

OLIVE BRANCH December 2018

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Communion Served the first
Sunday of each month

8:30am ~ Traditional Service**

9:45am ~ Faith Formation **
(all ages)

11:00am ~ Contemporary
Service**

12:15pm ~ Fellowship Lunch
(no lunch on 12/23 or
12/30)

** For Sunday, December 2 & 9
ONLY



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Check inside for highlights
coming this month.

REMINDER....

ONE Service Sundays:

December 16 @ 10am

December 23 @ 10am

December 30 @ 10am

At Peace, we strive to be "A safe and inclusive church living God's radical message". Our goal is to be an active congregation, providing many wonderful social / fellowship events, community mission and outreach activities, and diverse / engaging worship services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Poinsettia and/or Norfolk Island Pine Trees

ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2—Purchase a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one and decorate the worship space at Peace for the holiday season. Choose from a poinsettia or mini Norfolk Pine (stands about 2 feet tall; in-door plant only). Place your order at the welcome desk or online here: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/WHDYOrF>

“It’s a Wonderful Life” Movie Showing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 5:30pm—This year's Advent theme is, “It's a Wonderful Life.” Watch the film to remember how this story of despair and hope closely relates to God's good news of bringing hope through a baby who overcomes the despair of the world. Viewing begins at 5:30p. Pizza will be served, please RSVP at the welcome desk or online here: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/fl3222P>
Cost is \$5 per household.

UCC Christmas Fund - Special Offering

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Both Services—You have the opportunity to be a part of a ministry that cares for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ through your participation in this year's Christmas Fund Offering. Your gift to the Christmas Fund will not only assist pastors, but also provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas “Thank You” Gift Checks next December to lower-income retirees. Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low-income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. This is your chance to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.



Our Whole Lives Grades 10–12 Information Session

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 6:30pm—Parents and guardians of students, grades 10-12, are invited to attend an information session on an upcoming offering of the Our Whole Lives program (beginning January 2019). Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a holistic, healthy sexuality and relationship curriculum that aims to equip learners with the knowledge and skills to make healthy choices. OWL will be offered for Grades 7-9 in 2020, with a goal to begin offering OWL for elementary students in 2021. The information session will be held in the Peace Room, Questions? Contact Lydia Ewing-Green (intergen@peacechurchucc.org).

Holiday Giving Tree

DONATIONS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14—There is still a little more time to support our giving tree. Reminder to bring your donations (unwrapped with the ornament attached) for the giving tree by Friday, December 14. This will allow us to deliver the gifts to the following organizations in time for Christmas: Family Promise Rochester, LINK, Project Legacy, and Women's Shelter. Questions? Contact Anna Froehling (amfroehling@gmail.com).

Caroling at Samaritan Bethany

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 12:30pm— People of all ages are needed to help us bring Christmas cheer to the residents at Samaritan Bethany. There will be only ONE worship service at 10:00am, followed by our Fellowship Potluck Lunch and then we'll head over to Samaritan Bethany.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



Make Peace
a part of your
holiday tradition.

All Generations: Christmas Service and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16—Come for a special worship experience at 10am. Worship will be followed by fellowship lunch and caroling at Samaritan Bethany, 12:30pm.

Lunch will be a potluck. Last names A - H: bring a main dish; I - O: bring a side dish; P - Z: bring desserts. Questions? Contact the welcome desk.

All Ages or All Comers Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23— Christmas is coming and so is the everyone-included, all-ages Christmas program! This year we will once again present the annual Christmas program in a NO REHEARSAL, NO STRESS style. How many Josephs will we have this year? How many Marys? Costumes of all sizes available that morning.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare costumes on the day of, and musically inclined children are needed to sing or play for special music. Willing to help? Have a talent to share? Email Pastor Beth (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org).

Christmas Eve-Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—Celebrate Christmas to the tunes of Classic Rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's. The service concludes with Candlelight Communion. Service time 4pm.

Christmas Eve

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24— Lessons and Carols Service with Candlelight Communion, 4pm. This is an opportunity to encounter the Christmas message through story, prayer, and song. The service concludes with Candlelight Communion.

Christmas Eve: Blue Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24— The holidays can also be a time of sadness as we remember loved ones who have passed, relationships that are painful, and other moments of grief. This service acknowledges that grief with a quiet service filled with contemplative instrumental music, including Taizé', 6pm.

New Years Eve-Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30— One service, 10am.



MAMA MIA!

We are pleased to partner with Once and Future Classics Theater Group with their next performance – Mama Mia! Tickets can be purchased (check or cash) at Peace United Church of Christ during normal business hours or through the Once and Future Classics website (<http://onceandfutureclassics.org>). Show times are as follows:

Friday, November 20 and Saturday, December 1: 7:30pm
Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8: 7:30pm
Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15: 7:30pm

Matinee (2pm)
Saturday, December 8
Saturday, December 15

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SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	SPECIAL MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
2 1st Sunday in Advent	8:30am	Leslie Crowley	Choir of Peace	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	Char Hain's Team
9 2nd Sunday in Advent	8:30am	Leslie Crowley	Bells of Peace	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Joe Nix's Team
16 ONE SERVICE	10:00am	Leslie Crowley	Special Music	All-Church Potluck
23 All-Comers Christmas Program Christmas Eve-Eve	10:00am	Leslie Crowley	Special Music	NO LUNCH
	4:00pm		Special Music	
30 ONE SERVICE	10:00am	Leslie Crowley	Special Music	NO LUNCH

AND BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Jessica Wright, Martin Geiger,
Macy Loechler | 25 Nancy Bishop |
| 3 Irene Solomon, Emelia Tande,
Stafford Handlang | 26 Martin Wieland |
| 5 Norma Vale | 27 Richard Lehman |
| 7 Lisa Jerabek | 28 Laurie DeYoung |
| 8 Augusto Edwards | 29 Nicole Hollar,
Nancy Wieben |
| 9 Aaron Tande, Stacy Beyer-Groth,
Cindy Andrist, David Rebstock,
Linda Floden, Carter DeYoung | 31 Anna Froehling |
| 10 Ken Bourquin, Dawn Stevens | |
| 11 Steve Franks | |
| 12 Kent Johnson | |
| 13 Zora McLaurin | |
| 14 Cal Hawley | |
| 15 Jonah Siewert | |
| 16 Mary Leppala | |
| 18 Clint Wilson | |
| 19 Bradd Walton, Sharon Wilder,
Lexie Walton | |
| 20 Gayle Rock, Alyvia Doffing | |
| 21 Holly Christie | |
| 23 Peggy Lehman, Lori Paul,
Carole Winters | |
| 24 Nancy Tointon, Cathy Meinhardt,
Sheila Welke | |

Financial Update

If you haven't turned in your Work of Heart - Labor of Love Pledge card for 2019, please do so. Although our pledges for October were on target, we are still below where we need to be. As we end 2018, be sure to have your donations into the office by Saturday, December 29 to be counted toward your 2018 giving.

	October	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$36,250	\$362,500
Actual Received	\$36,979	\$344,793
Difference	\$729	-\$17,707

DECEMBER 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent: "It's a Wonderful Life": Our advent theme this year is, "It's a Wonderful Life," a movie permeated with the themes of hope and despair. *Come and participate in education, discussion and activities centered around cultivating habits of hope.*

FAITH FORMATION OVERVIEW

9:45am
Sundays
(12/2 & 12/9 ONLY)

Children: Crafting a Wonderful Life rotation with card making, ornaments, and knitting

Youth: Watch and discuss "It's a Wonderful Life"

Adults: There are days when hope feels hard to come by, when it is hard to see beyond feelings of despair and cynicism. It is times like these that we need the will to push forward to something better and the imagination to see possible ways to get there.

DECEMBER 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent: "It's a Wonderful Life" Continues

Children: Crafting a Wonderful Life rotation with card making, ornaments, and knitting

Youth: Watch and discuss "It's a Wonderful Life"

Adults: Hear from Rae Dunn, who traveled to the US-Mexico Border in November as part of a group of United Church of Christ Delegates. Rae will share photos, stories and host a Q&A.

DECEMBER 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent: "It's a Wonderful Life" (no formal faith formation) A special intergenerational event for all ages is planned. There will be one worship service at 10am, held in the Fellowship Hall, followed by an all-church potluck, and we'll end our morning caroling as Samaritan Bethany at 12:30pm.

DECEMBER 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent: "It's a Wonderful Life" (no formal faith formation) We'll all celebrate the excitement of a child when we come together for a joyful, fun children's program at 10am. Everyone will be able to participate - no rehearsal, no stress - as we tell the story of Christmas.

DECEMBER 30 (no formal faith formation)

*Watch for the next detailed
Faith Formation Programming Guide coming at the end of December!*

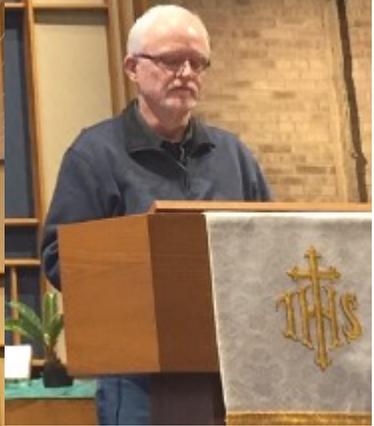
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The staff at Peace United Church of Christ wishes you all a Merry Christmas!!

Paul *Lydia* *Clare* *Brian* *Beth*
Debby *Sara* *Mona* *John*



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Note special holiday schedule inside