in good companionship.

A website has been established for you to view the calendar and locations for these gatherings. You can select to be notified if there is any last-minute changes (due to weather) and view pictures from previous events. Reminders will also be sent out a day or two before each picnic. The signup page has a spot where you can suggest your favorite parks for future picnics.

Another way to get reminders and last-minute notifications is to connect with Joan Bietz or call Tony Hammel at 251-6368.

Last year, we had typical Minnesota weather every Wednesday and didn't have to use a backup location even once. One week, it was the consensus of the group to sit on a hill on a blanket while we watched the children play. Another time we played bocce ball on a wide open lawn. At Castle Park we played checkers on a built-in checker board. Sometimes we played ladder-ball, but just beware that Diane Johnson dominates that game. Little Morgan expressed a preference for playgrounds with swings, so we kept that in mind when selecting this year's locations. As last summer progressed, some of the kids just ate before coming so they could get more time to play.

Following is the schedule for June and July:

- June 1 Silver Lake Park East (Shelter nearest to Peace Church) - 701 E Silver Lake Drive NE
- June 8 Cooke Park - 722 7th St NW
- June 15 Slatterly Park - 950 11th Ave SE
- June 22 East Park - 1515 E Center ST
- June 29 Castle Park, West edge of Soldiers Field - 900 George Gibbs Drive SW
- July 6 Kutzky Park West - 213 13th Ave NW
- July 13 Eastwood Park, East Playground (Blue one, not the Green one) - 3330 Hwy 14 East
- July 20 Roy Sutherland Park, East edge of Soldiers Field - 244 Soldiers Field Drive SW
- July 27 Parkwood Hills Park - 2232 Parkwood Hills Drive NE

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Every Tuesday • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)		Every Thursday • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship	1	2
		Kitchen Remodel				
3 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	4 • OFFICE CLOSED	5 • 11:30 am (Peace Room): Clergy Cluster	6	7	8	9 • 10:00 am (104): Quilters Group
Kitchen Remodel						
10 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Potlucks	11 • 6:30 p.m.: (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry	12 • 9:00 am: Saints of Peace Outing (UCC Church Tour) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	13 • 7:00 pm: Church Council (Dwelling)	14	15	16
Kitchen Remodel						
17 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 2:00 pm: Pilgrim Point Youth Camp Departure	18 • Pilgrim Point Youth Camp	19 • 12:00 pm (215): Memorial Committee Meeting • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Sr Card Players • Pilgrim Point Youth Camp	20 • Pilgrim Point Youth Camp	21 • Pilgrim Point Youth Camp	22 • Pilgrim Point Youth Camp	23
Kitchen Remodel						
24 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	25 • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair) • 6:00 pm (215): Faith Formation Team Meeting	26 • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	27 • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair)	28 • 9:00 am: Channel One-Volunteers • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair) • 6:00 pm: Worship Planning Team Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc)	29 • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair)	30 • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair)
Kitchen Remodel						
31 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 11:00 am: Godfather's Pizza Booth (Olmsted County Fair)	Kitchen Remodel					

July Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Wilder, Tammy Adams, Jacob Morbeck, Collin Winters
- 2 Lou Anne Meyer, Louis Ohly
- 3 Jennifer Rueb
- 4 Bruce Tointon, Dani Karau, Bev Farlow, Andrew Cada, Odessa Siewert
- 5 Meg McCamish, Roger Timm, Megan Rosen, Gaylord Allen
- 6 Don Sagdalen, Nicholas Giere
- 7 Beverly Gauthier
- 8 Rebecca Kruetzfeldt
- 10 Mabel Wagner, Thomas Neher, Steve Kloempken, Moriah Keehn, Austin Hollar
- 11 Katie Lenz
- 12 Jennifer Karau, Ruth Bakken
- 13 Darren Knoepke, Jason Winters, Kevin Pollock, Joel Ostrum
- 14 Peter Oetliker, Hannah Paul
- 15 Griffin Ramaker
- 16 Adam Litke
- 17 Ann Vangalis, Scott Johnson, Peter Haug
- 18 Heidi Halverson
- 19 Jerry Floden, Diane Pollock
- 20 Kimson Weston, Penny Ross, Kelly Meinhardt
- 21 Aileen Seoane, Clair Ewert, Ann Lennington, Zack Johnson, Olivia Moody, Emma Theuer, Loreli Bentz
- 22 Betty Meyer, Dawn Bradley, Emily Russell
- 23 Ione Kloempken
- 24 Morgan Soto
- 25 Rudy Ramaker
- 26 Mary Peterson, Kendra Trachsel
- 28 Linda Rueb, Nancy Knoepke, Owen Wilder
- 29 Stephen Strickler, Tiana Stevens, Jax Allen
- 31 Adele Bauch, Megan Page, Shauna Otterness

July Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
3	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	None
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	PEACE ONEVOICE	
10	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	All Church Potluck
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	JOY ONEVOICE	
17	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	None
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	PEACE ONEVOICE	
24	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	None
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	JOY ONEVOICE	
31	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	None
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	PEACE ONEVOICE	

April at Peace United Church of Christ

