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RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 — *LET IT SHINE!*

Fall is just around the corner, and along with the cooler weather, all the cool kids are heading back to Church School! Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, Sept. 10th, in the sanctuary to kick off a great new year of Church School! We'll start with our large group gathering (parents and children) in the sanctuary with music and the children's offering. Children will leave from the sanctuary for their first official day of Church School with their teachers.



PARENTS! You are asked to attend a brief but important meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We'll cover important information regarding the upcoming Church School year, plus you'll need to register your child for Church School. Please plan on staying and spending some time with the Christian Ed. Committee. We'll have coffee and treats!!

*Volunteer Musicians needed to play during Harvest Festival.
 Call Cathy Ameal 724-2750*



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Do you remember the aroma of baked turkey (cooked by our very own "turkey roasters"), rolls, and apple dessert rising from the church kitchen that one Sunday last fall?

Well, mark your calendars for September 24th as preparations for the Annual Fall Harvest Festival are already underway! Ask anyone who has attended in past years, you won't want to miss this Peace Church tradition. Join us after worship for a delicious meal and great fellowship. Hours are from **11:30-1:30**—Proceeds this year will benefit CROP Walk and the "kitchen fund". Invite your friends — this is a wonderful way to introduce others to our Peace Church community.

Ticket prices—Family (up to 4 adults) \$20.00, Individual \$6.00, Child 5-12 yrs \$4.00, Under 5 eat free.

The Care and Fellowship Committee needs the help of many volunteers to make this a success. **Can you donate food for the event, help cook on Saturday 9/23 in the church kitchen, set up tables, serve the meal, or clean up after the event? Sign up in the Narthex.**

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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am

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 Music Director: Jim Pospisil
 Accompanist: Symeon Waseen
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If you would like to be on our email list to receive notices of church events, please email the office.

PEACE BELL is a monthly publication of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota. *Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all people, respecting the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities. Visitors are always welcome!*

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"This little light of mine . . . I'm gonna let it shine . . . "

"Let it shine" . . . is the theme for the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ. We have something to shine about in the UCC. It is an exciting time for the denomination and our congregation.

The United Church of Christ's 50th anniversary celebration year begins on All Saints' Sunday, 2006 with regional events designed around a live, national internet web-streamed program. Utilizing today's web technology, thousands of UCC members will be linked together in a common experience that lifts up our unique heritage, acknowledges our role in today's world, and shifts our vision forward as we seek to embody a vitally alive ministry in the 21st century.

Our congregation is hosting the Sunday, November 5th event with live web-streaming, great music and a meal. Steve Horner has agreed to write a song for use in all the UCC congregations in Minnesota. It will be a wonderful gathering.

Let it shine will also be the theme for our upcoming program year. We have a light to share with one another and our wider world. As I was thinking about this theme I found myself singing a verse from "Won't you Let Me Be Your Servant", "I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear, I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear." So many folks need to know of God's inclusive love. We are called to share that light and love. *Let it shine . . .*

Let it shine as we host the worship for Pride Sunday on September 3rd and a community breakfast at 9:30.

Let it shine as we gather again on Rally Sunday on September 10th. There will be Sunday school for ages 3 – senior high and two adult education options at 9:30. We have over 175 children in our Sunday School. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:30.

Let it shine as we continue to work hard on issues of Peace and Justice in so many ways. This year the 4th Sunday of each month will focus on a particular justice concern of our congregation. On September 24th our Dismantling Racism Team will lead our worship.

Let it shine as our "Opening Doors, Building Peace" Project moves into Phase II. Work will hopefully be done this fall on making our building more energy efficient as we replace windows in the fellowship hall and classroom. Keep your pledges coming in so we can do lots of windows.

Let it shine as the search committee continues its work of bringing forth a candidate for us to work with small group ministries and youth. Exciting candidates from all over the UCC have applied!

Thank you for being part of this people of God. We do have something to share with God's world.

Let it Shine ~ Pastor Kathy

COMMUNITY and UCC

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Fall Course Offerings in Duluth

Spirituality: Past Wisdom and Present Practice (Kathie McLaughlin)

Thursdays, 6:00-9:15pm (beginning 9/14)

Pilgrim Congregational UCC

This course explores religious traditions which offer wisdom for spiritual and religious seekers. In the first sessions of our class, we will tap into some of the world's great spiritual traditions, with special emphasis on several Christian spiritualities which have developed over the centuries. In the following sessions, we will focus on our own convictions about spirituality and on how we share our spiritual values as religious leaders. Finally, we will reflect on ways we can provide groups with opportunities to enrich and express their spiritualities. On the way, among other assignments, we will create our own personal definitions of spirituality and do one major research project.

No prerequisites

War, Peace and Ethics (Kent Shifferd)

Sept. 15 & 16, Oct. 13 & 14, Nov. 10 & 11,
Dec. 15 & 16

Fridays, 6:00-9:15pm **and**

Saturdays, 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:15-3:30pm

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Is it always, sometimes, or never right to make war? Do ethical standards change? How did the major ethical positions arise and what do they recommend to us? Reading and discussion will focus on holy war, just war, "realism," pacifism, and nonviolent resistance. The main emphasis will be on western traditions (including feminism) but we will also look at views from the Jain, Buddhist, Taoist, and Islamic traditions. In addition, we will have a chance to converse with guest presenters. There will be brief written responses to the readings and a final paper titled, "A Statement of My Ethics With Regard to War and Peace."

No prerequisites

Concert at Duluth Congregational Church on September 21 at 7pm

Canadian Singer Songwriter Linnea Good and her family band, Good Company. Come for an extraordinary event for all ages—music, story, shared song and Christian ministry. Linnea is active in the UCC church in Canada. Adults \$12, Students \$8, Family rate max of \$30. Questions, call Sam Black at 525-1911.

Rocking for a Reason

Saturday, October 14th at 10 am
Members of Peace Church will be 'rocking for a reason' at Miller Hill Mall. Five folks are needed to join Pastor Kathy in rocking in rocking chairs for one half hour. Proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Research. Let Kathy know if you can rock or pledge.



Project Homeless Connect

Begins With Community-wide "Sleep-Out" on September 30th

Join CHUM/Gabriel Project for "night without a home" to kick off Project Homeless Connect, a major community event to provide outreach to homeless neighbors on October 4th. More info—625-1739

September 22 – 24 – MN Conference UCC Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Point

The theme this year is "Creating an Abundant Life". Rev. Dr. Christine Smith from United Theological Seminary will lead the program. The goal is to appreciate the abundance within us and rekindle our mind, body and spirit. See brochure on bulletin board.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Maddy Carpenter, Jesse Schomberg, Carla Stegmann
- 10 Emily Richey, Deb Stricker, Sandy Moore
- 17 Tom and Kim Heinitz, Maddy Carpenter
- 24 Amy Larson, Lisa Brown, Mary Adams

Coffee Set-Up

- 3 Daina Rosen, Linda Lundberg
- 10 Bill and Lisa Pomroy
- 17 Sally Larson
- 24 Harvest Festival

Coffee Servers

- 3 Barb Forrest, Barb Kehtel
- 10 Marlis Cran, Judy Seliga-Punyko
- 17 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel
- 24 Harvest Festival



Dishwashers

- 3 Marge Anderson & Jerry Cleveland
- 10 Barb Forrest, Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 17 Janell and Gary Kohls
- 24 Jim Larson, Cindy Macaulay (Harvest Fest.)

Ushers

- 3 Jayme Hennen, John and Lyn Clark Pegg
- 10 Bill & Lisa Pomroy, Nettie Bothwell
- 17 Lori Lind Family, Philip Hubert
- 24 Diana Soland, Peter Barnett, Devlins

Greeters

- 3 Open and Affirming Comm.
- 10 Jonie and Carla Langdon-Larson
- 17 Lynn and Pat Devlin, Jayme Hennen
- 24 Justin Olson, Nettie Bothwell



Lay Leaders

- 3 Open/Affirming
- 10 Holly Bowen-Bailey
- 17 Larie Berner
- 24 Mike Swanoski

Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 4 Craguns
- 11 Peggs
- 18 Pat Sjoding
- 25 Schombergs

Damiano Soup Kitchen

September 10

- 1:30: Dave and Bev Cave, Ann Sudoh, Caroline Harris
- 4:00 Alison Wood, Dave Jorde, Holly Anderson

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 3 Bill Kehtel
- 10 Arvolds
- 17 White family
- 24 Julie Flotten

10:30 Service

September 3



Wednesday Helpers

- 13 4:30 Prep=Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks, Patty Beech
Clean-up=Just Peace Committee
- 20 4:30 Prep=Scott and Phyllis Mead
Clean-up=Cindy Macaulay, Barb Hanka
- 27 4:30 Prep=Marge Anderson and Jerry Cleveland
Clean-up=Julie Flotten, Jesse Schomberg



SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a Communion Service and at 10:30 we have a service with children's time and choirs. The sermon at both services is the same.

Sunday , September 3

Open and Affirming Celebration

This Sunday's Worship Service is part of the community wide Pride Events. We will host a breakfast at 9:30 that is open to the whole community. Our preachers this year are Brad Gagnon and Cody MacKenzie. Both are members of Peace Church. Brad teaches at St. Scholastic in the Communications Department and Cody is a senior at Superior High School.

Also there will be a community choir organized by Steve Coll and directed by Jim Pospisil. The choir is open to any one and will rehearse at 10 am on Sunday morning.

If you can help with the breakfast, let Pastor Kathy or Nettie Bothwell know.

Sunday, September 10 Rally Sunday "Let it Shine"

Scripture: Isaiah 35 and Matt. 5: 14 - 16
Sermon: "Shining On"

Our praise and worship team will lead the music at our 10:30 service. We will also give bibles to all our kindergartners and celebrate the baptism of Gus Olson, son of Jessica and Justin Olson.

Today we will begin our church school and adult forum classes at 9:30. Join us for a great day! **Special baby picture at 11: 30 in the sanctuary** of all the babies born since last fall .

Following the service at 11:30 **we will set the cornerstone back in place**, followed by a special coffee hour in honor of the marriage of Deloris Thompson and Lowell Oseland.

Sunday, September 17

Scripture: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9 and Mark 8: 27 – 38
Sermon: "Who Do You Say He Is?"

Sterling Waters will provide some of the music at the 10:30 service.

Today we will commemorate and celebrate **Pastor Kathy's 15th Anniversary of her ministry at Peace Church**. Come with your party hats on for a special coffee hour in her honor as we show our gratitude and appreciation!

Sunday, September 24 Fall Harvest Festival

Scripture: Exodus 17: 1 – 7 and Matt. 21: 23-32
Sermon: Racial justice - "Who Me?!? My Church?!? - a Simulated Conversation" - Peace Dismantling Racism team

Gal. 3: 28-29, "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."

The Praise and Worship Team will lead our music at 10:30.

At 11:30 everyone is invited downstairs for a feast. Our Fall Harvest Festival is an annual fundraiser. Dinner includes Turkey, potatoes, vegetables, homemade rolls and apple squares. Join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship.

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Peace Church Choir will practice Wednesdays beginning at 6:15. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and then go to the Sanctuary for rehearsal. Practice will begin on Wednesday, September 6th. Jim Pospisil is our music director.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

BABY PICTURE!

Calling all Peace Church babies born since last September – we want your baby face!

A photo of our Peace Babies will be done in the Sanctuary on **Sunday Sept. 10 at 11:30**. We hope you and your baby can join us!



Brown Bag Bible Study

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will meet September 27th at noon on the second floor of the Benedictine Health Center. We'll be watching the video, "Babette's Feast". Bring your lunch—coffee and dessert are provided.

This group invites and welcomes those who wish to support one another on life's journey. Join us as we share, listen and reflect on scripture and issues of grief, aging, loneliness and a variety of life's challenges.

If you would like more information or need a ride, please call Cheryl Walsh at 525-4129.

SUNRISE COFFEE

September 4: 5:32 am
21st Ave E & Lakewalk

Look for the sign & coffee mug to find us!
Next month: October 2: 5:29 am

Questions on the Way

Every Tuesday at 12 noon

Note new day! Bring a lunch, bring a quote, bring your questions, bring your stories!

Take your lunch break in the Fireside Room at Peace Church with other inquiring minds.

Sunday School Teacher training on September 5th from 7-8:00pm.
Music Room — Child-care provided.

Baby Shower for Jim and Jill Pospisil

On **Sunday, October 8th** we will host a baby shower for Jim Pospisil (our music director) and his wife, Jill, as they prepare to welcome their baby into the world sometime in November. We will have a light lunch, singing, and the sharing of baby care wisdom.

We will purchase one larger item that they need as a gift from the congregation (e.g. a baby jogger). If you would like to contribute toward the gift, put your donation in the offering or send to the office—just mark it "baby shower".

Calling All Performing Artists!

The Worship and Arts Committee will be hosting the first Artist's Cabaret Night Saturday, Oct. 14th. We hope to present a range of short performances by a variety of participants (music, poetry readings, storytelling, skits, etc.) If you are interested in performing, contact Steve Coll or Holly Bowen-Bailey, or sign up in the narthex. More announcements and info will be coming soon!

Looking Ahead

January 26 – 28 –**Winter Camp Weekend** at Wolf Ridge Environmental Center. Everyone welcome!

Men, mark your calendars for the next **Men's Retreat** at Isernhagen's cabin on March 2 – 4.

Women, mark your calendars for the next **Women's Retreat** at Caribou Highlands Resort near Lutsen on April 21-22. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night.



BOOKS, ART, MOVIES, AND SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY



Did you know that there are tapes of our Peace Church worship services available in the library? If you miss a service and would like to listen to it, feel free to check it out of the library. They are located in a lower shelf in the Fireside Room.

PEACE CHURCH READERS

Thursday, September 21
6-7:30 in the Fireside Room

Flowers for Algernon

by Daniel Keyes

Please join us as we read this classic story. We will meet, September 21 evening (third Thursday of the month) at 6:00 to 7:30. We are a small group and new folks are heartily welcomed.

Charlie Gordon tells his own story in semi-literate "progris reports." He dimly wants to better himself, but with an IQ of 68 can't even beat the laboratory mouse Algernon at maze-solving:

Algernon is extra-clever thanks to an experimental brain operation so far tried only on animals. Charlie eagerly volunteers as the first human subject. The IQ rise continues, taking him steadily past the human average to genius level and beyond, until he's as intellectually alone as the old Charlie ever was--and now painfully aware of it. Then, ominously, the smart mouse Algernon begins to deteriorate.

Looking ahead, on October 19 we will be discussing **A Creed for the Third Millennium** by Colleen McCullough.

3	Maxine Proetz	17	Mac Tobin
	Aidan Erickson		Betty Biazzo
4	Eponine Schomberg	19	Todd Kneebone
5	John Greene		Oscar Lundell
	Lauretta Shrake	20	Eli Beech Brown
	Siri Larsen	21	Naomi Christensen
7	Jennifer Zoretich		Stacy Sudoh
8	Sharon Geisert	22	Emily Punyko
9	Cameron Mitchell		Peter Provost
10	Mason Branstrator		Grant Provost
12	Emily White	23	Lisa Messerer
13	Don Day	24	Sergei Hanka
	John Jordan		Beth Kinney
	Rod Schelin	25	Stella Molina
	Tom Liddle	26	Nancy Nelson
14	Anne Beauchamp		Ingrid Nisswandt
	Emily Larson		Isabelle Schomberg
	Beth Ruark	27	Charlie Bray
	Kate Skwira-Brown	28	Andy Fena
16	Jerry Cleveland	30	Chris Bode
	Bonita Schelin		
17	Hans Arvidson-Hicks		HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Movie Night — "Saved"

Friday, September 29th at 7 pm

Saved! (rated PG13) When a girl (Malone) attending a Baptist high school becomes pregnant, she finds herself ostracized and demonized, as all of her former friends turn on her. A good wake-up call for all of us on the inside of the church, while being a "wickedly funny" movie.

Art Exhibit by Elsie Cook

Thank you to Elsie Cook, an artist from our congregation, who is sharing some of her art with us until October. There are watercolors, pastels, and oils, hanging on our 2 gallery areas—in the sanctuary and in the narthex next to the stairway. The paintings in the sanctuary celebrate the natural beauty of our area.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- ❖ To Dave Cave for preaching in August.
- ❖ To all our special musicians in August – Paul Winchester, Peter Provost, Steve Horner, the Hanka's, George Bowen, Jennifer Ameel, Mia Vyadich and others. We are blessed to have so many magnificent musicians in our midst.
- ❖ To all who helped with this year's outdoor worship and picnic. It was fun even in the rain, and the jello extravaganza was delicious.
- ❖ For everyone who gave donations, time, and money to VBS. We had a great week making crafts, singing, learning Bible stories, and playing games. The Gospel Train was right on schedule everyday thanks to all of you! A special thanks to Julie Flotten for all her expertise and helping me figure out what to do with 80 kids! THANK YOU! --Cynthia
- ❖ From Loaves and Fishes: "Thank you for your steady and steadfast support of our work. Please pray for new workers for us here as we are stretched thin at the moment, and would benefit greatly from some new hands as fall comes on."
- ❖ From Habitat for Humanity: "Please accept our deep gratitude for your monthly donations over the past year. As a donor you play a key role in our ministry. Your contributions are a sign of hope as we begin planning for the next house."

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ❖ Noll Binner our part time custodian who is recovering from ankle surgery
- ❖ Chad Robinson serving in Iraq and his family here—Katie and their young daughter

CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ To Nicole Conelly and Mike Vegar who were married on August 12th
- ❖ To Michael Pfau and Amanda Hoyt who were married on August 19th
- ❖ To Julie Kim and Roger Mehling who were married on August 26th
(Pastor Kathy officiated for all these weddings)
- ❖ To Maxwell Kozelka, son of Sherry and Dennis Kozelka, grandson of Bill and Darlene Kohlts who was baptized on August 27th.
- ❖ To Katy (Eschbach) and Chris Schmidt on the birth of a daughter, Mae Louise, on July 28.

SYMPATHY

- ❖ To the family and friends of Beatrice Macmillan. Bede died on August 4th and her memorial service was held in the Twin Cities near her daughter's home. Bea and her husband Lloyd were long time members of our congregation. We will miss her.
- ❖ To Cindy Strauman, whose father John Nelson died in August

THANK YOU to the following people who have given MEMORIALS to our Church

For Shirley Swenson from Elaine Augustad, Marge Paulson, Mary Hansen and Carol Anderson

For Don Jensen from the Duluth Labor Temple Association, the Rochester PAIR program, Jack and Linda Thomas, Dan and Bernice Johnson, Ruth Apostolakos, Dawn and Rick Baker, John Martin and Margaret O'Toole-Martin and Hallie Finucane.

For Bede McMillan from Joan and Wes Severson, Elaine Augustad, Mary Wergeland, Georgette Sarkela and Bill Hardesty, and Elrose Norfolk.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — start September 13th!

WELCOME BACK!

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers
6pm: Adult Study (Beginning Sept. 20—see page 14, also page 9)
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group 7-8:30pm: Confirmation
Check out the time change! (Confirmation II—1st & 3rd Weds.)
Boards and Committees meet on September 13th at 6 pm



FAITH WEAVERS

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS!

Please fill out the registration form to sign your children up for this fall's Faith Weavers Program.

Faith Weavers is an hour of programming on Wednesdays, which focuses on Bible stories through song, crafts, games, creative snack making, drama, journal time, and service.

All kindergarten through 5th grade kids are welcome to join us any time. A \$15-\$20 (per year/per kid) donation is requested to help cover the cost of supplies.

Important Parent Information

In order to ensure a safe and effective program, we need 1-2 adult helpers at each Faith Weaver session. If your child is enrolled in Faith Weavers, we will ask you to volunteer to help out on a rotational basis throughout the year. The more parents who are willing to help, the fewer times every one will be assigned. Please call Cynthia with questions or comments.

NOTE: There are no programs or supervision for Jr/Sr High youth from 6 – 7 on Wednesday nights. This time should be spent volunteering with Faith Weavers or doing homework quietly in the youth rooms. If your son/daughter is in the building at this time, please encourage them to do one of these activities or arrive at church for Youth Group at 7 – 8:30 pm. If you have any comments or questions please contact Cynthia.

FAITH WEAVERS REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Known Allergies (Including food) _____

Special Needs _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

Adult Helpers—are you willing to help lead/co-teach Faith Weavers on a rotational basis?

Check here if interested. _____

CHILDREN AND CHURCH SCHOOL

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS! RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Check out the article on the front page!

Once again, we are going on an adventure in Church School! We are going on a 'quest' to learn about the bible—the stories, the people, the lessons. With the help of **Bible Quest**, each class will focus on key biblical stories, helping all learners to get a historical and chronological sense of our religious history. Each week, all students learn the same story, using musical, artistic, linguistic, kinesthetic, individual and group approaches to reach multiple learning styles.

We will begin Church School in the sanctuary at **9:30am each Sunday morning, starting September 10th**, as a large group. This opening is a time of prayer, singing, collecting offering, celebrating birthdays and visitors and hearing the main idea for the week's lesson. The students will then be dismissed to their classes.

RALLY DAY PARENTS MEETING

September 10

PARENTS! You'll gather at 9:30 in the sanctuary with your children for our opening time of music and welcome. When the children leave for their classrooms, **you are asked to attend a brief but important meeting in the Fellowship Hall**. We'll cover important information regarding the upcoming Church School year, plus you'll need to register your child for Church School. Please plan on staying and spending some time with the Christian Ed. Committee. We'll have coffee and treats!!

Sunday School Teacher training on
September 5th from 7-8:00pm
Music Room — Child-care provided

Children's Choir Beginning Weds. Sept. 13th 5 – 5:30 pm in the new Music Room.

Are you ready for another fun year of Children's Choir? Drumming, singing, instruments, learning musical notation, and playing games are all in the mix for this year. Cynthia Coffin is back again and wants as many voices as possible. Pre-school through 5th grade. We sing the second Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service.

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Thanks to the following people who will be teaching Church School this year: **Patty Beech, Emily Larson, Maggie Fink, Ellen Lindgren, Amy Larson, Amy Samuel, Katie Robinson, Jen Pearson, Ryan Fralich, Lisa Brown, Rick Dalen, Diane Swanoski, Pat O'Connell, Terese Tomanek, Mary Adams, Peter Provost, Jon Barry, Brad Gangnon, Jane Rupel, Bill and Karie Simpson, Katie Adams, and Holly Bowen-Bailey**, who will be helping Cynthia out as the assistant Church School Coordinator.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Peace Church is growing...we have over **175 young people** 3 years old through 12th grade. There are so many places to volunteer; music, Sunday School, nursery, youth group, Faith Weavers, art activities, guest speakers, etc... We need you! Everyone is busy, but if we all help a little, we can make Peace Church a place kids want to be. Call Cynthia to explore the many ways to get involved.

MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Tom Hystead*

Although I was with my wife and daughter at the University of Missouri on August 15th I can report from the Coordinating Council by way of the excellent minutes taken by our Council Secretary, Lynn Devlin. Thank you Lynn

Church Financial statements are still showing a year-to-date deficit. Pledged and Non-Pledge income is behind budget. Expenses are, for the most part, on budget. If you have been away during the summer and can catch up on your pledge that would be greatly appreciated.

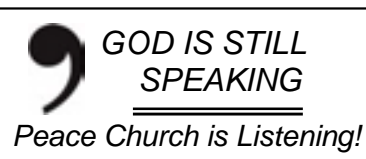
The Human Resources Committee recommended to the Council the creation of a part-time receptionist position to help in the front office. This position will allow our Office Manager and Bookkeeper to better concentrate on their primary jobs.

The Associate Pastor Search Committee has received approximately 20 responses to the notice of our Associate Pastor position. A first round of interviews will take place in the next few weeks.

The Building Peace committee is in discussion with the architects about Phase 2 – the remodeling of the sanctuary. Plans will be shared with the congregation when they become available.

Justin Olsen, Stewardship Campaign Chair, is forming his committee for the 2007 campaign. Please contact him [or me] if you would like to help.

Finally, in August of 1991 Peace Church called a bright, energetic and charismatic young woman to be its Pastor. We are grateful that **Pastor Kathy has been our spiritual leader and friend for 15 years! Congratulations and thank you Kathy!** We will celebrate this wonderful bench mark during worship and our fellowship time on September 17th.



Thank you to Gail Blum, Lyn & John Clark Pegg, Gary Anderson and Steve Coll for creating the beautiful

"God is Still Speaking" Banner for Pride Sunday.

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Thinking about the UCC?
 Wednesday Evening Study
 6 pm in the Fireside Room
 September 20th and 27th

Come to the "Inquirer's Classes". Great for folks considering membership in Peace United Church of Christ or who just want to learn more about our faith and history. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, September 20th

The Theology of the United Church of Christ . .Who is this Still Speaking God? How are we listening? A chance to explore your spiritual gifts for use in Christ's church.

Wednesday, September 27th

History of the United Church of Christ, Peace UCC and a tour of our building.

We will welcome new members into our congregation on Sunday, October 1st during the worship services. Plan on attending these classes if you would like to join at that time.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Boards and Committees will meet on Wednesday, September 13th. Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6 pm. This is a very important meeting as we look at calendars and plan for the year together.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

Phase II Building Committee

Heating Up for the Summer and Fall

The Building Committee is now working on plans for Phase II of the "Building Peace" project, since we are now reaching the end of the work on Phase I.

We are looking to continue the energy savings work such as replacing windows and upgrading our heating system as we move into the fall. We are also consulting with our architects on upgrades to the classrooms.

The committee is also working with our architects on a configuration for the sanctuary that will make it more practical, useable, accessible to all and will hold more people as we expand in membership. We are meeting to discuss options and costs. A proposed plan will be offered to the congregation in the not distant future.

This is an exciting time in the life of this church. Soon we will be able to reach and help even more people than ever before while providing ourselves with a church home that might truly be called a home. Stay tuned (and cool).

Looking Ahead — Stewardship 2007

Justin Olson is heading up our 2007 Stewardship Campaign. If you would like to help raise pledges for our 2007 budge year, please let Justin or Pastor Kathy know. Our campaign again will be a series of dinners that members and friends are invited to. Dinners are scheduled for Friday November 3rd and 10th and Sunday, November 12.

Pastor Kathy selected for Women in Leadership Award!

In July, our pastor's name and qualifications were submitted by several Peace folks, to Channel 6 Northland News Center's Women in Leadership 2006 award. Pastor Kathy was selected in mid-August. She will be honored at an awards luncheon at Blackwoods Restaurant, Proctor on October 11th.

Congratulations, Pastor Kathy!

Welcome Back from Summer!

We've got a great group of leaders who are excited to spend time with you. Here's some info about the year:



YOUTH GROUP

For all 6th—12 graders!

Here's the what, where why and who of Peace Church Youth Group

Meets each Wednesday, beginning Sept 13th
 7:00 – 8:30pm in the senior high youth room
Note Time Change!!

YG is a time for fun, sharing, music, Bible activities, playing, exploring, and ping pong!

YG is for both Jr. and Sr. High (6-12th grades)
 We often split into Jr. and Sr. High.

Here's a sampling of some of the stuff we'll be doing this year:

- ↪ Movie Nights
- ↪ Urban Immersion
- ↪ Giant's Ridge Ski Trip
- ↪ Rock Climbing
- ↪ Service Sundays (Soup Kitchen)
- ↪ Caroling (more than just Christmas time!)
- ↪ TuBBing...and MORE!

Faith Weaver Crew: If you are a **6-8th**

grader, you are in the crew that will become **Faith Weaver Specialists** this year. If you have interest in helping out and being a leader with the younger kids in the congregation during this VERY FUN time on Wednesday nights, contact Cynthia. You can get more information at the Youth Group Meeting Sept 13th.

Service Sunday:

CROP WALK: Sept 17th 1:15pm

Join the Confirmation Class and the Youth Group in helping raise money to fight hunger. Sign up in the office to be a walker. All you have to do is find folks who will pledge and wear some walking shoes. Gather at the church at 1:15pm Call Doug Bowen-Bailey for more information!

Church School!

is not just for the little kids!

Come on Sunday mornings @ 9:30

Jr. High—you'll meet in the Jr. High Youth Room (back corner of fellowship hall) with your teachers and explore a new topic each week, plus some great activities.

Sr. High Forum—you're in the Sr. High Youth Room. Using movies, the Bible, quest speakers and "Espresso Sundays" we'll explore faith and issues that are important to you!

Second Year Confirmation Class

10th graders — Class will begin again on **Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.** We will meet on the first and third Weds. from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Remember!

Sunday worship — beginning in the fall you need to attend **50% of the time.**

Service Hours — You'll need 4 per month. We will be participating in the Crop Walk on **Sunday, September 17** — see article above. We will gather at the church at 1:15 and head down to First Lutheran Church. The walk is a great way to raise money for Church World Service which works on hunger issues around our world.

NO KIDS ALLOWED!

By Cynthia Coffin, Children and Youth Ministries

"NO KIDS ALLOWED!!!!" "You can't go in there!" In the Boxcar Bible Story station during Vacation Bible School this summer, Pastor Kathy shouted phrases such as these on the very last day. At first, the kids didn't know what to do. Was she serious? Was she just joking? After a few minutes, one of our youth volunteers, who was dressed up like Jesus, said it was okay that the children come in. The kids heard the story of how Jesus welcomed the children, even when some adults wanted to send them away to play somewhere else. Jesus loves and blesses children and would never turn them away!

Have you ever felt left out? Have you ever been turned away or rejected? These are feelings most of us have probably experienced at some point in our lives. The children at VBS talked about their experiences and also how to include others they see being left out. We discussed how sometimes it is easier to just be concerned with ourselves and about fitting into the "cool" group. Sometimes it is risky to include those who are unpopular. We may lose some friends we thought we had, but we may also gain some friends!

Peace Church has over 175 children and youth! On Wednesday, August 23rd, we welcomed the new 6th graders to Wednesday night Youth Group and gave them new Student Study Bibles. We had twenty-three youth attend, of which fourteen were new 6th graders! We sang and shared prayer concerns, played a rowdy game of spoons and around the world, and sipped on root beer floats. That's a lot of energy in one room!

Peace Church continues to grow and the number of children is increasing. Youth Group, Faith Weavers, Kid's Choir, Sunday School, and VBS are just some of the programs and activities we offer for our young people. So many of you have volunteered in different ways to make these programs possible. Thank you, thank you. I ask for your continued partnership and support in making these programs exciting and meaningful. I am working only twenty hours a week, which is half of what we have had for the last six years in Children and Youth ministries. I need your help to continue welcoming and blessing our children as Jesus did and taught. If you can help in any way: making phone calls, leading an activity, being on a team of Sunday School teachers, Youth Group, or Faith Weavers, Kid's Choir, the Christmas Pageant, etc. etc. etc. Please contact me! You all have something a child needs...love. When a child feels loved and cared about they will keep coming.

"Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Blessings ~ Cynthia

Looking for CD players to be donated to church for Sunday School rooms.



YOUTH WEBSITE Philip Hubert (aka The White Knight) is still up and running. Check it out and add to the forums or post an announcement! You can access it through the Peace Website or go to: <http://www.youth.guybert.com/> THANKS PHILIP!!

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP

Amnesty International Report on the Philippines - August 2006



"Over recent years the number of killings of political and community activists in the Philippines, predominantly those associated with legal leftist or left-orientated groups, have continued to increase. In the first six months of 2006 alone at least 51 killings took place, compared to the 66 collated by Amnesty International in the whole of 2005. The killings, mostly carried out by unidentified men often wearing face masks who shoot the victims before escaping on motorcycles, have rarely led to the arrest, prosecution and punishment of those responsible.

The methodology of the attacks, including prior death threats and patterns of surveillance by persons reportedly linked to the security forces, the leftist profile of the victims and climate of impunity which, in practice, shields the perpetrators from prosecution, has led Amnesty International to conclude that the attacks are not an unconnected series of criminal murders but constitute a politically-motivated pattern of killings. The organization remains gravely concerned that members of the security forces may have been directly involved in the killings, or else have tolerated, acquiesced to, or been complicit in them.

Amnesty International's concerns have been exacerbated by broader political developments during 2006, including the declaration in February of a temporary State of Emergency, the arrest and threatened arrest of leftist Congress Representatives and others on charges of rebellion, and intensifying counter-insurgency operations in the context of a declaration by officials in June of "all-out-war" against the New People's Army, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

To counter the threat of further killings and, by ensuring respect for human rights, to secure the foundations for future peace, Amnesty International calls on the Government of the Philippines to fulfil its obligation to protect the right to life of every individual under its jurisdiction. This duty, enshrined in international human rights law and the Philippines Constitution, applies regardless of the political affiliation of those targeted, and whether or not security personnel are linked to the attacks. Amnesty International also calls on armed groups to strictly adhere to their commitments to respect human rights and humanitarian law."

We Go On! A poem by Rebecca Lawson, UCCP Co-Worker

A tribute to the Church's martyrs. May we follow Christ like they did. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down their lives for their friends."

*Whoever thought a State would be so ruthless
to gun down leaders full of so much heart.
They strip the country of its finest treasure.
We join the masses strong and sing our part.
We will rise—with every martyr taken
We will rise—so many in their place.
We'll go on 'til every child is cared for,
oppressed set free in every land and race...*

*Hundreds more will join the cause for justice;
Thousands stand like they did in Christ's name.
Our spirits growing stronger with their courage
The journey toward Christ's Victory is our gain.
We will rise—with every martyr taken
We will rise—so many in their place.
We'll go on 'til every child is cared for,
oppressed set free in every land and race...*

JUST PEACE

PEACE UCC - A JUST PEACE CHURCH TAKING A SMALL STEP to promote peace and justice within ourselves, our church, our community and the world. A Just Peace Church strives to achieve this goal through spiritual development, education, community witness and political advocacy.

September's Small Step:

Make your voice heard . . .

There is a great resource I've found through our UCC website. Often, in connecting my faith with issues concerning us today, I struggle with filtering through all of the details to arrive at the center of an issue and determine how it relates to my faith. Also, I struggle with the timeliness of my response in sending a note of influence relating to important votes, petitions, gatherings, etc. For this, I've found the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries' "Take Action" website incredibly helpful. <http://www.ucctakeaction.org>

Not only does the website cover issues relevant to our faith, but also provides efficient means by which to take action on the issues. The pre-written letters to our elected officials don't just state clearly their political positions, but also relate that position to our values as people of faith. Frankly, when I send a letter to my congressman, it feels good for me to read: "as a person of faith, I believe..." in the letter. The website is also easy to use. Once you're registered, all you need to do is review the letter to be sent, add an additional note if you wish, and sign your name and email address. You can also sign up to have relevant issues arrive in your email so that you can speak your mind when it matters most politically.

Take a look here: <http://www.ucctakeaction.org> Let me know what you think.

It's clear to me that if we don't speak up, the dialogue will be controlled by people who are bent on marginalizing our voice. If we don't speak up, phrases such as "the church", "family values", and "religious conviction" will continue to be claimed and controlled by people with far different notions of what those phrases mean than what we know those terms to truly be.

Keep up the good work,

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Join Peace Church's Team 2006 CROP WALK Sunday - September 17

1:30 pm - Registration at First Lutheran
2:00 pm - Walk on Lakewalk.

The CROP WALK is a fundraiser for Church World Service's global initiatives to combat hunger. Additionally, 25% of what is raised will fund the hunger-fighting work of CHUM, the Duluth and Superior Salvation Army, the Damiano Community Kitchen, Loaves and Fishes, and the Union Gospel Mission.

For more information about how to get involved, contact Doug Bowen-Bailey at 722-7166.

Notes from a Seminarian

By Paul Van Antwerp

Just wanted to send a note to all of my friends at Peace. I haven't seen many of you in a while, and thought I'd share that I'm now working part time as "Intergenerational Minister" at Duluth Congregational Church. They're in a transitional period now, and have high hopes of building their congregation and breaking down their often-bemoaned stereotype as "the church next to the country club". I'll be preaching with some regularity at Duluth Congregational Church this upcoming season. Beginning September 3rd. Service is at 10:30 - come visit!

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Forums — 9:30 Sunday Mornings in the Fireside Room (topic focus) and the Conference Room (Bible Study on the lectionary)

Lectionary study to begin this fall Starting Sept. 17th and running through the beginning of Advent we will have a Bible Study series based on one (or more) of the Scripture texts for the week. The sessions will be at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the conference room and will have a different person facilitating each week. A planning meeting for the study will be held on **Sept. 10th at 9:30** in the conference room. All interested people are encouraged to attend. Questions? Tom Liddle 279-1911

Sunday, September 10 – Let Your Light Shine

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ. Come and hear some of that story and what our denomination has planned for an exciting celebration of the UCC.

Sunday, September 17th— Bible study in the Conference Room on the Lectionary texts for the day. **Fireside Room — Discussion about what it means to be a "Just Peace Church"** Rev. John Clark Pegg was the pastor here in 1986 when this congregation voted to be a Just Peace Church. He will help facilitate a discussion with Pastor Kathy and other members of the Just Peace committee as we consider what that means for our congregation now in the 21st Century.

Sunday, September 24th – Our Dismantling Racism Team will lead a discussion on how we can become an Anti – Racist Congregation.

Sunday, October 1st – Jim Soderberg, Executive Director of CHUM will kick off a series on exploring the ministries of Churches United in Ministry, of which we are an active part. Jim will talk about the history and some exciting new happenings such as RUAH (rehabbing, urban, affordable housing)

Sunday, October 8th – Learning about the ministries of the **CHUM Food Shelf and CHUM Church**, a worship experience for adults with developmental disabilities. We are hosting Chum Church later that afternoon and volunteers are always needed.

Sunday, October 15 – Learning about the ministries of the **Chum Drop In Center and Emergency Shelter**. Kim Randolph the director will be with us and has amazing photos she has taken.

"Living the Questions"—Weds. Study

Beginning on **Wednesday, October 4th** we will use the DVD series "Living the Questions" for our 6 – 7 pm adult forums. Each week there will be handouts and a short DVD to kick off the conversation. Authors of this study include: Marcus Borg, Tex Sample, John Spong and others.

THEMES

- 1 An Invitation to Journey
- 2 Thinking Theologically
- 3 Creativity and Stories of Creation
- 4 Restoring Relationships
- 5 Evil and a God of Love: The Place of Suffering
- 6 Intimacy with God
- 7 Social Justice and The Prophets

- 8 A Kingdom Without Walls: Ruth & Jonah
- 9 Lives of Jesus
- 10 Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 11 A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle
- 12 Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christianity

Ongoing themes will include:

- Biblical authority
- Metaphor and how it shapes us
- The Jesus/Christ dichotomy
- What does faith look like in the 21st Century?

IF you want more information talk with Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean.

PROPHETIC SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

The time seems just right for the Peace Church community to engage in a deeper and more comprehensive study of what it means for us to be a “Just Peace Church” and to determine how we can fulfill the mandate to “oppose war and understand the relationship of justice to security from violence.” We made that commitment nearly twenty years ago, and now, more than ever, we are challenged to fulfill the commandment of Jesus Christ to “love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Both as a nation and globally, we are facing what some call a “tipping point” or, in David Korten’s words, a “great turning.” He writes, “Sexism, racism, economic injustice, violence, and environmental destruction have plagued human societies for 5,000 years, and have now brought us to the brink of a potential terminal crisis.” If we continue with the status quo, our civilization could move quickly toward extinction; if we shift our ways of thinking, perceiving and doing, we can move towards a partnership model of sharing resources for the good of all. Korten writes, “A mounting perfect economic storm born of convergence of peak oil, climate change, and an imbalanced U.S. economy dependent on debts it can never repay is posed to bring a dramatic restructuring of every aspect of modern life. We have the power to choose, however, whether the consequences play out as a terminal crisis or an epic opportunity.”

We invite the Peace Church community to explore that choice within the light of our biblical heritage and the guiding wisdom of our faith. The United Church of Christ has embraced the theme of “God is still speaking,” meaning that prophesies are still coming true, that if we look we can see God working in our midst and if we listen we can hear God’s words.

In the coming year, on the fourth Sundays from September through May, we will focus on various aspects of creating a more just world, each path bringing us closer to peace. As Pope John XXIII said so well, “If you want peace, work for justice.” Join us on this journey of discovering how we can be a Just Peace church.



In 1989 the congregation of Peace Church voted to adopt the UCC General Synod's Just Peace Pronouncement and declared itself a Just Peace Church.

Doing justice, seeking peace and building community are central to the identity of the United Church of Christ. Throughout its history - from early engagement in the movement to abolish slavery to modern campaigns for civil rights and social justice - the UCC has been engaged in ministries of compassion, advocacy and reconciliation. While there is a deep respect in the UCC for the right of every individual member to form her or his own views on these issues, there has always been a recognizable passion across our church to "make things right" - as a testament to our faith in God, our hope for God's future, our love for God's creation.

PROPHETIC SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

Sept. 24 - Racial justice "Who Me?!? My Church?!? - a Simulated Conversation" - Peace Dismantling Racism team
Gal. 3: 28-29, "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."

Oct. 22 - Economic justice "Free Market Globalization: Who Wins, Who Loses?" - Lyn & John Pegg with guest Octavio Ruiz of the Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition and Resource Center of the Americas
Leviticus 25, the principle of "Jubilee"
Isaiah 58: 5-9, "What is the fast that God requires?"
Luke 4: 18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord"

Nov. 26 - Energy justice "The Greatest Challenge" - Phil Cook
Deut. 10: 12 – 20, "Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the earth with all that is in it"
I. Cor. 10: 23 – 26, "All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful . . . Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor . . . For the earth is the Lords, and everything in it."

Jan. 28 - GLBT issues "Marriage Equality" - Dennis Crumb, Steve Coll and Kathy Nelson
John 15: 9 – 17, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Feb. 25 - Philippines Sister Church - Charley Kendall & Kathy Nelson
Matthew 5: 11 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

March 25 - Domestic and global nonviolence "The Expanding Circle of Nonviolence" - Joan Peterson & Kathy Nelson
Luke 6: 20 – 3.1, Beatitudes – "to him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also"

April 22 – Earth Day - "Climate Justice: A Christian Perspective on Global Warming" - Jesse Schomberg
Gen. 1: 26 – 31, God creates humans in God's image and gives them dominion over all living things

May 27 – Just Peace – "Makers of Peace" - Linda Curran & Penny Cragun
Isaiah 2: 2-4, "And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."
Luke 9: 23 – 27, "For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it."