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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

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:45am Faith Formation

I am Contemporary Worship

Nursery care available during the 8:30 & I am worship services

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Olive Branch

March 2017

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

We are having a number of conversations surrounding how we, as Christians, relate to other major world religions. Our upcoming Lenten season provides us a key opportunity to learn more about our other brothers and sisters of other faith traditions and understand how we, in many cases, are very closely related in our core beliefs. As we embark on another Lenten Season, I invite you to engage more deeply than ever into the presence of God's Love in our world, how we relate to one another, and how we can bring healing and wholeness. This is such a valuable time for us to center on who and what God has called us to be as an individual and as a church. I invite you to enter this Lenten season with hope and promise for a healing future for our country and our world. I have included a snapshot of our Lenten Schedule. I hope you invest yourself in worship and study for these 6 weeks to learn, grow, and center yourselves in God's Love for all the world!

Peace,

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (March 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5)
5:30pm TAIZE WORSHIP
6:15pm BIBLE 101

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 @ 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

WE ARE CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

CHRISTIANITY & BUDDHISM

-GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Shari Prestemon, Minnesota Conference Minister
-BUILDING & KITCHEN DEDICATION: As part of the 11:00 service (towards the end) we will be engaging in the Building and Kitchen Dedication Service.
A meal will be provided following the dedication to give thanks for this blessing.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

CHRISTIANITY & HINDUISM

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

CHRISTIANITY & JUDAISM

-GUEST SPEAKER: Ed Leof (Ed will share at both services and be available for conversation between services)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM

-GUEST SPEAKER: Regina Mustafa (Regina will also be available for Q&A between services)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 @ 6:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & DRAMA

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 @ 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 @ 7:30 - 10:30am

EASTER BREAKFAST (Provided by youth)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 @ 8:30 & 11:00am

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Paul Bauch, Senior Pastor
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Beth Rogers, Associate Pastor
ypastor@peacechurchucc.org
http://www.facebook.com/rev.rog

Check the online version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our February 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 **9am** every week.

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

Annual Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 16
7:30-10:30am

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. All proceeds fund our summer youth mission trips.



*** REMINDER ***
Daylight Savings Time

March 12th
Spring Ahead!!

Time to
Spring Ahead

March Happenings



Volunteer orientation/training sessions are scheduled for:

February 28th, 2017 6pm

Eyota ambulance Facility:
753 Robert Ave. SW
Eyota, MN 55934

There will be a light meal served.
Please RSVP to Kathy Schumann
(507)-226-1266.

March 7th, 2017 7pm

Redeemer Lutheran
869 7th Ave. SE
Rochester, MN 55904.

8-week Sunday Morning Book Studies
Dakota: A Spiritual Geography (Peace Room)
What We Talk About When We Talk About God (Rm 215)
Ends 4/9; 9:45—10:45am
Cost \$10 per book



Easter Lily Fundraiser!

Order your Easter Lily in honor of, or in memory of someone special. Turn in forms and payment to the church office! Orders due March 26th Refer to order form insert.

THEATRE AUDITIONS

Once & Future Classics will be holding auditions for A Musical Midsummer Night's Dream at 6:30pm on March 7 and 9 at Peace United Church in Rochester. Needed are nine men and eleven women for lead roles, and a large chorus of Citizens and Fairies age twelve and up. Preparing a short piece from a Broadway musical is suggested, but not required. Performances will be the first three weekends in May at Peace United.



This will be the initial production for the newest theatre company in town, Once & Future Classics!

FUN Adult Gatherings

Movie & Discussion — Loving
March 10th, 6:30pm (F-Hall)

March 17th
St. Patrick's Chinese Style
(see sign up on Narthex Bulletin Board)



Infant / Toddler & Caregivers Lunch Bunch

Every Monday & Wednesday
11:30am - 1:30pm

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 11:30am - 1:30pm. 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).



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering!
Sunday, March 26, 2017

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are literally changed daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and so much more.

Peace Happenings

Tuesday Morning Men of Peace Group @ 7am - 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 @ 10am - Peace Room

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

Tuesday Beverage & Bible @ 5pm - Glynner's Pub

(Tuesdays, from 5-6pm at Glynner's Pub [1643 Broadway Ave NJ] & we'll gather for fellowship and discussion.)

Thursday Morning Women's Group @ 7am - 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.)



Miriam Ministry @ 9:30am - Peace Room

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

Sunday Book Studies @ 9:45am

(Join us for our 8-week book studies - see details on Page 2.)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:15pm - Fellowship Hall

(Every Wednesday, through April 5, we will have a Bible 101 class. Cost of book is \$12; see sign-up in Narthex.)

Pastor Beth's



Installation

Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser

Thank you for your support in helping to raise \$700 for Youth Mission Trips!



March / April Events

Lenten Taize Service

Wednesdays Starting March 8th
5:30pm

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 8th

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 Wedding

Reception

Potluck Style

Sunday, March 11
4pm

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

Please RSVP to: <https://www.theknot.com/us/benjamin-hammel-and-carolyn-connell-mar-2017>

Building Dedication

Sunday, March 12
12pm

Join us in dedicating our new building addition on March 12th! We will bless the new Narthex and Kitchen. A meal will be catered and a special cake served during dessert. We'll have a guest preacher and speakers to help us celebrate.



Easter Basket Giving Event

Supporting homeless youth, women and families in Rochester

- Pick out eggs from basket in narthex - open to see what needs to be donated
- All donations must be returned by Easter Sunday April 16th
- Donations will support:

Family Promise - Rochester;
Hawthorne Helps; Rochester LINK Program;
Women's Shelter



Drag Queen Bingo

~ Spring is in the air – and with it brings the return of Drag Queen Bingo!

Spring is in the air – and with it brings the return of Drag Queen Bingo! Mark your calendars for Saturday April 22 at 7 pm in the Peace Church Social Hall. \$10 admission at the door to play bingo & watch the show, or \$10 to just watch the show. People of all ages are welcome to come and be part of the newest, biggest, and funniest Peace Church event in recent years. We hope to give away over \$500 in cash prizes, and raise over \$1000 for our Church. This is a fun-fundraiser, so all who attend or volunteer are asked to pay the \$10 admission. Want to help make this fun event a success??? Attend, bring your family and friends, donate bottled water/soda, donate baked goods, volunteer to set-up lots of tables and chairs, volunteer to take down all the extra tables and chairs, and more. And of course if you help with the event in any way, it brings good karma which increases your chances of winning CASH on Saturday, April 22! To volunteer contact rjwerner@charter.net.



YOUTH FUN

March 5th @ 2pm: Lip Sync Battle 2pm

March 12th @ 12:30pm: MS Blanket Service Project following Fellowship Lunch

March 19th @ 1:30pm: Fellowship and Fundraising: Church Games, and Easter Breakfast fundraising prep and planning

Construction Update

Things are starting to 'wind' down with regard to big construction projects, but work on the final punch list continues. We feel very blessed for those who have stepped forward to offer their time and talents with some of the finishes, coordination of painting projects, as well as those who have supported the 'Carpet the Narthex' fundraiser! Our work isn't finished. You can find a list of items to be done on our web site under forms. Please consider the ways you can help us get these finished!!

On the Inside:

- * Through your generosity, we were able to purchase the Narthex carpet tiles and porcelain tiles. The plan is to have all this done before our March 12 dedication.
- * The coat hall ceiling leaks have been repaired and the damaged coat shelves fixed.
- * The heating and cooling system seem to be finding a balance. Pastor Paul worked feverishly to get the right folks involved!
- * The Fellowship Hall has been repainted.
- * The door trim around the circular stairwell and new canopy entrance is completed.

On the Outside:

- * The contractors are scheduled to get the remaining outside panels in place by canopy entrances, as well as finishing gutters and down-spouts.
- * Outside dirt work remains and will be done in the spring as soon as possible. Scott Bradley will work with the contractor to coordinate this.
- * Ten trees will need to be planted on the boulevard. This has to be done to satisfy zoning code for new construction. We have a contract with the city to do this in the spring.
- * There is some concern with the planting area that is immediately north of the new canopy. A lot of water drains off the roof into that very small area. Literally, half the sanctuary roof, a lot of the flat roof and some of the new canopy roof areas drain into this small area and has nowhere to go. We're still working with our architect and Knutson to work something out. Scott Bradley is working on a design for plants that are tolerant of wet soils and hopefully with appropriate soil amendments, we can make this work.

The Building Team and Footsteps to the Future Campaign team invite you to our ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, March 12 following the 11am service.



Celebrating World Religions Lenten Sunday Worship!

We are Connected with Each Other

- March 5th
Christianity & Buddhism
- March 12th
Christianity Hinduism
- March 19th
Christianity & Judaism
- March 26th
Christianity & Islam
- April 2nd

Welcome New Members!!

Jamie Verran
William Sunnock
Sarah Xu
Rev. Dr Wendy Jaine Summers

Gabriela Smith
Jeff Zerby

Tina Zerby
Sam Peterson
Jessica Wright

SHARED MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly, I will share information relative to the opportunities and needs of all of Peace's Ministry involvements. Please contact me for specific information. ...thanks, Laurie DeYoung

Assistance is needed for finalizing Narthex beautification and the Welcome Center.

January Financial Update

	January	YTD
Pledges Received	\$30,162	\$30,162
Actual Pledges Budgeted	\$32,500	\$32,500
Difference	-\$2,338	-\$2,338

Last year to date, we were at \$31,942. This makes us -\$1,780 behind last year. We have a deficit budget to make up before the March 15 council meeting. If not, we will need to reduce programming or staff hours.

This Month's Services

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
5	w/Communion	Craig Bentz	Bells of Peace	Wendy Nevala's Team
		Craig Bentz	Joy ONEVOICE	
12	Building Dedication	Craig Bentz	Special Music - Teagan Bennett	Alicia Buda's Team
		Bob Werner	Peace ONEVOICE	
19		Craig Bentz	Choir of Peace	Ed & Stacy LeQuire's Team
		Bob Werner	Joy ONEVOICE	
26	OGHS Special Offering	Craig Bentz	Special Music - Kelsie Leof	Shar Hain's Team
		Bob Werner	Peace ONEVOICE	

March Birthdays

- 1 David Schmitt
- 2 Eileen Schroeder, Muriel Hawley
- 3 Chad Ramaker
- 5 Alyssa Miller, Ben Hammel, Rose Gilbertson
- 6 Olivia Olson, Semini McLaurin
- 8 Matthew Melmer
- 10 Kirby Bakken
- 11 David Allen, Jason Dahlen, Levi Barker
- 12 Lainey LeQuire, Anna Haug
- 15 Nicole Fritz, Rae Dunn, Deb Guenther
- 16 Tom Otten
- 17 Sara Schliep, Annaliesa Diekvoss, Maddie (Madeline) Pavek
- 18 James Stoppel, Michelle Johnson
- 19 Kim Ohly, Becky Maloney, Dylan Allen, Bruce Schliep
- 20 Richard Harper, Pamela Haase
- 21 Kelsie Laughlin, Nancy Manley, Warren Bjork
- 22 Anne Reick, Britney Jahnz, Nick Meinhardt
- 25 Barb Davis-Fritz, Chris Lovelace
- 26 Spencer Pfeifer, Elliott Winter
- 27 Susan Tointon, Ed Wagner, Colleen Petit, Joan Leof
- 28 Deanna Servick, Stacy Goodwin
- 29 David Miller, Sarah Neher, Sondra Bentz
- 30 Amber Davis, Blue Handlang
- 31 Sheila Franck

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday • 8:30am (8:30am & 11am) Worship • 9:45 am Faith Formation • 9:45 am (Peace Rm) Dakota Book Study • 9:45 am (Rm 215) What We Talk About Book Study • 12:15 pm (F-Hall): Fellowship Lunch • 6:30 pm (Sanc): ONEVOICE Rehearsal	6 • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:00 pm (Peace Room): Social Action Committee Meeting	7 Every Tuesday • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Men of Peace • 10:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Bible Study • 5:00 pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners)	1 • 10:00 am (Narthex): Maxine Coppe Memorial Reviewal • 11:00 am (Sanc): Maxine Coppe Memorial Service • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 12:00 pm (F-Hall): Maxine Coppe Memorial Reception • 5:30 pm (Rm 115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:00 pm (Sanc): Ash Wednesday Service	2 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship	3	4 • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group
12 • 12:00 pm (Narthex/F-Hall): Building Dedication • 1:30 pm (F-Hall): MS Blanket Service Project 	13 • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity (Dwelling): Stephen Ministry	14 • 6:30 pm (F-Hall): Potential New Member Gathering • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Race Forward	8 • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 5:30 pm (Sanc): Taize Lenten Service • 6:15 pm (F-Hall): Bible 101 Book Study	9 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship	10 • 6:30 pm: (F-Hall) Adult Gathering - Movie	11 • 4:00 pm (F-Hall): Hammel Wedding Reception Prep • 4:00 pm (F-Hall): Hammel Wedding Reception; RSVP Req'd
19 • 1:30 pm (F-Hall): HS & MS Youth Fellowship & Fundraising Discussion	20 • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity	21 • 12:30 pm (Peace Room): Sr Card Players	22 • 9:30 am (Peace Room): Miriam Ministry • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 5:30 pm (Sanc): Taize Lenten Service • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 6:15 pm (F-Hall): Bible 101 Book Study	23 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 9:00 am (Ch 1 HQ): Channel 1 Volunteer Team	24	25 • 9:00 1m (F-Hall & Kit): Wagner B-Day Celebration Prep • 2:00 pm (F-Hall & Kit): Ed Wagner 90th B-Day Party
26	27 • 6:00 pm (215): Faith Formation Team Meeting	28 • 11:00 am (F-Hall): Bldg Team Update • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Race Forward	29 • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 5:30 pm (Sanc): Taize Lenten Service • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 6:15 pm (F-Hall): Bible 101 Book Study • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	30 • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship	31	March 2017

February at Peace United Church of Christ

