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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

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Nursery care available
during the 8:30 & 11 a.m.
worship service

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Olive Branch

September 2016

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

WE ARE CALLED!

We are once again thrilled to start our new program year. It is exciting to begin building and developing our worship, ministries, studies, and programs that provide a deeper connection to/ with our faith and empowerment to serve the community/world around us! This year, we are providing a number of new opportunities for our adults to engage, both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Take a look at what is being offered, and engage in learning and sharing with your family at Peace United Church of Christ!

I also want to call attention to our September Kick-Off Month, and invite you to note the diverse schedule we are offering. We will be back to our "normal" (whatever that is (-:)) schedule in October! Thank you for your engagement in our ministry in this new program year. It will be an exciting year!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 11 - RALLY DAY

- 10:00 One Worship Service
- 11:00 Faith Formation Begins for children and youth
Ministry Opportunity Fair – Learn about ministry, small group, and study opportunities
- 12:00 Children's games, Jump House, Water slide
Cook Out provided by our Youth
Auction (Both Live and Silent Auction)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - REV. BETH ROGERS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE

- 3:00 Presentation by Rev. Beth Rogers (ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS INVITED)
Beth will share her faith journey, goals, dreams, etc. Ice Cream is provided! (-:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:00 Faith Formation for Children & Youth (THIS SUNDAY ONLY)
Adult Study Groups begin
- 10:00 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE – Rev. Beth Rogers, Associate Pastor Candidate, preaching
- 11:00 Special Congregational Meeting to approve calling Rev. Beth Rogers
- 11:45 Fellowship Meal
- 4:00 YOUTH KICK-OFF (Middle & High School Youth and Parents) – Pizza provided

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 Traditional Worship
- 9:45 Faith Formation for Children & Youth
CONGREGATIONAL Semi-Annual Meeting
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship

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

AUGUST PHOTOS!



September Events

Rally Day and Fall Kick-Off

September 11th, 2016



Come and spend your day with us! We'll begin with ONE worship service, followed with a shortened Faith Formation time for all youth, an Opportunity Fair for the adults in the Fellowship Hall, 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 proceeds from the Live and Silent Auction events go 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.

Race Forward Begins September 27th 7 p.m.

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.

Saints of Peace Mystery Tour Thursday, September 22nd 10 a.m.

Join us on a Mystery Tour with our Saints of Peace group! The bus leaves at 10 a.m. and the sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

Grief Support Group Meetings "Beyond The Broken Heart"

Starting Thursday, September 15th
9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 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>.

Miriam Ministry Wednesday, September 28th 9:30 a.m.

Hosting this month will be Ida Brakke and Rae Dunn. Our program will be Brenda Schultz, "The Funeral Lady". She will be discussing topics we all want to avoid but really need to think about. Plan now, rest easy later!

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 Tuesday, September 6th. 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 Nice Bike: Making Meaningful Connections On the Road of Life by Mark Scharenbroch.)

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

(First meeting of the season will be Thursday, September 22nd.)

Twice Monthly Race Forward - 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. This group will resume starting on Tuesday, 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 @ 9:30 a.m. - Peace Room

(Meets the last Wednesday of the month for a presentation and fellowship. 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.)

Book Studies Begin Sunday, September 18th

(Join us Sunday mornings as we discuss two books this fall. The first study led by Tom and Marie Neher will be reading "The Bible According to Mark Twain: Irreverent Writings on Eden, Heaven the Flood by America's Master Satirist" by Mark Twain. The second study led by Ben Sullivan will be reading "Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism" by John Shelby Spong. Suggested donation per book is \$10 and sign ups are in the Fellowship Hall.)

July Financial Update

	June	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$32,500	\$227,500
Actual Pledges received	\$28,980	\$207,850
Difference	-\$3,530	-\$19,650
July pledge income this year over last year by	\$1,975	
YTD pledges collected less than last year	-\$4,812	



October Events

Saints of Peace Outing

Thursday, October 13th
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us on October 13th for a trip down to Nelson, Wisconsin for lunch at Beth's Twin Bluff's Café and then ice cream down at the Nelson Cheese Shop. The cost is \$6 per person in addition to the cost of lunch and ice cream. Our Saints of Peace outings are reserved for those 55 or better. Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, October 10th if you are interested in attending this fun event.



Drag Queen Bingo

Saturday, October 29th
5 p.m.

Circle Saturday evening October 29th in ORANGE on your calendar – DRAG QUEEN BINGO is coming to the Peace Church Social Hall! For just \$10 admission (cash only) you can see 10 lip-synch performances by Rochester's best female impersonators as well as play 10 games of Bingo for a chance at over \$400 in cash prizes! So you may ask, what is a drag queen? It's a man who is happy living life as a man, and on occasion dresses-up as an over-the-top woman for entertainment purposes. Just think of the hit movies "Hairspray" with John Travolta, "Tootsie" with Dustin Hoffman, "Mrs. Doubtfire" with Robin Williams, and the 1959 classic "Some Like it Hot" with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. The goal of our fun event is to raise over \$500, with half the proceeds going to the Peace Church Building Fund, and the other half to Rochester Pride Fest. More details to come in next month's newsletter.



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th
1:15 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, October 25, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. for a FREE, fun-filled Halloween afternoon! Come dressed in costume. All participants are welcome to dress up and can pass out goodies.



September 2016

Birthdays

- Noah Winter
- Jacob Petit, Jacey Roeber, Cody Aney, Riley Melmer
- William Meinhardt, Dale McCamish
- Loretta Tointon
- Wendy Nevala, April Oelkers, Jerry Barnhart
- Evelyn Stiller, Rodney Goertz
- Jeremiah McKenzie, Kaylene Geiger, Aubrey Burkhard
- Mike Hawkins, Nate Barker, Erick Rist
- Bethanie Bentz, Ken Fritz, Richard Holloway, Tamara Haack
- Shelley Schmitt, Vivien LeQuire
- Krista Miller
- Margie Barrows, Drew Holloway
- Chersten Keillor, Ernie Roeber
- Carlton Swan, David Arns, Margo Oetliker,
- Mary Bennett, Thomas Winters
- Joan Bietz, Becca Schliep, Anya Theuer
- Jennifer Newton, Sophie Goertz,
- Steve Beilby, Judy Berg
- Betsy Jorgensen, Quintin Dykes, Carrie Wieland
- Sarah Barrows, Sharon Franklin
- Grant Johnson, Staci Vinz, Cassidy Harmon
- Olive Ryg
- Bruce Franklin, Christie Lane, Duane Rich, Mercedes Milliken, Vanessa Milliken
- Karla Hamilton, Jesse Wilder, Kim Tande
- Melissa McLaurin, Maxine Coppe Judi Bjork, Teresa Holloway, Kristin Pollock, Trace Madson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace	2	3
Demo Coat Room/Narthex Floor/Usher's Office						
4 • Worship w/ Communion (8:30am & 11am)	5 • OFFICE CLOSED	6 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 10:00 am (F-Hall): Construction Status Meeting • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynner's)	7 • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace	9	10 • 10:00 am (104): Quilters Group
Demo Coat Room/Narthex Floor/Usher's Office						
11 • 10:00 am (Sanc): Fall Kickoff Celebration - ONE SERVICE (10am) • 11:00 am (F-Hall): Ministries Opportunity Fair • 11:00 am: Faith Formation • 11:45 am: Fall Kick-Off Outdoor Activities	12 • 6:00 pm (215): Social Action Committee Meeting • 6:30 pm (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry	13 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynner's) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	14 • 7:00 pm: Church Council (Dwelling)	15 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Grief Support Group • 6:00 pm (SHR): Grief Support Group	16	17
18 • Peace Apparel Deadline • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry Training • 4:00 pm (F-Hall): MS & HS Youth & Parent Gathering	19	20 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 10:00 am (F-Hall): Construction Status Meeting • 12:30 pm: Sr Card Players (Peace Room) • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynner's)	21 • 9:30 am: (Peace Room) Miriam Ministry • 5:30 pm (Peace Room): Stewardship Committee Mtg • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	22 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace • 9:00 am: Channel One Volunteers • 10:00 am: Saints of Peace Mystery Tour • 6:00 pm (SHR): Grief Support Group • 6:00 pm: Worship Planning Team Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc) • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	23	24 • 5:00 pm (F-Hall): Progressive Dinner
25 • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Stephen Ministry Training	26 • 6:00 pm (215): Faith Formation Team Meeting	27 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynner's) • 7:00 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)	28 • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	29 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Grief Support Group • 6:00 pm (SHR): Grief Support Group • 6:30 pm: Men of Peace (Dwelling)	30	

This Month's Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
4	8:30 a.m.	TBD		No lunch
	11:00 a.m.	TBD	Joy	
11 (Fall Kick Off)	10:00 a.m.	TBD	Peace Choir	Youth Food Truck
18 (Visitor's Weekend)	10:00 a.m.	Ann Gerlach	Bells of Peace	Quintrin Dykes
25	8:30 a.m.	TBD	Special Music	Amber Carlson
	11:00 a.m.	TBD	Joy	

September 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:

- Sept. 7 Bamber Ridge Park (1500 36th St SW)
- Sept. 14 Parkwood Hills (2232 Parkwood Hills NE)
- Sept. 21 Essex Park (5455 West River Road NW)
- Sept. 28 Northgate Park (2107 24th St NW)



Don't Miss the Boat! Act Now If You'd Like to Be Part of the Next Stephen Minister Training Class!

Training Starts Sunday, September 18th

Time is running out if you want to be part of Peace's next class of Stephen Ministers, which will take place on September 18th. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people.

To be part of this class, you will need to pick up a copy of the Stephen Minister Application from the church office, the church's website, www.peacechurchucc.org/forms or from one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sondra Bentz or Kim Sullivan. Fill it out and return it to Sondra, Kim or the church office, deadline to submit an application is September 8th. We will then schedule a time during September 13th-15th when you can meet with our Stephen Leaders to learn more about the training and so we can learn more about you.

If you have any questions, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sondra Bentz at (507) 288-6819 or Kim Sullivan at (507) 288-6819.



Peace Apparel

Order deadline: Sunday, September 18th

Ordering ends soon for our brand new Peace Apparel! 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 new logo embroidered with a screen printed back. Prices vary depending on what item you order; all payments due when ordering. Order forms and payments are due by Sunday, September 18th!



Book Studies Beginning

Begins Sunday, September 18th

There will be two book studies beginning the Sunday after Rally Day. The first study led by Tom and Marie Neher will be reading "The Bible According to Mark Twain: Irreverent Writings on Eden, Heaven, and the Flood by America's Master Satirist" by Mark Twain. The second study led by Ben Sullivan and will be reading "Rescuing the Bible From Fundamentalism" by John Shelby Spong. Suggested donation per book is \$10 and sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Progressive Dinner

**Saturday, September 24th
5 p.m.**

Want to meet others from your Peace family? We will be holding a progressive dinner on Saturday, September 24. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer to share at church, and then all participants will receive an envelope telling them where they'll go for their main course and dessert (different homes).

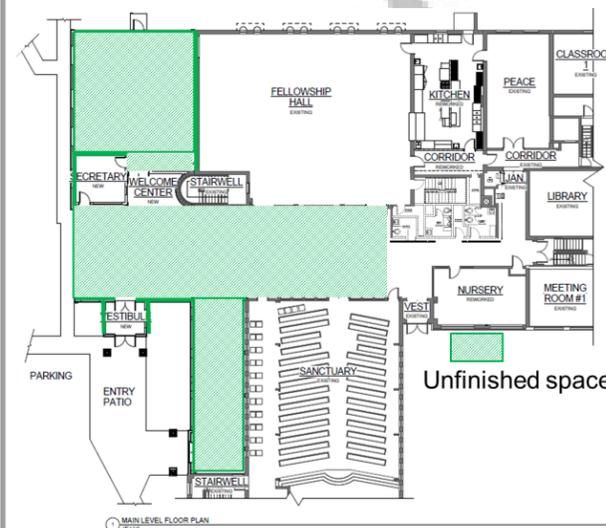
You can sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49a5ae2fa1fe3-peace1

Construction Update

Have you seen it?? Can you feel it?? The activity and excitement is still buzzing around church. After a delay with the building permit (we are about 2 weeks behind), the progress and changes are still happening. We are SO excited to have the kitchen done! It is absolutely beautiful! There is still some cleaning to be done and moving our 'stuff' back in; however, with the new equipment and specific processes to follow (for licensing purposes), everyone who will be working and using the kitchen will need to participate in training. Be watching for those specific dates and times.

We are very blessed to have individuals in this church who are providing their 'sweat' equity to help us reduce costs. This week the coat room, old usher's office, and Narthex entry walls have come down. The corner stone has been saved so that we can embed that into the new walls. Just seeing how open the Narthex area has become adds the excitement of what the final look will actually be! More work will continue (eg, removing the tiling from the Narthex floor, adding another door to the Fellowship Hall, etc).

The outside footings have been poured and the walls will be going up in the next several weeks. Things are taking shape. Our footsteps are moving us forward. Are you ready to leave your imprint?



"Fun Group" Events Starting

Ready to spend some 'fun' with your Peace family? A group of individuals has set into motion several events over the coming months (for adults and families). We invite you to join us on these dates/times:

9/24	Progressive Dinner (5 - 10pm)	Adult	
10/15	Local Orchard Trip (afternoon)	Family	Sign up coming soon!
10/29	Drag Queen Bingo (5 - 10pm)	Adult	Cost \$10
10/30	Trunk or Treat (afternoon)	Family	
12/18	Cookies, Cocoa, & Caroling (afternoon)	Family	

Sign up online at <http://goo.gl/sBpbRc> for the Progressive Dinner.

August at Peace United Church of Christ

