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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

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

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# Olive Branch

February 2017

## Ponderings of Pastor Beth...

This month starts off with a bang for the youth program with the Annual Super Bowl Sub Sale on February 5th! If you didn't remember to preorder your sub the 22nd or 29th of January, we may have just a few left over to sell, so get to the table early! All the funds from this project go to support the Youth Summer Program. This year, our Middle School and High School will be jointly traveling to Pilgrim Point to engage in a mission week with other youth from the conference. They will engage in various projects for several different community organizations to get a taste of the many ways to serve the world. It will be an exciting time to practice living as faithful people in the wider world and they need your support! If you want to get involved in supporting our youth in their development, speak to me today to see how you could share your gifts with our wonderful youth!

Also happening this month, two of our small group ministries have another opportunity to get together and start connecting. Coming up first, on Saturday February 11th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., everyone with young children 3 years old and younger, are invited to church for brown bag lunch and playgroup, where we will make shakers and sensory bottles from household goods. Supplies will be provided, just bring your lunches and yourselves! Invite a neighbor or friend along as well, this is a great opportunity to meet and make connections with other with young kids in a safe place.

Then, February 18th, the 20/30s age group is invited for a sandwich lunch and time to connect over board games. Bring your favorite game, lunch will be provided. Please RSVP though, to allow for food preparation, and especially for those with allergies, or child care needs. You can sign up online at <https://goo.gl/AIQZln>.

Why are we focusing on small group ministry this year? As a larger congregation, we have the blessing of being diverse in our needs for spiritual care, worship, relationship, and formation of faithful living. Small groups allow us to center around our lives as a primary place of faith development. Our focus on small group ministry seeks to provide more opportunities to connect and feel counted on by others as we continue our journeys in life. What makes a small group ministry different? Small group ministries are accountable to each other. These are also opportunities to mutually plan the course of study, fellowship and worship. Small group ministries aren't just about a presenter coming to the receivers with a message, but a more dynamic relationship between leader/organizer/shepherd and the members. This fluid relationship means that the ministry is just as much held by each participant as by the leader. We all have the potential to do so much together, and as we embark on some intentional development as a whole congregation, we will need the connectedness of small groups to keep us honest, supported, and passionate about our shared life together. As we continue to build up our small group focuses and connections, this spring, we look forward to more opportunities like this to build among us in the fall and beyond. If you are interested in meeting with me to talk about leadership or a need for specific groups, contact me and let's have coffee.

Blessings,  
*Rev. Beth Rogers*  
Pastor Beth Rogers

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Check the online version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our January 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](mailto: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.**

# JANUARY PHOTOS!



## February Events

### Family Snow Tubing

Saturday, February 4th  
Ironwood Springs  
11:45 a.m.

Family Fun Day of Snow tubing at Ironwood Springs February 4th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Gather with families from our church and the Congregational Church across town for a joint day of snow tubing fun. For two hours we have the run of the course and then we will bundle up and head back to get warm at the church with hot cocoa and goodies. Please RSVP early to get a release form to bring completed so we can save time on the mountain. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon! Cost: \$12 per person over 4 years old. Carpools from the church will leave at 11:45 am. RSVP to Pastor Beth at [ypastor@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:ypastor@peacechurchucc.org) to reserve a spot.



### Adult Snow Shoeing

Saturday, February 11th  
7 p.m.

Adults are invited to join us for a snow shoeing event at Quarry Hill on Saturday, February 11. We'll end the evening with a bon fire at the home of Stevi Hallisy. Questions can be directed to Stevi. Call Quarry Hill to sign up and reserve your spot.



### Super Bowl Subs

#### Fundraiser

Sunday, February 5th  
9:45-12:30 p.m.

Pre-order deadline: Friday, February 3rd

Pick-up date: Sunday, February 5th

Cost is \$5 per sandwich.

This is an annual fundraiser for our youth. Fundraisers like these help raise money to send our youth to summer camps and every little bit helps. The sub is a standard hoagie size with turkey, ham, salami, cheese, lettuce, and pickles. There will be a limited number of extra subs available to buy on Feb. 5th so be sure to preorder the number of subs you need. The sign-up form is on the family bulletin board in the hallway by the office or at the Super Bowl Sub table after services. You can pre-pay or pay when you pick it up. Thank you for your support!

### All Church Outing - Social Ice

Friday, February 17th  
6 p.m.  
Peace Plaza

Join your Peace friends at SocialICE – Rochester Minnesota's Ice Bar – which transforms the Peace Plaza in the heart of downtown Rochester to an outdoor ice bar experience. The event generates an artistic and sophisticated social gathering place complete with lighting effects, music, ice sculptures, drinks, and more. Come to SocialICE and you'll experience seven 12-foot uniquely designed and themed ice bars – each with a signature drink! We'll gather at 6pm at the Peace Plaza Fountain.



### Young Adult - Afternoon of Games

Saturday, February 18th  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m

All young adults are invited to join us for an afternoon of games in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up here: <https://goo.gl/AIQZIn>.

## Peace Happenings

### Sunday Morning Journey Group @ 9:45 a.m. - Peace Room

(We invite you to JOURNEY with us every Sunday between services. Group meets through February 26th.)

### 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 Group @ 10 a.m. - Peace Room

(All women are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion.)

### 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 "The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America" by Blum and Harvey.)

### 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

(Event for March TBD.)



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

(ALL WOMEN WELCOME TO ATTEND! Join us on Wed, March 22nd at 9:30 a.m. for a special presentation.)

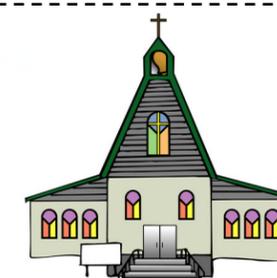
### Book Studies Begin in February - Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. - Peace Room

(Join us for our 8-week book studies beginning in February.)

## December Financial Update

	December	YTD
Pledges Received	\$39,424	\$363,580
Actual Pledges Budgeted	\$32,500	\$390,000
Difference	+\$6,924	-\$26,420

Last year to date, we were at \$374,156. This makes us -\$10,576 behind last year.



## March / April Events

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1st  
7:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Special music will be provided by our Choir of Peace. Come and begin your Lenten Journey with your Peace faith family.



### Lenten Taize Service

Wednesdays Beginning March 8th  
5:30 p.m.

Our Taize Lenten Services begin March 8th and will continue through March 29th. The services will be a half hour long and be a time of meditation and reflection.

### Bible 101 Adult Study

Beginning March 5th

During Lent, Pastor Paul will lead a Bible 101 study for those wanting to know some of the Bible basics. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday (3/8 - 4/5) from 6 - 7:30pm.

### Hammel Reception

Sunday, March 11  
4 p.m.

Tony & Nancy Hammel invite their church family to their son and daughter-in-law's (Ben & Carolyn) wedding reception on Saturday, March 11 @ 4pm.

### Building Dedication

Sunday, March 12  
12 p.m.

Join us in dedicating our new building addition on March 12th! More info will soon follow.

### Maundy Thursday Services

Thursday, April 13  
6:00 p.m.

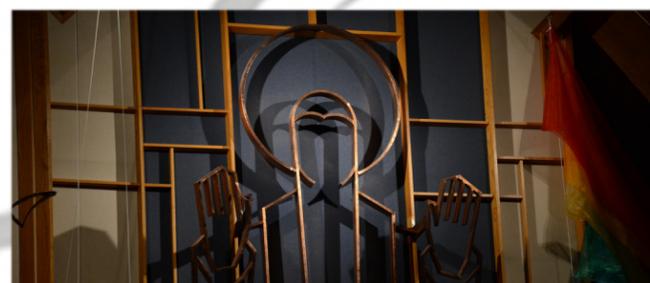
Simple Supper/Worship



### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14  
7 p.m.

Worship Service



### Annual Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 16  
7:30-10:30 a.m.

Come celebrate Easter with your Peace family during our Easter breakfast! Every year, we have a breakfast in our Fellowship Hall to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Join us for pancakes, coffee, juice and more before our Easter services. Easter services for 2017 will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## Construction Update

We are almost there!!! The new construction has provided us some much-needed breathing room for handling large crowds and the WOW factor for those who enter in through our new entry way....it is amazing! We are working through our list of final touches, but again a VERY SPECIAL THANKS to those who are sharing their time and talents to make this happen!

On the inside: The coat racks are up in the new coat hall and all touch-up painting in the new Narthex is complete. The Fellowship Hall has been repainted (and we have incorporated the new Narthex color scheme to flow into this space). We had to make some more adjustments to the family/handicap bathroom per the building inspector. The new heating zones continue to be re-tweaked. The water sprinkler pipes in the Sanctuary have been painted. The organ pipes have been removed for repair (this was caused by the installation of the sprinkler pipes into the organ chamber). We kicked off our 'Carpet the Narthex' fundraiser after our annual meeting. THANK YOU to all who are contributing to this effort. We are very blessed.

On the outside: the Knutson work trailer has been removed as well as our dumpster. There are a few items that we will need to wait until spring to complete (eg, finishing outside panels on new entry ways, concrete work, dirt leveling, rock garden and removal of perimeter fencing).

The finishing-checklist was provided at the New Ministry Engagement meeting on January 29th. You can find this list on our web site under forms. Please consider what time and talents you can share to help us.

Mark your calendars now to help us celebrate our new building on Sunday, March 5th for our ribbon-cutting ceremony. More details on this special day will be forthcoming.



## Thank You Notes!

I thank God for the people of Peace UCC for their extravagant welcome and prayer-filled support of my call to ministry: in scrubs AND in the pulpit. Last Sunday afternoon, the Minnesota Conference UCC met for an Ecclesiastical Council at Peace to grant me "privilege of call" as an ordained minister in the UCC. A joyful shout-out to the members, church council and pastors of Peace who attended last Sunday's event. I am excited for our future together as Christ's body in the world. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!" (Psalm 103)  
~ Karl Rist

Betty, Kathy & LouAnne Meyer would like to express their sincere gratitude & appreciation to our Peace Family. Your cards, flowers, phone calls, prayers, visits & random acts of kindness have been & continue to be a very important part of our recovery. We thank God for all of you daily!

Sincerely,  
The Meyer Girls

# February Happenings

## Upcoming Events

Ready to spend some 'fun' with your Peace family? A group of individuals has set into motion several events over the upcoming months for adults and families. Any questions or want more information? Call the church office or check out our website! We invite you to join us on these dates/times:

2/04/17	Snow Tubing	12:30 p.m.	Ironwood Springs
2/11/17	Adult Snow Shoeing	7 p.m.	Quarry Hill
2/16/17	Adult Social Ice Gathering	6 p.m.	Downtown Rochester

## Infant / Toddler & Caregivers Lunch Bunch

Every Monday & Wednesday  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

With many young children in our congregation and beyond, Peace Church will be offering a weekly lunch bunch group for young kids (3 and under) and their caregivers. So if you are a parent, grandparent, nanny, babysitter, care giver of any type, you are invited to drop in Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We'll eat in Room 105 and then go to the Nursery to play. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Bring a lunch and meet someone new! Questions can be directed to Pastor Beth (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org).

## February Happenings - Book Studies

Starting Sunday, February 19

You have an opportunity to join one of two 8-week book studies.

- 1) "What We Talk About When We Talk About God" written by Rob Bell (sign up here: <https://goo.gl/yyKTbY>)
- 2) "Dakota: A Spiritual Geography" by Kathleen Norris (sign up here: <https://goo.gl/06QZHE>)

Please refer to the on-line sign-ups and indicate if you would like us to purchase a book on your behalf.

## This Month's Services

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
5	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Bells of Peace	Dave & Michelle Scmitt's Team
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Joy ONEVoice	
12	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Zach Zum	Quintin Dykes' Team
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Joy Peace Choir	
19	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Choir of Peace	Amber Carlson's Team
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Joy ONEVoice	
26	8:30 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Special Music	Theresa Scott-Diekvoss' Team
	11:00 a.m.	Ben Sullivan	Peace ONEVoice	

# February 2017

## Birthdays

- 1 Mike Maloney, Sean Molitor, Bev Moravec
- 3 Diane Helgerson, Tylah Peterson
- 4 James Ross IV
- 5 Elijah Neher
- 6 Flynn MacDonald
- 7 Michelle Laughlin
- 8 Jennifer Goertz
- 9 Jim Lovelace, Sarah Hawkins
- 10 Russ Koelsch, Tonia Ely, Fred Trachsel
- 11 Ben Sullivan
- 12 Bruce Adams
- 13 Parker Jahnz
- 14 Michael Johnson, Steven Berg
- 15 Hannah Leof, Marianne Hockema
- 16 Mark Huyber
- 17 Ronald Tointon, Kim Davis, Jeremy Newton, Evan Bennett
- 19 Benjamin Wieland
- 20 Glenn Lilleskov, Emmaus McLaurin
- 21 Scott Bradley, Robert Lyngholm
- 22 Bethany Beilby
- 23 Alicia Buda, Joel Gordon II, Sydney Loechler
- 25 Helen Corfits, Janice Timm
- 27 Jeff Hanson
- 28 Nathan Ryan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Family Promise Buddy Week (Redeemer Lutheran) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105)</li> <li>• 6 pm - 7 pm: Adult Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)</li> <li>• 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Rm 115)</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> Family Promise Buddy Week (Redeemer Lutheran) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 am - 8 am: Women of Peace (Peace Rm)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> Family Promise Buddy Week (Redeemer Lutheran)	<b>4</b> Family Promise Buddy Week (Redeemer Lutheran) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am - 11:30 am: Quilters Group (Rm 104)</li> <li>• 11:24 am - 2:45 pm: Family Fun Day (Snowtubing @ Ironwood Springs)</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> Family Promise Buddy Week (Redeemer Lutheran) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship w/ Communion (8:30am &amp; 11am)</li> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Journey Group (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Faith Formation (Various Classrooms)</li> <li>• 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm: Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall)</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm - 8 pm: Social Action Committee Meeting (Peace Rm)</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Men of Peace (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am - 11:30 am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 12 pm - 1:30 pm: Social Action Guest Discussion (Rm 215)</li> <li>• 5 pm - 6 pm: Beverage and Bible (Glynners')</li> <li>• 7 pm - 8 pm: Race Forward (Dwelling)</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105)	<b>9</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Women of Peace (Peace Rm)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> • 11 am - 1 pm: Children 0 to 3 Play Date (F-Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm - 10 pm: Adult Gathering - Snow Shoeing and Bonfire (Quarry Hill Nature Center)</li> </ul>
<b>12</b> • Worship (8:30am & 11am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Journey Group (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Faith Formation (Various Classrooms)</li> <li>• 12 pm - 1:30 pm: Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall)</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Stephen Ministry (Peace Rm)</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Men of Peace (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am - 11:30 am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 5 pm - 6 pm: Beverage and Bible (Glynners')</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm - 7 pm: Adult Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)</li> <li>• 7 pm - 9 pm: Church Council (Dwelling)</li> <li>• 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Rm 115)</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Women of Peace (Peace Rm)	<b>17</b> • 6 pm - 9 pm: Fun Group (Social Ice Gathering)	<b>18</b> • 11 am - 12:15 pm: Young Adult Afternoon Games (F-Hall)
<b>19</b> • Worship (8:30am & 11am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Journey Group (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Faith Formation (Various Classrooms)</li> <li>• 4 pm - 5 pm: Pastor Beth Installation Service (Sanc)</li> <li>• 5 pm - 6 pm: Pastor Beth Installation Reception (F-Hall)</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105)	<b>21</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Men of Peace (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am - 11:30 am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Sr Card Players (Peace Rm)</li> <li>• 5 pm - 6 pm: Beverage and Bible (Glynners')</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> • 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Miriam Ministry (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: CareGiver Lunch Bunch for Adults and Children 3 and Under (Rm 105)</li> <li>• 6 pm - 7 pm: Adult Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)</li> <li>• 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Rm 115)</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> • 7 am - 8 am: Women of Peace (Peace Rm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm - 7 pm: Channel One Volunteer Team (Channel 1 HQ)</li> <li>• 6 pm - 7 pm: Worship Planning Meeting (Pastor Paul's Ofc)</li> </ul>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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