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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 (thru 5/21)

11am Contemporary Worship

Nursery care available during the 8:30 & 11am worship services

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# Olive Branch

May 2017

## Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

My heart is filled with JOY, THANKSGIVING, and GRATITUDE on the heels of our Lenten season worship services, study groups, and the incredible Holy Week worship experiences from Palm Sunday through Easter. I want to thank everyone who provided music, leadership, acting, resurrection sharing, and participation in our services. We are extremely blessed to have so many who give so freely and abundantly of your time, talents, and treasures. THANK YOU! I pray that you will be open to the resurrection spirit and be attentive to God's call, and experience a resurrection faith to **BE-LIVED-IN**. My hope is that you will find the moments and opportunities to truly live God's RESURRECTION SPIRIT and bring new life to others.

I want to share some upcoming happenings in my life and the life of the congregation. On Sunday, May 7 we will be celebrating communion at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. We will also be having a Congregational Meeting @ 9:45 a.m. On Sunday, May 14 we will be celebrating the Festival of the Christian Home and Mother's Day at both services.

### SUNDAY, MAY 21 – ONE SERVICE @ 10:30 a.m. MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21 will be a very special Sunday as we give thanks and celebrate our rich, wonderful and diverse music talents here at Peace. This tradition began a couple of years ago where we, as a congregation, celebrate all of the musical talent in our church. It also provides an opportunity to give thanks to/for all of the individuals who give so freely of their time and talents to provide the beautiful musical backdrops for our worship services. Additionally, we will be celebrating and thanking our many faith formation volunteers who provide leadership and learning to our children throughout the school year as well.

### Now - a special moment of Personal Pastoral Privilege (PPP)

May celebrates three things in my Pastoral life. First, in May, I celebrate 25 years of Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Christ. I can still recall the joy of my Ordination day in my home church, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, in Keokuk, Iowa where my dad provided the message and charge to ministry. Through the years of ministry I have tried to walk faithfully where God has called me and to embrace the essence of ministry as best I can.

Second, May also celebrates 15 years in ministry with you, the incredible family of faith called Peace United Church of Christ. I cannot even begin to thank you for all of the blessings you have provided me in our ministry together. It has been such an incredible journey with you – and I do give thanks to God for the privilege to be your Pastor and for the support and care you have provided for me, Adele, Alex, Leah, and Anne over the years. Thank you!

Finally, May 21 will be my final Sunday with you for three months. I will be taking my sabbatical from May 22 through August 25. Due to a back injury, my initial plans of riding my bicycle from Rochester to Biloxi, MS has changed. Instead, Adele and I will spend time together touring parts of the country and engaging with churches along the way... learning from them the joys and struggles of their ministry... and attempting to discern how our faith can continue to be relevant in today's world. Most importantly, I will be leaning into some much needed down-time to read, relax, and reflect on ministry here at Peace UCC! During my absence, I hope and pray that our dynamic ministries will continue and you will support Pastor Beth, Debby, Laurie, and the rest of the staff as much as you can.

Blessings and Peace  
Paul

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Check the online 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 [aoffice@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:aoffice@peacechurchucc.org).

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

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

### OLIVE BRANCH IS GOING PAPERLESS

In an effort to maximize the resources we have available, the monthly Olive Branch newsletter will be going paperless starting with the **June/July** edition.

If you would like to continue receiving a paper version of the OB, please call the Church Office or send an email to [aoffice@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:aoffice@peacechurchucc.org).

## REMINDERS!!

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**May 7th @9:45am in Fellowship Hall**

### ONE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY 21ST

**(Faith Formation Time Change from 9:30 - 10:15am)**

**&**

**MAY 28TH 10:30AM**

## May Happenings

JOIN US FOR **ONE** SERVICE

**May 21st @ 10:30am**

Music Celebration,  
Teacher Recognition  
and Pastor Paul's  
Sabbatical send  
off!



**May 28th @ 10:30am**  
(Memorial Weekend)



### YOUTH FUN

May 7 @ 1:30pm—MS & HS Youth Group outside activity day!  
Sunday, May 21: CHANGE in Faith Formation Time (9:30 - 10:15am)

## RAGS TO RICHES

Month of May

Drop off your old, ripped, worn or unwanted clothing, sheets, towels or other textiles and turn them into money for homelessness outreach. Collection Bin will be in the Narthex during the month of May.

**May 7**

**9:45—10:45am**

Special Congregational Meeting  
Refer to member mailing



Once & Future Classics present . . .

### **A Midnight Summer's Dream - A Musical** (Under the direction of Aaron Rocklyn)

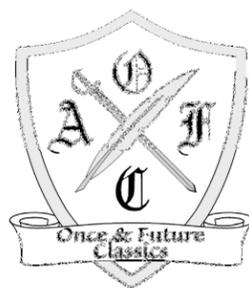
May 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19, 20 at 7:30pm  
& May 21 matinee at 2pm

Peace UCC - Fellowship Hall

All tickets general admission—\$15 each

The cast includes our own: Missy Kloempken, Lone Kloempken,  
Kirby & Ruth Bakken, Semini McLaurin

Call the church office for tickets (282-6117) or  
order online @ [www.onceandfutureclassics.org](http://www.onceandfutureclassics.org)



## Ongoing Peace Groups

### **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 Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself by Michael A. Singer.")

### **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. Currently reading and discussing "Underground Railroad".)

### **Miriam Ministry @ 9:30am - Peace Room**

(ALL WOMEN are welcome to attend on Wednesday, May 26 for fellowship, food, and a special presentation by Laurie Gilseth)

### **Infant / Toddler & Caregivers Lunch Bunch @ 11:30am - 1:30pm, Every Monday & Wednesday**

Peace Church offers 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 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](mailto:ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)).

### **Quilter's Group—Thursday @ 10am-3pm & 1st Saturday of Month 10am-11:30am in Room 104**

(For additional information contact Mary Karlstad)

## THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING



# Coming in June!

Graduation Recognition Sunday  
June 4

Note: ONE Service @ 10:30am



We'd like to recognize all those in our church family who will be graduating this year, whether it be from high-school, college, vocational school, or a master's program. It's our way to say CONGRATULATIONS for a job well done!

Please fill out the [form](#) on our web site and return by May 28. We look forward to celebrating with you!!



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 12 - 15**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**@ Peace UCC**

Calling all Super Heroes! Vacation Bible School returns in June! June 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This year we will

celebrate how heroes find strength in God, and how we can too. Through science, crafts, games, music and stories, we will learn, play and explore the world as we seek to "Do good, seek peace, and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b.

Snacks and supplies are provided, cost \$30 per child. Scholarships are available. Volunteers are needed! Contact Associate Pastor Beth Rogers for questions, [ypastor@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)

Refer to our on-line [sign up](#) to register your child/children.



## Upcoming Summer Events

JOIN US FOR **ONE SERVICE**  
@10:30am

**EVERY 1ST SUNDAY  
THIS SUMMER**  
June 4th  
July 2nd  
August 6th  
September 3rd

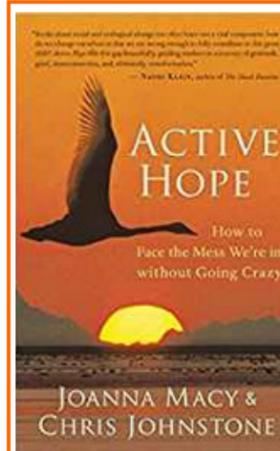


### ADULT GATHERING

Friday, June 9th  
6:30pm ~ Fellowship Hall  
Movie & Discussion: "A Girl in a Café"



**Summer Sunday Morning Book Discussion**  
**Begins Sunday, June 11**  
**9:45am in the Peace Room**



Cost of book: \$13.00

The challenges we face can be difficult to even think about. Climate change, the depletion of oil, economic upheaval, and mass extinction, together create a planetary emergency of overwhelming proportions. Active Hope shows us how to strengthen our capacity to face the crisis so that we can respond with unexpected resilience and creative power.

This book discussion, led by David Rebstock, will begin on Sunday, June 11 (9:45 - 10:45am) and continues through Sunday, July 16 (taking a break on Sunday July 2). Refer to our on-line [sign up](http://goo.gl/jVJfQO) (goo.gl/jVJfQO) or call the church office (282-6117).

### Come, relax and enjoy the fellowship . . . **WEDNESDAY SUMMER EVENING PICNICS**

- June 7 - Mohn Park, 2995 Avalon Cove Ct NW
- June 14 - Watson Field; 1000 Essex Pkwy NW
- June 21 - Quarry Hill, 9th St and 19th Ave
- June 28 - Soldier's Field, 244 Soldier's Field Dr SW
- July 5 - McQuillan Park, 1655 Marion Rd SE
- July 12 - Fox Valley - 957 Foxcroft Circle SW
- July 19 - Parkwood Hills, 2232 Parkwood Hills Dr NE
- July 26 - Slatterly Park, 950 11th Ave SE



### MAY SUNDAY SEVICES

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
7 with Communion	8:30am	Deb Guenther	Bells of Peace	Wendy Nevala's Team
	11:00am	Jessica Haug	Joy ONEVOICE	
14	8:30am	Deb Guenther		NO LUNCH
	11:00am	Jessica Haug	Peace ONEVOICE	
21 ONE SERVICE	10:30am	Jessica Haug	Bells / Choir / Joy ONEVOICE	LIGHT RECEPTION; NO LUNCH
28 ONE SERVICE	10:30am	Jessica Haug	Special Music	NO LUNCH

### Council Challenge

Fellowship and visiting with friends is so important in church. 5 minutes before the service starts, and 5 minutes after it ends, meet someone you don't know.



## May Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Blomberg, Jim Crawley, Keeley Laughlin
- 2 Sam Giere
- 4 Ruth Lyngholm, Abby Alcock
- 5 Kristofer Truax
- 6 Amy Allen, James Fritsche
- 8 Jessica Hensel
- 9 Emily Raehsler, Katelin Bradt
- 10 Ben Cornick, Kara Naseth
- 11 Rob Stevens, Pam Clemens, Sue Dahle, Susan Crawley, Audrey Johnson, Austin Markee
- 12 Linda Bradley
- 14 Sam Peterson, Cecilia Kesselring
- 15 Jeff Zerby, Ellen Reick, Samantha Sagdalen,
- 16 Leslie Sunnock, Keira Basballe
- 17 Lucille Gruhlke, Diane Rueb
- 18 Louis Vangalis, Jayden Hawkins, Charley Handlang
- 20 Hazel Horan
- 21 Jorge Lopez, Kelley Hollister-Page, Shirley Fritz
- 22 Susan Rich, Jonathan Trachsels
- 23 Ryan Truax
- 24 Ben Peterson, Megan Paul
- 25 Joanne Amundson, Emily Christie
- 27 Rick Laughlin
- 28 Sara Lopez, Neal DeYoung
- 29 Donell Beaulieu, Anne Fritsche, Chad Streiff Charles Barrows, Aidan Thompson
- 31 Tina Zerby, Keondra Bryant

### March Financial Update

We had unexpected expenses this month with the boiler maintenance, van repairs, projector bulbs, etc. Please continue to honor the pledges made for the year. Anything extra is certainly welcomed to help cover the extras we didn't plan on. [eGive](#) is the preferred method of payment, [information here](#), or contact the office for assistance.

	March	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$35,416	\$106,249
Actual Pledges received	\$30,218	\$100,361
Difference	-\$5,198	-\$5,888



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ALL MAY— RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION BIN IN NATHX</b>  Every Sunday • Worship (8:30am & 11am) • 9:45 am Faith Formation • 12:15 pm (F-all): Fellowship Lunch (EXCEPT 5/21) • 6:30 pm (Sanc): ONEVOICE Rehearsal	<b>1</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:00 pm (Peace Room): Social Action Mtg.	<b>2</b> 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)	<b>3</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:00 pm (Rm 115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group
<b>7</b> • 9:45 am Faith Formation NO LUNCH • 1:30 pm MS & HS Youth (Outside)	<b>8</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:30 pm (Peace Rm & F-Hall): Stephen Ministry Speaker	<b>9</b> • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Race Forward	<b>10</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:00 pm (Rm 115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Church Council • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> • 9:45 am Faith Formation 	<b>15</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity	<b>16</b> • 12:30 pm (Peace Room) Sr. Card Players	<b>17</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity • 6:00 pm (115): Adult Bell Rehearsal • 7:15 pm (Sanc): Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> • 9:45: am Faith Formation (HALF HOUR ONLY) • 10:30 am ONE SERVICE • 12 pm Brief Reception in Narthex	<b>22</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity	<b>23</b> • 7:00 pm (Dwelling): Race Forward	<b>24</b> • 9:30am (Peace Room) Miriam Ministry • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity	<b>25</b> • 7:00 am (Peace Room): Women's Fellowship • Channel One (Channel 1 HQ) • 10:00 am (Rm 104): Quilters Group	<b>26</b>	
<b>28</b> • 10:30 am ONE SERVICE	<b>29</b> • 11:00 am (Rm 105): Toddler Caregiver Lunch/Bunch Activity	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# April at Peace United Church of Christ

