

Peace United Church of Christ
1503 2nd Ave NE
Rochester, MN 55906

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Peace United
Church of Christ**
1503 2nd Ave NE,
Rochester, MN
55906
507-282-6117

www.peacechurchucc.org
http://www.facebook.com/
peaceuccrochester

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
11am Contemporary Worship

Nursery care available from
8:30 to 12pm on Sundays

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES:
www.peace churchucc.org

Inside this issue:

October Events 2/3

October Sundays 4/5

November Events 6/7

Check the on-line version
of the Olive Branch to see
pictures of our September
events!

Olive Branch

October 2017

Ponderings of Pastor Paul...

It is so GREAT to be back home and at peace... and at Peace United Church of Christ. My 3 month sabbatical filled me with a much needed opportunity to reenergize my body, soul, and spirit. Adele and I used this time for the two of us to reconnect as well... and YES... after 3 months together – every day – all day... we are still married! :) Beyond a time for personal and spiritual renewal, my sabbatical also provided an opportunity to visit and worship with a number of congregations, from several different denominations, and to learn about their ministry, focus, joys, concerns, and purpose. I learned a lot from these congregations... not so much about new programs or worship styles/models... but about who/ what the church is. I plan to share some of these findings over the next few months.

One of the biggest “take-aways” for me was once again experiencing what it is like to plan to visit a new church, and then to attend and be a “visitor”, in a church. In trying to search for a church to visit, I found that most of the websites were not up-to-date, and had a hard time even finding when the services were being held. I had a very difficult time even understanding anything about the church beliefs, or what I could expect when visiting. I have to admit, it was a little unsettling walking through the doors of a new church as a visitor.... not sure what to expect, nor what I was supposed to do. In a few churches I got lost just trying to find the sanctuary or even any people. If I wasn't on a mission and didn't have a church mentality, I would have just left these churches. I found, however, that the large majority of churches had a very strong, intentional welcoming ministry... complete with Greeters at every door, ushers who helped connect visitors with others, and even some with a welcome gift with information about the church, Pastor(s), etc.

As I thought about how I felt as a person trying to get information about a church, I realize that we need to find better ways to get our mission out to others. Most importantly, I realize that while we at Peace UCC greet folks well, we could do much better, and we really do not have an intentional process in place to welcome and share about our ministries. This is an area that we can really build on and provide an even warmer and connected welcome (not only to visitors) but for all who worship and do ministry here. We have, with the new Welcome Center Desk and Laurie DeYoung (our Shared Ministry Coordinator) being present to provide information, direction, etc., begun to create a much more intentional model to welcome, but feel strongly that we can build on this even more. Through discussions with Church Council, Laurie DeYoung, and Bob Werner we will be engaging in a comprehensive, intentional welcoming ministry. We will be using the book, “**Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church**” by Jim Ozier and Fiona Haworth, as our guide. Our goal is to have this book read by a number of our study groups, Church Council, and any others who feel called to engage in this important ministry. We will also be creating a WELCOME-HOSPITALITY Team to help lead this ministry. If you are interested in this, please let me know, and I can include you in the joy of this ministry.

Much more will be shared about this ministry opportunity (as well as a number of other important ministries)... so be on the look-out... and be a part of sharing the Good News with others!
Peace

CHECK OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPDATES:
www.peace churchucc.org

Paul Bauch, Senior Pastor
http://www.facebook.com/paul.bauch

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

Just so you know...

You can check our website for updates: www.peace churchucc.org

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 **9am every week.**

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

Anna Haug

& Loreli Bentz

*are the winners of the
Hunt Gift Card for their
contributions to the
Shared Ministry
Assessment*

**Check with Pastor Beth for
more information regarding
ISAIAH House Meetings...
talking with people about
tough topics.**

**October 15th
1:30-3:30 pm**

October Happenings

AUTHOR PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, October 8th ~ 6pm ~ Fellowship Hall

"A Journal for Your Journey" shares stories from the author's own life experiences after the death of her son. Dispersed among the stories are questions and quotes that will help the reader to work through their own grief at their own pace. The journal has provided many with a way to contemplate and process the many facets of grief and discover ways to become whole again. (Free will offering.)



SAMARITAN BETHANY

SUNDAY ASSISTANCE

Month of October



Each Sunday in October we are being asked to assist the residents at Samaritan Bethany to their Sunday morning Services (8:30am & 9:30am). See the Office with your questions. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or use the following link: <https://goo.gl/UVEZDx>.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Saturday, October 7 at 1pm

On front lawn of Peace UCC

Blessing of the Animals



Bring your pets, farm friends, or stuffed animals on October 7th to be blessed and celebrate their role in your lives together. Stemming from the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a short service together and then help each other bless our animal partners. Contact Pastor Beth to volunteer to help set up chairs on the front lawn, or assist with the service.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

October 22- November 12

9:45am in Room 215

You are invited to join us for a 5-week Adult Book Study on Sunday mornings (9:45 - 10:45am) in Rm 215 on the Parables of Jesus. We will be discussing the book "Re-Imagine the World" by Bernard Brandon Scott. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by Mon, Oct 16 so that a book can be ordered for you.

Cost of the book is \$12.50. This study is being led by David Rebstock.





FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 20th @ 6:30pm
 In Fellowship Hall
 Join us for fellowship and family friendly movie.
 Cost \$5 per family for pizza and pop.

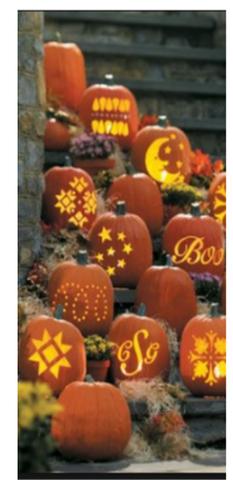
**VIEWING
MOANA**



FALL CARNIVAL

Sunday, October 29th ~ 4 to 7pm ~

Tickets for Games and activities - 10 for \$1
 Any Children who arrive in Costume will receive 15 FREE tickets
 Raffle tickets - 4 for \$1



Games, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Pumpkin painting, Treats and
SILLY STRING THE PASTOR

HALLOWEEN BINGO

Saturday evening October 28th
 7pm in Fellowship Hall

DRAG QUEEN BINGO is returning to the Peace Church Fellowship 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 \$500 in cash prizes! Doors open at 6:30pm, games start at 7pm sharp. Costumes encouraged – prizes for the best child Halloween costume and the best adult Halloween costume. Bring your family and friends – as the attendance increases, so does the prize money. All proceeds go to help pay off the church debt. Volunteers needed to help with set-up, clean-up, and to bring cookies/bars and bottled pop/water. To volunteer or for more info contact rjwerner@charter.net. See you Saturday October 28th!



RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION ALL MONTH OF OCTOBER

Collection Bin in Coat Hallway



October SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM
1 with Communion	8:30am	Lynn Alcock	Choir of Peace	Theresa Scott-Diekvoss Team
8	11:00am	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	Team Superstars!
	8:30am	Lynn Alcock	Bells of Peace	
	11:00am	Lynn Alcock	Peace ONEVOICE	
15	8:30am	Lynn Alcock	Choir of Peace	Shar Hain Team
	11:00am	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	
22	8:30am	Lynn Alcock	Special Music	Team Incredible
	11:00am	Lynn Alcock	Peace ONEVOICE	
29	8:30am	Lynn Alcock	Special Music	Halloween Pot Luck
	11:00am	Lynn Alcock	Joy ONEVOICE	

Birthdays

1	Beth Rogers, Emma Giere, Gabby Barrows
2	Joseph Haack, Zacary Siewert, Vicki Schoonover, Carol Moore, AJBarker
3	Jennifer Ozcan, Gina Kesselring
4	Edward Hanenberger, Beau Brady
5	Laura Fierro, William Nevala
6	Ruth Martin, Achala Springer
7	Elsa Patt, James Siewert
8	Greg Krausert, Cortney Stevens
9	Dean Pollock, Kaelyn Carlson
10	Mary Bennett
12	Mark Wieland, Audrey Ewert
11	Melina Lopez
13	Chris Potts
14	Craig Johnson
15	Shannon Bennett
16	Jeff Bennett, Holly Hawkins, Jakob Barrows, Rylie Splittstoesser, Chase Splittstoesser
17	Joleen Sherden, Craig Bentz, LuAnn Rueb
17	Nathan Leaf
18	Theresa Diekvoss
19	Theresa Peterson
20	Lois Hanenberger
23	Paul Keehn
24	Beverly Clark, Sara Johnson
25	Nick Johnson, Easton Jahnz, Tristan Melmer
26	Dorothy Culbertson, Marie Neher, Debby Adams
27	Christine Lenz, Kelsie Leaf
28	Danielle Wells, Dana Basballe
30	Ronald Welke, Josh Morbeck

Financial Update

We continue to see our giving not matching our pledges. We are doing well with the overall expenses of the church - almost \$5,000 under budget. However the math continues to be lopsided and there is a deficit. Have you reviewed your individual giving for the year? Are you in line with what you pledged for 2017? Do you use eGive? If yes, take a look at your account to verify the funds are still coming out and being sent to the church. If no, consider signing up - [information here](#), or contact the office for assistance.

Thanks, Lynn

RAGS TO RICHES
MONTH OF OCTOBER
 COLLECTION ALL
 in Coat-Hallway

	August	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$35,417	\$283,333
Actual Pledges received	\$31,480	\$256,532
Difference	-\$3,937	-\$26,801

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 Bible Study @ 10am - Peace Room

(All women are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion., meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 10am. For additional information contact Sheila Boss)

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

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

Tuesday Evening Knitter/Crocheter Group - ALL are welcome to join us for Tuesdays at 7pm in Rm 105.

Thursday Morning Women's Group @ 7am - Peace Room

(Reading and discussing "Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church" by Jim Ozier and Fiona Haworth. For additional information contact Anna Froehling)

Twice Monthly Race Forward - In the Dwelling @ 7pm

(Everyone is welcome to attend this group as we explore our blind spots and open up the uncomfortable discussion of race and privilege. For additional information contact Ruth Larson.)

Miriam Ministry @ 9:30am - (ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us for our monthly gatherings - the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Peace Room.

Quilter's Group - Thursday @ 10am-3pm & 1st Saturday of Month 10am-11:30am in Room 104 (For additional information contact Marie Wilson)

Family Play Dates - Join us monthly for family play dates for kids of all ages! For more information contact the Welcome Desk. Next scheduled playdate: Saturday, October 7th.

Fellowship Lunches - Weekly, after the 2nd Service, Teams provide and prepare Fellowship luncheons for anyone wishing to stay for lunch. For more information on being a part of assisting on a Team, visit the Welcome Desk.

Family & Friends Fellowship - Join us Wednesdays 5:30—7:30pm for midweek Fellowship. Weather directed, we will gather inside the church or at a local park. Meet at Church.

YOUTH RELATED DATES:

Month of October: Middle School Youth assist with Sunday Morning Samaritan

Bethany resident escorting to Chapel.

October 8th

Confirmation Starts: following Fellowship lunch

October 8th

K-1st grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Meeting (during Faith Formation)

October 15th

Youth Group Bonfire 4pm @ Winters' Farm

October 29th

Fall Carnival ~ All Welcome 4-7pm



COMING IN NOVEMBER

Annual Fall Bazaar Fundraising

Saturday, November 11th 9am ~ 2pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Time again for Peace annual fall bazaar. 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 November 4th, set up until Thursday, November 5th.

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.

Items we cannot accept: outdoor garden plants, tires, large pieces of furniture, open bottles of perfume, or lotions, computers, items that do not work, or large appliances.



Listos Fundraising Dinner DAY of the DEAD

Friday, November 3rd ~ 6-9pm

Savor authentic Mexican food and be enveloped in the magic of this mystical celebration. Live music, silent auction, arts and culture. Proceeds support Listos Preschool and Childcare.

Tickets:\$30, table of 8 \$200. Be an event sponsor?



Peace Community Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 19th ~ 12pm ~ Fellowship Hall

All Welcome
Free will offering to support
Emergency Fund



RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION ALL MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 +++++ Every Sunday Worship (8:30am & 11) 9:45am -10:45am Faith Formation (Classrooms) 12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall) 6:30-8:30pm OV Rehearsal (Sanc)	2 6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Action Committee (Peace Rm)	3 *** Every Tuesday 7am Men of Peace (Peace Rm) 10am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm) 5pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynn's) m Knitter/Crochet Group (Rm 115)	4 ** Every Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm Family & Friends Fellowship (F-Hall) 6:30-7:30pm MS & HS Youth (SHR) 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanc) 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	5 * Every Thursday 7- 8am Women's Fellowship (Peace Rm) 10am - 3pm Quilting Group (Rm 104)	6 9-11am Quilters Group (Rm 104) 9:30-12pm Family Play Date (meet at Church) 1pm Blessing of the Animals (Church Grounds)	7 9-11am Quilters Group (Rm 104) 9:30-12pm Family Play Date (meet at Church) 1pm Blessing of the Animals (Church Grounds)
8 +++++ 9:45am -10:45am Parent OWL Info Session (Rm215) 9:45am -10:45am Quilter's Pre-Bazaar Sale (Narthex) 1pm Confirmation Info Mtg. (Sr High Rm) 6 -7:30pm Grief Presentation (F-Hall)	9 6:00pm - 7:00pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & Rm215)	10 *** 7-8pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	11 ** 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm115) 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	12 * 4-5:30pm Barrows/Gordon Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc)	13 3:30-4:30pm Barrows/Gordon Wedding (Sanc)	14
15 +++++ 4:30pm Youth Group BONFIRE 6:30-8:30pm OV Rehearsal (Sanc)	16 6:00pm - 7:00pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & F-Hall) 6pm - 9pm Once & Future Classics Auditions (F-Hall)	17 *** 12:30pm - 4pm Sr Card Players (Peace Rm)	18 ** 7-9pm Church Council ((Dwelling))	19 *	20 7 - 9:30pm Family Movie Night (F-Hall)	21
22 +++++ 9:45am -10:45am Journey (Peace Rm) 9:45am -10:45am Book Study (Rm215) 1:00-3pm Highway Cleanup	23	24 *** 7-8pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	25 ** 9:30am Miriam Ministry (Peace Rm) 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm115) 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	26 * 9-11am Channel One Volunteer Team (Channel One HQ) 6-7pm Worship Planning Mtg (Pastor Paul's office)	27	28 1 - 6pm Drag Queen Bingo Set-up (F-Hall) 7 - 10pm Drag Queen Bingo (F-Hall)
29 +++++ 9:45am -10:45am Journey (Peace Rm) 9:45am -10:45am Book Study (Rm215) 12pm Fellowship POTTUCK Lunch (F-Hall) 1:30-5:30pm Fall Carnival (F-Hall)	30	31 ***			www.peace church.org CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES:	