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PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

* REV. KATHRYN NELSON AND TONY CLARK, PASTORS * JUNE 2007

Come to Celebration Sunday on June 3rd as we Open Doors,
 Build Peace and Praise God Together!

We will Dedicate our Capital Campaign Pledges at Worship

*“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see
 your good works and give glory to God in heaven.”
 ~ Matthew 5: 16*



Each Sunday as we begin our worship our acolytes carry in the light of Christ, symbolizing God’s presence with us in the gathered community. At the conclusion of our worship that same light leads us back out into the world. The center of our life together is Sunday morning worship as we gather to listen to God’s inspiring and challenging word, to sing, to praise God and to pray for and with one another.

Phase 2 of our capital campaign, which remodels our sanctuary and creates a chapel/youth room on the lower level, would allow all the members and friends of Peace Church to worship more fully. The project would create a fully accessible worship space with greatly improved sightlines and acoustics and there would be seating for 350 people. Floor plans, elevation drawings and new 3-D renderings are on display in the Narthex area.

Hopefully you have all received the pledging information. Thanks to the many people who have helped in any way with the Capital Campaign—especially Lisa Pomroy and Justin Olson for co-chairing, Doug for creating the DVD, and all the people who visited folks and delivered campaign materials. We will gather in our 3-year pledges during worship on June 3rd. So far, we’ve received 27 pledges for \$179,000!

Thanks to each of you for being part of this people of God!

Stay after worship June 3
 Free Campaign Cook-Out!

Picnic under the tent

AND Send off Pastor Kathy
 as she starts her sabbatical

Yummy Food! Brats, hot dogs,
 fried chicken,
 salads, fruit,
 root beer floats.



If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

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

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor: Rev. Kathy Nelson (on sabbatical)
 Interim Lead Pastor: John Clark Pegg
 Associate Pastor: Tony Clark
 Children’s Ministries: Cynthia Coffin
 Music Director: Jim Pospisil
 Visitation: Cheryl Walsh

Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth
 Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls
 Receptionist: Nancy Nelson
 Custodians: Brad Larson and Dan Shepard
 Gabriel Project: Veronica Gaidelis (310-0063)
 Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg

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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 PASTOR KATHY

I am so grateful to be in ministry with you, the people of Peace UCC. I will miss you this summer as I am away for my 3 month sabbatical. The girls have already asked, "But where will we worship?" Peace is such an integral part of our family. We will find our way as we briefly step away. You will be in our prayers.

When the sabbatical committee wrote the Lily Grant, their overarching theme was "Strength for the Journey". This time away to rest, to play and learn will give me a chance to renew my strength and passion for ministry. In the grant summary statement the committee wrote; "Through a time of rest, family connection, spiritual renewal at the Iona Community in Scotland, and post renewal study in leading a growing congregation, Pastor Kathy will come away from her sabbatical with 1) strengthened relationships with her family; 2) new energy and ideas for living out the Gospel in today's world; 3) greater ability to find balance between her work, her family life and her connections to God; and 4) new skills for managing a vibrant and growing congregation."

This pause in my journey comes at a perfect time in our life together. Rev Tony Clark has now been among us for 2 months as our second pastor. He is so gifted and capable. This will be a chance for him to find his way without me around. We will have also completed much of the work on the capital campaign before I leave. I am so hopeful we will raise the money we need to go ahead with the sanctuary remodeling. This is such an exciting and necessary project.

Rev. John Clark Pegg has been hired as the interim lead pastor. The grant allowed us to hire an interim on a half-time basis. John, having been a pastor here, knows many of you and the workings of this congregation. Please do not hesitate to call him if you have a pastoral need. He will be coordinating and leading much of our worship this Summer. Tony also will be preaching. You are in very capable hands, and for this I am so grateful.

Again I am so grateful for this time to be away with my family. I may even get a few scrap books done, a few water colors painted and who knows, Rabbi Amy Bernstein and I might even get a few chapters of the book we are collaborating on written. I will return in time for Rally Sunday in September.

May each of you find the Sabbath rest you need this Summer.

Peace friends ~ Kathy

Philippine Partnership News

Gathering on Wednesday June 6th at Liddle's

The Philippine Partnership Committee invites you to participate in a meeting on Wednesday, June 6th at 7pm at the Liddle's house at 1111 N. 7th Ave E. The meeting will cover several items needing broader congregational input. Coffee and tea provided. Please RSVP tomlidds@yahoo.com or 279-1911.

Looking for Books for Pre-schoolers

We would like to send some books to the preschool at the church in Matin-ao. The books should be for kids 3 to 6. If you have any to donate, put them in the box in the fireside room.



JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Carla Langdon-Larson, Melanie Lundell, Christa Knudsen
- 10 Beth Kinney, Deb Stricker, Sandy Moore
- 17 Amy Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fink, Julia Horner
- 24 Susan Ranfranz, Jesse Schomberg, Emily Punyko

Coffee Set-Up

- 3 Bill and Lisa Pomroy
- 10 Karie Simpson, Essie Geiger
- 17 Caroline Harris, Daina Rosen
- 24 Peggy Skylondz, Sharon Kirtley

Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 3 Judy Seliga Punyko, Goltz family
- 10 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland
- 17 Barb Hanka and Jim Johnson
- 24 Barb Forrest, Cindy Macaulay

Ushers

- 3 Beth Bartlett, Rolf Hagberg and Carrie Plamann,
- 10 Nettie Bothwell, David and Holly Jorde
- 17 Pomroys, Peter Barnett
- 24 Mike and Linda Lundberg, Mary Martin

Greeters

- 3 Jayme Hennen
- 10 Devlins
- 17 Mike Swanoski, John Moeller
- 24 Peggy Skylondz, Marlis Cran

Lay Leaders

- 3 Justin Olson
- 10 Lynn Devlin
- 17 Marlis Cran
- 24 Jerry Cleveland

Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 4 Lyn and John Pegg
- 11 Pat Sjoding
- 18 Schombergs
- 25 Justin and Jessica Olson



Damiano Soup Kitchen

We will be taking the summer off and begin again the second Sunday of September. Please let us know if you would like to help out in the fall!

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 3 Janell Kohls
- 10 Lyn Kaim
- 17 Susan Kehtel
- 24 Steve Coll

10:30 Service

June 3

Cindy Macaulay



HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR SHARED MINISTRY FORM??

If you haven't yet turned in your 2007-2008 Shared Ministry Form, please pick one up in the office (or find last month's Peace Bell) and fill it out—even if you aren't able to participate in any ministries. We are setting up the schedules for our new program year, and we need to know where to put your name!

We are in desperate need for Nursery Volunteers!! No one has yet signed up. Remember, you don't need to have young children to help out. Please call the office if you can serve in the nursery—it's a ministry to all our young families that we are so happy to have here at Peace Church!

CHUM Volunteer Opportunities

CHUM Horizons Distribution and Mailing Helpers. . .CHUM could use someone with a vehicle to help distribute the quarterly *CHUM Horizons* newsletter around the community (usually late October, January, April and July). Call David at 720-6521.

Advisory Committee Members. . .CHUM Church and the Distributive Services (Food Shelf) Advisory Committees both need additional members. Please contact Meg Kearns at 727-2391 or chumfs@chumduluth.org to volunteer.

Day of Remembrance

Bring the Truth to Light

Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial
Community Gathering
June 15 at 12 noon
Corner of 2nd Ave E and 1st St
Music, Youth Poetry
Reflection on the message the
memorial has for us today.

CHUM Rhubarb Festival
Saturday, June 23 at First Lutheran

CHUM's Third Annual Rhubarb Festival will occur on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (1100 E. Superior St.). We will once again have a great assortment of rhubarb treats, music and family activities, and an even bigger silent auction. And we really encourage community members to consider entering the Rhubarb Recipe Contest – details on CHUM's website!

CHUM also needs additional bakers from congregations and the general community to bake tasty treats in licensed church kitchens. If you are not affiliated with a congregation, you can still join the fun as we can assign you to a group to help make treats. Just call CHUM to be assigned to a group. In addition to baking tasty treats, we are accepting items for the silent auction, such as handmade quilts, artwork, items from businesses owned by congregants, and so forth.

Complete information about the Rhubarb Festival is available on CHUM's website (<http://chumduluth.org>) or by calling the CHUM office (720-6521) for more information. Proceeds from the Rhubarb Festival support CHUM's work in our community.

RECYCLING PEACE

Wanted: Someone to do respite care for a brilliant 8 year old with a lot of energy! Looking for someone to do once a month for two days in a row (Paid, \$100 for the two days). If interested email UpNorth38@aol.com

GUITAR CLASS — Cynthia Coffin is offering a six week group guitar class for those who want to learn how to sing and play. Chords, strumming, picking, and beginning music theory will all be covered. The class will cost \$60 per person. Must have a guitar to participate. The class will meet once a week from June 18th - July 23rd. If there is enough interest, we can figure out day and time so everyone can come! If interested call Cynthia at 628-0438.

Available: Housecleaning, House-sitting, Pet-sitting. Experienced and Reliable. References. Call Lynette Boyko at 525-0525.

We will continue to have worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 each Sunday morning—Childcare is available during both. Communion is every week at the 8:30 service, and on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service.

Sunday, June 3rd – Celebration Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8 and Matthew 5: 13 - 16
Sermon: "Shining"

This morning we will honor our high school graduates, have a blessing of our 2007 work campers, and dedicate our pledges to the "Opening Doors, Building Peace, Praising God" Capital Campaign. The praise team and choir will provide our music this morning.

A free Campaign Cook-Out will follow our 10:30 service. Join us for great food and fellowship!

Adult Forum – Sunday, June 3rd at 9:30 --
Fireside Room

Tom Liddle, chair of our Philippine Partnership Committee, recently returned from an amazing visit to our partner congregation. Come and hear about Tom's trip, including pictures. Learn more about the partnership and our hopes for our future together.

Sunday, June 10th

Scripture: Luke 7:11 – 17; I Kings 17: 8 – 16
Sermon: Rev. John Pegg, interim lead pastor, will be our preacher this morning

Sunday, June 17th – Father's Day

Scripture: Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3
Sermon: A report back from our 2007 Work-campers. The group will be working with DOOR on the south side of Chicago. Come hear about what they learned and the service they provided

Sunday, June 24th – 50th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ

Scripture: I Kings 19 and Luke 8: 26 – 39
Sermon: Pastor Xavier Bell of Community Action Duluth will be our preacher today.

Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ is the weekend of **June 8 – 10th** at the College of St. Benedicts. Special thanks to the delegates from Peace: **Tom and Monica Liddle, Nick Geiger and Jerry Cleveland. Pastor Tony** will be attending as well as **Lyn Clark Pegg** who will be leading a Dismantling Racism Workshop. Tom also will be doing a workshop on his trip to the Philippines. **Clear** will be providing the music for Friday evening's worship service.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 3rd we will recognize our graduating High School Seniors in our 10:30 am worship service. At the service we will have a special power point presentation and they will receive blankets made especially for them.

At 9:30 that morning we invite each of them and their families to join us in the youth room for a special breakfast. This year's graduates are: **Katie Adams, Jules Ameal, Mary Christensen, Alison Dargan, Lauren Hystead, Tiffany Langdon-Larson, Cody MacKenzie, Gilah Messerer, Heather Morgan, Sophie Netland, and Paul Winchester.** Congratulations to each of them!

SUMMER MUSIC NEEDED!

If you would like to share your music at any of our summer worship services, please sign up now on the bulletin board in the narthex near the office.

We'd love to hear you play or sing—music is such an important part of our worship!



FROM PASTOR TONY



On May 27, we celebrated the Sunday of Pentecost (meaning “fifty” in Greek; Pentecost is 49 days after Easter Sunday). Pentecost Sunday marks the anniversary of when the Holy Spirit descended as wind and tongues of fire on the church in Jerusalem, uniting all those who were gathered through the understanding of each others’ languages. In remembrance of the tongues of fire dancing on the heads of the worshipping crowd, the color of the altar cloths and our stoles is red—the color of the Holy Spirit.

From now through the end of November we are in the Season of Pentecost, and except for one or two specific Sundays along the way, the altar cloths and our stoles are green—the color of growth. The six months of Pentecost are about the ongoing life and work of the Church. In some traditions these six months, along with the several weeks between the Christmas season and Lent, are called “Ordinary Time.”

Ordinary Time contrasts to the big holidays: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the day of Pentecost. I’ve always found it odd that during half the calendar year we rush from Mary’s pregnancy, through Jesus’ birth, life, and death, and on to his resurrection, while we save the other half-year to linger on the ongoing life of the church. I guess we need the Ordinary Time to rest and recuperate!

In our tradition, we call these six months the season of the Holy Spirit—the Season of Pentecost—not simply Ordinary Time. I believe that the Church is not ordinary. The Church at its best is subversive; it overturns hierarchical notions of power to point out the gifts of each person. The Church at its best does not languish and rest through Ordinary Time, but is alive during the Season of Pentecost with the fire of the Holy Spirit. The Church at its best responds to the wind of the Spirit, dances like tongues of fire, and works to understand the languages around it.

Over the next six months of Pentecost, take some time and name the ways that Peace United Church of Christ is extra-ordinary. As you give thanks to God that we are not Ordinary, may you find one way to personally respond to the fire of the Holy Spirit blowing through this remarkable place called Peace Church!

Shalom,
Pastor Tony Clark

Pastor Tony’s schedule this summer:

June 8-9: attending Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting in St Cloud

June 10-16: Youth Work Camp in Chicago

June 21-26: General Synod of the UCC—Hartford CT

July 31-Aug 1: Sr High Retreat

August 5-11: Sr High Church Camp at Pilgrim Point

Late August for 2 nights: Jr High retreat/camping experience



NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed new members into our congregation in May. Welcome to: Lynette Boyko, Erin DeWitt and Andrew Webster (Ahna, Cedar), Shari Marshik (Grace, Isabel), Heather Everett and Tim Pierce (Kyle, Hannah), Tony Clark, Sheri and Brian Bergeron (Katie, Ben), Steve and Lisa Horner (Alex, Julia), and Jan and Stan Burns. Take time to get to know some of the new folks among us. Nametags are crucial as we try to know one another. If you need one, sign up on the paper on the front of the nametag cabinet, or let the office know.

Erin DeWitt

Family members: Andrew Webster, Ahna and Cedar

What is your vocation? Reiki Practitioner

What are your hobbies/passions? Reading, hiking, camping, travel, yoga, kayaking, singing, Lake Superior and good food.

What brought you to Peace? The sense of community! When I am at Peace Church, I am in the presence of Grace, and that feeling connects my body, mind and soul to spirit. For that gift I am so grateful.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?

Sang (“Mustang Sally”) on stage with Ben ‘n Jerry. Earned the honorary title of a “conette”.

Andrew Webster

Family members: Wife: Erin DeWitt, Children: Ahna and Cedar Webster

What is your vocation? Self-employed carpenter.

What are your hobbies/passions? Critter watching (mostly birds), biking, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, stained glass, photography.

What brought you to Peace? Socially conscience, inclusive, great people.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?

Over 30,000 students in Lake Superior Watershed have seen me as “Aunt Ruth” or “Habitat Hank” – characters used to teach about our great lake!

Shari Marshik

Family members: Husband Ryan, daughters Grace (4) and Isabel (2); 2 dogs, Theo and Willy.

What is your vocation? Buyer for Maurices.

What are your hobbies/passions? With 2 little ones and a full-time job, we haven’t had a lot of time lately, but I enjoy dog obedience training.

What brought you to Peace? We were initially introduced to Peace through friends – Gail Blum and Emily Larson. I was drawn in by the community, the active youth, and the commitment by this church to make all welcome.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? We are currently building a home.

Tony Clark

Family members: Noah (Border Collie—13 years old).

What is your vocation? Pastor.

What are your hobbies/passions? Theatre, gardening, music, woodworking.

What brought you to Peace? I loved the first video on the website! The church is so active in so many of the causes I am passionate about.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I love putting black jelly beans in peanut butter.

PEACE PEOPLE

MORE THANK YOU'S

From Beth Chelseth: "Thank you to all the wonderful people of Peace Church for celebrating with me my 10 year anniversary on the staff. I have truly loved it! I'm looking forward to a lovely meal with my husband at Blackwoods with the gift card."

From Jim Pospisil: "Thank you to the congregation and Pastor Kathy for the gift for my 10 year anniversary. It's been a pleasure serving you!"

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Judy Hlina recovering from surgery for colon cancer.
- Tim Walsh recovering from back surgery.
- Mark Nelson undergoing chemotherapy.
- Chad Robinson serving in Iraq and his family. For all the people of Iraq and our troops there. Pray for peace.
- Our partners in the Philippines.
- Joyce Clement recovering at home from angioplasty.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Monica Jensen, daughter of Raquel and Bryan Jensen, who was baptized on May 13.
- To Noah Dixon, son of Jen and Doug, grandson of Elsie and Phil Cook, who was baptized on May 6.

SYMPATHY TO

Martha Minchek on the sudden death of her sister in Rhode Island.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Jackson Manthey	12 Rolf Hagberg
Gabriella Johnson	14 Kate Sipila
2 Chelsea Call	Molly Ham
Mychala Marshall	15 Julie Kim
Eliot Van Antwerp	Gustav Olson
3 Vi Finch	Isaac Fink
Julie MacKenzie	Sam Deters
4 Julie Etterson	18 Jack O'Connell
5 Lauren Hystead	20 Ed Proetz
Karie Simpson	Jen Pearson
6 Henry Bray	Ryan Seguin
7 Barb Beichler	21 Marcia Aas
Bill Kehtel	22 Brooke Hatlestad
Sally Trnka	Barb Kehtel
Kim Heinitz	Jasmine Kirsh
Matt Etterson	Denise Perry
8 Mariah Berner	23 Ellen Lindgren
Jim Soderberg	Maxton Devlin
Claire Nelson Ehlers	24 Nathan Sandomierski
Carolyn Williams	Myrtle Wiedemann
Mia Vaydich	25 Matthew Morgan
9 Pat O'Connell	Austin Hudyma
10 Liz Carlson	27 Ella Brown
Beverly Cave	28 Madeline Carpenter
Elijah Zaun	Kai Hoffman
11 Renee Punyko	Sam Miller
Andrea Brown	29 Tracy Mayer
12 Susan Kehtel	30 Carol Barto
Mary Wergeland	Darlene Kohlts

CHUM Church

CHUM Church is scheduled for **Sunday June 10** and **July 15** at 3 p.m. at Peace United Church of Christ. All are welcome to join us as we would love to have more CHUM Church participants.

Many CHUM Church members who have developmental disabilities would also love to receive cards or letters to brighten their day. If you would like to volunteer in any way with CHUM Church or receive their emails, contact Meg Kearns at 727-2391 or chumfs@chumduluth.org. This is a rewarding opportunity to serve!

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The May Coordinating Council meeting included these highlights:

- April Financial statements – We continue to be behind in pledged giving. The current amount is approximately \$6,000.
- The Human Resources Committee met with John Pegg. John will serve as the Interim Pastor during Pastor Kathy's sabbatical leave. He and Pastor Tony will coordinate worship and pastoral duties from June to September.

The summer will be very active and full.

Mark your calendars for:

- Youth work Camp in Chicago in June
- Dedication and Celebration of the Building Peace sanctuary appeal June 3
- Vacation Bible School the week of July 16
- Summer Picnic August 5
- Just Peace Picnic August 26

➤ The Building Committee reported that revised architectural drawings that show changes made as a result of feedback from the congregation will be distributed with the Capital appeal information packets.

➤ Tom & Monica Liddle and Nick Zeitler will represent Peace Church at this summer's Minnesota Annual Conference. We appreciate their willingness to participate and represent us.

The Council's next meeting is June 19th.

~ Tom Hystead, Past-Moderator

The Annual Meeting, May 20, 2007

The 2007-2008 Coordinating Council was elected in a unanimous ballot.

Boards and Committees were appointed.

Annual Reports of the Boards and Committees were received and accepted. Copies of the reports and roster of volunteers are available at the table in front of the church office.

~ Tom Hystead, Past-Moderator

Welcome to Our Confirmands

On Sunday, May 15th our second year confirmation class led us in an amazing service of worship—filled with songs, faith and stories of their journey. We give thanks for the presence of these young adults among us **Mariah Berner, Mia Vaydich, Ben Hlina, Cameron Mitchell, Julia Horner, Sarah Messerer, and Mattie Fox.**

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Our NEW Boards and Committees will meet on Wednesday, June 13th for dinner at 5:30 pm. Meetings will begin at 6 pm. Childcare will be provided. We will do a brief opening on committee responsibilities and calendaring. Please plan to make this important meeting. Many committees take July off.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meets on Tuesday, June 19th at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

Church School

Thank you to all the teachers and subs that taught this year!! Church school officially ended with a fun celebration on May 20th in “Holywood”. Hope you all have a great summer!!

Teachers

Great job this year! Please put your Bible Quest books in your bin and Cynthia will collect them. If you have time to bring craft materials and your bin down to the Sunday School closet (across from Music Room) that would be helpful. Thank you again, and don’t forget to let Cynthia know your plans for next year.

Kid’s Choir

What a great year of singing and playing! Thank you to Jim Pospisil who accompanied us every week. Thank you to the parents who faithfully brought their kids each week. We will take the summer off, but keep singing those great songs we learned. “What Can One Little Person Do... Every Move I Make...Love The Lord Your God... Shine.”

Adults Needed

We are looking for adults of all ages to minister to our children here at Peace Church. We need you this summer at Vacation Bible School and next year to teach Sunday school. This is a rewarding experience where you can share your faith and love with the children, but also a time for our children to share their love and faith with you too! If you are interested in ministering in anyway with our children, please contact Cynthia Coffin – 724-3637.

LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX. WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP!

*“Let your little light
shine, shine, shine...”*

By Cynthia Coffin, Children’s Ministry

Those are the words to one of the songs the Kid’s Choir sang this year. And yes, that is what we did. This year has had its ups and downs, but as I reflect, I keep coming back to the UCC theme, “Let your light shine.” The children have truly shone this year. They sang at the Peacemakers Celebration in April, picked up garbage around the church and park, acted out Bible stories in Faith Weavers, visited the Damiano Soup Kitchen, collected winter clothing to donate to other children, and collected money to send lanterns to the Philippians. That is what I can remember off the top of my head, so you know there is more I am forgetting!

I hope you all enjoy the summer and keep safe. Some summer ideas: Play water tag with squirt bottles, find a cool bug, play in the sprinkler, make fruit smoothies, set up a tent in the backyard and have a sleep out, start a little garden, **and don’t forget to come to Vacation Bible School the week of July 16-20th**. (See more info and registration on page 10 and 11 in this month’s Peace Bell.)

~ Blessings, Cynthia

Christian Education retreat

The Board of Christian Education will be having a 1/2 day session in August to worship together, reflect on this past year, and plan ahead. We will be discussing both the curriculum and the ongoing programs of the Board, including the possibility of breaking these into two different working groups. This is a chance for anyone to have input with the Christian Education at Peace Church. If you are interested in attending the retreat and work day, or if you are interested in working with curriculum or CE programming over the next year, please contact Pastor Tony.

THANK YOU

➤ To Beth Chelseth and Jim Pospisil who have both been part of the Peace Church staff for 10 years now. We honored them in worship on May 13.

➤ To the Care and Fellowship Committee for another outstanding Peace Prom. Money raised went to help pay for the installation of the coffee maker. Members of that committee include: Carrie Plamman, Nadine Hubert, Brenda Butterfield, Wendy Sjoblom, Leigh McMullen and Cathy Ameal.

➤ To Nettie Bothwell and Cindy Macaulay for chairing this year’s fantastic rummage sale. Thanks to all the great volunteers! The clean-up crew was awesome! The sale earned over \$1,600 for the Philippine Partnership, specifically to pay for Tom’s travel costs. Way to Go!

➤ From the Bergerons, Brian, Sheri, Katie and Ben: “Thank you so much for including us in your membership service. We really feel as though we’ve found a home at Peace Church and look forward to growing/sharing/thriving with you.”

➤ To Symeon Waseen for being a tremendous accompanist for the choir. Your talents have been greatly appreciated. Good luck at the Eastman School of Music.

➤ To all our faithful choir members and director Jim Pospisil, for the music they provided for our worship services throughout the year. Have a great summer, and we look forward to hearing you again in the fall.

➤ From Tom Liddle: Thanks to the Peace Church community for supporting the Philippines Partnership and for sending me to the Philippines this spring to represent you. Thanks especially for your prayers and support of my family while I was gone. Thanks to all who coordinated and helped with the rummage sale to raise funds for my trip. Thanks also to Pastor Kathy and the Adult Ed. committee for supporting me in auditing a class at UTS this spring! I learned a lot about the Apostle Paul and hope to share some of what I learned in the future.

➤ Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Sunday School Party on May 20th. Thanks to Rolf Hagberg and John Ameal who ran the photo booth. Thanks to Jen Hudyma for organizing our craft stations. Thanks to Carla Langdon-Larson for setting up the Toddler play area and Karaoke station. Special thanks to Holly Bowen-Bailey and all her fun guests who played in the game show. What a celebration!

➤ Thanks to all who donated blood on Sunday, April 29. We had 16 donors who were able to give successfully, and if three people can be assisted from each pint of blood (platelets, blood cells, plasma), that’s 48 individuals who may have benefited from our drive! Thanks to Laura Zahn who coordinated the blood drive.

➤ Thank you to Jen Hudyma for her continued commitment to making our nurseries a fun place to be. Also, thanks to Jen for writing up all the VBS coupons! Jen, you are a gift from God!

➤ From Melissa Helman, in prison for civil disobedience for closing the School of Americas: *Thank you for hosting the send-off. I am so grateful for all of the kindness and energy you put into it. This journey is a beautiful lesson filled with many challenges and growth. It helps to re-center one while in prison to remember the wise and conscious people who give from their hearts and spirits. Thank you to all of the Just Peace Committee for sharing the space and for the donation. I send all of my love and thanks and want you to know that it is these beautiful acts of kindness and remembrance that shine on. May the School close and your voice be heard. Many blessings, In Peace from Pekin Prison.* (SOA website: www.soaw.org)

The **Gabriel Project** is a collaboration between **CHUM and several Hillside congregations**. Our collective goal is to support people living in poverty and to strive for social and economic justice throughout Duluth.

Last chance to get involved with the excitement of Grandma's Marathon, June 16th!



The Gabriel Project is holding its 7th annual marathon fundraiser "Running To Help Keep People on Their Feet" and we're looking for all who want to get involved.

If you are planning on running or would like to volunteer at the water station, please let your pastor know or call Veronica at 310-0063. Also, donations to sponsor the runners will be collected and then deposited into our discretionary fund to help families with things such as bus passes, gas vouchers, co pays, etc. Last year we raised over \$3000...let's see if we can't beat that total! Thrivent Financial will be providing a partial match to all funds raised, so every dollar counts!!

Thanks for all your support!! If you have any questions, please call us: Ben, Kim, Steve, or Veronica at 625-1739

Peace Church Folks

Sign up in the Narthex to help at the water station, or to sponsor our runners!

Peace Church runners are Ann Sudoh, Jim McLean and Jim Pospisil (and maybe more that we don't know about!)

Recent Acquisitions

Look for these books on our library shelves!

Adult Fiction

The Bridal Wreath by Sigrid Undset
Fortune's Rocks by Anita Shreve



Adult Nonfiction

Christianity for the Rest of Us by Diana Butler Bass
Earth and Altar by Eugene H Peterson
Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott
Speaking of Faith by Krista Tippett
Will the Circle Be Unbroken? by Studs Terkel
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver, Steven L Hopp and Camille Kingsolver
The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
The Gospel of John – Vol. 1 by William Barclay
What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality by Daniel A Helminiak
The Battle for God by Karen Armstrong
Wisdom Distilled from the Daily by Joan Chittister
Open Mind, Open Heart by Thomas Keating
The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler
Race by Studs Terkel
Searching for God in America by Hugh Hewitt
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul edited by Jack Canfield

Teen and Children's Books

Picture Books

The Gold Watch by Bernice Meyers
Esther's Story by Diane Wolkstein
Panda Whispers by Mary Beth Owens
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Jeremy by Jan Karon
Goose by Molly Bang
Pippi Goes to School by Astrid Lindgren

Nonfiction

An Inconvenient Truth by Al Gore
Getting to Know Nature's Children – Zebras and Rhinoceros by Bill Ivy
A Children's Book About Whining by Joy Berry

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders!

Summer Youth group is on! Weds. - 7-8:30

Come to church Wednesday nights for games, bible study, and just have time to hang out with each other. Bring a friend! We'll be talking about activities on May 30, so bring your ideas of what you'd like to do with your Peace UCC friends! Here is the summer schedule:

May 30— planning for the summer

June 6 – Youth group

June 13 – Youth group

June 20 – Youth group—Renting Goofy Bikes

June 27 – Youth group

July 4 – Youth group—Fireworks on a boat in the marina

July 11 – Youth group

July 18 – No Youth Group— VBS week...be a teen leader and see your friends!

July 25 – Youth group at Jonie's house

July 31-August 1 - Sr Hi retreat

August 8 – No activities (Sr Hi camp at Pilgrim Pt.)

August 15– Youth group

August 22 – Youth group

August 29 – No activities

Youth Work Camp—June 10—16

The Youth Work Camp will leave for Chicago on Sunday, June 10, at 8 am. Work campers should plan to arrive by 7:30 to load. We will return Saturday, June 16, at approximately 6 pm. For those of you not going, you can support the work campers with your daily prayers, or by buying a share. One share is \$10.00, and you will receive a postcard from work camp. Work Campers going this year: **Ben Hlina, Sarah Messerer, Mariah Kirsh, Grace Richey, Mia Vaydich, Tyler Mulozzi, Emily Punyko, Marcus Taylor, Sonja Heggernes, Jay Miller, Sarah Peterson, Aaron Peterson, Tony Clark, Jim McLean, Cynthia Coffin.**

Senior High—Come to the Lake!!

July 31st – August 1st

The Langdon-Larsons have generously invited us out to their cabin. Meet us at church July 31st at noon. We'll return August 1st by mid afternoon. Sign up downstairs by the youth room so we know how much food to buy!

Cost=contribution for food and gas for the boat.

Junior High

Upcoming Jr High (6, 7, 8 grades):

We are looking into a two night camping event in the last half of August. If you are interested, please let Pastor Tony know!

Senior High Camp at Pilgrim Point

August 5—11

Pastor Tony will be a counselor for Senior High Camp at Pilgrim Point August 5-11. This camp is for 9-12th graders, and is a week long chance to deepen your faith, and meet other UCC youth from across Minnesota. Talk to Pastor Tony if you are interested in going. Openings for campers and counselors are still available!

Jr and Sr High Youth

VBS NEEDS YOU!

We need your energy, experience and enthusiasm to help this year's VBS be extraordinary. You get to wear your beach clothes! Call Cynthia or sign up in the office if you want to be a counselor or activity site leader. **July 16-20th** are the dates this year. It will be a great week if YOU join us....

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

PALS — Thursday June 28

Picnic

The June PALS meeting will be a picnic. It will happen on our usual meeting day, the last Thursday of the month, June 28. Other details have not been set so watch your emails for an update. If you want to get on the email list (all adults are welcome) contact Dick or Linda Goese at 525-3412 or goese@chartermi.net.

PALS = *Peace Adults*

Learning and Socializing

Shares! Shares! Shares!

It's that time again when the youth start "hawking" shares after Church. Help the youth get to Chicago this summer to spend a week with DOOR—purchase a share!



One Share costs \$10

One Share = a handwritten postcard from the youth during their trip describing their experience.

Group for Singles

Single? Find yourself in social withdrawal on Sunday afternoons? Having a hard time figuring out how to cook for one? Consider joining others for a potluck, **Sunday June 17, 1 pm**; place to be determined. Contact: Pastor Tony

Writing Group

Writing group will be forming soon. Come to hear a reading, write your thoughts, and reflect. This is a great way to deepen your faith! Possible meeting times would be either Saturday or Sunday evenings. Interested? Contact: Pastor Tony

SOFTBALL SIGN-UP TIME

We play 10 games starting in early June. Usually on Tuesdays evenings at the fields at UMD. This is open to men and women, boys and girls ten years and up. This YMCA league is non-competitive family fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The fee is \$30.00 per person or \$60.00 per family. We encourage everyone to join in. If you have any question call Dave Winchester-525-0139.

Game Schedule: Games at UMD Fields

June 6—7pm June 12—6pm June 19—6pm

June 21—9pm June 26—9pm July 3—8pm

July 12—7pm July 26—6pm July 31—9pm

Aug. 7—6pm

3 DAY WALK FOR CANCER

This August Pastor Kathy will be participating in a 3-Day 60-mile walk for Breast Cancer. There are donation slips in one of the mailboxes in the narthex if you'd like to send a pledge. Money will go toward breast cancer research and community outreach programs. For more information or to donate on-line, go to www.the3day.org.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, June 27 at noon

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will meet on the second floor of the Benedictine Health Center. Bring your lunch—coffee and dessert provided. Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.

Questions on the Way

Every Monday at 12 noon

Bring a lunch, bring a quote, bring your questions, bring your stories!

JUST PEACE

God is Still Speaking... Prophetic Just Peace Series

Over the past year, the Peace Church community has engaged in a study of what it means for us to be a "Just Peace Church," and on the fourth Sunday of each month, from September through May, we have focused on various aspects of creating a more just world. Many Peace church people participated in bringing about special worship services, educational programs, and action projects.

For our Small Step this month, we are asking you to take a few minutes to thank someone(s) who helped make this year-long series happen. With the risk of leaving out someone's name, listed below are the many people who contributed to the Prophetic Just Peace series:

September - *Racial justice* - the Understanding and Dismantling team, Nettie Bothwell, Doug Bowen-Bailey, Julia Cheng, Jerry Cleveland, Essie Geiger, Julie Kim, Sharon Kirtley, Tamika Robinson, Lyn Clark Pegg, Cynthia Peterson, Nam Provost, Nick Zeitler; also Mariah Berner, Jackie Fairbanks, Bria Langdon-Larson, and Celine Provost

October - *Global Economic justice* - Octavio Ruiz, from the Resource Center of the Americas, and Lyn and John Clark Pegg

November - *Energy justice* - Dr. Phil Cook and Bill Mittlefehldt

January - *GLBT justice* - Dennis Crumb, with Gary Anderson, Steve Coll, Hummingbird, and Joni Langdon-Larson

February (rescheduled to April) - *Philippines Sister Church* - Dr. Eleazer Fernandez from United Theological Seminary, and Tom Liddle

o **March - *Domestic Nonviolence*** - Joan Peterson, Kathy Nelson and Tony Clark

o **April - *Climate Change*** - Jesse Schomberg and Sam Cook

o **May - *Makers of Peace*** - Penny Cragun, Linda Curran, and all the people of Peace Church for their support, understanding and help when called upon to be "makers of peace"

o And, thanks to Gail Blum for designing and creating the "God is Still Speaking" banner, and to Gary Anderson, Steve Coll, and Lyn Clark Pegg, who were Gail's apprentices.

Rain Barrel Notice



There is very lively interest in rain barrels, and the demand is exceeding the availability of free barrels! Right now we have 5 barrels, and no less than 15 people have expressed interest in participating in the rain barrel conversion workshop (led by Jesse Schomberg).

We will continue to search for barrels and hopefully can have the workshop within the next few weeks. As for who are the lucky recipients of the barrels, we can work through the sign up list chronologically, and contact you accordingly.

If anyone can locate more barrels, leave a message with Lyn Clark Pegg (727-3770). Thanks to all who want to garden with environmental consciousness!

DISMANTLING RACISM

The Report from our Dismantling Racism Team was inadvertently left out of our 2006-2007 Annual Report. (The fault was mine, not the committee—it was actually one of the earliest ones submitted! My apologies...Janell)

The Dismantling Racism Team is more than just a committee. It provides an opportunity to build multicultural relationships and work on dealing with the realities of racism in our community and in our church. The team is intentionally not a part of any specific board. Many people assume that we are under the Board of Christian Service as the Just Peace Committee is. However, after a discussion at the Coordinating Council, we decided to have the Dismantling Racism Team as a separate entity because the work of the team is not just related to Christian Service, but to the entire life of the church, including Christian Education, Spiritual Life, and Stewardship. Our goal is to assist and inspire all parts of our congregation in understanding the ways racism operates in our lives and in the life of Peace Church and the steps we can take to undo it.

Undoing and Dismantling Racism Team Activities:

- April - Collaborated with Community Action Duluth to sponsor two movie nights. We showed "Crash" and "Living a Wage" followed by a facilitated discussion. In addition, a discussion of "Crash" was facilitated with the Sr. High Sunday School class.
- June – Helped sponsor Juneteenth community celebration and had a table during event.
- July – Met at St. Paul's with members of St. Paul's Anti-Racism team. We updated each other on events and action.
- August – Attended training for Sunday School teachers and talked to teachers about teaching children tolerance and raising awarenesses of differences.
- September – Along with several youth from the congregation, presented the "Nobody is Standing" skit at the first worship service of the year-long Social Justice series.
- October – Peace UCC and Community Action co-sponsored two Anti-Racism Study Dialogue Circle (ASDIC) groups. 17 of the 36 participants are Peace UCC leaders and members for this 12 week journey. After the series we witnessed an increase in participation from participants in community organizations such as the Citizens Review Board, the Anti-Racism Coalition, Neighborhood schools, and the Race, Culture and Achievement Initiative and Community Action's Circle of Support program. The next step is to train facilitators so we can offer future circles.
- November – Sponsored "Mix it Up" dinner night at Wednesday night meal in conjunction with the Southern Poverty Law Center's annual "Mix it Up" at lunchtime for thousands of schools around the nation with the intent to promote inclusion.
- Provided support to Bowen-Baileys in their effort to financially and emotionally assist Joseph Kimono on his quest for education and freedom.
- December – Sponsored "You don't have to ride Jim Crow" – Robin Washington's documentary about Freedom Riders on interstate buses and trains on a journey of reconciliation in 1947.
- January – Received the "Drum Major for Peace" award from the MLK committee for work in racial justice in the Duluth Community.
- March – Contributed to Duluth School District's desegregation project.
- April – Sponsored trip to Race Exhibit at St. Paul Science Museum.

HISTORICAL NOTES—"REVEREND LÜEDER"

In honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the UCC, our Heritage Committee is writing articles about our history. This month we are printing an excerpt from the book *We're Standing on Iron!* by Helen Wieland Skillings, about the very early history of the UCC in our area.

In 1871, the Reverend John Lüeder came to Duluth to found St. Paul's Evangelical Church, which he served for two years. He was born in Pomeraniz, Germany, and educated at the universities at Greifswald and Berlin. The panic of 1873 concluded Rev. Lüeder's work in the Duluth church, for many of his parishioners moved away, and the few that were left could not support a minister. In 1874, Rev. Lüeder came to Beaver Bay to teach and to preach. With a wife and small child to support, he gratefully accepted the school and ministerial position offered him in Beaver Bay. He was the first and only resident minister. Services were held in the schoolhouse, for no church had been built.

Although Rev. Lüeder must have seen Indians on the streets of Duluth, he was astonished to see several Indians dressed in their blankets and feathers seated among the worshippers at one of his early church services in Beaver Bay. He was a little apprehensive but noticing that the members of the congregation seemed to take it as a matter of course, he continued bravely with his sermon. The Indians seemed to be listening with close attention. At the close of the service, he approached a befeathered brave and asked him in German if he had understood what had been spoken. Rev. Lüeder was abashed when in perfect German the old brave answered, "Natuerlich ich habe alles verstanden. Du hast ja ganz deutlich gesprochen." (Of course I understood everything, for you spoke very distinctly.)



50th Anniversary General Synod this Summer

~ By Pastor Tony

As some of you know, 2007 is the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ. In 1957, right in the middle of the civil rights era, two denominations with radically different heritages—the (German) Evangelical and Reformed, and the (English/American) Congregational Christian Churches—united, in part because of our passion for social justice. To celebrate these 50 years and look toward our future, on June 22-26, our denomination will gather in Hartford, Connecticut, as the 26th General Synod of the UCC.

While we often claim that our heritage rose mainly from the German and English, our denomination has a long history of diversity including Hawaiian Islanders, and other Pacific Islanders, Puerto Ricans and other Latinos, African-Americans, GLBT folk, and people with various body shapes, sizes and abilities.

I will be attending this 26th General Synod as a visitor. I have been to two other General Synods, including the one held in Minneapolis in 2003. I look forward to being there with others from our congregation (I know Phil and Elsie Cook are going), as well as others from Minnesota and elsewhere. I look forward to returning with stories of our denomination in all settings of the world!

Dive into — The Great Bible Reef! July 16—20, 9am—noon

Age Four to entering 5th Grade

Cost: \$15 per child / Family rates and Scholarships available upon request

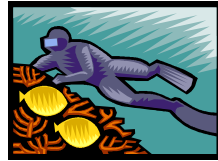
This year will be bubbling with excitement as we Dive into a week of Bible learning at The Great Bible Reef, where kids dive deeper into their faith. Each day begins with Sing and Play Splash. We then travel in groups to Coral Crafts, Deep Sea Storytelling, Great Barrier Games, Seawater Science and Dive-In Diner. Our day concludes at Sea Star Finale. This year our stories will include Moses in a basket, Jesus' walk on the water, and lots of fish stories. We will dive deeper into what it means to believe in, trust, listen, and love God. We will also explore ways to share God's love with others. Children from Pilgrim Congregational will be joining us for this week of underwater fun. Register today!

Need Teen Scuba Leaders

Those entering 6th-12th Grade are encouraged to sign up to be a Junior or Senior Scuba Leader at this year's VBS. Scuba Leaders are assigned small multi-aged groups of children for the week. Scuba Leaders are responsible for relationship building and guiding rotations with their group. Scuba Leaders are required to attend one of the trainings. This is a fun volunteer opportunity that will be personally rewarding and faith building.

Sign up in the Narthex.

Adult Station Leaders Needed for:



- Coral Crafts**
- Deep Sea Storytelling**
- Great Barrier Games**
- Seawater Science**
- Dive-In Diner**
- Preschool Tide Pool**



- All curriculum and supplies are provided.
- Volunteers may sign up for 2-3 days or a week long commitment.
- There will be a brief training for all volunteers: **July 10 from 10—11am, and July 12 from 6—7pm.** Choose one to attend.
- Curriculum is available from Cynthia prior to this meeting.
- Sign up in Narthex or call Cynthia for more info.

We are Fishing for Supplies!

Can you help us reel in a catch?

'Supplies needed' coupons are posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. If you are willing to help provide needed materials, please take a coupon, or two, or more, shop for the supplies and return them to the Narthex by the return date listed on the coupon. Last year we had over 80 children participate in VBS. Providing programming for this many requires large quantities of supplies. It also costs a significant amount to provide curriculum material for each child. We provide scholarships and family discounts for many of the children who attend. If you would like to sponsor a child, please put \$15 in an envelope and return it to the office labeled "VBS scholarship support". Your support is greatly appreciated! Volunteer support makes this programming possible.

Additional VBS Supplies Needed — large refrigerator boxes

Mark your Calendar and help turn Peace Church into a sea swimming with fish and fun!

Decorating from Noon to completion July 15th!

More help will be needed on July 20th at noon for clean-up!

DIVE DEEP INTO GOD'S WORD!

4 year olds - those entering 5th grade • 6th grade and up Teen Leaders
 \$15 per child due with registration— Family Rates/Scholarships available



Registration Form

One per child

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of one special friend your child might like to be with: _____

