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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

Note: ONE Service
 (Contemporary) on Sept 2
 at 9:30am

8:30am ~ Traditional Service
 9:40am ~ Faith Formation
 11:00am ~ Contemporary
 Service
 12:15pm ~ Fellowship Lunch

Nursery care available

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Olive Branch

September 2018

Ponderings of Pastor Paul....

"... be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to God in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of Jesus the Christ." Ephesians 5:18

We are being filled with the Spirit! This summer, by combining our distinctly different worship services into one, an opportunity was created for our family of faith to unite and sing new songs with one voice. It has allowed us to explore new forms of worship and be bound together in Spirit in worship, in song, and in fellowship. We gave thanks for what God is doing in, and from, this place in our ministry and lives. While we have loved this opportunity to bring our community together, we are filled with the Spirit and are ready to KICK-OFF our new ministry year!

Beginning September 9 (RALLY DAY) we will resume our two-service worship schedule (8:30am & 11:00am). And... be on the look-out for a future alternative worship service opportunity!

We are being filled with the Spirit! Our Peace United Church of Christ of staff has worked faithfully to develop focused ministries, for all ages, for the 2018-2019 ministry/program year. Over the summer we have dreamed, planned, worked tirelessly, and dreamed again to create awesome experiences to engage our lives and faith! Exciting times are ahead! The planning is now complete and are working full-speed to engage our faith family in dynamic ministry in new shapes and forms! :-)

We are being filled with the Spirit! Through the incredible support of so many Peace UCC members, we will have an exciting new Faith Formation year for our children, youth, and adults – and wonderful new opportunities for intergenerational ministry where diverse ages will work and learn together. There will also be numerous opportunities for engagement in/with mission experiences and special presentations and activities!

We are being filled with the Spirit! Over the last couple of years, we have been discerning ways to develop and focus on a specific ministry (a Shared Cause) that our faith family can work on together. We feel we have been filled with the Spirit to develop a food ministry to feed children and families with a simple/healthy meal, and provide fellowship and community opportunities for fellowship and faith. Food-Fellowship-Faith!

We are being filled with the Spirit! We continue to provide learning and engagement opportunities to better understand the needs of our brothers and sisters on the border. We will be providing intergenerational opportunities to widen our understanding of immigration issues, and how our faith informs our response. We will also be providing trips and ways to participate in awareness events. Be on the watch for "Lens on the Border" opportunities. So, be filled with the Spirit! AND... get ready to engage, sing and give thanks to God for everything God is calling us to do!

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Fall Kick-Off!!

Beginning Sunday September 9

Rally Day - Sunday, September 9

We are excited to bring everyone back together to kick off our Fall Programming. We're back to our two worship services, with faith formation between services, and then our fellowship potlucks finish off our Sunday morning. Refer to the inserted booklet for details on this year's Faith Formation program for ALL ages.

We have lots of opportunities in store for you...so please read on....

All-Church Pot Luck - Sunday, September 9

We will kick off our Fellowship Lunch year with an all-church potluck! Your church staff will be providing all-beef hotdogs. We just ask that you provide a side dish and/or dessert to share. We are seeking more individuals to be a part of our weekly Sunday fellowship lunch ministry teams. There will be a signup available on Sunday, September 9. Questions can be directed to Quintin Dykes.

Faith Formation Volunteer Orientation - Sunday, September 9

We couldn't provide our faith formation without our faithful volunteers. Those who will be providing leadership and or shepherding for our youth are invited to attend orientation on Sunday, September 9 at 1pm in Room 115 (Music Room).

Lens on the Border Exhibit

Experience "Lens on the Border," a photography exhibit sponsored by the Sierra Club which was created to encourage viewers to rethink border stereotypes and capture the essence of life in the US-Mexico border region. This exhibit will be available here at Peace UCC from September 10 - 26.

An opening reception for everyone will be held **on Saturday, September 15 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Then on **Sunday, September 16**, from 9:40 - 10:45am, we are asking everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall to begin a special intergenerational walk-through of the exhibit with several activity stations.

Mikah Meyer Visit - Sunday, September 23

Peace UCC is proud to host Mikah Meyer's visit on Sunday, September 23. The son of a preacher and a professional singer (with an amazing tenor voice), he is going around the world trying to set a record by visiting all 417 national parks in 3 years) and share the gospel of acceptance for all LGBT Christians. Growing up he was always told that he couldn't be a gay man and a Christian. His story is one you won't want to miss. You can learn more about Mikah through this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/5qVKqHwRsiA>

Semi-Annual Meeting - Sunday, September 30

You are encouraged to join us for our Semi-Annual meeting on Sunday, September 30 and 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. We have several important items to share including the proposed budget for 2019, updates on our upcoming debt-reduction capital campaign, and more. While there will be no formal faith formation this Sunday, special activities for children and youth will be held in the Dwelling during the meeting.

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 (except for Tuesday, September 4). 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

(Discussions revolve around weekly podcasts. For additional information contact Anna Froehling.)

Thursday Family & Friends Connect Group @ 5:30pm

(Join us every Thursday 5:30—7:30pm for midweek Fellowship. Bring your meal and gather with others from your Peace Family for fellowship and kid playing. If the weather is nice, we'll gather on the Listos playground.)

Twice Monthly Race Forward - (2nd & 4th Tues of each month @ 7pm - Dwelling)

*(Everyone is welcome to attend this group as we explore our blind spots and open up the uncomfortable discussion of race and privilege. This group will be discussing the book **Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption**, by Bryan Stevenson. For additional information contact Ruth Larson)*

Sunday Fellowship Lunches - after 2nd Service

(Teams provide and prepare simple fellowship luncheons. For more information on being a part of leading a team, see Quintin Dykes through the Welcome Desk.)

Miriam Ministry - 4th Wednesday of Month @ 9:30am - Peace Room

(ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us for our monthly gatherings - the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Peace Room. We'll have a guest speaker and then share in fellowship and food.)

Quilter's Group - 1st Saturday of Month 10am-11:30am - Room 104

(For additional information contact Marie Wilson)

Adult Bell Choir and Voice Choir - Wednesdays

(We meet on Wednesdays - Bells at 6pm in Room 115 and Choir at 7:15pm in the Sanctuary. Those who love to create music are invited to join us!!)

Weekly Community Meals

(If you are willing to contribute to or assist in the planning and /or preparation of weekly community meals, please contact the office or sign up at the Welcome Desk.)

Connect Groups -

(Several groups are meeting. See the Welcome Desk to get connected and for a list of opportunities.)

SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	SPECIAL MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
2 Communion & Contemporary Service	9:30am	Jessica Haug	Joy ONEVOICE	No Lunch
9 RALLY DAY	8:30asm	Jessica Haug	Choir of Peace	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	All Church Potluck
16 Lens on the Border Art Exhibit	8:30am	Jessica Haug	TBD	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	___ Team TBD
23 Mikah Meyer Presentation	8:30am	Jessica Haug	Special Music by Mikah Meyer	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	___ Team TBD
30 Semi-Annual Meeting @ 9:45am	8:30am	Jessica Haug	Special Music	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	___ Team TBD

We are looking for more volunteers and a few more team leaders for our Sunday Fellowship Lunch teams. Please see the Quintin Dykes through the Welcome Desk if interested!



September Birthdays

1 Noah Winter
 2 Jacob Petit, Jacey Roeber, Cody Aney
 3 William Meinhardt, Dale McCamish, Rose Zerby
 6 April Oelkers, Jerald Barnhart, Wendy Nevala
 7 Evelyn Stiller
 8 Kaylene Geiger, Aubrey Burkhard
 9 Mike Hawkins, Nate Barker, Erick Rist
 10 Tamara Haack, Ken Fritz, Bethanie Bentz
 11 Shelley Schmitt, Vivien LeQuire
 13 Krista Crowley
 14 Margie Barrows
 15 Anthony Cook, Ernie Roeber

16 Carlton Swan, Margo Oetliker, David Arns
 17 Thomas Winters, Mary Bennett
 18 Joan Bietz, Becca Schliep, Anya Theuer
 21 Jennifer Newton
 22 Judy Berg
 23 Carrie Wieland, Quintin Dykes, Betsy Jorgensen
 24 Sharon Franklin, Sarah Gordon
 25 Grant Johnson, Cassidy Harmon
 28 Duane Rich, Bruce Franklin
 29 Kim Tande, Jesse Wilder, Karla Hamilton
 30 Judi Bjork, Melissa McLaurin

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Image top left: An image from the upcoming "Lens on the Border" photography exhibit. Image bottom left: Peace members share communion with one another.

Image top right: Mikah Meyer stands with a Pride flag during a visit to one of 417 National Park sites. Image bottom right: Youth from Peace pose for a group selfie at March for our Lives in Washington D.C.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FALL 2018

Every Sunday, age-specific faith formation education will be offered for adults, children and youth. Each week's topic will correspond to our shared theme shared by all ages.

At Peace, we believe we are all called to nurture the faith of our young people through investment in their lives and modeling behaviors of a community marked by justice, peace and inclusion.

This fall's curriculum is designed to help us continue to grow in our capacity to do just that.



Meet the Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator, Lydia Ewing-Green

LYDIA IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE HEALING POWER OF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES. She graduated with a double major in Biblical and Classical Thought and Literature and Pastoral Leadership, with emphases in historical theology and organizational health. She continued her masters work along the same vein, with a focus on theology and sociology of the body. Since her graduation in 2006, and a life-change that halted her graduate work in 2009, Lydia has used her knowledge of organizational health to work in marketing, sales, communications and project management. Over the past five years, she worked for People of Hope Lutheran Church as office administrator and communications coordinator.

Lydia lives with her partner Phil, son Sam (age 9), three cats and backyard chickens. She loves to garden, cook, run, sew, knit and read. She values being close to family and loves living in the same town as her parents, sister and brother-in-law (pictured above). She also has a brother in Portland.

As Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator, Lydia hopes to bring her passion for just, peaceful and inclusive community to the forefront by helping people of all ages connect with one other through shared education and volunteering events. She will be planning periodic Intergenerational Events, such as our upcoming guided walk-through of the *Lens on the Border* photography exhibit and a new emphasis on multi-age participation in service of our Community Thanksgiving Meal.

She plans to use her passion for communications and marketing to help our faith community feel more connected to one another and engaged in shared events, as well as to continue to extend the message of God's radical love and acceptance we seek to embody at Peace to Rochester and beyond. You may have already noticed her work on our facebook presence, the bulletin and publications like this one.

She will be coordinating Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings and working in concert with Pastor Beth to build curriculum that shares themes with children and youth.

She will also be working closely with the Our Whole Lives healthy sexuality program to facilitate learning opportunities for all ages in this life-affirming, life-saving curriculum.

To get in touch with Lydia, stop by the office Sunday-Thursdays (she loves visitors) or email her at intergen@peacechurchucc.org.



Pastor Beth Rogers

ASSOCIATE PASTOR— Pastor Beth will continue to be responsible for age-specific programming for children, youth and families, such as Sunday Morning Faith Formation, Confirmation, and youth activities. She will continue to provide pastoral care, theological teaching and children's sermons.

Contact Pastor Beth (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org).

INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM YEAR FALL 2018- SPRING 2019

New Program Year, Fresh Program Focus

OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS—

Peace Staff have been working hard to develop programming for the coming education year. In response to a congregational study done by Sarah Neher, which helped us to identify a need for greater connection between people of all ages at Peace, Lydia Ewing-Green has been hired as our Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator. Lydia and Pastor Beth will be working in concert to create programming that meets the age-specific needs of members, as well as the need to connection between age groups within our community of faith. You will see the following strategic shifts in our programming goals this year:

- Move toward intergenerational engagement through work with a shared theme in Sunday Faith Formation all ages, with consistent weekly offerings for adults.
- Share events that bring people together across the age groups; find shared causes people of all age groups can participate in together.
- Begin a Wednesday night, peer lead youth program and regular youth fellowship events.

PROGRAM YEAR EDUCATION OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Module One: God's vision of Shalom: The whole world longs for justice and peace.

Educational theme: What does a "Shalom" community look like? *An intergenerational, inclusive community is a lived expression of justice and peace. We can learn together build the social and emotional skills needed to be justice-seekers, peace-makers and inclusion-builders.*

Adult focus: All adults in our faith community are responsible to continually learn and model the core competencies of just, peaceful and inclusive community for our children and youth. What are those core competencies?

- Circles of control, influence and concern: Our responsibility to model an alternative community.
- It starts with empathy: What is Empathy? How do we listen with Empathy?
- Strategies for difficult conversations: Holiday Meal Prep Session.
- Truth telling and emotional congruence: Cultivate skills to create peace and honesty within ourselves and our relationships.

Children and Youth focus: Zechariah 8 describes God's vision of Shalom. Children will explore the various aspects of this vision of just, peaceful and inclusive community through experiential learning station rotations. Youth will explore the same themes through guided group discussions and learning activities.

God's vision of Shalom requires:

- For people to be together across generations.
- For truth to be told.
- Peace amongst the nations.
- A vibrant and healthy earth.
- Joyful worship.
- For us to share our passions with others and lead by example.

DECEMBER

Module Two: Advent and Christmas, *"It's a Wonderful Life"*

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Module Three: God and love, love and neighbor.

MARCH/APRIL

Module Four: Lent and Easter: The courage to do the right thing.

MAY

Module Five: Program year wrap-up and celebration.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is for adults now, too.

Every Sunday, age-specific faith formation education will be offered for adults, children and youth. Each week's topic will correspond to our shared theme.

This way, adults with children and youth can take the core of each lesson home to conversations around the dinner table, a ride in the car or an after-school chat. Adults without children and youth at home are also urged to participate in Sunday morning adult faith formation, as the curriculum is designed for adults of all ages and walks of life.

At Peace, we believe we are all called to nurture the faith of our young people through investment in their lives and modeling behaviors of a community marked by justice, peace and inclusion. This fall's curriculum is designed to help us continue to grow in our capacity to do just that. **Learn more about what to expect in the calendar on the following pages.**



INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Starting with Faith Formation events where all ages are present.

Intergenerational events will happen periodically throughout the year. This fall's intergenerational events include a guided, interactive walk-through of the "Lens on the Border" photography exhibit on Sunday, September 16, and shared preparations for our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 18.

These intergenerational events are just one component of our intentional move toward seeing people of all ages in our community as an integrated whole. Together we are striving to continue to grow in our ability to serve together and learn from one another, exploring questions of life and faith across age groups. Want to learn more? Contact Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator, Lydia Ewing-Green at (intergen@peacechurchucc.org).

SUNDAY MORNING CALENDAR

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 9: Rally Day: Fall programming kicks off on Rally Day, when we resume two services (8:30, 11:00a) and Faith Formation (9:40a). After the second service all are invited to gather for a potluck. All beef hotdogs will be provided, please bring a dish to pass (sides, dessert).

During the faith formation hour: get your picture taken, register, find your age groups and get information about the upcoming program year. Children and youth play get to know you games, parents are encouraged to be present. All adults are encouraged to share in conversation and coffee.

SEPTEMBER 16: Lens on the Border: Intergenerational Interactive Walk -Through. Lens on the Border Art Exhibit is sponsored by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club's Borderlands team, in collaboration with photographers and artists from the United States and Mexico, have created an eclectic compilation of images that urge viewers to rethink US-Mexico border stereotypes and capture the essence of life in the US- Mexico border region. Together, persons of all ages will experience a guided walk-through of the exhibit and participate in corresponding experiential learning activities.

SEPTEMBER 23: Mikah Meyer: During 8:30 and 11:00a services, join Upworthy-featured guest speaker and National Cathedral countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, as he shares about his world record, 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites and how being a pastor's kid inspired it. Hear about how he once felt he had to choose between belonging to his Christian community and living as his authentic self as a gay man; and how his road trip to national parks has become a part of that faith journey.

Adults: During faith formation, adults are encouraged to spend time talking with Mikah and one another.



Photo credit: Jasmine Stevens. Jasmine Stevens is a Tohono O'odham photographer at Bavaquivari High School. This portrait of her brother, Keanu, reveals a glimpse of daily life for young people growing up along the border.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Lens on the Border

SEPTEMBER 15-23—

Experience "Lens on the Border," a photography exhibit sponsored by the Sierra Club, created with to encourage viewers to rethink border stereotypes and capture the essence of life in the US-Mexico border region. An opening reception for the community will be held Saturday, September 15 at 6:30p. An Intergenerational walk-through is planned on Sunday, September 16 during our Faith Formation hour. Exhibit will remain through Sunday, September 23.



Pictured above: Mikah Meyer flies a Pride flag, a symbol of his journey as he visits all 417 National Park sites, speaking and singing about love and inclusion along the way.

Mikah Meyer: Journey of Love

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 8:30a and 11a — Join Upworthy-featured guest speaker and National Cathedral countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, as he shares about his world record, 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites and how being a pastor's kid inspired it.

GUEST SPEAKER

SEPTEMBER 23 (CONTINUED)

Children: First Session of Zechariah 8: God's vision of Shalom

Youth: Journey to authentic self, plan activities to do with children during Semi-Annual Meeting.

SEPTEMBER 30

Adults: Semi-Annual Meeting

Middle school youth, unconfirmed youth: Assisting children in "Children's Semi-Annual Meeting."

Children: Kids Semi Annual Meeting

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7: World Communion Sunday

The whole world longs for justice and peace.

Adults: Guest speakers Ginger and David Holmes

Children: Session 2 of Rotation 1 (Zechariah 8: Shalom Community)

Youth: Zechariah 8: We can model a community of justice and peace, we can learn together to be peace-makers, justice-seekers and inclusion-builders. Session 1: All people come together across generations.

OCTOBER 14: The whole world longs for justice and peace.

Adults: Together, we will examine the rich heritage of Judeo-Christian story that describes a vision of wholeness in our world. This vision of wholeness speaks to us about a community that is inherently intergenerational and inclusive. We cannot control the chaos of our world, but we can model an alternative community for our children. And: **#WhenWeAllVote Voting Awareness Campaign.** What does it mean to bring our faith values to the ballot box? Learn about where to find information about candidates, how to register and where to vote.

Children: Session 3 of Zechariah Rotations

Youth: Zechariah Session 2: Truth telling

OCTOBER 21

Adults: We can learn together to be justice-seekers, peace-makers and inclusion-builders: build the competency of empathy. It all starts with empathy. What is empathy? Hear from guest speaker Marie Neher.

Children: Session 4 of Zechariah Rotations

Youth: Zechariah Session: Peace among nations.

OCTOBER 28: Guest speaker from Rochester Women's Shelter (October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month). Build empathy and understanding for those who experience domestic violence and corresponding homelessness; learn about safe and unsafe relationships and how you can support the work of the Rochester Women's Shelter.

Children: Return to your favorite Zechariah Rotation.

Youth: Zechariah Session 4: Joyful worship.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 4: Holiday Meal Prep Session: Feeling unprepared for those awkward political conversations around the holiday dinner table? Dreading the usual "elephants in the room?" Together, we will learn strategies for difficult conversations. Such as: finding common ground (focus on common values); helping those you hear feel understood; and gracefully exiting non-constructive conversations.

Children: Mentoring rotation: Joyful worship, Lead by example.

Youth: Zechariah Session 5: Share your passion with others; lead by example.

NOVEMBER 11: We can learn together to be justice-seekers, peace-makers and inclusion-builders: build the competency of truthfulness and congruence: Do you ever avoid saying how you really feel, just to avoid an unpleasant emotion? Have you ever experienced a hurtful situation in a relationship because you or someone you know was being "Minnesota nice?" Cultivate skills to create peace and honesty within ourselves that will lead us to peace and honesty in our relationships.

Children: Mentoring rotation: Joyful worship. Lead by example.

Youth: Zechariah Session 6: Create daily rituals of *shalom*.

NOVEMBER 18: Thanksgiving Meal Preparations: Intergenerational Together we will serve our annual Thanksgiving Meal. Join with people of all ages to decorate tables, create place settings, setup tables and chairs and create an environment of generosity and hospitality for our guests.

NOVEMBER 25: Thanksgiving, no Faith Formation.

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE EVENT

Thanksgiving Meal: Hospitality from All Ages

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER

18— Together we will host a Thanksgiving Meal, open to the Rochester area community. All ages will work together to create table decorations (bring on your best turkey crafts), make a hospitable environment for our guests and help to serve food. *More details to come!*



CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Labor Day Parking Lot Party for All Ages

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—Bring your bike, trike, scooters & more to meet kids and families of all ages and kick off the year with Peace! 9:30 am: water play (if warm), sidewalk chalk, and playground time.

Faith Formation Classroom Setup

ALSO ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—Your help is needed to setup classrooms for faith formation, 12:30p. Questions? Contact Pastor Beth (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org).

Where to Start on Sunday Mornings



SUNDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9— Join in the fun for Faith Formation between services. Grades 6-12 begin in the Dwelling. Age 3 –Grade 5 start in the Music Room and then break out into rotations.

Thursday Nights: Family Hangout

EVERY THURSDAY, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12— Meet other families in a casual atmosphere. Bring your dinner to heat up, quick dinners picked up or eat before coming! Meet others, plan to connect over shared interests, take a breath and let the kids play. The more the merrier. Board Games, legos, Wiggle Room for toddler play and more, 5:30-7:30p.

Movie Nights & Other Important Dates

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Faith Formation Classroom, 12:30p

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: Rally Sunday, Leader Orientation, 9:30a

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5: Movie and Pizza Night

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: Fall Fest

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18: Thanksgiving Meal Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2: "It's a Wonderful Life," Movie Viewing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23: All Comers Christmas Program, 10a

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11: Movie and Pizza Night

FRIDAY, MARCH 15: Movie and Pizza Night

SUNDAY, APRIL 21: Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt and Scavenger Hunt

SUNDAY, MAY 19: End-of-Year Faith Formation Celebration

FRIDAY, JUNE 7: Outdoor Movie Night



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Children's Faith Formation

SEPTEMBER 9: Rally Day

**SEPTEMBER 16: Lens on the Border Photography Exhibit:
Intergenerational Guided Walk-Through**

SEPTEMBER 23: Session 1 of Rotation 1 (Zechariah 8: Shalom Community (see description to the right))

SEPTEMBER 30: Children's Semi-Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 7: World Communion Sunday, Session 2 of Rotation 1

OCTOBER 14: Session 3 of Rotation 1

OCTOBER 21: Session 4 of Rotation 1

OCTOBER 28: Return to your favorite Rotation 1 station.

NOVEMBER 4: Mentoring rotation: Joyful worship. Lead by example.

NOVEMBER 11: Mentoring rotation: Joyful worship. Lead by example.

NOVEMBER 18: Thanksgiving Meal Preparations: Intergenerational Hospitality

Youth Faith Formation

SEPTEMBER 9: Rally Day

**SEPTEMBER 16: Lens on the Border Photography Exhibit:
Intergenerational Guided Walk-Through**

SEPTEMBER 23: Journey to authentic self. Plan activities to do with children during Semi-Annual Meeting.

SEPTEMBER 30: Middle school youth, unconfirmed youth: Assisting children in "Children's Semi-Annual Meeting." Confirmed youth join adults for Semi-Annual Meeting.

OCTOBER 7: World Communion Sunday: Second Session of Rotation 1 (Zechariah 8: Shalom Community)

OCTOBER 14: Session 2: Truth telling.

OCTOBER 21: Session 3: Peace among nations.

OCTOBER 28: Session 4: Joyful worship.

NOVEMBER 4: Session 5: Share your passion with others; lead by example.

NOVEMBER 11: Session 6: Create daily rituals of *shalom*.

NOVEMBER 18: Thanksgiving Meal Preparations: Intergenerational Hospitality

NOVEMBER 25: Thanksgiving, no Faith Formation.

ELEMENTARY ROTATION ONE

Zechariah 8 and the Shalom Community

**ELEMENTARY ROTATION 1
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23**

Rotation stations:

1. People together across generations (art).
2. Earth care (garden tour).
3. Truth (games)
4. Peace amongst the nations (music and poetry).

YOUTH IN THE DWELLING

Youth Faith Formation: Sunday Mornings

**BEGINNING SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9—**Faith Formation happens between services in the Dwelling.

Middle School and High School begin together and break out for discussion on the same topic of the day.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



Youth Faith Formation: Sunday Mornings

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Faith Formation happens between services in the Dwelling. Middle School and High School begin together and break out for discussion on the same topic of the day.

Peer Leadership Group: Wednesday Nights

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19— Peer Leadership study and fellowship at church. Dinner followed by activity in the Dwelling.

Youth Activity Nights & Other Important Dates

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Move furniture to NEW Youth Space, 12:30p

FRI– SAT, SEPTEMBER 21-22: Overnight @ Winters Farm!

OCTOBER 12-14: MS&HS Conference Youth Event @ Pilgrim Point

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 : Air Insanity

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: Fall Fest

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 : TBD Activity

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21: Christmas Party

MONDAY, JANUARY 21: MLK Rally

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8: An Evening with John Pavlovitz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17: TBD Activity

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: TBD Activity

SUNDAY, APRIL 21: : TBD Activity and Easter Breakfast Prep Shopping

APRIL 26–28: MS&HS Conference Youth Event @ Pilgrim Point

SUNDAY, MAY 19: End of the Year Youth Celebration

JUNE/JULY TBD: Borderlands High School/Intergenerational Mission Trip

AUGUST TBD: St. Louis Middle School Mission Trip



COMING JANUARY 2019

OUR WHOLE LIVES HEALTHY SEXUALITY CURRICULUM

COMING JANUARY 2019— Our Whole Lives curriculum, which focuses on healthy relationships and sexuality, will be offered for elementary ages (grades k-6) during faith formation and for middle school (grades 7-9) and high school youth (grades 10-12) in a retreat format. Stay tuned for more information about registration and specifics as we get closer, as well as a parent and guardian information session coming in December.

Our Whole Lives (sometimes referred to as "OWL") is a holistic sexual education curriculum that "helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, health and behavior in the context of their faith. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. It provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills and understand the social, emotional and spiritual aspects of sexuality." Learn more at www.ucc.org/justice_sexuality-education_our-whole-lives Questions? Contact Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator, Lydia Ewing-Green (intergen@peacechurchucc.org).

ONGOING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Weekly Groups for Adults

TUESDAYS: Men of Peace, 7a
Knitting & Crocheting Group, 10:30a
Women's Bible Study, 10a
Beverage and Bible (Glynner's Pub), 5p
THURSDAYS: Women's Fellowship, 7a
Quilting Group 10a

from your faith community. New leadership is being explored and you are invited to think about what brings you together with those from church. Want to get one started? Want to get involved with an existing Connect Group? *Contact Pastor Beth (ypastor@peaceucchurch.org) or the Welcome Desk. Check the Peace ChurchOn app for more information.*

Race Forward

RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11— Expand your awareness of race and white privilege through reading and discussion. Meets downstairs in the Dwelling, 7p. *Questions? Contact Ruth Larson.*

Connect Groups

Fall is a great time to open new opportunities for Connect Groups! Spend time doing things you enjoy while building friendships with people

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 6pm Social Action Mtg. (Peace Rm) 7pm Sanctuary Church Discussion (Peace Rm)	*** Every Tuesday 7am Men of Peace (Peace Rm) 10am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm) 10:30am Knitter/Crochet Group (Rm 115) 5pm: Beverage & Bible Glycer's)		* Every Thursday 7am Women's Fellowship (Peace Rm) 5:30pm Family Connect Group (NartheX / Nursey)	6	1 9:30am Wheels Party (North Parking Lot) 12:30pm Faith Formation Classroom Set Up
2 9:30 Contemporary Worship w/Communion	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 *** NO Women's Bible Study @ 10am	5 6pm Bell Rehearsal (Rm 115) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	6 *	7	8 10:00am Peace Quilters (Rm 104)
9 8:30am & 11am Worship 9:40am Faith Formation 12:15pm All-Church Potluck (F-Hall) 1:00pm Faith Formation Volunteer Orientation (Rm 115)	10 6pm Social Action Outreach Committee Meeting (F-Hall) 7pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & Rm 215) 7pm Sanctuary Church Discussion (F-Hall)	11 *** 7:00pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	12	13 *	14	15 6:30pm Lens on the Border Reception (F-Hall)
16 8:30am & 11am Worship 9:40am Faith Formation - Lens on the Border Walk-Thru Event 12:15pm All-Church Potluck (F-Hall) 6:30pm ONEVOICE Band Rehearsal (Sanc)	17	18 *** 12:30pm Sr Card Players (Peace Rm)	19 5pm Weekly Youth Gathering (F-Hall) 5:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Peace Rm) 7pm Council (Dwelling)	20 * 6:30pm Card Sharks Connect Group (NartheX)	21 6:30pm HOLD: Youth Outing	22
23 8:30am & 11am Worship 9:40am Faith Formation 12:15pm All-Church Potluck (F-Hall) 2:00pm Memorial Service (Peace Rm)	24	25 *** 7:00pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	26 5pm Weekly Youth Gathering (F-Hall) 6pm Bell Rehearsal (Rm 115) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	27 * 9am Channel One Team (Channel One HQ) 6pm Worship Planning (Pastor Paul's Ofc)	28	29
30 8:30am & 11am Worship 9:40am Semi-Annual Meeting (F-Hall) 9:40am Children's Activities (Dwelling) 12:15pm All-Church Potluck (F-Hall) 6:00pm ONEVOICE Band / Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanc)						

SEPTEMBER 2018

Be sure to register your child(ren) for Faith Formation via the on-line form:

<https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/4GcHUzH>



Outdoor Worship / Blessing of the Animals & Paul's Birthday Surprise

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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**.

Be sure to register your child/children for Faith Formation!

The form is available from our website and/or our church app at:

<https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/4GcHUzH>

You don't have the church app? Make sure you don't miss out on future announcements, event information, volunteer sign ups, etc!

Text APP to (507) 556-3080. Click on the link it sends you, download the app. Click on "near me," then select Peace Church. Complete the profile information and you are all set. *Questions? Ask the Welcome Desk.*

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

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

REMINDER....

**ONE Service
@ 9:30am
on September 2**

**September 9 -
RALLY DAY!
TWO Services:
8:30 & 11am
Fall Program Kick-Off**