



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ADVENT and CHRISTMAS at PEACE CHURCH

Prayers Around the Cradle Wednesdays in December 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary

This meditative worship includes quiet singing, silence, prayer and the lighting of candles. Take time each week for reflection and prayer as we journey toward Christmas. This service will be held each Wednesday until Christmas. Gudrun Witrak, Patty Beech and Jane Rupel will help to lead this time of prayer. The liturgy lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, based on each participant's need for silence and prayer.



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Choir Cantata

Sunday December 11 at the 10:30 Service

The Sanctuary Choir will perform portions of Handel's Messiah at our 10:30 service. They will be accompanied by the Gabriel String Quartet. The Messiah was composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel, with a scriptural text compiled by Charles Jennens from the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer.

Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday December 18 at the 10:30 service

"The Perfect Tree"

Three tall trees and one small pine live in the Carpathian mountains, growing with the hopes of being picked by the Queen to be the tree who stands in the great hall for Christmas. The queen at first glance believes the small pine to be ugly and wants it chopped down, but then sees all the animal tracks under and around its branches, and realizes that it has fed and sheltered the animals

of the forest. She picks the small pine because it showed unconditional love, just like the Christ child coming into the world. She believed it would be a true representation of what Christmas is all about.



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 at 4pm and 10pm

The earlier service will have a hymn sing half an hour before worship begins. This service includes a children's time by our Peace Puppeteers, lots of music and readings by our youth and will end in candle light and "Silent Night" played by Barb, Sergei and Diana Hanka.

The 10 pm service will have anthems by our senior choir, brass accompaniment, a homily by Pastor Kathy and will also end in candlelight and Silent Night played by Cathy Ameel on harp. ***This service will be audiostreamed from our website.***

Christmas Eve Dinner 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall *All are Welcome!*

Gather with your Peace Church family at this special time of year. We will enjoy a supper of soup and salad following the 4 pm service in the fellowship hall. Of course, there will be Christmas cookies and punch. You need not bring a thing, but any additions to the meal are always welcome. Although you can come at the last moment (no problem), if you know you are coming please sign up in the entry way or call the office to help us get an approximate count. Enjoy candlelight, food and the best of friends!



Christmas Caroling

Sunday December 18 – after lunch at church

Join us for a light lunch of soup, then caroling to some of our members living in local nursing homes or assisted living residences. It is a great way to get out and sing with our members!

Solstice Celebration

Wednesday December 21 at 5:30pm

Hot dogs, chocolate and "Northern Exposure"—see p. 5

From Pastor Kathy Nelson

On the Friday after Thanksgiving we made our annual pilgrimage to the Fort Snelling Cemetery where the ashes of Tim's father and my father are buried. It has become a tradition to go early and place a Christmas wreath by their headstones. We always find my dad's marker on the hillside by looking for the green storage building across the road. We push the stand into the frozen ground and put the boy scout wreath in place. This year it was warm, and there were lots more people gathered around the simple headstones. One family even sat for a picnic lunch on the hill. We usually stand in a circle briefly and pray. I remember many years ago now when my mom asked, "Should we have a prayer?" Hannah, our daughter, immediately said, "No". There was a pregnant pause and then she began to sing . . . from somewhere inside she found the words of our goodnight song . . . *Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, and guard me all through the night and wake me with the morning light.*

It was enough, this song on the hillside . . . guard us all through the night. Advent marks our time of night, our time of waiting for God's morning light to come again. We light candles each Sunday, for we know that for many in our world it is still a time of great sadness.

The prophet Isaiah prays, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down". Tear open the skies and break through to us. He is asking that God's justice and grace be fully revealed to us and to all this hurting world of ours. If only morning would come and God's goodness poured out and into all the lives of God's people—no more talk of war, no more terror, no more AIDS. And yet we wait.

Advent invites us into anticipation. It is a time to take note of the night in which our candles burn. What is the need we have for Jesus to come? What is the hurt we want Christ to heal? Where is the light of God most needed? Where are there angels singing even now?

Solidarity comes in our anticipating and waiting, our hoping and praying together. As John Stendahl wrote in a Christian Century magazine, "I cannot help joining Isaiah and Jesus and Paul and all the rest of them, longing for the heavens to open, for justice to come for the living and the dead, for mercy to make right this dire and beloved world. I will not choose indifference or resignation. I want to be among those who watch and hope, even when hope feels like despair. It is after all the company in which God chose to be enfleshed, in Jesus praying to the silent sky . . . Father if this cup might pass."

And yet his prayer was answered . . . "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down". The heavens were stirred over the place of prayer in Golgotha, the skies were torn open as Jesus came up from the waters of the Jordan River at his baptism, and they were torn open again as he breathed his last and the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom. The curtain was 7 feet thick and separated the holiest of holies, the dwelling place of Yahweh from the people. Torn open and God's spirit made accessible to all. God's spirit loose in the world stirring us to compassion and action for justice and peace.

Tear open our hearts that we might feel the stirrings of our God. Should we pray? No, and yet a song comes forth, "Guard us all through the night and wake us with the morning light".

And so we wait for the light to break through in our lives and sometimes we sing. . . We sing as we did at the wedding of Sharon Kirtley and Rick Lundberg. We sing of the hope and the love in the midst of Sharon's recovery from an aortic aneurysm that was followed by a stroke last January. Rick has been there at her side every day. He is there sitting with her after work, reading to her, playing her favorite music. His love has been the light that has helped her in this long, long journey of recovery.

Their song is Jim Croce's "Time in a bottle"
*But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do once you find them
I've looked around enough to know
That you're the one I want to go through time with.*

Sharon handed me these lyrics one time when I visited her at St. Luke's as she was recovering on 8th floor rehab. I was going to find try to find her a CD of it. I carried the lyrics around a long time in my purse.

And finally they were sung. They were sung at their wedding on November 26th by Steve Horner. They are words of love. And words for us as we wait. . . There never does seem to be enough time to do what we want and need to do . . . and yet we try.

We try and we wait and watch, knowing our God is among us, with us in the love we share with one another, in the work of justice we do.

God sings to us — "you are the ones I want to go through time with, you are the ones I guard . . . you are the ones I wake in morning light". We are not alone. God, Immanuel, is with us. And love shall be our final song.

Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Sundays in December

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

Special Music is always needed for our 8:30 service.

If you would like to sing or play an instrument for any Sundays let Jim Pospisil or Pastor Kathy know.

There will only be one service, at 10:30am, on Sunday December 25 and Sunday January 1.

Sunday, December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1 – 11

Sermon: "Advent Wilderness", by Pastor Kathy

Communion will be celebrated together at both of our services and our worship team will lead our music with the choir at 10:30. The choir will also sing at the 8:30 service this morning.

Following our 10:30 service there will be two special events: a baby shower for our children's minister Kim Sturtz in the Fellowship Hall, and a sale of Dave Cave's turned bowls, Steve Coll's cards and Colombian craft items to benefit the mission work of Tom and Monica Little in East Timor.

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor Kathy will preach at the 8:30 service using Psalm 126 and Isaiah 61: 1 – 4 and 8 – 11 as her texts.

The Sanctuary Choir will perform portions of Handel's Messiah at our 10:30 service. They will be accompanied by the Gabriel String Quartet. The Messiah was composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel, with a scriptural text compiled by Charles Jennens from the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer.

At this service we will honor our long time members and also celebrate the baptism of Greyson Fleming, son of Jesse and Nicole.

Following our 10:30 service there will be a special coffee hour in honor of our folks who have been members 20 years or more. Can you guess which two of our members have been with us more than 70 years? We are so blessed by the faith and dedication of so many people! Come help us celebrate.



Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Pageant, "The Perfect Tree", will be performed at our 10:30 service

Paul VanAntwerp will be our preacher at 8:30 with Luke 1: 26 – 38 as his text.

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Join us at 10:30 for a service of Lessons and Carols. Come hear again the story of our faith in word and song. **Let Pastor Kathy know if you are available to be a reader that day. Jim Pospisil will also be looking for musicians and vocalists.**

Benefit Sale for the Liddles East Timor Ministry

Woodturning and Watercolor Card Sale Sunday, December 4

Two gifted artists from our congregation will be selling their art on Sunday December 4. Dave Cave will feature his woodturnings, and Steve Coll will sell his watercolor cards. There will also be crafts from Daira Quinone's Artesian Cooperative in Bogota Colombia. All proceeds will go to Tom and Monica for their ministry in East Timor.

Baby Shower for Kim Sturtz our Children's Minister

On **Sunday, December 4** at 11:30 we will have a baby shower during the coffee hour for Kim and Eric Sturtz. We hope to purchase a baby back pack for them as the gift from the congregation. If you would like to contribute toward this, mark your gift "Kim" or "baby shower". Kim is expecting a baby girl toward the end of December (hopefully after our Children's Pageant!)

Honoring Our Long Time Members Sunday, December 11

Following our 10:30 service this day there will be a special coffee hour in honor of our folks who have been members 20 years or more. We are so blessed by the faith and dedication of so many people! Come help us celebrate.

Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross Offering on December 18

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is one of four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Gifts to the Christmas Fund help provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to the families of clergy and lay employees, and Christmas Gift Checks to others. Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. Please participate in God's promise of renewal by contributing to this ministry of compassion and care.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities

Adult Forum/Conversations

9:30 Sunday Mornings in Fireside Room

All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

Advent originally was a dark time and the Christmas story one of light and amazing surprises. Please join us as we look at how Advent translates into modern times and into our own lives. Movies, YouTube, Northern Exposure and some simple activities will provide inspiration for discussion.

December 4 – Preparing in Darkness and Desert

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, who look forward to something greater to come”. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer This may ring true for you or it may not. During this second Sunday in Advent we will discuss what type of preparation moves us from darkness to light.

December 11 – Beyond Merry, Into Joy

Christmas can be a time of warm and wonderful traditions. However, the first Christmas was one surprise after another. In the midst of activity, can we stay open to the unexpected, celebrate the unplanned and find the joy and wonder in the unanticipated?

December 18 – Solstice and the Coming of the Light

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5) For millennia human beings have longed for the light. It is not a coincidence that we celebrate Christ’s birth at the time when the days begin to lengthen again. As we journey from the darkness into light where do we find illumination?

Women’s Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday December 28 at noon

Benedictine Health Center—3rd Floor Lounge

Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. This is a time of fellowship, sharing our stories, studying various topics, and supporting one another. Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh. All women are welcome. Please join us!!



Storyteller Chang'aa Mweti at the Senior High Youth Overnight on 11-11-11

Advent Devotional Guide

In the entryway there is a beautiful book of Meditations for Advent written by our members. Please feel free to take one for your own personal devotions in this season. Thanks to all who contributed and special thanks to Pamela Mittlefehldt for editing and Janell for compiling and copying.

Small Groups *beginning in January*

Hidden Wholeness: Ten Weeks for Your Soul

Mondays: January 2nd – March 5th 6:30pm in the Fireside Room

Take some time to give your soul the attention it deserves. Join us for a ten-week session of centering, calming, and sharing. Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Paul or Marilyn Mayry.

Book Study: Barbara Brown Taylor’s *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

Tuesday evenings starting in January
7pm in the Fireside Room

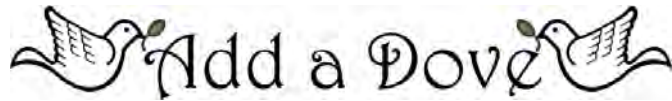
(from the book jacket): “Taylor reveals meaningful ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see... Through Taylor’s expert guidance and delicate, thought-provoking prose, we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.” Books will be available for purchase in the office. Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Paul.

“Wednesday Evening Time of Prayer”

January—5pm Wednesdays in the Chapel

Need a mid-week boost in your life of prayer? Join us in the Chapel downstairs for a time of prayer before we gather for our Wednesday meals. Questions? Contact Paul.

Holiday Opportunities



to the Sanctuary Tree

Our sanctuary Christmas tree is becoming covered in doves. Please add one, two or as many as you would like. The dove may be one you already have, one you purchase or one you made.

If you would like, your dove may be signed and dated. Adding to the tree is a lovely way to remember joining the church, a new baby, the passing of a loved one, a marriage or another significant event.

Gifts and pies for Loaves and Fishes

The annual Loaves and Fishes party will be on Dec. 11 this year. Peace Church folks have always donated pies and gifts for this event. There's a sign-up sheet outside the office if you can donate pies. **Take the pies to the Olive Branch at 1614 Jefferson at any time, or to St. Paul's Church on 17th Ave. and Superior (back entrance) between 12:30 and 2pm on Dec. 11.**



The yellow tags on the Giving Tree in the Narthex are for Loaves and Fishes, and need to be returned by **Dec. 8.**

Gifts for the Life House

Take a green tag from the Giving Tree to give a gift to the youth at Life House. Have it here by **Dec. 14.**



Cookies for the Jail

Every year our congregation donates cookies for the Christmas program and party at the St. Louis County Jail. If you can donate cookies to help bring some Christmas cheer to those experiencing a stressful time being away from their families at the holidays, please sign up in the narthex, and bring cookies to the church by **December 12.**



We need a volunteer to deliver the cookies to the jail on December 13 before 3pm. Call the office if you are able to help out with this. Thanks!

Peaceful Toys for Grandmothers for Peace

Grandmothers for Peace are collecting unwrapped nonviolent toys for the Loaves and Fishes Christmas party. We need donations by **December 9th.** Any donations that come in later will go to Safe Haven. You will find a box for the toys in the narthex. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

Pageant Helpers Needed!

If you are able and willing to help with any part of the pageant, please call or email **Kim Sturtz**. Also, if you signed up on your child's church school registration form to help out, you will be receiving a call from Kim or one of the Children's Education Committee members to see if you can still help. We need people to help with Saturday Rehearsal/Lunch and Sunday to make sure everyone is in their place with the right costumes. THANKS!!!
kimsturtz@gmail.com or 218-724-3637.

Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21

5:30—7:30 pm in the lower parking lot and Fireside Room

Centuries before Christians celebrated the hope that Christ's birth brought to the world, humankind, sharing similar feelings about this time of year, celebrated the gift God gave us in the return of the light to the world. The Solstice is the day the sun begins anew its ascent in our sky. It is the promise of light for a darkened world.

Come celebrate the Solstice Wednesday evening Dec 21 (the Solstice actually begins at 11:30 am the 22nd, but you can't have a bonfire in the morning). We will start with the lighting of a Yule log and a bonfire at 5:30 pm. After any thoughts, poems, or other exaltations from the gathered crowd we will roast hotdogs and sing carols. At 6:30 we will adjourn to the warmth of the fireside room to watch the "Northern Lights" episode of Northern Exposure.

Annual CHUM Holiday Concert

Saturday December 3 at 7 pm

Held at the Mitchell Auditorium at the College of Saint Scholastica.

Performances from these local artists

Bill Bastian, Sara Thomsen & Paula Pederson
Lon, Robin and Colin Weaver, Saints Steel Band, CHUM Holiday Chorus.

All are welcome!

Free admission with free will donation

Christmas Eve Day CHUM Noon Vigil on the steps of City Hall on December 24

CHUM invites you to join us as we remember those in our community without homes and hear the message of hope for a new year. Monetary donations or donations of large and extra-large adult jackets, warm hats and mittens (not knitted), and new socks would be greatly appreciated. *Let us make room this Christmas season...room in our hearts and in our community for those who have nowhere to call home for the holidays.* For more information, contact CHUM at 218-740-2496.

Activities and Opportunities

PALS

"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"

**Thursday December 15 at 6pm
Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner**

Hosted by Marge Anderson and Jerry Cleveland, Cathy and Kirby Wood, and Linda and Dick Goese. If interested please contact Linda Goese @ goese@chartermi.net or 525-3412.

Joyeux Noel film

Friday December 16 at 7pm

Just Peace Committee of Peace Church UCC of Duluth, will be presenting the fourth annual showing of the powerful Christmas film, "Joyeux Noel", the French feature film that was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign film in 2005.

"Joyeux Noel" tells the story of the World War I Christmas Truce of 1914, when German, French and British soldiers on either side of No-Man's Land found themselves singing Christmas carols together in their different languages. Moved by their common humanity, and exhausted from the constant stress of war, they disobeyed orders from their superior officers, dropped their weapons, emerged from their respective trenches and famously fraternized with their "enemies" in the killing zone of No-Man's Land. The film has political and theological implications for our increasingly militarized nation.

The public is invited and there is no charge.

Come Help

Make Pancakes at CHUM!

December 14 & 28



Pastor Kathy and crew can be found every other Wednesday at 9am at the Chum Drop-In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join them any time you can—you'll meet new folks and have fun!

Men's Breakfast

December 8 & 22

Join us at Duluth Grill (27th Ave. W.) every other Thursday at 7am for breakfast and conversation. All men are welcome!

Winter Camp — February 10 - 12, 2012

New Location, Great Facilities and a Really Good Time



We will be staying at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest near Deerwood, MN. We have reserved 3 of their lodges! Cost is \$50 per person for the weekend. Each household will also help cook one of our shared meals. Join us for a great weekend away with other members and friends of Peace Church. There will be

activities for kids, adult reflection time along with cross-country skiing, reading, chatting, eating, worship and lots of singing.

Here's what their web site says about the camp: Most of Clearwater Forest's 1,016 acres of forest and 3.5 miles of lake-shore are pristine and undeveloped. It is home to an astonishing variety of plant and wildlife species. There are towering pine trees over 200 years old; bald eagles, osprey, loons, owls, hawks, and a great many other birds are all part of the Clearwater Forest ecological community. Bear, deer, fox, porcupine, raccoon, ermine, and other creatures also call Clearwater Forest home. Clearwater Lake has an area of approximately 900 acres and is filled with a healthy variety of fish.

Sign up in the entry way or call the office to reserve your spot! We have room for 85. Please pay for at least half of the \$50/ per person when you sign up. Some scholarships available.

Summer 2012

Youth/ Integenerational Trips

Mark your Calendars now . . .

**June 10-16, 2012 — Intergenerational Trip
to work with Habitat for Humanity on the
Cheyenne River Reservation in Eagle Butte, SD**

*In the Lakota language, Okiciyapi Tipi means
"People Helping People Build Houses"*

Over 180 families are waiting for a Habitat home on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation! Habitat for Humanity does not give away houses, but works in partnership with low-income families and volunteers who provide hundreds of hours of labor. As well as sweat equity, families make a down payment and a monthly mortgage payment. Habitat sells the homes at no profit, and arranges no-interest loans.

Cost is \$300 to help with travel, food and building materials. We hope to bring with us much of what we need to work. Open to high school youth and adults

Senior High Youth Summer Trip

**National Youth Event — Purdue University,
West Lafayette, Indiana—July 10-14, 2012**

The National UCC Youth Event, held every four years, provides an opportunity for over 3000 youth (ages 13 to 18) to gather for worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. It is planned by the collaborative efforts of national staff and an NYE Planning Committee comprised of a diverse group of UCC youth and young adults.

Wednesday Activities

Wednesday Schedule

5-5:30pm: Kids Choir
5:30-6pm: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6-7pm: Faith Weavers, Peace Puppets, Bible Study
6-7pm: Peace Parenting in baby nursery
6:15: Adult Choir
7-8:30: Youth Group (Youth Room)
and Confirmation (new classroom)
7:45pm: Prayers Around the Cradle in sanctuary

No Wednesday Activities on Dec. 21 & 28
Soltice Gathering on Dec. 21 (see page 5)



Peace Puppets are Counting Sheep this Christmas Eve

Peace Puppets will again be part of our 4:00 Christmas Eve service in a new presentation, "Counting Sheep". There will be an encore presentation of the Christmas Eve show on January 1 during the 10:30 Sunday worship service at Children's Time.

Puppeteers, we will be practicing hard during our Wednesday nights together. Christmas Eve we will meet at 3:00pm.

Faith Weavers!

If you are between the ages of Kindergarten and 3rd grade this is a special program just for you to learn more about God and have a craft too! From 6 to 7 every Wednesday night Sarah Nelson will be helping you learn more about God through skits, crafts, stories, and games! For more information please contact Children's Minister: Kim Sturtz.

Teams and Committees: Wednesday, December 14

Many of our Committees and Teams (***Food and Fellowship, Property, Finance, Just Peace, Children's Ed.***) will meet on **Wednesday, December 14 at 6 pm**. Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6pm.

The Worship and Arts Team will meet in the sanctuary Wednesday Dec. 14 at 4 pm.

The Adult Education Team will meet in the conference room on Wednesday Dec. 7 at 4:30.

Prophetic Ministries meets Weds. Dec. 7 at 6pm in Conference Room.

Energy & Environment meets Weds. Dec. 7 at 6pm in the Burrow.

Welcoming meets Sunday Dec. 4 at 9:30 in the office.

Dismantling Racism meets Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 in Mindanao

ONA meets Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11:30 in the Fireside Room

First Year Confirmation Ninth Graders

First year class will meet only on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm** Your homework on the 10 commandments will be due on this date. We will also have time to read the stories of Jesus' birth and celebrate.

Second Year Confirmation Tenth Graders

Second year class will meet only on **Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm**. Your God papers are due at that time. We will begin working on your Jesus papers by reflecting on his birth narratives and having our own time of celebration.

Both classes are invited to the Solstice Celebration on Wednesday, December 21st. Come join us to roast hotdogs at 5:30. Lots of stories and chocolate, too.

"Peace Parenting"

**Wednesdays at 6pm
in the Infant Nursery (during Faith Weavers & Peace Puppets)**

For parents and caregivers of young children (ages birth to 5th grade)

Let's get together and talk about raising our children in a peaceful way. Kathy Dowell is hosting a parent/caregiver group to discuss issues involved in building healthy, peaceful, loving family relationships.

Wednesday December 7: Siblings

Wednesday December 14:

Money and responsibility

**No meetings Wednesday
December 21 & 28**

This is an open group, so you can join when you can and no commitments are necessary. Raising children these days is complicated. Let's support one another. Kathy will bring resources on each of the weekly topics—you bring what is on your mind.

Kids Choir!

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join us for choir practice in the music room on Wednesdays from 5 -5:30pm.

Youth and Parents

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Every Wednesday, 7pm – 8:30pm in the Youth Room!

Youth Group Calendar

Note: Every Wednesday during Advent, we close Youth Group with “Prayers around the Cradle” in the Sanctuary at 7:45. Parents: join us!

December 7th: **“Giving Back: Community”**

Sarah Jessico will join us and help us create a beautiful home-made (church-made?) craft to share with homebound members.

December 14th: **“Giving Back: Church”**

It’s a tradition that PCYG hosts the 4pm Christmas Eve service here at Peace with music, word, and drama. Today we’ll figure out how we will all play a part (even if we won’t be here for that service).

December 18th (Sunday):

“Caroling!” (Giving Back: To our Elders)

Time for Christmas Caroling! Meet in the Fellowship Hall after 10:30 church for a light lunch, then we’ll carpool to our homebound church members and make a joyful noise! (for more information, see front page)

December 21st: **“Giving Back: Youth Group”**

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

We’ll meet early (6pm) this evening, to run through our parts for the Christmas Eve service, and allow enough time to join in the Peace Church Solstice Celebration! Including bonfire, sledding (dress for the weather and bring your sleds!), and our traditional viewing of Northern Exposure’s Solstice episode!

December 28th: **NO YOUTH GROUP**

“Giving Back: To Yourself”

We’ll take this Wednesday off. It’s been a busy month. Take this evening to do what makes you happy. Really. We might be calling to check in with you. Don’t disappoint us!

Hey Youth Group!

This month, as we roll through Advent, we’re focusing on the many ways we express gratitude for the hope and vision of peace that God gives us through Jesus. In other words, we’re focusing on how we “give back” to our church, community, youngsters, elders, and selves. Lots of great stuff going on this month—where can you lend a hand?

Youth Group Musicians Needed!

Play an instrument? Want to share your talents for our Christmas Eve service? Jim Pospisil and Friends will be putting together a great selection of music for the celebration. Send a note and let us know what you play! **Practice with Jim Pospisil will be 11:30-12 on Sundays 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18.**

“Middle School at Mt. Royal”

Tuesdays at 3pm

Our middle school meets at Mt. Royal Shopping Center’s dining area at 3pm every Tuesday to have a snack and take a break from our busy school weeks. (Parents, pick up around 4pm). Join us!

Senior High

Sunday Mornings

High Schoolers! Join us at 9:30 in the conference room for breakfast snacks, hot chocolate, and a hearty dose of Pastor Paul’s thoughts and questions about religion and faith in our everyday lives. You’re a huge help for Pastor Paul to “keep it real” in the ministry we share.

18 senior high youth prepare a meal for CHUM during their 11-11-11 overnight



Intergenerational Event at World of Wheels



Kim's Column / Church School

The Holidays are here! But what do we have to give? Our economy has been sluggish for over three years and the pennies are being pinched all around. As I write this article, I am sitting in front of my television being bombarded by Black Friday commercials left and right. Target, Kohls, Best Buy, Macy's, JCPenny, all flash deals for fun outfits, televisions, jewelry, and toys. It's a bittersweet feeling that rushes over me. I understand these companies are fighting to stay afloat, too, in the economy, and that spending money will stimulate the economy. But I can't get over the feeling of being swallowed up by stuff. Meaningless, empty material goods.

As many of you know, I am soon to be a first time parent, and I have been reading parenting books left and right about how to raise a child in such a complex, busy society. My cousin Sara, a mother of four, gave me the best book I have seen so far. *Simplicity Parenting: Using Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, More Secure Kids* by Kim John Payne and Lisa M. Ross. The third chapter is about environment, focusing on how we stimulate our children with toys, TV, and our own behavior.

Currently in our society children (and adults) have extremely short attention spans, because we let technology or stuff do our parenting and entertaining. It talks about helping your children develop their imaginations through play with house hold items. You know, pots & pans for drums, blankets for forts, your old clothes for dress up, rather than going out and getting the newest drum set, the North face children's tent, and Belle & Jasmine Disney princess outfits. Having 10-15 cherished toy items is better than the thousand that some children have, because it will teach them how to be resourceful. Also they will cherish what they have rather than forget that they have certain toys. It also talks about taking your kids to natural places for vacations rather than resorts and theme parks. Understanding that the beauty around us is something to breathe in and enjoy is worth more than buying those theme park priced \$25 Mickey Ears with their name embroidered on it that will just be pushed to the back of the closet as soon as you get home.

For this holiday season, I encourage you and your family to do something less material focused and more about giving back to your community. This can be done in low cost ways, too. Here are some ideas: 1) Buy some chicks for a family through heifer international. A flock of chicks is only \$20 and can help a family make money through selling eggs and using the fertilizer. 2) Give to a worthy cause in someone's name. Last year I gave \$25 to the Epilepsy Foundation for research to help understand how to better control seizures. My cousin Brette gets them a lot and it is very hard on her. I felt this was much more thoughtful than anything I could physically give her. 3) Sign your family up for a week of helping a needy organization. Habitat for Humanity, Youth Works, Damiano Center, Hartley Nature Center—just to name a few. 4) Toys for Tots or Coat Drives or Food Banks. Go on Black Friday and get items, but donate them to the family shelter and teach your family it is better to give than receive. 5) Give Blood. So many people are in need of good healthy blood for surgeries, infusions, and in times of injury. Most of us are universal donors, so it would be pretty easy. 6) Buy locally and support your community economy. Lots of talented people live in Duluth and make wonderful gifts out of reused resources. Check out Marvelous Melissa Slipper Socks by Melissa Boyle made out of old sweaters, or Rock On Jewelry by Gail Blum made with Lake Superior Stones, or buy Steve Coll's cards or Dave Cave's bowls on December 4th at Peace.

Don't Be a Grinch or a Scrooge this season. Open your wallet for a good cause and minimize the "STUFF" that is smothering you every holiday season.

Church School News

Pageant Practice — *The Perfect Tree*

Every Sunday Morning in December during education hour.

Wednesday December 14th @ 7-8pm in Sanctuary for 4th & 5th grade speaking parts.

Saturday December 17th

9-10am: speaking parts

10-noon: everyone (practice in the sanctuary)

Noon: birthday party for Jesus
in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday December 18th

Those with speaking parts need to be at the church at 9:30 for one more rehearsal in the Burrow.

Everyone else, be at church no later than 10 am in the Fellowship Hall—get costumes on and be ready to go @ 10:30.



December 25 & January 1: No Church School

January 8: Church School Starts Again!

On Sundays, Lacey Humphrey will be filling in for Kim Sturtz during her maternity leave.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11: 8:30-9:15am in the Fireside Room. Final Plans for Pageant and Break. *Note date change.*

What are you thankful for? my niece asks from behind the lens of a video camera as we gather Thanksgiving evening. *What are you thankful for?* the host on the radio asks the person she is interviewing this morning. *What are you thankful for?* we ask each other, over and over this season—both the cultural season of holiday gatherings, and the church season of Advent.

Next time I'm asked, I have my answer ready. *"I am thankful for every breath of life and drop of blood in these wild and precious lives we share."*

Sound familiar? It's how I begin my pastoral prayers most Sundays. The last portion of those words is inspired by the last portion of a poem by Mary Oliver. She ends her poem "The Summer Day" this way:

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?*

(from *New and Selected Poems*, 1992, Beacon Press, Boston, MA)

A great question. A great point of entry to engaging our faith. Only difference? We make it corporate. We *share* these wild and precious lives. That's what being a congregation of Christians (a church) is all about. We, too, may be stumped on what "exactly a prayer is", but we know that we gather on Sundays, we give a good dose of gratitude, awe, wonder and celebration, we get a good dose of wisdom and witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our world, and then we're booted back out those doors, into the world, to *live* those wild and precious lives in the ministry Jesus calls us to.

What am I thankful for? I'm thankful that this process works. I'm thankful for the privilege of *being thankful*. I'm thankful for awe and wonder and celebration—to be certain—

—and I'm thankful that this small boy we gather around in Advent grew up to give us guidance on how to express all this gratitude. I'm thankful that he used his dusty, thirty-something sandals not just to walk with and teach with and heal with (though Amen, yes, Amen!), but also to boot us back out the doors, to live into our gratitude, in *every breath of life and drop of blood in these wild and precious lives we share*.



Intergenerational Event at World of Wheels

FILL THE BUCKET!

The CHUM Family Shelter could use the following cleaning supplies to give to families staying in the shelter and to take with them to their next residence:

10 cleaning buckets,
each filled with:

All Purpose Cleaner

Murphy's Oil Soap (wood floor cleaner)

Dish Soap, Dish Rag, Paper Towels

Bathroom Cleaner, Sponge/ Scrubber

Broom & Dust Pan, Mop



2011 Holiday Wish List

Following are items needed for families and guests of **CHUM's** Emergency Shelter, Permanent Supportive Housing Facility and Food Shelf. For more info, contact CHUM at 218-720-6521.

For Those Who Are Homeless

- ♥ Day planners
- ♥ Portfolios with dividers for personal papers and a pad of paper and pen.
- ♥ Rain gear
- ♥ Cash or check donations to the CHUM Fund checks made out to "Pasek Pharmacy/CHUM Fund" to help pay co-pays/cost of medication.
- ♥ Electric alarm clocks
- ♥ Cell Phones with chargers and batteries
- ♥ Waterproof hats & mittens; fleece is okay (not knit)
- ♥ Sewing Kits
- ♥ Old but working electronics like radios, dvd players, boom boxes, digital TV converter boxes

For Children

- ♥ Kid sized play kitchen (can be used or new)
- ♥ Large size disposable baby diapers (2 and up)
- ♥ Strollers
- ♥ Baby Hygiene products, soap, shampoo, lotion, baby wipes
- ♥ Boys and Girls socks and underwear from 3T up, especially 3T through size 8

Moderator's Report

By Council Moderator, Alan Peterson

The Church Council met on November 15, 2011. We heard a request by Lyn Clark Pegg and Maggie Fink, Chair of the Dismantling Racism Team, that Peace Church formally support the "UnFair Campaign". The purpose of this project is to bring awareness and understanding about white privilege. Other large and respected organizations in Duluth (CHUM, the City of Duluth, UMD, Lake Superior College, UWS, and more) are partners. We have been asked to help promote this campaign and educate our community about white privilege, an underlying cause of racism in our country. The campaign is not asking for financial support. The Council voted unanimously to participate in this project.

Treasurer Dick Goese presented the financial statement for October. Pledged income is amazingly on-budget. On the other hand, non-pledged income from those who regularly and faithfully contribute to Peace Church, but don't make a formal pledge, is down by about half. For at least the past five years, we have budgeted for and received about \$40,000 annually in non-pledged income. To date, that income for this year is about \$20,000. Over all, year to date, we are about \$30,000 behind budgeted income. This doesn't account for November and December, however, so here's hoping!

Committee representative and pastors' reports were heard and again showed that a lot of people in Peace Church work hard every month to accomplish the work of the church. Thanks for it!

Alan Peterson, petersoa840@gmail.com

Church Coordinating Council

will meet on **Tuesday, December 20 at 6 pm** in the Conference Room. We will provide dinner as we work on our 2012 budget. There will only be brief written reports.



More pictures from World of Wheels



A Word from our Treasurer.

We are currently \$20,000 behind our anticipated income for 2011. If you can help us with a contribution this month, it will help us end the year with a balanced budget.

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Christmas Day (Sunday, Dec. 25) will be the last opportunity to bring an offering to worship and have it credited to your 2011 contributions. (This is because the next worship service will be in 2012.)

Contributions can be mailed or brought to the church office until December 31, but be sure the check is dated on or before December 31 and that, if mailed, the envelope is post marked on or before December 31.

~ Dick Goese, Peace Church treasurer

**Stewardship Update
"Count Yourself Blessed"**

Thanks to everyone who has turned in a pledge card for 2012 so far! To date we have received **144 pledges totaling \$281,154**. We hope to have all our pledge cards in by our December council meeting. Last year's budget included \$346,000 in pledged income. This year we hope to increase this in order to increase the hours of our music director and custodian and raise other line items such as children's ministry and the Gabriel Project.

Please return your pledge cards to the office as soon as you are able. **If you missed seeing the wonderful video created by Doug Bowen Bailey for the campaign, it is on our web site!** (www.peaceucc.org)

Upcoming dates for your 2012 calendar

Winter Camp Weekend – February 10 - 12 at Clearwater Forest near Deerwood, MN. This is a new facility for us, but it looks wonderful and is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church. Everyone welcome! We have room for 85 folks. Sign up in the entry way. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend.

Men's Retreat – March 2-4 at Turning Point Retreat Center near Floodwood. If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Women's Retreat – Friday April 20 at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch on Saturday. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 with scholarships available.

Open and Affirming Update

The ONA committee worked together with Duluth United for ALL Families to host the One Voice Mixed Chorus concert, "Brave Souls and Dreamers".

One Voice, the largest GLBTA chorus in the United States, gave the concert as a fundraiser for Minnesotans United for ALL Families.

It was a fabulous concert and a tremendous success. Many thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, attendees and chorus members who helped make this concert a possibility. Because of your efforts we were able to meet our goal and raise over \$15,000! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

ONA hosted an adult forum in November. Many thanks to all who attended and participated in the first of many conversations on our marriage policy here at Peace. As an Open and Affirming Congregation we have covenanted "not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation", to "advocate" for our LGBT brothers and sisters, and to "adopt and implement policies of non-discrimination." We will be having another adult forum to discuss this issue in January, and will be organizing various other arenas to hold these very important conversations throughout the next few months. Please join us and share your thoughts and feelings as we strive for consensus.

Cracking the Shell of Whiteness

The Dismantling Racism Team has been sponsoring The Cracking the Shell of Whiteness series for church members and others in our community for more than two years. We see this as an integral piece of our work here at Peace and in our community. We are hoping to offer a series during January and February, 2012 and are looking for people who are interested in participating.

The purpose of The Cracking the Shell of Whiteness curriculum is to help white people see how we have benefitted from racism. We examine the messages we have internalized and how they have skewed our view of our community and our world. From this, we are able to move on to building our capacity to be effective agents working to end racism and white privilege. Acceptance and support of each individual's journey is a priority.

The series consists of six sessions. If you are interested in learning more about Cracking the Shell of Whiteness, please contact Sandy Moore at 724.1117 or scm1115@msn.com.

Civilian Review Board Ordinance to come to City Council

Doug Bowen-Bailey and Lyn Clark Pegg, members of the Dismantling Racism Team, have been involved with the Duluth Task Force for Improved Community Police Accountability. This task force is preparing to bring a proposed ordinance to the City Council to create a Civilian Review Board for the Duluth Police Department. This board will review investigations of complaints about the police with the goal of increasing respect and trust between the police and community.

The task force has included Chief Gordon Ramsay, so this proposal is really about building on community-police partnership. Having civilians involved in the review of complaints will increase the willingness of people to bring forth their concerns. The CRB will also help to explain the requirements of police work to the community.

The task force has been working for over 4 years, performed a community-wide survey, and held community forums and report back sessions. Additionally, the task force refined its proposal to be a unique fit for Duluth and to respect the collective bargaining agreement with the Duluth Police Union. We are currently waiting for the draft ordinance to be finalized by the City Attorney's office. When we bring it to the City Council, we will be looking for people to attend the council meetings and support the ordinance as something that will benefit the entire city by increasing respect and trust between the community and police.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug @ 722-7166 or Lyn @ 348-3048.

Letter to the editor published in the Duluth News Tribune:

As chair of the Dismantling Racism team, and the lead pastor at Peace Church, we are writing to express our appreciation of the presence of the Multicultural Center at UMD. We have worked with many people from the Multicultural Center in a variety of ways in the community, and we see the center, and the programs housed there, as a real asset for Duluth.

The motto of the United Church of Christ, of which Peace Church is a member, is "that all may be one." This, however, is not a call to conformity, for we are a multi-racial, multicultural church. We feel strongly that our diversity makes us stronger. We feel this is true for the UMD campus, as well as the community as a whole. A greater appreciation for diversity benefits us all.

Sincerely,

Maggie Fink and Kathy Nelson, Pastor of Peace UCC (*printed in DNT in October*)

Library / Recycling Peace

Peace Church Library Check it out!

New adult books:

Christmas in Harmony by Philip Gulley

Simply Christmas : How to Have a Non-commercial Christmas by Noel Pax

A World of Love by Maggie Francis Conroy

Wounded Prophet : A Portrait of Henri J M Nouwen by Michael Ford

The Magdalene Gospel : Meeting the Women Who Followed Jesus From Time to Time : A Novel by Jack Finney

Radical Amazement : Contemplative Lessons from Black Holes, Supernovas, and Other Wonders of the Universe

Children Are from Heaven : Positive Parenting Skills for Raising Cooperative, Confident and Compassionate Children by John Gray



New children's books:

Little Benjamin and the First Christmas by Betty Forell

The Spirit of Christmas by Nancy Tillman

Christmas Day in the Morning by Pearl S Buck

The Very First Christmas by Paul L Maier

O Holy Night : Christmas with the Boys Choir of Harlem

Christmas Tree! by Wendell and Florence Minor

Minuk : Ashes in the Pathway by Kirkpatrick Hill

Recycling Peace

NEEDED: Donation of a good used refrigerator to Community Action Duluth to have at Peace Church in the garage. Call Xavier Bell at 726-1665.

NEEDED: Pots and pans, dishes, silverware, utensils, towels, bed linens and comforter (full-size bed), dresser, cleaning supplies and other items for setting up house-keeping. Contact Christie Hardway at (christieloveslife@hotmail.com) or 218-724-0369. Christie has been attending Peace Church. She is moving on December 17 to her own apartment and has only a bed and couch. She will be very grateful for anything else people might be able to donate.

Large silk floor plant in a basket (free to a good home). It's approx. 4 ft. high by 2 1/2 ft. wide, filled with dieffenbachia and ivy, looks very real. Call Cathy or Kirby Wood at 724-1196.

Peace People

Thank You!

➤ To our Food and Fellowship Team for a fabulous stewardship dinner on November 13th. The variety of chili was wonderful. Thanks to all who brought food. Special thanks to our team of Cathy and Kirby Wood, John and Cathy Ameel, Carrie Plamman and Rolf Hagberg, Sarah Nelson, Daina Rosen, Nadine and Guy Hubert and Laurie Berner. Other chili contributors included Mike and Diane Swanoski, Marge Anderson and Jerry Cleveland, and Janell Kohls.

➤ To Cindy and Jim McLean for once again donating and decorating the sanctuary Christmas tree, to Marian Jensen for making the large wreath, and the Pomroys and others for decorating the church.

➤ To all who donated food and money to CHUM, or wrote letters for our Mission 1 campaign. We donated over 700 pounds of food, and made our goal of \$1,111 in donations for CHUM! Thanks to Mary Adams for organizing the letter-writing campaign.

Welcome to the World

➤ Autumn Brule, daughter of Timothy and Melanie Lundell born on October 20.

Keep in Your Prayers

- Mark Chumich and Kathy Tate, both dealing with metastatic cancer.
- Denise Perry recovering from foot surgery
- Amanda Cran hospitalized with a bad cold.
- Deloris Thompson recovering at Miller Dwan rehab from a fall.

Congratulations

➤ Sharon Kirtley and Rick Lundberg who were married at Peace Church on November 26th. **Thank you** to everyone who helped make the wedding such a beautiful event. To Steve Horner, Steve Coll and the choir and Jim Pospisil for the music, and Nadine and all the many others who helped with the meal. What a joyous celebration!



Sharon Kirtley and Rick Lundberg exchange vows

December Birthdays / Poinsettia Order Form

<p>1 John Erickson Nettie Bothwell Gary Soule Ellie Hoffman Viola Brown</p> <p>2 Maleeah Langdon-Larson Forest Fena</p> <p>5 Sydney Benton Megan Thompson Lyndsay Guidinger</p> <p>6 Amanda Hawley Marsha Hystead Nicholas Maras Katherine Barlass</p> <p>7 Holly Bowen-Bailey Virginia Nelson Mary Karstens</p> <p>8 Jason Broska Jen Murphy Tom Isbell</p> <p>9 Katrina Lindgren Savannah Holden Gary Sheldon Kim Kruger</p> <p>10 Liam Colclough</p> <p>12 Katie Adams Tim Carpenter Marianne Peterson Nathalia Hawley Williams</p>	<p>Grant Montgomery Kim Campbell Zac Olson</p> <p>13 Dave Winchester</p> <p>14 Jody Wergeland Jan Nugent Maren Friday</p> <p>15 Jordan Sandal Ahnali Lindgren</p> <p>16 Hannah Carpenter Kaydi Staubs Dave Gerhart Abby Amundsen</p> <p>17 Diane Swanoski Elise Westbrook Benjamin Clark</p> <p>18 Sheryl Filby Williams</p> <p>19 Kelly Peterson Kiana Wasilewski</p> <p>20 Talia Beech-Brown Gilah Messerer Heather Morgan Pam Jakubiak Lyle Staubs</p> <p>21 Kai Larsen Gabriel Ehlers-Nelson Nick Owens Josie Blazevic-Seibert</p> <p>22 Laurie Berner</p>	<p>Joseph Hardesty</p> <p>22 Billy Pearson Erin Rudd Barbara Lovejoy</p> <p>23 Jennifer Langdon-Larson Linda Lundberg Stephanie Lanier Nora Good Laura Anderson</p> <p>24 Jenny Tomhave</p> <p>25 Kim Squillace Jean Thoennes</p> <p>26 Connie Lindquist Tanya Jackson</p> <p>27 Darren Walsh Cadence Bambenek Connor Bambenek Joran Mittlefehldt John Pegg</p> <p>28 Dylan Finch-Newkirk Peter Barnett Jennifer Boyle</p> <p>29 Mark White Kaisa Robinson Victoria Nugent Heidi Olson</p> <p>30 Alisha Blazevic Elena Davidson</p> <p>31 Myrna Johnson</p>
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Each year at Christmas time we decorate the altar with poinsettias. Would you like to order one in honor or in memory of a loved one? You may then take it home with you if you'd like, after the last Christmas Eve service.

POINSETTIA ORDER

Please fill out and place in the offering plate or send to the office



Name _____

I wish to order _____ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each,
 _____ in memory of / _____ in honor of the following person(s):

(Please make checks payable to Peace Church)

A portion of your donations will go to the Peace Church Transportation Fund

December Volunteer Schedules

Greeters

- 4 Green/Kadlec family
- 11 Kim & Lee Kruger
- 18 Gary & Karen Sheldon
- 25 **Need Volunteers**

Lay Readers

- 4 Rob Gee
- 11 Cantata
- 18 Pageant
- 25 Christmas service

8:30 Communion Bread

- 4 Linda Lundberg
- 11 Linda Goese
- 18 Denise Hamsher
- 25 **No early service**



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday, December 11

- 1:30: Denise Perry, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Poierer family
- 4:00: Rob and Grace Gee, Lisa Brown family

Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 5 Gayle & Jack Kelly
- 12 Laura Greensmith
- 19 Clark-Peggs
- 26 Meal Angel Respite

Acolyte Schedule

- 4 Cylar Stegmann, Kiyoshi Sudoh
- 11 Riley Thoresen, Nina Wilkowske
- 18 Jake Westrum, Elijah Zaun
- 25 – **No acolytes**

Christmas Eve Services

4pm: Ushers/Greeters:
Bray family and Macaulay/
Robinson family
10pm: Ushers: Lundberg
family. Volunteers needed for
greeters

Nursery

- 4 Mary Adams, Patty Beech, Kelly Punyko
- 11 Tavis/Amy Westbrook, Annie Rupert, Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz
- 18 Laretta Shrake, Karen Sheldon, Mariah Berner
- 25 Carla Larson, Matt/Patty Johnson, Kristina Green

10:30 Ushers

- 4 John Moeller, Julie MacKenzie, Pat & Lynn Devlin
- 11 Kohls, Robin Davidson, Katey Fornear
- 18 Bob & Rene Montgomery, Marsha Hystead, Nettie Bothwell
- 25 **Need volunteers**

8:30 Ushers

- 4 Gayle & Jack Kelly
- 11 Karie Simpson & Bilin Tsai
- 18 Barb Kehtel & Linda Lundberg
- 25 **No 8:30 service**

*Please call the office
(724-3637) if you can be
ushers or greeters on
Sunday December 25.
Thanks!*

Coffee Hour Committees

December Coffee Hour

**Coordinators: Mike & Linda
Lundberg, 525-6804**

**Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz,
624-1800**

December 4

10:30 Communion Set-up: Ron &
Nancy Edmunds

Set-up: Linda & Tom Curran

Serve: Mike Schrage, Chris & Ingrid
Evavold

Clean-up: Bob & Rene Montgomery

December 11

Set-up: Dan & Kelly Peterson

Serve: Bill & Barb Kehtel, Proetz

Clean-up: Tim & Melanie Lundell

December 18

Set-up: Peter Good/Deanna Notaro,
Bonnie Kolodge

Serve: Linda Lundberg, Susan
Kehtel, Patty Beech

Clean-up: Aas-Larson family

***Please bring at least 3 dozen
treats to the kitchen by 10am
on the Sunday that you help out!***

THANK YOU!

Coming up — January

Kirby & Cathy Wood, 724-1196
Mark Liske, 728-2749

Mary & Jeff Adams, 726-0749

Barbara Allen, 525-3760

Anne Beauchamp, 727-2708

Jennifer Boyle, 728-4185

Mollie Stapleton Clark, 525-0557

Kathleen Duppler, 464-0276

Marian Jensen, 723-8156

Amy & Eric Larson, 724-1349

Deb Stricker & Sandy Moore,
724-1117

John & Lyn Clark Pegg,
727-3770

Sarah & Megan Perry-Spears,
724-3117

Gwen Plumb & Dave Gerhart,
525-6551

Karen & Mark Rosen, 879-1888

Judy & Bill Seliga-Punyko,
525-4688

Eric and Jane Rudd, 727-4116

Laura Zahn, 590-6888

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

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Associate Pastor: Paul Van Antwerp
Music Director: Jim Pospisil
Childrens Ministries: Kim Sturtz
Bookkeeper: Toni Kasell



Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls
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Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg
Pianist: Wendy Olson

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