

Peace United Church of Christ

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 27nd, 2019 @ 9:45a

Call to Order & Welcome Jessica Haug, Council President

Opening Prayer Pastor Beth Rogers

Approval of Agenda Jessica Haug

Approval of 2018 Semi-Annual Minutes Jessica Haug

Recognition of Peace UCC Staff Pastor Paul Bauch

Presentation of Annual Reports Pastor Paul Bauch

Council Items:

- *Recognition of Outgoing Members* Lynn Alcock, Craig Bentz, Deb Guenther, Mark Wieland
- *Installation of New Council Members* Christopher Kohler, Cindy Strauss, Will Sunnock, Laura Thompson
- *Introduction of 2019 Council Officers* Wendy Nevala, President
Christopher Kohler, Vice President
Eric Theuer, Financial Secretary
Bob Werner, Secretary

Council Leaders through 2019

Jeff Hanson
Jessica Haug
Laurie Klein
Mark Wieland

Council Leaders through 2020

Leslie Crawley
David Schmitt
Wendy Nevala
Bob Werner

Council Leaders through 2021

Christopher Kohler
Cindy Strauss
Will Sunnock
Laura Thompson

Council President's Remarks

Jessica Haug – Wendy Nevala

Ministry Focus

- **LISTOS Preschool & Childcare Center Update** Christina Valdez, Listos Exec Director
- **Marketing/Outreach Initiative** Lynn Alcock, John Pavek, Lydia Ewing-Green
- **CLIP IN – Welcome Team** Bob Werner, Clar Tarr, Pastor Paul
- **Monthly Stewardship Initiative – “BE THE CHURCH”** Pastor Paul Bauch & Debby Adams
- **Planned Giving Initiative** Tom DeYoung & Jeff Hanson
- **Capital Funds Report** Debby Adams & Pastor Paul
- **NEW Capital Funds Campaign Team – Focus** Debby Adams, & Pastor Paul
- **Stewardship Campaign** Ruth Larson & Debby Adams

Pastors' Remarks & Vision for the Future

Pastor Paul Bauch

2019 Budget Information

- **Financial Report and Budget Presentation** Eric Theuer
- **Approval of 2019 Budget** Eric Theuer

Other Business

Closing Prayer

Pastor Paul Bauch

Adjournment

Wendy Nevala

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALTAR COMMITTEE - Mary Karlstad, Chair

The Altar Committee is made up of 11 members and is responsible for the preparation of the elements for communion. One person/couple is in charge each month with another member assisting them. They set up the communion elements, clean up after communion, order supplies, change the paraments on the altar, and prepare the sacristy for the following month. Special events call for members to help, such as at Christmas and Easter.

The present committee consists of Mary and Erland Karlstad, Buck and Bonnie Lenz, Mary and Dale Ely, Diane Shanks, Sondra and Jerry Bentz, Nancy Tointon, and Diane Johnson. An organizational meeting is held twice a year – January and September. The chair/secretary of the committee is Mary Karlstad.

A special thank you to all the current members for all their hard work this past year.

2018 FINANCE REPORT - Eric Theuer

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Income - We ended about \$11,000 behind our pledge income than what was budgeted. We made up this difference from building use, and fundraisers income. As a result our overall income for 2018 was \$2,000 over budget at \$477,700!

Expenses - Our expenses were \$10,000 under budget. We had unexpected repair expenses for the parsonage, high snow removal costs, and building maintenance and repairs. This was offset by savings in education, music, and some part time staff expenses. We had budgeted for a -\$44,000 deficit and instead ended with a -\$31,500 deficit. We did transfer \$15,000 from the endowment funds to help with cash flow during the year.

Our invested funds struggled in 2018. Below is a list of our 4 different Portfolio's and their gains or losses in 2018:

Portfolio Account	Year End Bal	\$ Gain/(Loss)	% Gain/(Loss)
Peace Acct	\$311,627	(\$17,125)	(5.35%)
Memorial Acct	\$14,112	(\$391)	(2.70%)
Trachsel Acct	\$55,682	(\$1,816)	(3.15%)
Schroedel Acct	\$14,775	(\$794)	(4.87%)

On the plus side, all of our investment accounts are reporting gains for 2019 year-to-date.

Listos Preschool and Childcare finished paying their loan in September 2018. There is a small amount of start-up costs that will be paid off in February 2019. All the loan money we received from Listos was re-invested back into our endowment funds.

Many have completed their Footsteps to the Future pledges and a small handful have graciously continued to give to the Capital Funds Campaign. To date (12/31/18), we have received \$849,728.35. We have 2 outstanding loans with Merchant's Bank which averages about \$3,600 a month for payments.

UCC Special Offerings (promoted through church office)

- OCWM: \$6,504.08
- OGHS: \$836.00
- Neighbors in Need: \$617.00
- Christmas/Veterans of the Cross: \$590.00
- Spread the Love / Strengthen the Church: \$315.00

FUNERAL TEAM – Debby Adams

In 2018, we served 5 funerals (for members and non-members). This ministry wouldn't be possible without the special help from so many whether it be in the kitchen, the dishroom, or during the service. We are so blessed to have members and friends who give graciously of their time and talents to offer assistance to those during these difficult times:

03-01-2018 EDWARD HANENBERGER
03-02-2018 EMOGENE BALLOY
03-23-2018 REV. BURTON HOAG (non-member)
07-12-2018 LUCILLE GRUHLKE
07-14-2018 JOHNNIE BRYANT (non-member)

The following Peace members also passed away; their memorial services were held off site:

07-20-2018 PENNY ROSS
09-29-2018 LIL DEYOUNG

KNIT CROCHET TOGETHER AT PEACE – Marie Wilson

Knit Crochet is a hybrid group. It started as knitters from the Rochester Senior Center looking for a new place to knit. Four of the original Senior Center members were also members of Peace United Church of Christ. The group has about 12 members.

Almost all items made are donated to charity: Rochester Public Library, Rae Dunn for the border, Head Start, Women's Shelter, Samaritan Bethany, Listos, Olmsted Medical Center,

Mayo Clinic – Methodist and St. Mary Hospitals, Veterans Homes, United Way and Peace Church Bazaar.

Everyone is welcome.

We meet Tuesdays 10:00a to 12:30p in Room 105.

LISTOS PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE CENTER – Christina Valdez, Executive Director

In January 2018, Listos received its 4 Star Parent Aware Rating, in addition to its rating through School Readiness.

The first annual spring carnival was held in April 2018. The event raised \$1,200 and celebrated the 3rd year of Listos with 3 piñatas.

The second annual Day of the Dead dinner was held in November. The event sold out and raised \$5,000 through ticket sales and silent auction of 14 artist-created cats. Several artists and volunteers created a spectacular event with food, dance performances, live music, art and culture.

Together through several fundraising events and donations we met our stretch goal of \$15,000.

The 2018-19 school year has 33 children. Of those, 11 have School Readiness scholarships and 5 of those also have Early Learning Scholarships. Our classrooms and staff are more diverse than ever. Our Spanish-speaking staff come from Puerto Rico, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Guatemala and Texas.

Listos paid off its \$65,000 loan from Peace Church in full in September. We are also finishing paying off some additional start-up costs by next month.

Thank you for the continued support from Peace United Church of Christ and the amazingly generous donations and volunteers.

QUILTING GROUP (more than just quilts) - Marie Wilson

Quilting Group goals are to:

- 1) make hand crafted items to sell at the bazaar
- 2) give to missions and charities
- 3) get together for fellowship and
- 4) share quilting and fabric art

1) For the 2018 Bazaar we had a pre-sale, October 14, and also sold items the day of the Bazaar. Our total sales were \$1,400.00

2) Donations:

Crisis Nursery

Peace Church

many garbage bags of fabric for Rags to Riches

Samaritan Bethany

many items from the bazaar

Rochester Public Library

A basket for Wit, Wisdom and Wine Silent Auction

Bundles of Love

Giving Tree

3) We made lap quilts for members who are home bound or in care centers in 2018. We will continue to make these quilts in 2019.

Goals for 2019:

- Continue to make things for the Bazaar
- Continue home bound quilts

We received gifts of fabric, batting, and quilt tops. All donations are used for our projects or given to other non-profits.

Please notify the office when you give a gift.

The Quilting Group meets the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 to noon. Months that have a holiday the first weekend, we will meet the second Saturday. Dates for 2019: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, Bazaar 11/9, 12/7. We meet in room 104. Everyone interested in any fabric art is welcome to join us.

The Quilters are always looking for new projects and more fabric artists. Come and join us if you have ideas, want to learn new skills, share talents or want to chat on Saturday morning.

SOCIAL ACTION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM – Anna Froehling

Meeting Schedule: First Monday of the month: 6 to 7:00 PM.

2017 Activities

SAOM remains focused on the theme of homelessness – specifically on youth and families either homeless or at risk of homelessness. The goal is to have a positive impact on ending homelessness through advocacy, education, financial support and volunteer outreach. We are doing this primarily by supporting five local organizations that directly serve the needs of these groups, Family Promise, LINK, Hawthorne Helps, Women's Shelter and Project Legacy. Much of the support that we have given to these agencies have been in the form of gift collection drives such as the Sharing Tree and Easter Basket campaigns as well as the separate collection drives to resupply the Hawthorne Helps shelves of basic hygiene supplies. As a group we decided that we wanted to expand our efforts in the areas of volunteer outreach, advocacy and education. Our first focus has been on the Women's Shelter. Our

Women's Shelter liaison worked with the director of the Women's shelter to identify their volunteer needs. In coordination with the Women's Shelter a spring and fall work day were implemented. The Women's Shelter Director also presented information on the Women's Shelter at a faith formation hour this fall. As we go forward we will have our liaisons reach out to each of the agencies and identify needs in regards to volunteer outreach, education and advocacy.

We provided 8 Thanksgiving and 8 winter holiday meal kits to our neighborhood school, Jefferson Elementary families. Our Intergenerational Engagement Coordinator at Peace church has identified additional volunteer areas of need at Jefferson Elementary school for 2019

At our December meeting it was decided by the group to donate the remaining money in our SAOM account (\$709.11) to the food pantry program startup costs that Peace church is in the process of developing. It will serve Samaritan Bethany staff in financial need.

Family Promise provides transitional housing to homeless families in the Rochester Area

- April:
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in kind donation
- December:
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – 115 items and over \$500 in gift cards.
- Promoted Family Promise programs and volunteer training sessions throughout year

LINK provides case management services, life-skills groups, peer support groups, a transitional housing program and fun activities for youth who are at-risk, homeless or have ran away

- April
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in kind donation.
- December:
 - Monetary donation of \$236.00 (Peace church LINK liaison purchased gifts for the LINK Christmas party)

Project Legacy provides life and educational support to youth of color in the Rochester area.

- April
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in kind donation.
- December
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – 62 items and \$200.00 in gift cards.
- Promoted specific Project Legacy programs and needs throughout year

Women's Shelter provides outreach, advocacy, and housing to battered women and their children.

- April:
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in kind donation
- June:
 - Work Day - 8 volunteers assembled furniture and cleaned out the Women's Shelter garage.
- October
 - Faith Formation presentation by Terri A., Women's Shelter Director
 - Work Day – 6 volunteers raked up lots and lots of leaves and weed removal at the Women's Shelter
- December:
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – 52 items and \$100.00 in gift cards.

Hawthorne Helps provides support that affirms personal dignity, welcomes newcomers to our community, and encourages all students' educational success

- May:
 - Toothpaste campaign– collected toothpaste as an in kind donation.
- October:
 - Soap campaign – collected soap as an in kind donation.

Other Activities Promoted by SAOM:

Rags to Riches provides collection and recycling of old clothing and other materials that results in ten cents per pound to SOAM to be used in support of homeless organizations that SOAM is supporting.

- April: 1,187 pounds collected = \$118.7
- October: 1,324 pounds collected = \$132.40

Race Forward

- Race forward continues to meet twice each month as it examines white privilege, white fragility and white supremacy using film, books and discussion.

Pridefest

- Pridefest was cancelled this year so we were unable to sponsor a booth.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2018

Membership as of 12/2017 712

ADD:

New Members	16 + (14 children)
Reinstated	0
Confirmed Members	11

DELETIONS:

Removal/Transfer	49
Deaths	5

MEMBERSHIP (As of 12/2018) 685

Baptisms 2018

Date of Baptism	Child's Name	Date of Birth	Parent	Parent
1/7/18	Rose Marie Zerby	9/3/17	Jeffrey Alan Zerby	Tina Marie Zerby (Wood)
2/18/18	Gracie Ann Bechel	11/29/17	Ryan Gray Bechel	Anna Jean Bechel (Teskey)
2/25/18	Tamryn Frances Hall	8/23/17	Gregory Donald Hall	Anika Frances Hall (Labinski-Rabehl)
4/15/18	Hudson Patrick Nider	2/12/18	Ryan Michael Nider	Courtney Marie Nider (Kelly)
8/26/18	Finn Jonathan Gronert	8/2/18	Kate Beth Gronert	Bree Ann Gronert (Pierce)
9/2/18	Zaylor Reid Page	3/30/18	Megan Joy Page	Brittany Diamond Page (Matrau)

Adult Baptism: 1/7/19 ~ Tina Marie Zerby

2018 Confirmands

Abigail Alcock	Zachary Nevala
Loreli Bentz	Hannah Paul
Annaliesa Diekvoss	Erick Rist
Anna Haug	Aidan Thompson
Peter Haug	Ian B Thompson
Semini McLaurin	

Funerals and Deaths 2018

Service Date	Name	Date of Death	Where Held	Pastor	Mbr	Age
3/1/18	Edward Peter Hanenberger	2/23/18	Peace UCC	Paul	Y	82
3/2/18	Emily Eugenia (Emogene) Balloy	2/25/18	Peace UCC	Paul	Y	98
3/23/18	Rev. Burton Hoag	3/10/18	Peace UCC	Paul	N	86
6/22/18	Barbara Nalls (Hanenberger)	5/9/18	Oak Grove Cemetary (Eyota)	Paul	N	65
7/12/18	Lucille Gruhlke	7/5/18	Peace UCC	Paul	Y	96
7/14/18	Johnnie Bryant	7/10/18	Peace UCC	Beth	N	47
7/20/18	Penny Ross	7/3/18	Ranfranz & Vine	NA	Y	64
8/19/18	Henry S Nowicki	8/13/18	Ranfranz & Vine	Paul	N	4
9/29/18	Lil DeYoung	9/17/18	Samaritan Bethany	Paul	Y	89

New Members 2018

Name	Children	Date Joined
Bradd & Tracy Walton	Brenndan, Lexie Ryan, Benjamin	3/4/18
Ben & Marie Bedard	Bennett	4/8/18
Donna Laube		4/8/18
Brian & Melissa Lipford	Alex & Malcolm	4/22/18
Josh & Shar Jacobs	Astrid & Eleanor	12/9/18
Al & Dede Bushman		12/9/18
Katy Remmes	Duncan & Genevieve	12/9/18
John & Amy Kuth		12/9/18
Nate & Becky Wortman	Eryn, Carter, Kayle	12/16/18

Weddings 2018

Wedding Date	Names	Pastor	Place of Ceremony
5/19/18	Sarah Lou Keehn / Cody Jared Allen	Paul	Peace UCC
5/26/18	Anthony J Cook / Christopher M Kohler	Paul	Off Site
7/27/18	Gil Jose Velez Ortiz / Sara Nitza Morales Velazquez	Paul	Peace UCC
8/18/18	Erin Marie Meyer / Nicole Ann Blake	Beth	Peace UCC
10/27/18	Samantha Rae Johnston / Kiel Paul Davis	Paul	Peace UCC