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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

Summer Schedule  
ONE Service @ 9:30am

Nursery care available

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UPDATES:  
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# Olive Branch

June/July/August  
2018

## Ponderings of Pastor Paul....

Hard to believe, but summer finally made it! I hope you will be able to find time to enjoy the beautiful Minnesota scenery and activity! My hope and prayer is that you will find a special time to engage with family and friends, and find some relaxation! While it is summer, our ministries continue. I encourage you to participate as fully as possible!

We will only be sending one newsletter for June, July, and August. We are sharing as much information as we possibly can to cover all of the major events/happenings at Peace. Look for updates throughout the summer via the eponderings and Sunday announcements.

Here are some important items for you to be aware of for the next few months.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE (May 27 – September 2, 9:30am)**

We will be having ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30am each Sunday. John and Sara will be alternating the music leadership throughout the summer. We will be exploring new music and new forms of worship disciplines each week through blended worship. On the first Sunday of each month we will have Communion and Contemporary Worship. We have scheduled an Outdoor Worship (on the front lawn of the church) on Sunday, August 5.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** If you, or you know of someone, would like to provide special music please contact John, Sara, or Pastor Paul.

### **STAFFING**

Over the past 8 months we have been evaluating, assessing, and redesigning our staffing structures to meet the ever-growing/changing needs and dynamics of our community. At our Congregational Meeting in early May, we approved the implementation of a new Full-Time position to direct our Intergenerational Ministries. This position is designed to draw all generations together in common connections, ministries, and missions. We are very blessed and excited to announce that Lydia Ewing-Green is our new Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator. Working collaboratively with Pastor Beth, Lydia will be developing ministries, missions, and programs that will allow for deeper connections with all of our community members to occur. We are also working to fill our Part-Time Shared Ministry Coordinator / Receptionist position.

### **PLANNING**

Now that our staffing is complete, we are doing intentional planning to develop a long term, comprehensive ministry / program plan to provide direction and focus for all of our members, and the wider community. Our plan is to introduce this plan to the congregation on Rally Day, September 9!

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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...”**

**June Focus: Ministry Education/  
Delegate Expenses**

**July/August: Office Equipment**

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

**REMINDER....**  
**ONE Service  
@ 9:30am  
through September 2**  
**September 9 -  
RALLY DAY!**  
**8:30 & 11am Services  
Fall Program Kick-Off**

# Ponderings of Pastor Paul cont'd.....

## PROGRAM/MINISTRY/STUDY

**ON-GOING GROUPS:** Our on-going ministry and programs will continue throughout the summer. Tuesday morning Men's Group, Tuesday Women's Bible Study, and Thursday morning Women's Group will continue to meet weekly.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – EXODUS:** We will be holding a learning/gathering on Sundays (after worship) from June 24-July 29 to engage with a wonderful study on Exodus. I will be leading/facilitating this group. The study is developed by Rev. Anthony Robinson – UCC Pastor – who led our Visioning process. The study is designed for easy engagement and sharing. Minimal preparation is required. Come and engage! Please share your interest in participating at the Welcome Desk.

## SUMMER INVOLVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

There are also a number of other opportunities throughout the summer. Please consider your involvement and engagement with these many opportunities:

### **WEDNESDAY PICNICS**

Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm we will gather at various parks around town for a family picnic and play time. Bring your kids and/or grandkids and/or be a kid yourself and enjoy the evening! Locations are in this newsletter and included in our weekly ePonderings.

### **CONNECT GROUPS**

Several of our CONNECT GROUPS are meeting throughout the summer. For more information about these groups, check out the church app, call the church, and/or talk with Pastor Beth or Lydia.

### **MINNESOTA CONFERENCE MEETING – June 8-10**

Five delegates (Adele Bauch, Rae Dunn, Ruth Larson, Marie Neher, and Tom Neher), Pastor Beth, and I will be attending this year's Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting on June 8-10. We will be sharing highlights from this meeting at the June 24 worship.

### **WOMEN'S SHELTER WORKDAY – JUNE 9**

We (both men and women) have an opportunity to help out the Women's Shelter by doing various projects on Saturday, June 9. For more information and/or to sign up, please contact the Welcome Desk.

### **SAMARITAN BETHANY WORSHIP TRANSPORT – MONTH OF JULY**

You are invited to assist transporting the residents of Samaritan Bethany and Arbor Terrace to and from Chapel on Sunday mornings. For more information and/or to sign up, please contact the Welcome Desk or sign up online at: <https://goo.gl/414MQC>

### **PRIDEFEST JULY 21 (PRIDE WORSHIP JULY 22)**

Pridefest will be held on Saturday, July 21 this year. Peace UCC will celebrate Pridefest by having a special worship service here at 9:30am on Sunday, July 22.

### **PIZZA BOOTH – JULY 23-29**

We are once again "staffing" the Godfather's Pizza Booth at the Olmsted County Fair on July 23-29. Sign up on line here ( <https://goo.gl/Lu9YGO> ) or contact the Welcome Desk.

### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP (PEACE CHURCH LAWN) – AUGUST 5 @ 9:30am**

Join us on Sunday, August 5 for our Annual Outdoor Worship Service with Communion. We will be holding the service @ 9:30 on Sunday, August 5. This year the service will be held on the front lawn of the church, as we will be inviting the neighborhood to join us.

### **ALL-CHURCH CAMPING – AUGUST 17-19**

We are holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-Church Camping Trip on Friday night, August 17 through Sunday, August 19. Location TBD. Please indicate your interest at the Welcome Desk.



ation \* Highway CleanUp



# Music Sunday \* Confirmation

## Congratulations Confirmands!!

We are excited to affirm our new confirmands as official members of our Peace UCC Church family!

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Abby Alcock        | Semini McLaurin |
| Loreli Bentz       | Zach Nevala     |
| Annaliesa Diekvoss | Hannah Paul     |
| Anna Haug          | Erick Rist      |
| Peter Haug         | Aidan Thompson  |
| Ian Thompson       |                 |

(Check out their confirmation projects brochure on our [web site](#))

Keep our youth and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel to the regional youth event June 22 - 27 at Grinnell College, IA

**Leaders:** Pastor Beth, Ben Sullivan, Tracy Walton  
**Youth:** Loreli Bentz, Annaliesa Diekvoss, Stafford Handlang, Anna Haug, Peter Haug, Elena Kesselring, Lainey LeQuire, Melina Lopez, Semini McLaurin, Zach Nevala, Aidan Thompson, Ian Thompson, Brendan Walton, Lexie Walton



### Summer Family Picnics Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Special thanks to Linda Bradley and Diane Johnson for hosting our summer picnics again! Each Wednesday, during the summer, everyone is invited to bring a chair / blanket and your own meal + beverage and join others from your Peace Church family for some outside fun at local parks. In case of inclement weather, cancellations or moving the gatherings to church will be made via our website or via the church app. We hope to see you there!!!

DATE	PARK	ADDRESS
June 6	Goose Egg Park	199 9th Street NW
June 13	Parkwood Hills	22nd Ave & Parkwood Hills Dr NE
June 20	White Oaks	4597 55th St NW
June 27	Northern Heights East	2305 Viola Heights Dr NE
July 4	Three Links Park (Silver Lake)	840 7th St NE
July 11	Licolnshire Park	5276 Members Pkwy NW (behind Thin Bank)
July 18	Sunset Terrace School	1707 19th Ave NW
July 25	Stonehedge Estates	2281 Jasper Pl NE
Aug 1	Castle Park (Field of Fun)	800-970 George Gibbs Dr SW
Aug 8	Northgate	2107 24th St NW
Aug 15	Foster Arends	4051 E River Rd NE
Aug 22	Cooke Park	722 7th St NW
Aug 29	Three Links Park (Silver Lake)	840 7th St NE

# SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

## Women's Shelter - Saturday, June 9

We are excited to partner with the Women's Shelter to provide some much needed help. We'll gather at church on Saturday, June 9 at 9am and then proceed to our designated tasks. Women and men are invited to participate. Help is needed with:

- Garage sorting and organizing (men invited to help)
- Deep cleaning of shelter
- Playroom sorting and cleaning

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office (282-6117). Background checks will be conducted. Any questions can be directed to Joan Leof at the Welcome Desk.

## Samaritan Bethany / Arbor Terrace Resident Help - Month of July

July is our month to assist the residents of Samaritan Bethany and Arbor Terrace to get to/from their Sunday chapel service. We need at least 6 people each Sunday. Times are either 8:30 - 10am or 9:30 - 11am. This is a wonderful way to involve the whole family. Questions can be directed to Debby. You can sign up here (<https://goo.gl/414MQC>) or see the Welcome Desk.

## PrideFest @ Soldiers Field Park Saturday, July 21

Peace UCC will have a presence at PrideFest again this year. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up/tear down and for staffing our table. Please see the on-line sign up (<https://goo.gl/7kTXui>) or check with the Welcome Desk. This is a great ministry to show our allegiance to the LGBTQ Community.

## Godfather's Pizza Booth @ Olmsted County Fair July 23 - 29

Once again we will staff the Godfather's Pizza Booth during the Olmsted County Fair. This is a great way to get out in the community and raise funds for our church. Peace UCC receives a portion of the total sales from the week. You must be at least 16 years old and wear closed-toe shoes (eg, tennis shoes). You can sign up now here (<https://goo.gl/Lu9YGO>) for your shift and date or see the Welcome Desk. Let's have some fun!!!!



Congratulations to those in our church family who are celebrating graduations!!!

**Kourtni Alcock** ~ from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse with Bachelors in Sports Management (plans to be the Youth Sports Coordinator for City of Lacrosse Park and Rec)

**Gabby Barrows** ~ from Mayo High School (will be attending South Dakota State-Brookings)

**Evan Bennett** ~ from Century High School and Project Search

**Sara Neher**~ from Bethany Theological Seminar with a Masters in Divinity (will be working at YouThrive, an organization that works with youth transitioning into adulthood that are aging out of the foster care system)

**Brenndan Walton** ~ from Stewartville High School (will be attending U of Wisconsin-Lacrosse working toward a career in Nuclear Medicine)



Meeting \* Sundays at Peace

# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!



## Special Congregational Me

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

June 24 - July 29

Starting Sunday, June 24, we will be having a 6-week Bible Study on the book of Exodus (covering chapters 1 - 19). This study, written by Anthony B Robinson (many of you may remember Anthony who spent some time with us on our visioning process several years ago), invites us to *LISTEN UP!* - listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among others. Exodus is a constant call to the church to remember its identity and vocation. This study will be held from 10:30 - 11:30am and will be led by Pastor Paul. Please indicate your interest in participating at the Welcome Desk.

### Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 5 @ 9:30am

We will have our outdoor worship on the front lawn of Peace UCC on Sunday, August 5. Bring your own chair or use one that we have here.

### On-Line Auction to Support Peace Church

Watch for details in August on our new on-line auction event. We will be working with Oronoco On-Line sales to raise money for our church. We are seeking unique gifts (eg, half day of yard work; cookies for a year; motorcycle rides, etc). Start to think about what unique offerings you can include. A detailed list of what is/isn't acceptable will be communicated in late summer.

### Project Legacy - Grace in the Margins

Tuesday, August 7 @ 7pm

Christ United Methodist Church

Project Legacy is excited to announce the speaker for their Grace in the Margins V event on Tuesday, August 7 @ 7pm held at Christ United Methodist Church. Abdul Wright, 2016 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, will be presenting on "Equity, Opportunity and Anti-Racism Work." There will also be Project Legacy Youth who will share their stories and what Project Legacy means to them. It will be an educational and inspiring event. A suggested conation of \$10/pp is being asked. For more information about this evening, visit : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grace-in-the-margins-v-equity-opportunity-and-anti-racism-work-tickets-46666398454?aff=eac2>

### Don't forget your pledges over the summer!

Will you be traveling or away for a few Sundays? Consider signing up to give your donations on line by using either our Church App or eGive. Both are VERY easy to use and take minimal time signing up.

For the Church App, go to: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/give/>

For eGive, go to: <https://give.egive-usa.com/q3/>

Any questions can be directed to Debby in the office ([office@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:office@peacechurchucc.org) or 507-282-6117). Your gifts are appreciated!!





# SUMMER BIRTHDAYS...



- 2 Dave Paul, Schalleen Nelson, Presley Wells, Elyse LeQuire
- 3 Everal Gilbertson
- 4 Cheryl Winters, Arlene York
- 5 Julie Timmerman
- 6 Bob Beaulieu
- 8 Linda Frost
- 9 Irene Fisher
- 10 Ida Brakke, Sheila Cada
- 11 David Froehling, Justin Morbeck
- 12 Sam Leof, Landon Winter, Haylee Carlson
- 13 Dean Alcock, Sarah Allen, Adelyn Leof
- 15 Dustin Molitor
- 16 Judi Hensel, Marlys Peterson
- 19 Teresa Waldof, Beth Franks
- 20 Joe Hensel, Jessie Neher
- 21 Diego Lopez, Charli Bentz
- 22 Doug Rock, Mark Petit
- 23 June Franks
- 25 Ed Rust, Stephanie Hensel, Sydney Simcox
- 26 Lynn Alcock, Renee Springer, Bev Morton, Nathaniel Basballe
- 27 Jennah Hawkins
- 28 Glen Holland
- 29 Brian Trachsel, Garrett Johnson, Doris Reuter
- 30 Brian Winters, Adam Bowe



- 1 Sarah Wilder, Collin Winters, Jacob Morbeck
- 2 Louis Ohly, Lou Anne Meyer
- 4 Bev Farlow, Daniel Karau, Bruce Tointon, Dez Siewert, Andrew Cada
- 5 Meg McCamish, Roger Timm
- 6 Don Sagdalen, Nicholas Giere
- 7 Beverly Gauthier
- 8 Rebecca Kruetzfeldt
- 10 Steve Kloempken, Mabel Wagner, Tom Neher, Moriah Keehn, Austin Hollar
- 11 Tracy Walton, Katie Lenz
- 12 Ruth Bakken
- 13 Darren Knoepke, Julie Winters, Kevin Pollock
- 14 Peter Oetliker, Hannah Paul
- 15 Griffin Ramaker
- 17 Ann Vangalis, Peter Haug
- 19 Jerry Floden, Diane Pollock
- 20 Penny Ross, Kelly Meinhardt
- 21 Ann Lennington, Clair Ewert, Loreli Bentz, Zack Johnson, Emma Theuer
- 22 Betty Meyer, Dawn Bradley
- 23 Ione Kloempken
- 24 Morgan Soto
- 25 Rudy Ramaker, Brennan Walton
- 26 Kendra Trachsel, Christopher Kohler, Mary Peterson
- 28 Nancy Knoepke, Owen Wilder
- 29 Jax Allen
- 31 Megan Page, Adele Bauch



- 1 Jody Morbeck
- 2 Cheryl Dirksmeyer
- 3 Deb Arneson, Gary Karau, Kenyatta Kruetzfeldt
- 6 Micaela Buda
- 7 Jacob Trachsel, Greta Oetliker
- 8 Anne Lilleskov, Gavin Hollar
- 9 Kari Siewert, Mandie Theuer, Lacey Strauss
- 10 Melinda Basballe, Seb NelHoff, France NelHoff
- 11 John Franklin, Zach Nevala
- 12 Sid Euler
- 13 Ryan Fritz
- 14 Aaron Wells, Paul Bauch, Jaden Barker
- 15 Randy Markee
- 18 Erland Karlstad, Grant Kesselring

- 19 Michele Hanenberger, Terry Miller
- 20 Glenn Eichhorn, Jill Savage
- 21 Joanne Roeber, Lilly Poterucha, Nadine Christie
- 22 Laura Potts, Anika Hall, Rosalie Poterucha, Nick Peterson
- 23 Laurie Klein
- 24 Brenda Rogerman, Aiden Moore
- 25 Buck Lenz
- 26 Gloria Liebenow, DeAnn Hines, Michelle Jerabek, Sheila Boss, Randy Stevens, Reed Peterson
- 27 Emily Schmitt
- 28 Jeff Poterucha, Marcella Swan, Susan Graves-Johnson
- 29 Kendra Laughlin
- 30 Maxine Pfeifer, Nicole Ramaker, Dianne Barker, Brody Lenz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:30 Contemporary Worship w/ Communion 4pm 7' Connect Group (Peace Rm)	<b>4</b> 6pm Social Action Mtg. (Peace Rm) 7pm Sanctuary Church Discussion (Peace Rm)	<b>5</b> *** 7pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	<b>6</b> 6pm Summer Picnic (Goose Egg Park)	<b>7</b> * 10am Quilting Group (Rm 104)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am ONE Worship Service	<b>11</b> 7pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & Rm 215)	<b>12</b> ***	<b>13</b> 6pm Summer Picnic (Parkwood Hills Park)	<b>14</b> *	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30am ONE Worship Service 4pm 7' Connect Group (Peace Rm) HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> *** 12:30pm Sr Card Players (Peace Rm)	<b>20</b> 5pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Peace Rm) 6pm Summer Picnic (White Oaks Park) 7pm Council (Dwelling)	<b>21</b> * 9am Channel One Team (Channel One HQ) 6pm Worship Planning (Pastor Paul's Ofc)	<b>22</b> 10:00am Barbara Hanenberger Memorial Reception (F-Hall)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30am ONE Worship Service 10:30am Exodus Bible Study (F-Hall)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ***	<b>27</b> 9:30am Miriam Ministry (Betty Allen Home) 6pm Summer Picnic (Northern Heights East Park)	<b>28</b> *	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00am WWW Connect Group Outing (Chester Woods)

# JUNE 2018