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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
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

Nursery care available during both worship services

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Olive Branch

May 2016

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

"I am making all things new!" Rev. 21:5

We have been blessed as we have experienced God working to make all things new here at Peace UCC! While our incredible worship, ministry, and outreach programs continue to welcome and engage so many new and long-term members we have also been digging into new, refreshing, and much needed ministries and projects. Here are few of the on-going new things God is calling us to do that we are engaging in:

NEW BUILDING REMODEL AND EXPANSION

On Sunday, May 8th @ 9:45 a.m. we will be having another Congregational Meeting to discuss further projects for our Building Projects. By now you should have received a letter announcing the meeting and providing information about the intent of the meeting. Due to the generosity and steadfast faith in gifts, we are in a position of now proposing the building expansion portion of our project in addition to the already approved interior remodeling! Please come on May 8 and learn about how God is moving us to make all things new!

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR - SEARCH TEAM

Your Peace UCC Associate Pastor Search Team has been all-in with the work of searching for a new Associate Pastor. A beautiful, comprehensive 27-page document (PROFILE) has been created by the Search Team. Our Profile is now being circulated electronically by the national United Church of Christ to candidates who are searching for pastoral positions. Over the next month (into June) we will be reviewing the candidates' profiles and preparing for the next phase of the process which will include reference checking and phone/skype interviews. Depending on the pool of candidates, we are hopeful to have a candidate selected to bring to the Peace UCC congregation for approval by August. Please continue to pray for the Search Team as they continue their vital work.

NEW PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WEBSITE

Over the last 1 ½ years, a faithful team from Peace UCC has been working at developing a new website for Peace United Church of Christ that will allow us to continue providing information for our current members/friends, as well as a tool to let others know about our ministries. We have seen "snap-shots" of our pages and are now coming to the final stretch of this process that will allow us to run a test navigation on the website. This will allow us to make sure that the site works like we want it to work before rolling it out to/for the public.

"RE"NEWED CHURCH VITALITY

Our Church Vitality Team will be meeting soon to develop a comprehensive process to welcome and engage new people into the life and ministry of Peace UCC. While we have such a strong, welcoming congregation, we want to take the next step with our friends/visitors and let them experience Peace UCC at a deeper level. Be on the look-out for more information and join in the development of this ministry!

NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are in the process of developing new "small" groups that will enable our congregation to know one another at a deeper level. Be on the look-out for information about small groups and get involved!

SOCIAL EVENTS

You will begin to see information about upcoming ALL-CHURCH Social Events for members and friends of Peace! Make sure to check these events/activities out and share in the joy of getting to know one another!

"RE"NEWED STEPEHN MINISTRY

We give thanks for the leadership of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Sondra Bentz and Julie Timmerman, who started this program 6 years ago. Special thanks to the many trained Stephen Ministers for the wonderful care and blessing they provide to members of our congregation. Now, our NEWly trained Stephen Ministry Leader, Kim Sullivan, will assist Sondra in bringing new depth and direction for this ministry. Be on the look-out for information about Stephen Ministry and begin considering your gifts as a Stephen Minister here at Peace UCC.

As you can see, God is making a LOT of things NEW! Join us and celebrate the wonderful family and community called Peace United Church of Christ!

Peace,
Pastor Paul



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

April Photos!



May Events

Highway Clean Up

Sunday, May 1st from 3-5 p.m.

We will be having a highway cleanup day on the first Sunday of the month. Dean Pollock will drive the bus and bags and vests will be provided. Also, Bring gloves and wear appropriate shoes. If you are interested, contact Diane Pollock or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



May Intergenerational Faith Formation: Faith at Home

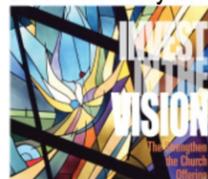
Sunday, May 15th at 10 a.m.

In preparation for busy summer schedules, we will be providing helps and a mini "toolkit" of ideas for families to continue to do Faith Formation together at home over the summer months, while your traveling, camping or any of the other activities that can make getting to church on Sundays challenging in the summer.

Strengthen the Church Offering

Sunday, May 15th

We will be taking a Strengthen the Church UCC offering the third Sunday that supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries within conferences and administered by Local Church Ministries.



Living the Questions Study

Sundays through May 22nd @ 9:45 a.m. (Not meeting 5/8)

Peace Room

Our living the questions bible study continues through the third week in May. Come join us in the final weeks of our study and find some answers to your important questions.



Kids Fun Time

Sunday, May 1st at 12:15 p.m.

Please join us for our May Kid's Fun Time in the Fellowship Hall for an activity after our fellowship lunch. The children will be making a flower craft.



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 8th at 9:45 a.m.

Please join us for a special congregational meeting the second Sunday in May. During this meeting, we will be discussing our building project and making the final decision on what we will be doing going forward.



Youth Food Fest Auction

****Date change****

Sunday, May 22nd at 10:00 p.m.

The third Sunday of May is our youth food fest auction. Come join us and bid on some delicious items and help raise money for our youth to help send them to camp.

Saints of Peace Outing

Thursday, May 26th at 10:45 a.m.

For the month of May, we will be venturing to the Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Center and Roosters for lunch. The cost to attend this outing is \$5 in addition to the cost of lunch. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall by the 22nd of May.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • Worship w/ Communion (8:30am & 11am) • 9:45 am (Peace Room): Living the Questions Bible Study • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Lunch • 12:30 pm (F-Hall): Kids Fun Time • 3:00 pm: Highway Clean Up	2 • 6:00 pm (Peace Room): Social Action Committee Meeting	3 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 11:30 am (Peace Room): Clergy Cluster • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynnner's)	4 • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal	5 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	6	7 • 10:00 am (104): Quilters Group • 9:00 am: MN Conference Board Mtg (Dwelling)
8 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 9:45 am: (F-Hall) Special Congregational Meeting 	9 • 6:30 pm (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry	10 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynnner's) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	11 • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Church Council • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	13	14
15 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 9:45 am (Peace Room): Living the Questions Bible Study • 10:00 am (F-Hall): Intergenerational Faith Formation • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Lunch	16 • 6:30 pm (Peace Room): Gladys Selle Memorial Service • 7:30 pm (F-Hall): Gladys Selle Memorial Service Reception	17 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Sr Card Players • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynnner's)	18 • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	19 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	20	21
22 • Music Celebration Sunday • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 9:45 am (Peace Room): Living the Questions Bible Study • 10:00 am (F-Hall): MS & HS Youth Foodfest Auction • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Lunch	23	24 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynnner's) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	25 • 9:30 am (Peace Room): Miriam Ministry	26 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 9:00 am: Channel One Volunteers • 10:45 am: Saints of Peace Outing (Roosters + Cascade Meadows) • 6:00 pm: Worship Planning Team Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc) • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	27	28
29 • Worship (8:30am & 11am)	30 • OFFICE CLOSED 	31 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynnner's)				

Preliminary April Giving Report

	April
Pledges Budgeted	\$34,000
Actual Pledges Rec'd	\$30,173
Difference	\$-3,827
April pledges collected in 2015 were \$30,728 April pledges collected in 2016 were short by \$555	

Upcoming 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 first Sunday in June. See page 4 for the required form and be sure to turn that into the church office by May 29th.



Monthly Summer Potlucks Begin

Sunday, June 12th

Join us for our monthly summer fellowship potluck lunches after our contemporary worship services.



Saints of Peace Outing

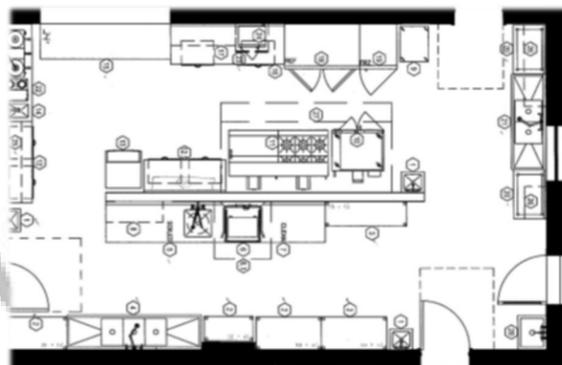
Wednesday, June 29th from 4-8 p.m.

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. Be watching for sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Summer Construction Start

We will be starting our updates and renovations in June. During this time, the kitchen will be unable for use. We are planning on having all the renovations completed by the end of September.



Family Mission & Fun Day (FMSC & Como Zoo)

Saturday, June 25th

The last Saturday in June we will be taking a trip to the Como Zoo in the morning then we will be participating at the Family Mission for feed my starving children. Look out for the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Quilter's Group

First Saturday of Every Month

The Quilters have been busy since the November Bazaar. We donated \$1,350.00 from our bazaar sales to the Samaritan Bethany bus fund, started teaching three girls to sew and made pot holders, aprons and bags for the Samaritan Bethany gift shop. Anyone interested in these projects is welcome to join us the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. room 104.

Do you knit or crochet? I am starting a knitting and crocheting group. It will meet at Peace UCC at 11:00 a.m. on a weekday. We will take advantage of the senior dining meal and then spend time working on our own projects. Call me at 289-2159 if you are interested in being part of this group.

~Marie Wilson



Evening Women's Group Begins Soon

Evenings TBD

We would like to put together an evening Women of Peace group. Although a date hasn't been chosen, please let us know your interest. There is a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Questions can be directed to Bethanie Bentz (cbbentz@gmail.com).



Another Successful Rags To Riches

We had another successful fundraiser for our Rags to Riches program. Over the four weeks, we donated 516lbs and were able to raise \$51.60 to support local homelessness projects. Thank you to all of you who donated and contributed to this wonderful cause.

Recognizing Our Channel One Volunteers

This past month our volunteers were recognized with the Outstanding Volunteer Award at the Channel One volunteer banquet. They were recognized for their hard work and we also want to thank Jody Morbeck for all of her work coordinating and leading this group.



Special Music Sunday

Sunday, May 22nd
Both Services

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd as we celebrate the beautiful music by our Choir of Peace, Bells of Peace, and ONEVOICE groups as they share their gifts.



Bud Vases Needed for Baptisms

We are looking for small and clear bud vases to be used for our baptisms. Required dimensions needed for the vases are 9" tall, 2" at the base and 1 1/2" opening at the top. Please drop vases off in the church office.



May Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
1	8:30 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Chancel Choir	Wendy Nevala's Team
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Joy ONE-VOICE	
8	8:30 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Special Music	No Lunch
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Peace ONE-VOICE	
15 Strengthen the Church Offering	8:30 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Peace Place Kids/Joy ONEVOICE	Matt Siewert's Team
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Peace Place Kids/Joy ONEVOICE	
22 Music Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Festival Choir/Bells/ ONEVOICE	Shar Hain's Team
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Festival Choir/Bells/ ONEVOICE	
29	8:30 a.m.	Deb Guenther	Special Music	No Lunch
	11:00 p.m.	Deb Guenther	Joy ONE-VOICE	

May

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|---|--|
| 1 Lucas Blomberg, James Crawley, Keeley Laughlin, Olivia Stevermer | 18 Louis Vangalis, Danielle Sanford, Jayden Hawkins, Shala Paske, Charley Handlang |
| 2 Samuel Giere | |
| 4 Ruth Lyngholm, Abigail Alcock | 19 Chris Rosen, Johanna Holloway |
| 5 Kristofer Truax | 20 Hazel Horan |
| 6 Amy Allen, James Fritsche | 21 Kelley Hollister-Page, Jorge Lopez, Shirley Fritz |
| 8 Jessica Hensel | 22 Susan Rich, Jonathan Trachsel |
| 9 Emily Raehsler, Katelin Bradt | 23 Julianne Dahlin, Ryan Truax, Miles Russell |
| 10 Ben Cornick | |
| 11 Audrey Johnson, Robert Stevens, Susan Dahle, Susan Crawley, Pam Clemens, Austin Markee | 24 Tammy Schlotthauer, Ben Peterson |
| 12 Linda Bradley | 25 Joanne Amundson, Emily Christie, Megan Paul |
| 14 Cecilia Kesselring | 27 Rick Laughlin, Keyan Severson |
| 15 Samantha Sagdalen, Ellen Reick, Julie Johnson, Sophia Stark | 28 Sara Lopez, Neal DeYoung |
| 16 Judd Schlotthauer, Leslie Sunnock, Keira Basballe | 29 Sharon Bradley, Chad Streiff, Donell Beaulieu, Anne Fritsche, Charles Barrows, Aidan Thompson |
| 17 Lucille Gruhlke, Diane Rueb | 31 Keondre Bryant |



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2016 GRADUATE INFORMATION



Please fill this out and return to the Church Office by **May 29th** so that we can include information in the June 5th bulletin. Thank you.

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT/S: _____

GRADUATING FROM: _____

(COLLEGE) DEGREE RECEIVED: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS / RECOGNITIONS / AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS:

FUTURE PLANS (College, work...):

We will be attending worship on Sunday, June 5th at 8:30AM _____ 11:00 AM _____

____ I will be emailing up to two photos for the PowerPoint to: office@peacechurchucc.org
Questions - call Debby Adams at 282-6117 or office@peacechurchucc.org

Ongoing Peace Groups

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

(All women are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion on the upcoming week's worship 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.)

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. Meeting dates for May are 10 and 24.)

Wednesday Bible Chat during May @ 7pm - Joan Bietz's Home (1547 7th Ave. NE)

(The focus will be each week's lectionary selections with opening and closing prayers.)



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

(Reading "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg)

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

(They are discussing the book "Red Letter Revolution" by Shane Claiborne & Tony Campolo.)

Monthly Saints of Peace Outings

(See our Saints of Peace outing schedule and sign ups in the Fellowship Hall for our upcoming events for those ages 55 and better.)



Middle School & High School Youth Group from 5 - 7 p.m.

(All middle and high school students gather from 5 - 7 p.m. for food, fun, and faith either at church or at an off-site location. Activities for May include May 15th—Quarry Hill Hike. May 22nd—Food Fest Auction. If you have any questions or are interested in other activities, email Kristen Twitchell at ypastor@peacechurchucc.org.)

Monthly Miriam Ministry @ 9:30 a.m. - Peace Room

(All women are invited to join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month for food, fellowship, and a special presentation.)



March at Peace United Church of Christ

