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A Sanctuary Church  
and 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  
(last day is May 20)  
11am Contemporary Worship

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

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# Olive Branch

May 2018

## Ponderings of Pastor Beth...

This month we celebrate Pentecost with the Confirmation for many of our youth! As spring gets underway, we also see the springing of new dialogue into our community. It isn't that we celebrate the end of a journey for these youth, but a milepost along the way. Confirmation marks a point in time, on the journey of faith. From faith formation at home, and in the church, through commitment to service and worship, we see the faith journey of our kids and youth take form. And on Confirmation Sunday, we take a peek at that journey as they share their path with the congregation. The 11 confirmands we will affirm on May 20<sup>th</sup> are well known in this congregation. You may already know their names, or their families. But in this journey, we celebrate their commitment to remain in community here, and to assume the joys of membership, being in relationship, challenging themselves and others to continue to build the family of faith that is the church. As we look to this celebration, we take a moment to recognize all the people that made a difference along the way, Faith Formation leaders, council members, musicians, those who sat at lunch tables and listened to their stories, and shared their lives. So as much as we celebrate our youth this month, we also celebrate the community that has surrounded them and continues to surround them in their faith lives. And this year, the celebration of Pentecost will be a celebration throughout the church, as our elementary faith formation classes finish their study and bring their understanding of the story to worship that day as we welcome the movement of the spirit in wind, and flame and the presence of community. Our family of faith is multi-faceted, and multi-talented. As we find new words for worship on Pentecost, let us seek out the voices of all to raise the banner of Peace high in amazement, in celebration and in the spirit of joy!

Peace,

*Rev. Beth Rogers*

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Just so you know...

You can check our website for updates: [www.peacechurchucc.org](http://www.peacechurchucc.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](mailto:office@peacechurchucc.org).

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

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

### "This is our church....we make it what it is..." May Focus: Internal Maintenance



In an effort to assist our congregation in understanding where our money is being spent AND educating everyone on the fundraisers / special offerings that will be happening in 2018, we have put together a "Giving Calendar". Each month we will focus on a special item to help support our church.

Look for the Giving Board each Sunday morning to see how you can help support what we do here at Peace United Church of Christ!

### REMINDER....

**Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, May 6  
@ 9:45am**

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**ONE Service, May 13  
@ 10am MUSIC SUNDAY**

# MAY HAPPENINGS

## Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 6 @ 9:45am

All members of Peace United Church of Christ are asked to attend a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 9:45am. Key items that will be on the agenda will be the outcome of our additional pledge challenge to hire a full-time Director of Intergenerational Ministries, finishing of our Administration Suite offices, and celebrating our Footsteps to the Future Capital Funds Campaign .

## Mother's Day Music Celebration Sunday

Sunday, May 13 - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10am

Sunday, May 13 will be a SPECIAL day for us to give thanks and celebrate our rich, wonderful, and diverse music talents here at Peace UCC. It's our way to give thanks to/for all the individuals who so freely give of their time and talents to provide the beautiful musical back drop for our worship services. Music will be provided by our Choir, Bell Choir, and both ONEVOICE praise teams. We also want to give special thanks to the leadership of our music program - John Miller and Sara Schliep, for without them, our music programs wouldn't be able to be what they are.

Note that we will have only ONE service on May 13 at 10am.

## Confirmation

Sunday, May 20 @ 11:00am

We are excited to confirm 11 of our youth on Sunday, May 20 at the 11:00am service and hear of their faith experiences. Our confirmands will also participate in the 8:30am service.

Please come and celebrate with our youth and their families on this special day in their faith journey.

NOTE: This is will also be the last day for Faith Formation until fall.

## JESUS CHRIST - SUPER STAR

(a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice)

at Peace United Church of Christ

Under the direction of Aaron Rocklyn

Once and Future Classics will be presenting Jesus Christ Super Star the first 3 weekends in May. More information on ticket sales will be forth coming. Mark your calendar for one of these performances!

Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5 at 7:30pm  
Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12 at 7:30pm  
Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19 at 7:30pm

Sunday Matinee on May 20 @ 2:00pm

## Hawthorne Helps Drive - Toothpaste

During the month of May, we have been asked to replenish the toothpaste supply for Hawthorne Helps. Hawthorne Helps supports individuals with personal items that can't be purchased via the SNAP program. Students are allowed to select items twice a month free of charge. Please drop off your donations in the bin located in the Coat Hallway.

## Sundays at Peace....



Donna Laube

Ben, Marie & Bennett Bedard



Tracy, Benjamin, Lexie, Brennan, Ryan & Bradd Walton



Brian, Malcom, Alex & Melissa Lipford



# 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.)

## Knitter/Crochet Groups - Tuesdays @ 10:30am - Room 105

(ALL are welcome to join us every Tuesday at 10:30am in Room 105)

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

(Reading and discussing "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. For additional information contact Anna Froehling.)

## Twice Monthly Race Forward - 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 - Wed, May 25 @ 9:30am - Peace Room

(ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us for a short program and fellowship.)

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

(For additional information contact Marie Wilson)

## Connect Groups -

(Several groups are meeting. A few groups actively seeking members are: Wheels, Crafty Crafters, Elementary Families. Check the ChurchOn app, see the Welcome Desk to get connected and for a list of opportunities.)



## Summer Family Picnics

(We will again be kicking off our weekly summer picnic get togethers. Be watching for details and locations)



The Social Action/Outreach Ministry Team will be putting together another volunteer team to help the Women's Shelter; details to come. The vision of the Women's Shelter and Support Center is for women, individuals and families to have the freedom and dignity to live safely in our communities. They work toward this vision by providing an array of services to support abused women, individuals and families. They serve over 3,800 victims annually, housing 400-500 women and children at one of our shelters. Their families come from many different ethnic, socio-economic, educational and religious backgrounds. They are the only shelter for victims of domestic violence within the 11 counties in SE MN. The average length of stay for women is 37 days, though many families stay longer depending on their needs.

Other services include transitional housing, assistance with safety planning, housing options, transportation, assistance with criminal and civil court issues, assistance in writing Orders for Protection and Harassment Orders and help in applying for government assistance. They also offer several low income rental units available for DV survivors and are opening Safe Haven, a shelter for sexually trafficked and exploited youth this summer. If you or someone you know is in need of our services, they are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact them at 507-285-1010.

# Welcome New Members...

We are excited to welcome the following into our Peace UCC Church family!

Ben & Marie Bedard, plus Bennett  
Donna Laube  
Brian & Melissa Lipford, plus Malcolm and Alex  
Bradd & Tracy Walton, plus Brenndan, Lexie, Ryan, and Benjamin  
*(see pictures on Page 7)*

## YOUTH RELATED DATES:

5/6: Confirmation Sunday  
6/22 - 27: Regional Youth Event (Grinnell College, IA)

Additional youth announcements are sent via Snap Chat. Contact Pastor Beth if you want to be included in the group.



We are excited to welcome our NEW part-time Shared Ministry Coordinator **Lydia Ewing-Green** who will job share with Laurie DeYoung.

Lydia is a Stone Campbell scholar, and graduate of Century High School, who attended Minnesota Bible College (Crossroads College) with help from a scholarship from Peace UCC and continued her studies at Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, TN. Along with a Stone Campbell Scholarship, Lydia continued to study historical theology.

Lydia shared that she has been a long-time follower of Peace UCC and has long admired our bold representation of God's radical love and acceptance here in Rochester, MN.

Lydia brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of working and volunteering in a church setting and is excited to be a part of our ministry team. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to Lydia! We're excited to include another welcoming smile at the Welcome Desk!

# Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Blomberg, James Crawley, Keeley Laughlin
- 2 Samuel Giere
- 4 Ruth Lyngholm, Abby Alcock
- 5 Jeff Teskey, Kristofer Truax
- 6 Amy Allen, Jim Fritsche
- 7 Jessica Hensel
- 9 Emily Raehsler, Katalin Bradt
- 10 Kara Naseth, Ben Cormick
- 11 Robert Stevens, Pam Clemens, Susan Dahle, Susan Crawley, Audrey Johnson, Austin Markee
- 12 Linda Bradley
- 14 Sam Peterson, Cecilia Kesselring
- 15 Samantha Sagdalen, Ellen Reick, Jeff Zerby
- 16 Leslie Sunnock, Keira Basballe
- 17 Lucille Gruhke, Diane Rueb
- 18 Lou Vangalis, Jayden Hawkins
- 20 Hazel Horan
- 21 Shirley Fritz, Kelley Hollister
- 22 Susan Rich, Jonathan Trachsel
- 23 Julianne Dahlin, Ila Teskey, Ryan Truax
- 24 Ben Peterson
- 25 Emily Christie, Joanne Amundson, Megan Paul
- 27 Rick Laughlin
- 28 Tamara Barwen, Neal DeYoung
- 29 Charles Barrows, Donell Beaulieu, Anne Fritsche, Aidan Thompson
- 31 Tina Zerby, Keondre Bryant

## MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

| SUNDAY | SERVICE      | COUNCIL IN CHARGE | SPECIAL MUSIC  | FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM |
|--------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 6      | Communion    | Mark Wieland      | Special Music  | Team Fantastic!       |
|        |              |                   | PEACE ONEVOICE |                       |
| 13     | MUSIC SUNDAY | Mark Wieland      | All Musicians  | NO LUNCH              |
| 20     | CONFIRMATION | Mark Wieland      | Special Music  | All Church Potluck    |
|        |              |                   | PEACE ONEVOICE |                       |
| 27     |              | Mark Wieland      | Special Music  | NO LUNCH              |
|        |              |                   | JOY ONEVOICE   |                       |

## Financial Update

We are making great progress with our pledges; however, the monies received in March do represent those additional pledges that individuals have made toward our challenge to hire a full-time Director of Intergenerational Ministry. Be sure to attend our Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 6, as we discern the outcome of this challenge. Also take note of our special monthly offering focuses. It's our intent to educate our congregation on all the items that go into keeping our doors open to provide the many ministries here at Peace United Church of Christ.



## Highway Cleanup - Sunday, May 20 3pm

It's that time of year again to clean up our piece of the highway! Meet at church at 3pm and we'll car pool to our location. Bags and vests will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

|                                | March          | YTD            |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Pledges Budgeted</b>        | \$36,250       | \$108,750      |
| <b>Actual Pledges received</b> | \$45,644       | \$114,682      |
| <b>Difference</b>              | <b>\$9,394</b> | <b>\$5,932</b> |

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                                      | Friday                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>6</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship w/ Communion<br>9:45am Faith Formation<br>9:45am Special Congregational Meeting (F-Hall)<br>12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall)<br>12:45pm Confirmation (SHR)<br>4pm 7' Connect Group (Peace Rm)<br>6:30pm ONEVOICE (Sanc)            | <b>7</b> 6pm Social Action Mtg. (Peace Rm)<br>7pm Sanctuary Church Discussion (Peace Rm) | <b>8</b> ***<br>7pm Race Forward (Dwelling)                                                                                                                      | <b>9</b> ** 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm 115)<br>7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)       | <b>10</b> *<br>6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm 115)<br>7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)                                                           | <b>11</b> 7:30pm Jesus Christ Super Star Performance (F-Hall) | <b>12</b> 7:30pm Jesus Christ Super Star Performance (F-Hall)                                                                               |
| <b>13</b> 9am Faith Formation / Connecting Through Stories (F-Hall)<br>10am ONE Worship Service - MUSIC SUNDAY<br>12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall)                                                                                                              | <b>14</b> 7pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & Rm 215)                                     | <b>15</b> ***<br>12:30pm Sr. Card Players (Peace Rm)                                                                                                             | <b>16</b> **<br>5pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Peace Rm)<br>7pm Council (Dwelling) | <b>17</b> * 7pm Card Sharks Connect Group (Narthex)                                                                                           | <b>18</b> 7:30pm Jesus Christ Super Star Performance (F-Hall) | <b>19</b> 10am Keehn/Allen Wedding Pictures (Sanc)<br>2pm Keehn/Allen Wedding (Sanc)<br>7:30pm Jesus Christ Super Star Performance (F-Hall) |
| <b>20</b> 8:30 Worship<br>9:45am Faith Formation (LAST DAY) / Connect Through Stories<br>11am Confirmation Service<br>2pm Jesus Christ Super Star Performance (F-Hall)<br>3pm Highway Clean Up (meet at church to carpool)<br>4pm 7' Connect Group (Peace Rm) | <b>21</b>                                                                                | <b>22</b> ***<br>7pm Race Forward (Dwelling)                                                                                                                     | <b>23</b> **<br>9:30am Miriam Ministry (Peace Rm)                                      | <b>24</b> *<br>9am Channel One Team (Channel One HQ)<br>6pm Worship Planning (Pastor Paul's Ofc)                                              | <b>25</b>                                                     | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>27</b> 8:30 & 11am Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED<br>                                                              | <b>29</b> ***<br>7am Men of Peace (Peace Rm)<br>10am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm)<br>10:30am Knitter/Crochet Group (Rm 115)<br>5pm: Beverage & Bible Glycer's | <b>30</b> **<br>** Every Wednesday<br>6:30pm Crafty Crafters Connect Group (Rm 104)    | <b>31</b> *<br>* Every Thursday<br>7am Women's Fellowship (Peace Rm)<br>10am Quilting Group (Rm 104)<br>5:30pm Family Connect Group (Narthex) | <h1>MAY 2018</h1>                                             |                                                                                                                                             |