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Peace Bell

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STEWARDSHIP DINNERS— "Loving God Back!"



Once again it is the time of the year when we come together to pledge our financial support for the daily ministries of our church. This year we will hold three stewardship dinners. Members and friends can choose one of these dinners to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal, and to enjoy a presentation to learn about or be reminded of what Peace Church is, all that Peace Church does, and how our growth in numbers and staff have impacted our budget. Then you will be asked to make your pledge to support the ministry over the coming year.

The dinner dates are Saturday, October 27th at 6 pm, Friday, November 2nd at 6 pm and Sunday, November 4th at 11:30 am.

To meet the needs of all our members and friends, childcare will be provided after the meal so that you can dine with your children but not worry about keeping up with them during the presentation. We ask that you sign up in the narthex, for the time that works best for you. If you are unable to sign up in church we will be glad to call and schedule you for a dinner.

We are looking forward to these times as a wonderful opportunity to bring the congregation closer together and support the ministry of our church.

If you can help prepare, serve or clean up after one of these dinners please let the office, or Justin Olson know. Also if you would consider being a witnessing steward let Justin or Pastor Kathy know. Our witnessing stewards speak briefly during a dinner or worship about why giving to Peace Church is important to them.

UNICEF CARNIVAL Oct. 28th

11:30—1 pm in the Fellowship Hall



All ages are invited to join us for our annual UNICEF Carnival following services Oct. 28th. Bring a friend and come in costume if you choose (non-violent costumes please). Have a hot dog and caramel apple while you play games. All proceeds go to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.

More info and donation form on page 11

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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

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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 PASTOR KATHY NELSON

“Find a penny pick it up, all day long you’ll have good luck.” My grandmother taught me this rhyme as a child. I still think of it as I walk, I wouldn’t dare pass by a penny on the street, not so much because of the value of the coin but for the superstition of the rhyme. Perhaps picking up pennies, taking notice of the small things of our world, really can bring about good luck. The blessings that come in seeing the goodness of our world.

Local poet Deb Cooper, speaks of this in her poem *Tikkun*

*The man with the overloaded grocery cart
insists I go ahead of him.
Did he see me looking at my watch?
Even though I’m running late,
I take the time to help the bent woman wrestle a bag of dog-food to her trunk.
Arriving home, the bent woman calls her daughter on the phone,
as if they’d spoken only yesterday, never mentioning the rift.
The daughter’s husband walks through the door
into an embrace.
Later, unasked, he cuts the grass of the widow down the street.
From the window, she waves, feels brave enough now
to sort through Frank’s things... pick out a keepsake for each grandchild.
Three states to the east, the gay grandson, once estranged,
opens the package, unrolls the bubble-wrap...
carefully hangs the mirror on the wall.
Stones they had collected from that rocky shore
when he was small, set in the frame by his grandfather’s steady hand.
That night, he writes a letter.
Light repeats itself... a subtle yielding here and there, an outstretched hand.*



Light repeats itself . . . an outstretched hand. Too often our hands are closed fists. We don’t bother to bend down and pick up the small graces that come our way each day. We fail to notice. We fail to bend down and touch the wonder of our world and the people around us. And it’s all gift, just waiting for us to take it.

In one gospel story about pennies, Jesus went and sat down near the treasury and watched the crowd. Many people threw in quite considerable contributions. And then came a widow. She flung in two copper coins, called leptons which literally meant thin one. With the crowd and their noise it is hard to imagine taking notice of any one in particular. And yet she, the hidden one, is the one Jesus notices. She gave her life, her whole being back to God without drawing attention to herself as she did it. Jesus saw the belief and love of the hidden woman.

God continues to call us to see and believe in the way of the widow. A life lived in the conviction that we are stewards of all we have in our hands and in our lives, not the owners of these things. We come to this place offering ourselves, placing our lives in God’s hands and in the care of one another. We are as this year’s stewardship theme states, called to “Love God Back”.

Jesus saw the world in a new way, he saw a poor woman silently give two thin coins. He lifted up this gift of the widow. Maybe he was thinking of her as he broke bread and poured wine, knowing he too would give it all away.

Let our hearts sweep through the world in a new way. Finding the pennies and the dimes, finding the grace and giving it all away. Let us love God back too. Peace friends ~ Kathy

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 7 Jessica Olson, Annie Rupert, Amy Larson
- 14 Mary Adams, Stacey Stark, Jen Hudyma
- 21 Michael and Amanda Pfau, Melanie Lundell
- 28 Essie Geiger, Mariah Berner, Lisa Horner

Coffee Set-Up

- 7 Deb Stricker, Claire Smith
- 14 Marsha Hystead, Chad & Katie Robinson
- 21 Pomroys
- 28 UNICEF Carnival



Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 7 Holly Bowen-Bailey, Claire Smith
- 14 Barb Hanka and Jim Johnson
- 21 Mary Wergeland and Jayme Hennen
- 28 UNICEF Carnival

Greeters

- 7 Seversons
- 14 John & Lyn Pegg
- 21 Diana Soland, Jayme Hennen
- 28 Devlins

Lay Readers

- 7 Cindy Macaulay
- 14 Abbey Francois
- 21 Mike Swanoski
- 28 Marge Anderson

Ushers

- 7 Anne Skwira-Brown, Essie Geiger, Mike & Diane Swanoski
- 14 Brenda Butterfield/Bill Pearson, Goltz Family
- 21 John Moeller, Karie Simpson, Linda and Mike Lundberg
- 28 Cindy Macaulay, Barb Forrest, Michael Pfau, Mary Martin

Monday Meal

- 1 Schombergs
- 8 Beth Bartlett
- 15 Justin/Jessica Olson
- 22 Daina Rosen
- 29 Huberts



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday October 14

- 1:30 Prep: Penny Cragun, Jayme Hennen, Pat O’Connell, Tony Clark
- 4:30 Meal Serving: Phyllis/Scott Mead, Susan Ranfranz, Barb Forrest

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 7 Arvolds
- 14 Julie Flotten
- 21 Jerry Cleveland
- 28 Terese Tomanek

10:30 Service

October 7

Jan and Michael
Nugent



Needed: Folks who are willing to drive people to church events on a sporadic or regular basis. We currently have one request for Wednesday evening (downtown area) and Sunday mornings. Please call the office if you can help. We’d like to have a list of people we can call on for one time rides -- you wouldn’t necessarily have to make a longterm commitment. We also often pay for cab rides to church, hoping that a church member might drive that person home. Could we put you on that list?

One more way to help--make a contribution at any time to our transportation fund! Mark your check and drop it in the offering or the mail.

Spiritualities of the Earth

11th Annual Spirituality Conference

College of St. Scholastica, Mitchell Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Sister Christine Vladimiroff, O.S.B. Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA

13 concurrent workshops offered

Music by: Singer/songwriter **Sara Thomsen** and **Richie Townsend**

Cost: \$30.00 (includes refreshments)

* Scholarships and Continuing Education contact hours available

Workshop descriptions and registration available on-line at: www.css.edu/spirituality.xml or contact the Offices of Conferences and Events at 218-723-7000 or smaki@css.edu.

90th Anniversary at United Protestant Church in Morgan Park

Saturday October 13

Dinner at 5pm: Cost \$15—reservations necessary, call 626-2570 or pick up reservation form in our office

Musical and Video presentation at 7pm open to the public

Sunday Oct. 14 – Worship at 10:30 am

Woodland Middle School is in need of tutors

for the 2007-2008 academic year between the hours of 8am and 2:30pm. It will be a fun and fulfilling experience. Knowledge in any academic subject is welcome, but expect to talk about more than class as you will probably help students develop emotionally and ethically as they mature into, with your help and counsel, fine standing men and women. Those interested should contact Adam Neblock, Woodland's tutor coordinator at 728-7456 ext. 159 or adam.neblock@duluth.k12.mn.us.

Zumba

Latin dance inspired fitness program

Monday evenings 7-8 pm

Starting Oct. 1st for 6 weeks

At Temple Israel, 1602 E 2nd St.

Zumba combines dancesteps and fitness moves in easy to follow routines set to upbeat Latin music. You do NOT need a partner, and you do NOT need to know how to dance to take this class. Zumba can be adapted to all fitness levels and people may even participate while seated on chairs!

Fee - \$30; Contact Judy Gordon 340-7738

To register send name, address, phone, email and a check to Active Aging Partners Inc, c/o Temple Israel, 1602 E 2nd St., Duluth 55812.

Honoring our Spirits

Sunday Oct 21, 4 pm at Temple Israel

Join us for an interfaith worship service honoring LGBT folk and Allies, hosted by Standing on the Side of Love. Speaker is Rabbi Amy Bernstein, music by Karen Baumann.

Seven Straight Nights for Equal Rights

This is a national event that will provide straight Americans with opportunities to do justice and motivate new allies to stand up and be counted for GLBT equal rights. It is a coordinated campaign of overnight vigils led by straight allies. It will sweep across cities throughout the nation during the week of October 7 - 13, 2007, gaining momentum in the national media as more states participate in the event.

Our local event will be held **Tuesday, October 9**. There will be a gathering at the United Presbyterian Church at 229 N 28th St. in Superior, followed by a vigil at 8:15 at the Superior Public Library at the corner of Tower and Belknap. For more info, www.sevenstraighnights.org

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. Childcare is provided. The sermon at both services is the same. We often need musicians to provide special music for our 8:30 service. If you can help us with this ministry, please let Pastor Kathy or Jim Pospisil know.

Sunday, October 7

Indigenous People's Day, World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 1 – 7

Sermon: Hidden Stories of the Ancestor's Courage and Hope

Today we are blessed to have our worship led by our members Tadd and Emily Johnson and Tony LeDeaux, along with Pastor Kathy. Tadd is special legal council for the Mille Lacs Band, and Emily is director of communications for the band. Tony has been part of our Anti-Racism Team and has been working toward the creation of Police Civilian Review Board for the city of Duluth.

This morning we will also receive our annual **Neighbors in Need** offering. One third of the offering is used to support our 20 Native American Congregations situated in the poorest counties of our nation.

Sunday, October 14th

Bold Choice Theatre and the Welcoming of New Members

Scripture: Luke 17: 11 – 19

Pastor Kathy will preach at 8:30.

This morning at 10:30 we will welcome new members into our congregation and give bibles to our 3rd graders. This is Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week — we are privileged to see a drama by Bold Choice Theatre (starring **Peter Barnett**). The Praise and Worship Team and children's choir will sing. Gather in the Music Room after worship to meet the Bold Choice cast and discuss the play. **More info on Bold Choice Theatre on page 16.**

Sunday, October 21 — Children's Sabbath

Scripture: Luke 18: 1 – 8

Sermon: "Don't Lose Heart" - Pastor Kathy

Sunday, October 28 – UNICEF Carnival

(11:30—1pm in the Fellowship Hall)

Scripture: Joel 2: 23 – 32 and Luke 18: 9 – 14

Sermon: "Knowing Who and Whose We Are" Pastor Kathy preaching

Music provided by our praise team.

Sunday, November 4th

All Saints Sunday – 135 Years of Peace

This morning we will honor our long time members and listen to a wonderful choral reading of our history written by Tom Isbell.

If you would like to be participate in the choral reading for this Sunday's worship, please let Pastor Kathy know.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

OFFERING — OCTOBER 7, 2006

Neighbors in Need is the church's financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the U.S. It is distributed to a wide array of congregations and nonprofits working for justice and helping their neighbors in their communities and across the country. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry, including the 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy, just peace and peace with justice programs, and community grants.

Contributing to Neighbors in Need is a way of joining with the UCC in a common commitment to justice and compassion. It is an expression of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

A few weeks ago, I created a labyrinth on the beach. It took about 3 hours of raking, carrying, dragging driftwood into the geometric pattern of a single path winding around and eventually arriving at a center point. And then I got the pleasure of walking the sacred path, meditating in the middle, and writing poetic reflections on the moment.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient form of prayer that goes back to pre-Christian origins in Greece. One of the most famous labyrinths is found in the medieval cathedral at Chartres, France. The circuitry of the labyrinth is a metaphor for the twists and turns of life's journey, and, as sacred paths, labyrinths provide places to disconnect from the demands of the world in order to deepen our connection with our Creator. Walking labyrinths is a kinesthetic form of prayer, and creating this labyrinth was an even deeper form of prayer.

Prayer, simply, is a connection to the Divine, but this simple definition has taken me many years to understand. As a young adult, I wondered what prayer is. I figured I did not know because I never got down on my knees before bedtime to verbalize thanks and desires to God. I thought I didn't know how to pray because I did not kneel at bedtime or say grace at dinner. I asked myself if I was faithful, and I asked if it was ok to pray in ways other than on my knees. I asked myself, "What is prayer?"

I now believe prayer is a time of communication with the Holy. I pray when I walk the labyrinth; one method of walking the labyrinth is to empty yourself of worries and concerns as you walk in, in order to be filled with God's call as you walk out. This is communication—I speak, and then I listen—and prayer is communication with the Holy One.

If prayer is disconnection from the world in order to be in communication with the Holy One, then how and when do you pray? I have found many places when I am aware of God's touch on my mind and soul. I have also observed people move into that holy zone; it is an amazing thing to watch Jim Pospisil or Marty Weintraub or Dave Winchester lose themselves to the Spirit when playing the piano. And there are times when I see Philip Hubert mowing the grass at church when he seems to be in communication with the Divine. I have heard of many spiritual practices that become prayer. Melissa Boyle makes bubbles as a prayerful spiritual practice, Steve Coll paints, Steve Horner writes music. Paul van Antwerp draws daily mandalas to remind himself to pray.

How do you pray? As Christians we believe that prayer is done in community with others, and we gather as this praying community to worship on Sundays. Prayer is also seen as an individual practice, and I recommend setting aside the space and time for your own spiritual discharge and recharge. I would love to hear the different places and ways you pray. We might find others who pray in similar ways or want to learn your practice, and form a faith-sharing group around that form of prayer.

May you find, on your own twisting labyrinth journey, a way to communicate with the Holy One!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Tony Clark, Associate Pastor for Youth and Small Group Ministries

Taize Worship Service—October 7 at First Lutheran

Meet at First Lutheran at 7 pm. Following worship, head to Dunn Bros on London Rd for coffee. Song and silence, scriptures read in different languages. Great way to center in to start the month, every first Sunday 7 pm.

UTS Course Offerings in Duluth

Fall 2007

Orientation to the Older Testament: Pentateuch and Former Prophets

Sept. 28/29, Oct. 19/20, Nov. 9/10, Dec. 7/8, Fridays, 6:00-9:15pm and Saturdays, 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:15-3:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6822 Grand Ave

Instructor: Richard Weis

Spring 2008

Introduction to Feminist Theology

Instructor: Katherine McLaughlin

Feb. 22/23, Mar. 28/29, Apr. 18/19, May 9-10 at Peace Church

Music in Worship: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs

Instructor: Arthur Clyde

Feb. 8/9, Mar. 7/8, Apr. 4/5, May 2/3

For registration information contact: Glen Herrington-Hall, Director of Admissions, United Theological Seminary, 3000 Fifth St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, 800-937-1316, gherrington-hall@unitedseminary.edu or in Duluth, contact Ann Nordgren, Duluth Program Coordinator, 218-525-3136, anordgren@unitedseminary.edu

Recycling Peace

Wanted: Dance partner for ballroom dance classes, and for the Peace Prom. Call Mary Martin at 720-5894

Needed: Donations of yarn for the Salvation Army. They have folks that will knit hats, gloves and scarves for the children they serve. Drop off at 215 S. 27th Ave W, or call 722-7934.

Storytellers

An evening of music, dance and stories performed at the Weber Music Hall at UMD on Saturday October 13 at 7:30

The evening will be highlighted by four performance groups including:

Cedar Creek drum group, a Native American group from the Duluth area. Native American dances will be performed by Chet Welch, and Wichahpi and Bernie Lussier. Tom Handorgan, will tell a traditional story.

Celtic music will be performed by Mary Lou Williams and Dave Winchester. Dancers include Lisa McKhann and Renee Moe. Marcus Trudeau will tell a Celtic tale.

Les Fils Du Voyageur, a five piece a capella troupe, will perform music of the fur trade era.

Asian Lion Dance will round out the evening's performance.

A reception will follow.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10; student and senior price is \$7.

This event is sponsored by the **United Theological Seminary**. This Café au Lake production is produced by Marilyn Mayry and Mary Lou Williams. All are welcome.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Council will meet on **Tuesday, October 16** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

All boards and committees will meet on **Wednesday, October 10th**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. At 6 pm there will be Faith Weavers for our kids and nursery for 3 and under.

THANK YOU

- To Nettie Bothwell, Joan and Wes Severson and others who helped with the reception after Keith Clement's memorial service.
- To all who helped with this year's Fall Harvest Festival which raised money for "Opening Doors, Building Peace, Praising God" – the second phase of our building project, which will remodel our sanctuary. Thanks especially to our awesome Care and Fellowship Committee for all their hard work and good humor, to all who helped with the turkey grilling, those who donated food, served and cleaned up and provided music. It was a wonderful festive day!
- To all who walked in the annual Crop Walk; special thanks to Doug Bowen Bailey for organizing the event.
- From Josh Chandler at the Minnesota Conference of the UCC: "Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Justice and Witness Ministry. Peace UCC's contribution will help us accomplish our mission to equip congregations with the knowledge and skills necessary to shape the policies in keeping with God's vision of a just and loving society."
- From Mark Blakesly, Open and Affirming Consultant from the UCC who was here for our Pride Service: "Tony, Thank you so much for the invitation to be with Peace UCC last weekend. It was a wonderful experience and you were a great host. Blessings."
- From Greg at the Olive Branch of Loaves and Fishes: "Dear friends, Many kind thanks for your recent gift. The parents in one of our families both had surgeries while here, and are recovering. They hope to get their van out of impoundment next month. We request prayers for more community members. May God bless you all with an outpouring of the Spirit. With gratitude."

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mark Nelson and Karyn MacLean and their son Eli, Mark continues to undergo chemotherapy for his colon cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Tim Pierce and Heather Everett who were married on Friday, September 21st at Peace Church
- Philip Hubert who is now a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This places him in the top 1% of the nation of those having taken the PSAT test this past year. The finalists will be announced in February of 2008 after all SAT scores are in.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Keith Clement, son of Rodney and Joyce Clement. A memorial service was held at Peace Church on Saturday, September 15th.

Extraordinarily Ordinary

~ by Sally Larson

*Mary announces
someone's lost keys
Cynthia forgets
and frantically runs
Do they know how ordinary
it is to be different?
Meals to fix
Announcements to be made
Children to be changed & fed
Laughter fills the hall
The extraordinary meets
the ordinary
Binding together
the threads of difference
Into one cloth
Nothing more extraordinary
than finding lost keys
Nothing more ordinary
than living a life of meaning & love.*

(Written on Pride Sunday, Sept. 2)

ADULT FORUMS — Sundays 9:30am

*Grab a cup of coffee in the Narthex
and join us!*

Topic Study in the Fireside Room
Bible Study in the Conference Room

The Bible study is based on the scripture for the worship that day, and uses a curriculum that is easy to understand and participate in.

All are welcome!

Sunday, October 7th – A discussion on some of the issues facing native people in Minnesota.

Tadd Johnson, special council for the Mille Lacs Tribe and Emily Johnson, communications director for Minnesota Tribes will be with us. Tadd and Emily have worked for many, many years on issues facing native peoples. Emily has recently been involved on labeling policies of wild rice. Did you know that most of the wild rice sold in stores is paddy rice and not harvested by native people?

**Sunday, October 14
Reflections from General Synod**

Pastor Tony Clark, Phil Cook and Nick Lemke all were at this Summer's General Synod which celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ. Come and hear some of their thoughts about this huge gathering of our denomination.

Sunday, October 21 – More Reflections from General Synod – Bill Moyer DVD

We will listen to portions of Bill Moyer's keynote address at General Synod.

**Sunday, October 28
More Reflections from General Synod**

Actress Lynn Redgrave with a musical response from Ken Medema will be this morning's video with discussion to follow.

Wednesday Evenings

6 - 7 pm in the Fireside Room

October 3 – The second of two Inquirer's Classes – come and learn more about our local congregation's history, structure and take the tour of the building. This is great for folks considering membership in Peace United Church of Christ or who just want to learn more about our faith and history.

We will welcome new members into our congregation on Sunday, October 14th during the worship services. Plan on attending this class if you would like to join at that time.

October 10th – Board and Committee night– There are lots of great committees to be part of—Christian Education, Just Peace, Property, Care and Fellowship and more. IF you would like to join one of these great groups, talk with Pastors Kathy or Tony.

October 17 and 24th – Biblical and Theological Reflection led by Tom Liddle and other members of our Philippine Partnership Committee.

We will study the same biblical text as our partner congregations in the Philippines, and then share our reflections with one another. The text for this month is Isaiah 2. (See page 14)

October 31 – Halloween Gathering
From 5 – 6 we will gather for dinner and a short movie. There will be no regular meetings tonight.

Take a look at . . .
<http://www.peacebubble.org/>
. . . to see Paul and Eliot van Antwerp passing the peace.

"Dear Lord, Be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small."

This is the title of this year's National Observance of Children's Sabbath sponsored by the organization, National Children's Defense Fund. This organization is committed to our nation's children by working for adequate health care coverage for all children. So many of our nation's children are suffering needlessly due to no health care. Here are some statistics about Minnesota's children.

- 140,000 children lived in poverty in 2005
- 5000 of those children live in St. Louis county
- 62,000 children lived in "extreme" poverty
- 79,000 children currently have no health care coverage

Nearly 30% of children did not have a preventive medical care visit in the past year.

These statistics can be overwhelming. What can we do to help? "The sea is so wide and our boat so small." We can join together, with congregations around the country, and pray. We can pray for our children and our governmental leaders. We can speak up and be the voice that demands justice for all our children. On October 14th, our children's offering will be given to this fund. Please give generously. For more information about how you can help, visit www.childrendefense.org.

~ Blessings, Cynthia

Acolyte schedule for October

- October 7:** Ellie Hoffman and Teran Lind
- October 14:** Peter and Sam Kendall
- October 21:** Grant Montgomery and Sam Deters
- October 28:** Isaac Wilkowske and Bjorn Aas-Larson

Church School is off to a great start!

Thank you to Emily Larson, Brenda Butterfield, Maggie Fink, Amy Larson, Ellen Lindgren, Jen Pearson, Sarah Nelson, Molly Watson, Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks, Christina Mullozzi, Lisa Brown, Rene Montgomery, Diane Swanoski, Gail Blum, Harriet Crofts, Robin Davidson, Jesse Schomberg, Cindy Macaulay, Mary Adams, Amanda Sneed and Tony Clark for their commitment to our children's education at Peace.

Church School is for all ages!

If you have not registered your children, please pick up a form in the narthex by the bulletin boards. 5th grade and younger join us in the sanctuary at 9:30 for our opening celebration. Jr/Sr High go directly to your classrooms. There is nursery care provided for children younger than preschool in the infant nursery room.

PARENTS: All children 3rd grade and younger need to be picked up from their classrooms no later than 10:25 AM on Sunday mornings. Sunday mornings can get a little crazy and we want all our little children to be safe and accounted for.

Some Sundays to take note of:

- October 7th** ~ Kid's Choir sings at 10:30 service
- October 14th** ~ Bibles for 3rd Graders during 10:30 service
- October 21st** ~ Kid's Choir sing at 10:30 service
- October 28th** ~ UNICEF Carnival at 11:30am. There will be no regular Church School this day, but join Cynthia in the sanctuary for lots of singing fun.



Peace Readers Group

Thursday October 11, 6:30-8pm — Fireside Room

Book — *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore

This is a humorous look at the missing years of Jesus, and how our Divine Lord deals with his miraculous powers as he navigates the waters of growing up. Books available at Northern Lights.

UPCOMING: Nov 15, 6:30-8:00 pm, A Hidden Wholeness: the Journey Toward an Undivided Life, Welcoming the Soul and Weaving Community in a Wounded World.

This is a great book by Parker Palmer, a Quaker educator who has dealt with his own depression as part of his faith journey. This book looks at practices and ways of prayer that feed the soul, making one's life whole. The soul has specific spiritual needs including silence, laughter, beauty, community, individual time, and spirit friends. This is a great how-to manual for anyone with a soul (that's everyone!). There will be 2 books available at church for loan, and more copies available at Northern Lights in Canal Park

Dec 20, 6:30-8:00 pm. We will have copies of some of our favorite **Christmas-flavored short stories** on hand, including O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi", "Christmas in Hollow Tree Inn," A. A. Milne's "King John's Christmas," and others. We will read them that night.



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY

Check it out!

This fall we are having "Library Day" for all of our church school children to introduce them to our library. Each Sunday we will have a different age group meet in our children's library. Sharon Crosby will talk about the library, and one of our congregational members will read a story to the children before they check out books. Thanks to the following members for reading to the kids: Jane Rupel, Kay Stevens, Karie Simpson, Elaine Augustad, Julie Flotten, Justin Olson, and Cynthia Peterson.

New books: Adult Fiction: *The 22 (Non-Negotiable) Laws of Wellness* by Greg Anderson; *Kindling the Spirit, Acts of Kindness and Words of Courage for Women* by Lois P Frankel; *The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen; Adult Fiction: *Saving Grace* by Lee Smith, *Girl With a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier, *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III.

Children's: From the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pape Osborne—*Afternoon on the Amazon* and *Sunset of the Sabertooth*, *The Penguins' Big Win* by Terri Steiger, *Marty's Monster* by Nancy Ellen Hird, *Digging Up Dinosaurs* and *My Visit to the Dinosaurs* by Aliki, *Penguin Pete's New Friends* by Marcus Pfister.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Oct 26th, 7-10 pm ~ Pursuit of Happyness Will Smith and his son star in a story about difficult choices in order to get to a better place in life.

Nov 30th, 7-10 pm ~ Sicko Michael Moore's look at the state of health care in the US.



Dec 21, Solstice night ~ Northern Exposure takes a look at the darkest night of the year. Quickly becoming a Peace holiday tradition!

Coming soon to a TV near you: the Simpsons Movie. Will Homer actually keep the faith? Will Bart become a better person? Why does this family captivate us so much; and how does it reflect the state of faith in the US?

NEW COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

The Shared Ministry Committee is very excited to be working on a new model for our Sunday coffee hour ministry. We have been lucky to have a core group of volunteers who have served us for years. As our membership has grown, the work of the volunteers has increased, and therefore the Shared Ministry Committee has been looking for new ways to involve more members in this important ministry.

This new model invites the entire congregation to be part of the ministry, and we think that it will work wonderfully in our congregation. The details are relatively simple. The congregation is divided into 12 groups (one for each month), each with two coordinators. Those members assigned to the month are responsible for that month's coffee hours and communion preparation.



There are some specific benefits to this model. First, with a congregation the size of Peace, each family group should only have to serve one weekend a year. Second, everyone in the congregation is able to be part of the ministry with a minimal time commitment. Finally, it is a way to help new members connect to the church quickly as they will be invited to be on a monthly service group right away. We are aware that not everyone attends coffee hour, but this model offers other ways to help, such as setting up (which can be done after early service), providing communion bread, or providing monetary support.

As we move forward with this new plan, we are aware that there may be questions and concerns, but we are confident that it will become a wonderful way for each of us to contribute to the unique energy that our church has come to be known for. Many of us can recall having a cup of coffee and a cookie as a visitor or new member. Whether we hung in the background and checked things out, or met our first Peace Church friend at those early coffee hours, we got a feel for this community. As older members, coffee hour gives us to opportunity to connect with friends and to meet visitors to our church. We look forward to expanding this ministry to offer everyone in the community an opportunity to serve. We will be sending out a letter in early November with the monthly groupings and additional information.

If you have specific times of the year that you will be unavailable, or feel you are unable to participate in this program, please notify the shared ministry committee.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS — HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1	Doris Godden Sarah Peterson Craig Peterson	12	Karen Morgan Susan Soule Erin Blood	19	Wes Severson
4	Sue Betz Barb Hanka Seth Hoffman	13	Micade Devlin Joan Hendrickson Mary Jo Youngstrom-Reed	20	Rorie Arnold
5	Darrell Cran Jesse Schomberg Heather Blood	15	Bob Montgomery	21	Mina Hubert
6	Jen Stenersen	17	Hallie Davis	22	Kay Stevens Nam Provost Tammy Fox
7	George Bowen Tiffany Langdon-Larson	18	Gabriel Zaun	23	Becky Hamsher
8	Beth Caven	19	Marlene Sipila Mollie Stapleton Clark Gregg Nugent	24	Kathy Bray Carla Stegmann
9	Lorri Mitchell	20	Katy (Eschbach) Schmidt	25	Chris Peterson Isaac Wilkowske Sydnie Stackland
11	Alison Wood	21	Emily (Eschbach) Biske	26	Katie Sawyer Erin DeWitt
		22		27	Erin DeWitt Diana Hanka Cedar Webster
		23		28	Diana Hanka Cedar Webster
		24		31	Peggy Maske

YOUTH



Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders!

Every Wednesday - 7-8:30pm
In the Senior High Youth Room

Come to Youth Group in October!

Oct.3 – Song writing with Steve Horner

Oct.10 – Covenants

Saturday Oct. 13 – Record the song written with Steve Horner and then move to Sleep-Out at the College of St. Scholastica. We will be taking part in the CHUM/Gabriel Project's Annual "Project Homeless Connect" event with other groups and congregations—viewing the play "Habitat" and spending a night outdoors to raise awareness, money and donated items for CHUM's ministry to the homeless.

Oct.17 – Brainstorming Session

Oct. 24 – prepare for UNICEF Carnival

Oct. 31 – Alternative to Trick-or-Treating; family events 6-7:30.

UNICEF Carnival—October 28th 11:30-1pm

Set- up on Sat Oct 27 10-12

it's time again for Pumpkin Squirt Out, Cakewalk, Bowling, etc. Our annual UNICEF Carnival is coming up. Traditionally you all (the youth) have taken on running the games. Philip Hubert, the youth representative on the Christian Education Committee, is helping to organize the youth part...see him at Youth Group or talk to him about how you can help.

Watch for these activities in future Peace Bells



"Tubbing"

Caroling

Bowling

Hay ride

Work at BearGrease?

A Lock in?

Ski Trip



First Year Confirmation Class

All 9th and 10th graders
are welcome to participate!

The class will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.. We will begin with a youth worship service at 7:00 in the youth room and then move to the fireside room for class.

Wednesday, October 10

Foundations in Living-Creation Stories

Wednesday, October 24

Foundations in Remembering

Abraham and Sarah

Sunday, October 28 – Help with the UNICEF Carnival at Church – 11:30-1pm

Parents:

Brief meeting about Youth Group this year, Wednesday, October 3, at 6 pm, youth room.

GALLERY WALL

Tom Rauschenfels is our fall artist who will display his woodcuts until Thanksgiving. He was recommended by Claire Smith; they are rowing buddies. So you see, friends of Peace Church goers are welcome to display their art here.

Tom is a lifetime resident of Duluth and a teacher at Hermantown High School, when not creating at his Park Point studio/home. The sanctuary images share his love for sailing and family, while the gallery wall is more varied and thought-provoking.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Group for Singles

Friday Oct. 12th ~ Potluck Dinner and games.

Sunday Oct. 21st ~ attend *Urinetown* at UMD (contact Pastor Tony if this sounds interesting)

This group generally meets one Friday and one Sunday each month to eat together, socialize, with other people, to connect issues of faith with our daily lives. All adults are welcome.

Reading, Writing, Reflection Group

Thursdays, Oct 11 & 25 —7-8:30pm

Using short writings, we write and reflect together, and share how our faith journey aligns with others' writings. Fireside room. 7-8:30.

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Peace Church Choir practices 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 music room downstairs for rehearsal. Jim Pospisil is our music director. Welcome to Eric Bigalke, our new pianist.



Women's Basketball

Are you a "retired" women's basketball player? Do you yearn to return to the floor and see if you can still make that perfect shot? If any of this entices you, then think about joining a group of women 30 and over to have some fun! Questions? Contact Karie Simpson 728-4971 or Ann Skwira-Brown 728-3079.

Needed: Someone with computer graphic design skills willing to volunteer occasionally on church projects. Please call or email the office.

SHARE Food Drive

Saturday, October 27, 9 - 12noon

Volunteers are needed to help collect and sort food. Call 727-2391.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday October 24



Noon at the Benedictine Health Center
Third Floor Lounge
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!

Upcoming dates for your calendar

January 4 – 6th – Urban Immersion Weekend for Youth – Join in a great service learning trip to Minneapolis. We will begin on Friday night at the retreat center with an opening session, work most of the day Saturday at an inner city ministry setting, eat dinner at House of Charity and then worship on Sunday at Park Avenue United Methodist Church. This is a required event for our confirmands, but other senior high youth are very welcome!

February 8 – 10th –Winter camp Weekend at Camp DuNord on Burntside Lake near Ely. Everyone welcome! Let Pastors Kathy or Tony know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend

February 29 – March 1st – Men's Retreat
If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Pastor Tony know.

Friday, April 18 – 19th Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. 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. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus.

MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Mary Nienaber*

The Council met on a foggy and unusually warm fall evening. We are blessed with the increasing precipitation in our community as well as the thoughtful and caring commitment of our Council members. The reports provide a dizzying array of activities and important work in our community of faith.

As Tom Hystead was kind enough to remind us last Sunday, please make every effort to catch up on your pledges, as we are still substantially behind for this time of year. I am hopeful that with the shoulder to shoulder participation in Rally Sunday's service, we will begin to catch up. The Finance Committee reported that statements will be coming out this month to assist us in the catch-up process.

It was wonderful to welcome Pastor Kathy back to the fold last weekend and we're all excited to hear her report (and great photos) at the Forums on the 23rd and on the 30th of September. Pastor Kathy was not able to be at the Council meeting as there is one more piece of her sabbatical plan to fulfill. She was attending the Alban Institute Training for a workshop on Leading a Multi-Staff Team. We are a growing organization and I applaud Kathy and Tony for pro-actively taking steps to understand, re-tool and grow to accommodate these changes. Together they will be attending a MN Conference session in October with UCC Pastor Anthony Robinson speaking on issues related to growing congregations.

We heard wonderful reports from our Dismantling Racism team regarding their continuing work with the Anti-Racism Dialogue Circles starting again this fall and that several members have now been trained as facilitators. The Philippines Partnership Committee provided an overview of the agenda and activities of the partnership with Surigao District Conference. The energy and compassion demonstrated with these efforts is truly inspiring.

The Christian Education Committee started this year with a planning retreat that has given them a great opportunity to jump start their activities and re-think some of the activities. We really appreciate their efforts as our Sunday school population bursts at the seams.

Lastly, the Council has identified a sub-group to review and make recommendations regarding the organizational structure of the church and associated by-laws. The group intends to bring such recommendations to the congregation in January along with the budget meeting. Now that I've put it in print...we're committed!

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Recognizing the full and busy lives that many individuals and families lead, The Health and Wellness Committee is working to incorporate wellness into established church gatherings and events. Watch for monthly ideas for small steps that may help to make great strides towards overall health and wellness.

Health and Wellness Committee Small Steps for Healthful Living

- Buy whole foods, whether canned, frozen, or fresh from the farm, and use them in place of processed foods whenever possible.
- Protect your skin by applying moisturizer daily and using sun block.
- Meditate or spend a minimum of five minutes daily in quiet time.

From the UCC Disabilities Ministry:

In 2007, October 14 will be the occasion that all the UCC will join together in celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the strides that the church has made in being more whole through being more accessible. It is also a day that we, the church, acknowledge the journey yet to be taken with our sisters and brothers with disabilities.

So who are these brothers and sisters with disabilities? It is possible that particular members of our congregation come to mind with that word "disability", as they have the trappings of the "disabled" such as a wheelchair, a cane, or possibly a hearing aid. Maybe it's the young girl who wears braces on her legs, or the child who cannot speak. Do we stop to consider that it may also be the person suffering from major depression, or maybe the formerly athletic person who is suffering from heart disease to the extent that they cannot comfortably walk up the stairs? Not all disabilities are obvious and not all are static. A person with arthritis may be doing well until a flare-up makes getting up in the morning almost impossible, only to be resolved in a few weeks.

As we celebrate Access Sunday, it is a good time to reflect on how we as a community live into the extravagant welcome promised by Jesus. Are we understanding when the person with arthritis is unable to fulfill a volunteer commitment or do we make them feel guilty for the inconvenience that they have caused by not showing up? Do we really offer opportunities to all our members to serve in the life of community in meaningful ways or do we just hand them a volunteer form and hope they find something they can do if they want to. These can be hard, uncomfortable questions for us to ask, but to pretend that they aren't important won't make them go away. On our journey to wholeness, each of us needs to be encouraged. In many ways, we have made progress in being accessible and welcoming differently-abled individuals into our community.

BOLD-Choice Theatre Company is a Duluth-based Outreach Theatre Company that was created through CHOICE Unlimited — an agency that assists adults with disabilities.

B*O*L*D (Battling Obstacles Living with Disabilities) creates and tours disability awareness theatre productions. It provides a unique style of theatre performance that exposes community and student audiences to the talents of individuals with disabilities. Going into its third year, Beauty and the BEASTs is BOLD's second originally created production and it will tour to area schools through May of 2008 while the Company creates its third presentation that will be available in February of 2008. Beauty and the BEASTs is engaging and fun for all ages, exploring a world of outrageous characters that bring a fairy tale into today's reality of bullies, beasts, and unique disabilities. It sends a message of diversity, respect, and awareness.

On October 14 during our 10:30 worship service, Bold Choice will present a scene from their play, starring Peace Church member Peter Barnett. Meet the cast and discuss the play at 11:30 in the Music Room.

PEACE PALS

PEACE PALS—OCTOBER 25

Stan Burns has arranged a show at the UMD Planetarium just for us!! It will be on Thursday, October 25, the regular meeting date for the PALS group. All Peace adults are welcome. Watch for more info.

If you are not on the email list announcing PALS events and wish to be included, contact Dick or Linda Goese (goese@chartermi.net or 525-3412.)

PEACE PALS—NOVEMBER 29

Good news! There will be a UMD play on November 29, our scheduled meeting night. The play, presented in the Dudley Experimental Theatre at the Marshall Performing Arts Center, will be "Dinner with Friends" by Donald Margulies.

The description in the brochure follows: "Two couples. Two crises. When Beth and Tom decide to split after twelve years of marriage, their friends Gabe and Karen are forced to examine their own marriage in this 'sober, wise and extremely funny play. (New York Times) A keen and witty examination of our times. Winner of the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Drama."

I can reserve group tickets during the first week in November, prior to the November 12 "sale to the public" date. Adult tickets are \$15.00; Seniors, \$11.00. For groups of 10 to 19, there is \$1.00 off, for 20 or more, \$2.00 off. I will need reservations by November 6, but there will be more information in the month ahead.

Do you have suggestions regarding possibly having "dinner with friends" prior to the 7:30 P.M. performance, and where? Contact Marlis Cran, 722- 7264 or e-mail marliswani@tds.net

KIDS CHOIR

Children's Choir

Beginning Sept 12th

5 - 5:30pm - 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.

Puzzle Peace Interfaith Kid's Choir

This is a great opportunity for our children to meet other children from different faith communities in Duluth. There are usually one or two rehearsals followed by a performance at different community events through out the year.

"PUZZLE PEACE" is an ongoing, family-friendly choir for youth, ages preschool through middle school, who want to sing for PEACE! Singers and families may choose the performance/s and corresponding rehearsal/s that work for them, whether one or ALL. Friends are always welcome!

COMING IN OCTOBER: The SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE at the College of St. Scholastica (with Sara Thomsen, singer/songwriter)

SAT. OCT. 20 - Performance at closing ceremonies 1:00 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium

REHEARSALS: Sat. Oct. 13, 10:30-11:30a.m., Mitchell Auditorium

Tues. Oct. 16, 6:00-7:00p.m., TBA

Sat. Oct. 20, 9:30-10:30a.m., TBA

COMMITMENT: 2 rehearsals (your choice) PLUS performance

For further information, contact director, Cyndi Gritzmacher, 724-0308.

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WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — *All are welcome!*

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study, Inquirers Class (Oct. 3) Fireside Room
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation I—2nd & 4th Weds.)
Boards and Committees meet on **October 10** at 6 pm

NOTE: OCTOBER 31 -There are no regular Wednesday night activities this night due to Halloween, but all are invited for pizza and a short children's movie in the Fellowship Hall from 5 - 6pm. Come dressed in your costumes, eat pizza, watch a movie, and then go trick-or-treating! It will be fun!

FAITH WEAVERS

KINDERGARTEN—3RD GRADE

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

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 3rd grade kids are welcome to join us any time.

Registration Forms are in the Narthex

Fill out a registration form to sign your children up for this fall's Faith Weavers/Peace Puppets Program. A \$15-\$20 (per year per kid) donation is requested to help cover the cost of supplies for Faith Weavers and Puppets.



Adult Study Wednesdays
at 6pm in Fireside Room
Please see page 5 for more
information.

PEACE PUPPETS

4TH-5TH GRADE — WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM



Peace Puppets started September 12 with 12 enthusiastic fourth and fifth graders puppeteers-in-training. We are working towards a show October 28. Right now we are using a motley mishmash of puppets and having a ball, but our goal is to create a troupe of characters of semi-professional quality puppets that can become the Peace Puppets for many years to come.

In the near future we will begin a couple of small fund raising efforts. (Watch for amazing Peeper Puppets). All contributions will be appreciated.

Also watch for our wish list of supplies as any items that can be donated will allow us to use our money to purchase our puppets. Right now we are particularly looking for Velcro, double A batteries, false eye lashes and exercise mats. Drop items off in the office. Mark them Peace Puppets.

We are also looking for kind folks to donate yummy treats for the October 28 after church coffee hour. Contact Cindy McLean (cindy@peaceucc.org) with any questions or donations.

Parents and others...

We're continually looking for parent help and parent expertise in Faith Weavers. (And it's fun!) I am looking for people to lead F.W. October 8, November 12, and December 10. These are Board and Committee nights.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and eleven congregations. Our collective goal is to support people living in poverty and to strive for social and economic justice throughout Duluth. Here's an update...

"Connecting the Dots" Community wide Showcase and Assembly— Saturday October 6th 9-Noon at First United Methodist (Coppertop) Church. CHUM along with Duluth LISC and the Creating Neighborhoods that Work-At Home in Duluth collaborative will be hosting this community wide Showcase and Assembly to celebrate neighborhood revitalization successes and engage new partners throughout the city. This event is open to the public, will provide free childcare (please call NHS at 727-8604 to reserve), and refreshments. Rides are available upon request through CHUM at 625-1739. Program from 9:30-10:30 am featuring Jim Oberstar, presentation of neighborhood revitalization plans, announcements of new partners and funding and much more.

CHUM / Project Homeless Connect Community Wide Sleep Out— Join CHUM congregations and other groups at locations throughout the city as we spend a night outdoors to raise awareness, money and donated items for Duluth's 2nd Annual Project Homeless Connect event. Contact Kim Crawford for details at the number below.

CHUM's RUAH (Rehabilitating Urban Affordable Housing) Project is up, running and serving two families! We are still in great need of **gently used** dressers, 1 full size electric stove, and a **lawn mower in good working condition**. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Veronica at 310-0063. It would be great if you could also help with the delivery of these items.

The Grant Reading Partner Program is looking for 100 volunteers who can commit to a half hour each week to read with a Grant Magnet School student for the academic year. If you are interested in being a reader or would like more information, please contact Veronica at the number below.

Thanks for all you support!! If you have any questions, please call us: Ben, Kim, Steve, or Veronica at 625.1739

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Opening Doors, Building Peace, Praising God

We are continuing to receive pledges for phase 2 of our capital campaign.

This campaign is to raise money for the proposed remodeling of our sanctuary. We currently have pledged 465,000 toward our goal of 500,000. If you haven't yet made a pledge or could consider increasing your pledge, we would be grateful. Any amount of increase would help the congregation move forward on these exciting plans. Gail Blum has created a wonderful visual of our church filled with people to mark our progress toward our goal of \$500,000.

Money raised from the Fall Harvest Festival will go toward our goal. We are planning a silent auction and artist's cabaret for November 10th. The money raised from this event will also go toward our capital campaign.

The building committee will be meeting on October 6th to look at the new set of drawings from our architects. Dan Green is the chair of our building committee. The plans will be presented to the congregation and are posted in the narthex on the blue board. We hope to begin building after Easter Sunday 2008. Let's work together to Open Doors, Build Peace and Praise Our Amazing God!

Contributions from IRAs

In 2007 if you are age 70 1/2 or older, you are allowed to make a charitable contribution directly from your IRA to the charitable institution. The amount is limited to \$100,000, and you will not have to pay tax on distributions that go **DIRECTLY** to the charitable institution.



Biblical Theological Reflection for Philippine Partnership

Wed. Oct. 17 and Wed. Oct. 24 at 6pm in the Fireside Room

As part of getting to know our partner churches in the Philippines, we are embarking on a sharing of “biblical theological reflection.” This is a way for us to learn how each other’s *context* and *perspective* effects our interpretation of biblical texts and *informs our theology and action in the world*.

Please take some time in the next few weeks to study and pray about this text. Then write a brief reflection on your thoughts.

You can put your reflection in the Philippines Partnership mailbox in the Narthex hallway near the office. We will have two community discussions on the text Wed. Oct. 17 and Wed. Oct. 24 at 6pm in the fireside room.

The text we are reflecting on is one very familiar to us here at Peace Church.

From Isaiah 2: 1-4:

“The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many people shall come and say, “Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob; That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the work of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between nations, and arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Background on the text: It is hard to pin down exactly when this text was written, but it may revolve around the Assyrian invasion of Judah in 701 BCE. In any case, it is a classic articulation of the Israelite prophetic ideal. After voicing harsh words of judgment towards Israel for its lack of obedience to the ways of Torah, the text imagines a time when the values and aspirations of all people will be oriented toward the common good. The book of Isaiah goes on to develop the cosmic “idea” of Jerusalem and contrasts God’s people with the political and military agenda of the world’s empires.

Things to think about:

In what ways does this text speak to you personally?

Could this text speak to our nation as a whole? How might the nation respond to this vision?

How do you see our nation or community advancing or detracting from this vision?

UNICEF CARNIVAL
Oct. 28th, 11:30–1pm
in the Fellowship Hall

All ages are invited to join us for our annual UNICEF Carnival following services Oct. 28th. Bring a friend and come in costume if you choose (non-violent costumes please). Have a hot dog and caramel apple while you play carnival games and participate in activity stations. Bowl, bean bag toss, try Plunko, go fishing, and much more. All proceeds go to the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund.

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing and serving food items in the kitchen, and donations of baked goods, hot dogs, prizes etc are needed. See sign-up sheet in the Peace Bell and in the Narthex.

Youth are needed to manage stations and run games for the kids - contact Phillip Hubert.



HOUSING NEEDED

Single mother of 5 (well-behaved) children needs a place in Duluth to rent or care-take as soon as possible. Call Monica Liddle, 279-1911, if you know of anything, or have any leads at all.

UNICEF CARNIVAL—October 28

Volunteer and Donations Sign Up Sheet

The UNICEF Carnival is only possible through the donations and cheerful support of volunteers. Please indicate below in what ways you are willing to help and return this form to the office.

Name _____

Phone # _____



Donations:

- Please write in quantity you are willing to donate.
- Donate ____ decorated cake(s)/cupcakes for the Cake walk (store bought is OK)
- Donate ____ packages of wieners and ____ packages of buns
- Donate ____ gallons of apple cider
- Donate ____ dozen apples
- Donate ____ containers of caramel dip
- Donate \$ _____ (cash) to purchase prizes
- Donate prizes: ____ bags of snack size candy
- ____ dozen non-candy prizes



Please return all donations to the Church no later than Wednesday, Oct. 24 so we can purchase what is still needed.

Volunteer Help:

- Please check the ways you are willing to help:
- ____ Help set up on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9am to 12n
- ____ Help during the carnival with games, food, tickets,
- ____ Help clean up from 1:30-2:30pm Sunday
- ____ Help in another way: (please list)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

JUST PEACE: *The Journey to Peace by Peace Church*

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. ~ Isaiah 2:4

Embracing peace in the midst of war is at the root of Peace Church's history. Originally our church was named St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church when it was founded by German immigrants in 1872. Many Germans came to the United States at that time to escape the impact of a century of wars in Europe, and in particular to avoid conscription.

The stories of how our three bells came to be reveal our church's deepening commitment to turn "swords into plowshares."

- Two years after the founding of St. Paul's, Kaiser Wilhelm I sent to the German congregation a cannon from the Franco-Prussian War, which the church members cast into a bell. Forty years later, during World War I, the church was asked to give up its bell, so that it could be melted down and made into ammunition; the congregation resisted the pressure to prove its patriotism and refused.

Peace Church members responded to World War II with patriotism by sending forty-nine men and one woman to war to defend their beloved country. The whole congregation showered them with letters and packages and celebrated upon the safe return of all fifty service people.

- When the St. Lawrence Seaway opened up in 1959, the congregation wrote a letter to President Eisenhower and requested the bell from the USS Ascella; their request was granted and it was delivered to the Duluth port. That same year, at the groundbreaking for the new Peace Church building on 11th Ave E., a plow with two swords attached was symbolically driven around the perimeter of the land.
- In 1962, the congregation, with the support of the American Legion, collected brass and copper scrap which were cast into our third bell. Our trio of Peace bells was now complete.

The Viet Nam War proved to be test of our congregation's commitment to being a peace church. The pastor at that time was Leonard Stark, and he strongly opposed the war. The congregation, along with the rest of the nation, struggled and debated the war pro and con. Ultimately many members left the church and Rev. Stark resigned, hoping to spare the church of further divisions.

Over the next 10 years Peace church gradually began to rebuild its membership. In 1985, the 15th General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirmed the denomination to be a Just Peace Church and defined Just Peace as the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence. The resolution also placed the United Church of Christ General Synod in opposition to the institution of war. In 1989, Peace Church voted to declare itself as a Just Peace church.

As a Just Peace Church, we are committed to continuing our Journey to Peace as we explore what it means for a church and a society to move from swords to plowshares, from spears to pruning hooks. We are challenged to respond with words and action as we honor the common ground of our human community, care for our planet and our environment, and work towards economic and social justice for all people. In the symbol of transformed swords, we define and embrace the mission of Peace Church.

The information in this article, written by Lyn Clark Pegg and Hill Hardesty, was presented at an Adult Forum on May 27th, the concluding Sunday of the "God is Still Speaking" series on social justice.

Further reflections on the topic of "The Journey for Peace at Peace Church" will come in the coming months.

HISTORICAL NOTES—RINGING THE BELL!

In honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the UCC, our Heritage Committee is writing articles about our history. This month's article—Interesting recent correspondence regarding our bells.

July 18, 2007

Thomas E. Pickenpaugh, Loan Officer, Department of the Navy
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Dear Mr. Pickenpaugh:

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 June 2007 and the enclosed letter of agreement dated 29 June 2007 regarding the use of our church's bell. In that letter, you have stated a number of conditions to which our church must agree in order for our ship's bell on loan from the USS ASCELLA.

As we have been privileged to have the use of this bell for the past 48 years, we have had a long term relationship of respectful and grateful use of this bell. We have no problems with all of the terms of this agreement, with the exception of item 1c, which states: "Navy bells are static exhibit items and are not to be rung by borrowing parties without permission." Every since we accepted this bell in 1959, it was with the understanding that it would be hung in our church's bell tower and used as part of our tolling bells.

In fact, we received a letter and accompanying memo on March 12, 1959 (which is in our church's official records) from Wilton B. Persons, the Assistant to the President, suggesting that the Navy donate a bell from a World War II U.S. Navy vessel as an "indefinite loan" to our church. Mr. Persons wrote the following:

*However, a ship's bell from one of our ships of World War II could be made available to Reverend Schmidt (then Pastor of our church) on an indefinite basis. This appears to be a ready made solution, and certainly there would be deep and reverent meaning for **such a bell to ring out its Christian message** from the hills of the growing port of Duluth.*

*...Technically, public laws do not permit the Navy Department to present relics to churches, but the Department can make an indefinite loan which, to all intents and purposes, will be **permanent**.*

As you can see, our agreement with the President and the Department of the Navy includes ringing of this bell as an integral part for the condition of our "indefinite" loan. Because of this, we cannot agree to item 1c as presently stated.

If you would like to send a letter confirming this understanding as an addendum to the agreement, we would be happy to sign and return it to you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

William R. Kehtel
Historical Committee

Rev. John C. Pegg
Interim Lead Pastor

The July 26 reply from Thomas Pickenpaugh states: "Permission is granted to ring the USS ASCELLA ship's bell. Surely its size and strength will easily withstand being rung."