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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

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation
& Book Studies

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

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

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Olive Branch

October 2016

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.peacechurchucc.org

September has been a GREAT MONTH!

On Sunday, September 18, Peace United Church of Christ called Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Rogers to become our new Associate Pastor. Beth will officially begin her ministry with us on October 15. Beth, Sam, and their 7 month old daughter, Tylah, will be temporarily moving into an apartment while our parsonage (the house north of the church) is being remodeled. Beth brings VERY strong gifts and a beautiful passion to work with children, youth, and young adults. While this area is her primary focus, Beth will be serving in other pastoral roles as well. We are so blessed to have found such an extraordinary person to become part of the Peace UCC staff and family.

I am also so thankful for another great KICK-OFF to the new program year! Our Rally Day provided the opportunity for our Faith Formation Program to get started with a bang! Thank you to all of the teachers, shepherds, parents, children, youth, children's team, and the youth team to make all of this possible! A special shout out to Marie Neher for carrying the ball to coordinate all of the organizational details and Kristen Twitchell for training the teachers! THANK YOU! We have also added two new adult book studies during our Faith Formation time. Our hope is that we will continue with an adult Faith Formation after the book studies are complete.

Not only is our Sunday Faith Formation ministry up and moving, we are also developing a new, comprehensive Youth Ministry. Beth wanted to be a part of this initial process, and helped lead the initial meeting with our youth/parents to begin developing this ministry for the future. Several new initiatives, formats, and opportunities for our youth to be enveloped into the wider-life of the church are being developed! Be on the look-out for some exciting youth ministry opportunities!

As we look ahead to October – I encourage you to check out all of the ministry opportunities in the Olive Branch and on our website, and see where/how you can use your gifts to engage in ministry. October also provides us the opportunity to once again celebrate our stewardship – our giving – and what it means to celebrate our faith by using our gifts for the ministry of the church. This year's theme is "GIVING IN GRATITUDE". October 9 is our Kick-Off Sunday. Each Sunday following, we will be lifting up different ways we can use the various parts of our body to give gratitude. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how your gifts of ministry can impact and transform others in the community and world around us!

I am so thankful for all of the ministry that is before us, and the many ways we engage in God's Radical Good News to bring hope and love to so many. Thank you, to everyone who shares in the ministry of Peace United Church of Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Paul

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Check the online version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our September 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 aoffice@peacechurchucc.org.

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

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

SEPTEMBER PHOTOS!



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 Bluffs 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

7:00 - 9:00 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.

Family Movie Night

Friday, October 14th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Friday, October 14th in the Fellowship Hall for a family movie night. We will be showing The Peanuts Movie. Cost is \$5 per family and the sign up is in the Fellowship Hall or online at goo.gl/10dyNw.

Peace Family Orchard Outing

Saturday, October 15th

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join your Peace UCC family as we gather at the Sekapp Orchard for a fun fall day. Pick-your-own apples, wagon ride and a corn and hay-bale maze are just a few of the activities available. The group pricing is \$5.00 per apple bag or \$3.00 per bag for gourds. Sign up on the youth bulletin board or online at goo.gl/QzaRWk.

Family Bowling

Sunday, October 16th

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Come out and bowl at Bowlocity with your Peace family at this fun event! We will all be meeting at Bowlocity and the cost is \$4.50 per game and \$2.95 shoe rentals. Sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board or online at goo.gl/ks5Bmd.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, October 25, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. for a FREE, fun-filled Halloween afternoon! Come dressed in costume. All participants are welcome to dress up and can pass out treats from their vehicles. Sign up online at goo.gl/hZqA2I.

Samaritan Bethany Chapel

Assistant Needed

Month of October

We are looking for volunteers to help our residents at Samaritan Bethany go to and from the chapel on Sundays for the month of October. There will be two shifts, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 9:30 a.m. Sign up to help 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 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.)

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.)

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!)

Sunday Morning Book Studies

(Join us Sunday mornings as we discuss two books. 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.)

August Financial Update

	June	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$32,500	\$260,000
Actual Pledges received	\$29,846	\$237,697
Difference	-\$2,654	-\$22,303
August pledge income this year over last year by	\$2,727	
YTD pledges collected less than last year	-\$7,540	



November Events

Fall Bazaar Help

November 10th, 11th, and 12th

We are getting ready for our annual fall bazaar. This year, it will be held on Saturday, November 12th. This event draws large crowds; however, in order to prepare we will be seeking help. We will need folks to help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help set up tables and organize items and help in the kitchen and the dish room during the event.

Along with attending the event, we are still looking for donations! All items donated must be clean and in good, usable shape and can be dropped off at church starting Monday, October 31st up until Thursday, November 10th.

Some examples of items that are accepted are as follows: baked goods, nicely-potted house plants, household items, all holiday items, small furniture, books, small appliances and freshly-cleaned clothes that are not stained or ripped.

Exercise equipment is also accepted, but those unsold must be picked up by the owners after the bazaar to avoid disposal fees to the church.

Some items that are not accepted are outdoor garden plants, tires, large pieces of furniture, open bottles of perfume, or lotions, computers, items that do not work, or large appliances.

Be watching for the sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (282-6117).

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 20th

EVERYONE is invited to our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal in the Fellowship Hall. This dinner is a highlight for so many and a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a family of faith. You are encouraged to invite your family and friends to join you for this meal as well. All are welcome to celebrate Thanksgiving and have fellowship with us at Peace United Church of Christ. We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways, such as set up, serving, dish room, clean up afterwards and providing pies.

Pre-meal preparation and serving will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Servers will be responsible for getting tables ready with plates and silverware and then at 11:00 a.m. we will begin to get the water, coffee and milk ready at the beverage stations. We will also need servers to help with dishing up food, as well as assisting families to their seats.

Set up and decoration will be done on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and the Dwelling. Tables, chairs, tablecloths and decorations will be set up then. Along with volunteers, we also are in need of pie and dessert donations. Be watching for sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Bounce World Outing

**Saturday, November 12th
Time TBD**

Join us for another family fun event by joining us at Bounce World. More information will be sent out as the event gets closer. The address is 4430 19th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901. See you there!

Check Out Our Brand New Website!

We are very excited to unveil our brand new website! A big thanks to Tulip Tree Studios and Emergent Ideas for all of their help creating our new site! Check us out at www.peacechurchucc.org



Welcoming Our New Associate Pastor Rev. Beth Rogers

We are very excited to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Beth Rogers! Beth comes to us from Massachusetts with her wife, Sam and their daughter, Tylah. She will begin her position with us on October 15th. Beth is originally from Oregon and received a Bachelors in Sociology and psychology from the University of Oregon in 2003, and her Masters in Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in 2011. Throughout her life, a deep interest in group discussion has shaped her educational journey. Even as a teen, Beth's future in ministry was well established as she took over leadership of her own high school youth group and counseled campers at summer camp. As an adult, she led adult education classes and middle school Sunday school classes before discerning a call to professional ministry and heading to seminary. After seminary, she worked for three years at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, Oregon as the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator. She is excited to put her gifts to work with the Peace UCC family.



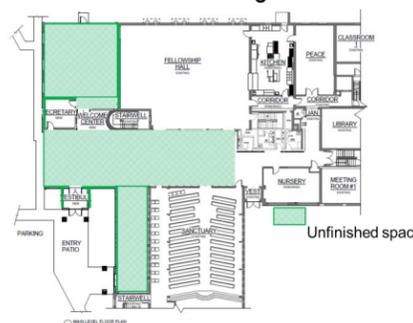
Construction Update

This past month's activity have been giving us glimpses of what we can expect with the new addition! Seeing the open space after removing the coat room was a WOW experience. However, we've also been presented with a few more surprises: Indepth leveling of the Narthex floor will need to be done before we can put any kind of new flooring down and walls that we thought were all brick, were cement block. A few adjustments have to be made along the way, but we are moving forward.

The rain hasn't helped much with the outside work, but the construction crew is pushing along! The south entrance wall has come down, the footings have been installed, steel beams have been put in place, lots of back filling done and the concrete for the new area is being poured. Over these next several weeks, you'll get a clear view of what the addition will look like with the exterior framing going up and the exterior finishes.

After receiving all the kitchen dishware, we were able to put the kitchen to the test with our Fellowship Lunch on September 18. New processes are being worked out and kitchen training is taking place. We hope to get some patch painting done in the Fellowship Hall in the next week.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this construction time. Before long, it will all be a distant memory and we will wonder how we managed without our new space!



October Happenings

“Fun Group” Events Continue

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:

10/15	Local Orchard Trip (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)	Family	Sign up online at goo.gl/QzaRWk
10/16	Bowling at Bowlocity (4 - 6p.m.)	Family	\$4.50/ game \$2.95/shoe rental
10/29	Drag Queen Bingo (5 - 10pm)	Adult	Cost \$10 (Cash Only)
10/30	Trunk or Treat (afternoon)	Family	FREE
11/12	Bounce World	Family	Time TBD
12/18	Cookies, Cocoa, & Caroling (afternoon)	Family	Information TBD

Rags to Riches: Month of October

The Social Action and Outreach ministry is continuing the textile recycling program called **Rags to Riches**. Through a partnership with a non-profit recycling organization, we can take your old, ripped, worn or unwanted clothing, sheets, towels or other textiles and turn them into money for homelessness outreach. Peace Church will get ten cents per pound collected to be used to support our efforts to prevent and end homelessness in our community (in May we raised \$131.85). Recycling these textiles turns trash into rugs, stuffing, and insulation materials and it keeps it OUT OF LANDFILLS! Drop off your items in the **Rags to Riches** bin every Sunday Morning in October.

Fellowship Lunch Leaders & Volunteers Needed

From September through early June, we provide an opportunity for our church family to fellowship with a light meal immediately following the second service. Our goal is to have 9 teams - which means each team is responsible for coordinating / serving a light lunch 3 times per year. **We need a few more leaders and volunteers.** If interested, please contact Quintin Dykes at quintin.dykes@blackline.com.



This Month's Sundays

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
2 (Neighbors In Need World Communion Offering)	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Peace Choir	Theresa Scott-Diekvoss
	11:00 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	
9	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Bells of Peace	Wendy Nevala
	11:00 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Peace ONEVOICE	
16	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Children Sing	TBD
	11:00 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	
23	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Special Music	TBD
	11:00 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Peace ONEVOICE	
30	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Peace Choir	Shar Hain
	11:00 a.m.	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	

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Birthdays

- Gabby Barrows, Emma Giere
- Vicki Schoonover, Carol Moore, Joseph Haack, Lisa Stevermer, AJ Barker, Zacary Siewert
- Gina Kesselring, Jennifer Ozcan
- Edward Hanenberger, Beau Brady
- Laura Fierro, Will Nevala
- Stephanie Kern, E. Ruth Martin, Achala Springer
- Elsa Patt, James Siewert
- Cortney Stevens
- Dean Pollock, Kaelyn Carlson
- Mary Bennett
- Melina Lopez
- Mark Wieland, Audrey Ewert
- Chris Potts, Elle Adams
- Craig Johnson
- Shannon Bennett
- Chase Splittstoesser, Jakob Barrows, Holly Hawkins, Jeff Bennett, Rylie Splittstoesser
- Craig Bentz, LuAnn Rueb
- Theresa Diekvoss
- Ed LeQuire, Justine Savage, Theresa Peterson
- Lois Hanenberger, Kadyrn Rueb
- Paul Keehn
- Beverly Clark
- Nick Johnson, Easton Jahnz, Tristan Melmer
- Dorothy Culbertson, Marie Neher, Debby Adams
- Chris Lenz, Kelsie Leof
- Danielle Wells, Dana Basballe, Jeremy An
- Josh Morbeck, Ron Welke, Abigale Rueb

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samaritan Bethany Resident Chapel Assistance Every Sunday in October 						1 • 10 am - 11:30 am Quilters Group (Rm 104)
2 • Worship w/Communion (8:30am & 11am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Book Study Bible Mark Twain (Rm 215) 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Book Study Rescuing the Bible (Peace Rm) 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Faith Formation (Various Classrooms) 12 pm - 1:30 pm: Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall) 12:30 pm - 3 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Dwelling) 6:30 pm - 8 pm: ONEVOICE Rehearsals (Sanc) 	3 • 6 pm - 7 pm: Social Action Committee Meeting (Peace Rm)	4 • 7 am - 8 am: Men of Peace (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am - 11:30 am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm) 5 pm - 6 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners') 	5 • 6 pm - 7 pm: Adult Bell Rehearsal (Rm 115) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc) 	6 • 7 am - 8 am: Women of Peace (Peace Rm)	7	10
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