

# OLIVE BRANCH

## January 2019

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*Happy  
New year*

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.



*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**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Epiphany Caroling

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6—Help us spread holiday cheer to the residents of Samaritan Bethany by caroling in the hallways. We'll leave right after Fellowship lunch, 1p.

## Kids' Cookie Decorating and Family Movie Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11—We'll begin the afternoon by decorating cookies at 4:30p. Then bring your favorite pillow and blanket to eat pizza and watch *Incredibles 2* at 5:30p. Cost is \$5/family. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or online here: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/KYs8Gz6>

## All-Church Clean Up

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 — It's time to clean our church home! Starting at 9a, we'll all divide and conquer - from cleaning the pews, cleaning windows, deep-cleaning the kitchen, plus moving items to our finished administrative suite offices! A detailed list of tasks and cleaning supplies will be available the morning of January 12. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or via church app here: <http://signup.com/go/GKvLzjh>

## Family Board Game Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 5:30p—Come and enjoy some fun by playing games and learning some new ones. A representative from D-Squared will be here to show how the games are to be played.

## Annual Meeting & SPAM Cook Off

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27—Our Annual meeting will be held between services (9:45a) to bring everyone up to date on the happenings of our church, Following the 11a service, we will once again hold our SPAM cook-off/potluck meal. This is a time for you to show off your favorite SPAM dish!

## Youth Outing - Snow Tubing

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 @ 3p— Meet at church and we'll car pool to Ironwood Springs for an afternoon of snow tubing. Cost is \$12/per person. We need to confirm the number of participants with our registration; [RSVP to Pastor Beth by Sunday, January 13.](#)

## A Bigger Table - Book Discussions

BEGINNING WEEK OF JANUARY 6 — In February, Peace will host speaker, pastor and activist John Pavlovitz. In preparation for his visit, together we will read his book, "*A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual Community*," through the month of January. Participate in group discussion of the book Sunday mornings in January during adult faith formation, or join or form a study group.

**Sundays during Adult Faith Formation, 9:45-10:45a (Fellowship Hall)**

**Sundays during fellowship lunch, 12:15-1:15p (Peace Room)**

**Wednesday nights following the community meal, 6:30-7:30p (Peace Room).**

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays, as the focus of Race Forward, 7-8p.**

**Tuesday morning men's group, 7a (Peace Room)**

Questions? Contact Lydia ([intergen@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:intergen@peacechurchucc.org))

# FOR YOUR PLANNING

JANUARY 2019

## **Youth fundraiser - Super Bowl Subs**

FEBRUARY—The youth will once again be selling sub sandwiches (pick up on Sunday, February 3) to raise funds for their summer mission trip. Be watching for order forms coming soon!!

## **John Pavlovitz Weekend**

FEBRUARY— We are excited to have writer, pastor, and activist John Pavlovitz here in February. You won't want to miss these events:

**February 8:** Main Talk: Building a Bigger Table, 7p. Followed by Q&A, book signing; Cost \$20

**February 9:** Morning Workshop: Living as a Compassionate Activist, 9-11a; Cost \$25  
Afternoon Discussion hosted by Peace staff, 1-3p

**February 9:** Youth Activists' Dinner and Discussion, 6p (followed by youth lock-in)

Tickets are on sale now. Refer to our web site for links: [www.peacechurchucc.org](http://www.peacechurchucc.org)

**February 10: John Pavlovitz preaching at both worship services; 8:30a & 11a**

## **Youth Outing - Bowling**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — 3p

## **Family Movie Night**

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 @ 5:30p

## **Samaritan Bethany Pancake Fundraiser**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30— 8a

## **Peace Women's Retreat**

WEEKEND, APRIL 5-7— Good Earth Village

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## **REHEARSALS FOR PIRATES OF PENZANCE!**

Once and Future Classics will be performing the well-loved show that lets us be dashing pirates and fair maidens and gives us the license to shout ARRRGGGG! for no apparent reason. Auditions are tentatively set for March 11 & 12, with performances the first 3 weekends in May. You can view the character descriptions at the Welcome Desk. It will be a large cast with many singing roles, and also some speaking parts for the non-soloists among us. This show also has a full age-range.

JANUARY 2019

# SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	SPECIAL MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
6	8:30am	Jeff Hanson	Special Music	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Team Superstars!
13	8:30am	Jeff Hanson	Bells of Peace	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	Dave & Shelley Schmitt's Team
20	8:30am	Jeff Hanson	Choir of Peace	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Team Fantastic!
27 ANNUAL MEETING	8:30am	Jeff Hanson	Special Music	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	SPAM Cook Off

# AND BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Matt Siewert, Ron Davis
- 2 Libby Sunnock
- 3 Annie Ely
- 4 Bruce Dahlen, Jared Liebenow, Toryn Rabehl
- 5 Tom DeYoung, Kourtni Alcock
- 6 Ruth Larson
- 10 Ian Thompson, Anela Newton
- 11 Melissa Kloempken
- 14 Nancy Zimmerman, Kim Sullivan
- 15 Eric Franck
- 16 Shaelyn Wells
- 17 Nicolle Hansen
- 18 Betty Allen, Maurice Geiger
- 20 Jennifer Bradt
- 21 Sonja Hoag, Richard Berg
- 22 David Rueb, Griffin Rock
- 23 Nancy Miller
- 25 David Kane, Bonnie Lenz, Krista Laughlin
- 27 Craig Diekvoss, Makenzie Gertner
- 28 Ryan Hollar
- 29 Don Solomon
- 30 Dolores Koelsch
- 31 Leslie Crawley, Barbara Ladsten

## 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 November were on target, we are still below where we need to be. Your gifts are important to allow our ministries to continue

	November	YTD
<b>Pledges Budgeted</b>	\$36,250	\$398,700
<b>Actual Received</b>	\$35,933	\$380,726
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$317</b>	<b>-\$17,974</b>

# Mission Trips Information

## Youth Mission Trip St Louis, Missouri

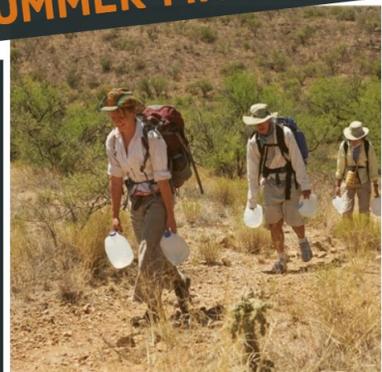
AUGUST 4 - 10— Middle School & High School youth are all included in this year's Mission Trip to St. Louis. Eden Seminary will be our base camp for the week with service and learning experiences all over the city. Middle and High school students will have different groups for day activities and the evening processing of the experience, but housed together at Eden. We will learn about some of the UCC mission and ministry through the programs of Emmaus Homes, Unleashing Potential, and Shannondale Camp. **Commitments are due January 20th.** Commit online, or in person to Pastor Beth Questions? Contact Pastor Beth ([ypastor@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:ypastor@peacechurchucc.org))



**YOUTH  
MISSION  
TRIP**

**PEACE CHURCH SUMMER MISSION**

**CHURCH  
WIDE**  
INTERGENERATIONAL



## NEW THIS YEAR

### All Church Mission Trip Nogales, Arizona

JULY 7-13—What is happening at the US Mexico Border? What role does national immigration policy play in the lives of the Rochester community? How can we get involved in advocating for justice and peace in our world, while supporting our mission to be radically loving compassionate Christians? If you have wondered about any of those questions, mark your calendars for this summer's trip. By engaging with communities on the border, hearing and seeing first hand what life is like in border communities, those who attend this trip will gain a better understanding of our role in the immigration system. Time will be spent in conversation with area residents, doing a hike along the migrant trails, and assisting with mission work at Good Shepherd UCC. **Commitments are due January 27th** Questions? Contact Pastor Beth ([ypastor@peacechurchucc.org](mailto:ypastor@peacechurchucc.org))

MISSION TRIP COMMITMENT FORM: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/MnNsNxZ>

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## FAITH FORMATION STARTS UP JANUARY 6

Watch for the next detailed Faith Formation Programming Guide available at the Welcome Desk and on line soon!



The staff at Peace United Church of Christ wishes you all a Happy New Year!!

*Paul*

*Lydia*

*Clare*

*Brian*

*Beth*

*Debby*

*Sara*

*Mona*

*John*



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*Note special holiday schedule inside*