



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday's at a Glance

August 6th 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Hiroshima Day of Remembrance
8:30 and 10:30 Why Go to Washington?
 Reflections on the Youth trip
Holy Communion at both services
 Both services in the sanctuary
 Livestream at 10:30
9:30 Coffee Hour in the narthex

August 13th 11th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Worship with Holy Communion
 under the tent
Sermon by Rev. Sara Olson Dean
9:30 Coffee Hour outside
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
Sermon by Rev. Sara Olson Dean
 Baptism of Miles Eskuri
 Livestream at 10:30

August 20th 12th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz
 Matthew: 15:21-28
 The Rabbi Learned a Lesson
9:30 Coffee Hour in the Narthex
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz
 Matthew 15:21-28
 The Rabbi Learned a Lesson

August 27th 13th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz
 Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Call the Midwives
9:30 Coffee Hour in the Narthex
10:30 Worship in the Tent
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz
 Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Call the Midwives

From the Bridge Minister

To Renew the Heart By Budd Friend-Jones (Bridge Pastor)



When the Spanish want to remember something, they use the word *recordar*. It comes directly from the Latin *recordari* ("to remember, call to mind, think over, be mindful of") and that probably comes from *re + cor* (to restore, refresh, or renew the heart). When in the months and years ahead I recall our brief time together, it will restore my heart. When I am tempted to despair over the sad state of humankind, I will think of you, tell my own Peace Church stories to others, and have my heart renewed.

My time with you was filled with joyful moments. I have been privileged to work with a remarkable staff and an amazing congregation. You walk the talk. You extend yourselves on behalf of many others. As churches go, you are a role model. You combine commitment, curiosity, intellectual freedom, and practical ingenuity with life-affirming faith. You embrace a true desire to become skillful practitioners of the "Jesus Way". You struggle with human frailty and yet venture courageously into our broken world. You serve others in need and in danger. You are masters of hospitality.



When I say goodbye, I will also be saying thank you. You will know that it comes from my heart. I'm proud of Peace Church, and I am grateful that you invited me to share, however briefly, in your life together.

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Peace in Transition

New Interim Director of Children and Youth



Amanda McElray Hunter is a visual artist, manages a local gallery and works with the local arts community in creating public art initiatives. She graduated in 2010 from United

Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities with a masters degree in Theology and the Arts. In the past, Amanda has worked on staff for a 5,000 member church in Fort Lauderdale, FL, coordinated numerous multi-generational community art-making workshops for churches throughout the Twin Cities, and volunteered at Peace to create art with the children's ministry. She also volunteers at Peace as an OWL facilitator. Amanda is Mom to 13 year old Siggie, 10 year old Kieran, and partner to Matt who works at United Way.

Meet the Acting Bridge Minister

(She May Not Need An Introduction)

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz will serve as Peace's Acting Bridge Minister beginning August 1. As our Interim Pastoral Associate for two years, she helped manage our many transitions and staffed various teams and committees. In a recent review of her work, she said, "The variety of ways I've served Peace in the last two years has nourished my spirit." We appreciate her stepping into this role temporarily while we continue our search for settled leadership.



Charlotte was ordained in 1975 following her graduation from Eden Theological Seminary. She served as pastor to congregations in Indiana, Montana, Iowa, and Minnesota. She was on the Iowa Conference staff for three years and found she missed the daily work in a given congregation. In 2002 she came to Duluth to serve Pilgrim Congregational Church. In retirement, she served as Interim Pastor at United Presbyterian Church in Superior before becoming part of the staff at Peace. While at Pilgrim, she earned a Certificate in Not-for-Profit Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Charlotte has one son, Alex, who lives in St. Paul. She has been a vital part of the Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice here in Duluth. She enjoys time in her kitchen and in her vegetable garden—both a bit neglected, thanks to her willingness to serve Peace.

From the Moderator

Greetings!

I hope you are all enjoying summertime in Duluth. The council typically does not meet in July, but we decided this year to gather for an off-site retreat at Joan and Alan Peterson's lake home.

Almost all of the council members along with Pastors Budd and Charlotte enjoyed a potluck meal, got to know each other in new ways, brainstormed best practices and goals for the upcoming council year, and spent time playing together on and near the water.



While we bid a sad goodbye to Pastor Budd at the end of July, we are very happy that Pastor Charlotte has agreed to serve as our Acting Bridge Minister beginning August 1st. The search committee continues their work seeking a new settled pastor, and we continue to pray for them and support their efforts - trusting that the Spirit is at work in all of it. In addition to our settled pastor search, we are moving forward with advertising for a new Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator.

The roof repair is slated to occur in the second half of August. Many thanks to our business manager Rachel Obed and bookkeeper Mali Lorenz who have worked diligently to pull together all of the necessary pieces of our loan application for this project.

Finally, I wanted to give a special shout-out to all



Council Members Susan Goltz and Molly Watson are ready for youth trip.

of the folks who helped make the youth trip to Washington, D.C. possible - including our Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Amanda Hunter. Parents drove the group to and from the Twin Cities, and four fantastic Peace adults (including two council members) volunteered their time to spend a week in D.C. with our youth!

As the old song goes, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people. I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!"

Peace, Jessica

Peace Activities and Groups

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Our Bible study is led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens. We meet in "Room and Zoom" in the Fireside Room each week. Watch the weekly emails for information on the text for the week.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, August 28th, 5:00-6:00pm

If you or a loved one have had cancer (in the past or currently) and would like to connect with others, you are invited to join our Making Meaning out of Malignancy group. The group meets monthly in a "Room and Zoom" format. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Stepping On Up Update

Stepping On Up is moving forward with plans to convert the former daycare wing of Peace Church into housing for 18-24 year old homeless young adults. The remodeled space will include 12 small bedrooms along with a small kitchen, office, and meeting spaces. Our lawyer, Dan Maddy, is working on the lease. Architects Gabe Zaun and John Erickson have completed a final design that allows for a new nursery space where the current children's library is located, and completed a Pre-Review Meeting with the City. Stepping On Up is working on the final steps in securing funding for the project.

Peace members and friends are encouraged to attend the informational meeting for the neighborhood at Peace on Wednesday August 2nd at 6:30 pm. We are also looking for more people to participate in our regular Wednesday night meetings at 5:15 pm. We are especially seeking people to be a part of the Construction Team (acting as a liaison during the construction process) and the Relationship Team (communication between Stepping On Up, Peace Church, and the community).



PALS

What: PALS annual picnic and planning session
When: Thursday, August 10, Starting at 5pm
Where: Goese home (4730 London Road)
RSVP: lrgoese@gmail.com or text 218-340-6246.

Brats and condiments will be supplied. Please bring a dish to share, your beverage and a lawn chair. Although the paper will say you must park on the other side of the street, special permission to allow parking on our side of the street has been obtained.

Bring your ideas for programs to the meeting or if you can't attend, email them to Linda or Dick at lrgoese@gmail.com. Your great ideas have kept this group thriving over the years.

In the interest of starting the year as soon as feasible, would someone volunteer to organize an outdoor activity for September? Ideas left over from last year include hiking at an area park and a visit to the zoo. Let us know if you are willing to help.

Monday Book Group

This group is taking a break for the summer; Watch for more information in the fall.

Therapeutic SomaYoga

Mondays 9:00-10:15am



Therapeutic SomaYoga for healthy aging. Taught by Robin Davidson, PT, RYT, yoga therapist in training. This 75 minute class focuses on different aspects of the body, mind, and spirit that will support you in increased wellness as you age. It is very gentle and offers modifications for all levels of participants. Free will donations for the class (suggested \$10) will be given to the church. Come in person or contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. We will meet Thursday, August 10th and 24th.

September Peace Bell articles are due Wednesday, August 23rd. Send articles to bri@peaceucc.org



CHUM is “People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.”

A VERY LARGE THANK-YOU

Since 2010, Cathy (and often Jerry) Carlson have prepared a hot meal for folks at CHUM’s Drop-In Center on the third Thursday of each month. Pre-covid, folks served the meal at the Drop-In Center and visited with those who came to eat. During Covid, things changed, and Cathy prepared food here at Peace with food contributed by members of the congregation. This has been an amazing effort for more than a decade! We thank Cathy and the volunteers who made this ministry possible.

We are in the process of re-assessing this effort and will decide how and if to continue it. If you have thoughts or ideas or want to be involved, please contact Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org).



For thirteen years, Cathy and Jerry Carlson have provided a hot meal once a month to guests at Chum’s Drop-In Center. Many thanks to them and all who faithfully donated food items for Cathy’s meals!



Rhubarb Fest by the numbers

1600 pies and 400 scones were made for the event. There were hundreds of crisps baked too (including 50 by Peace Church bakers) but we do not have a total number.

54 baskets from 32 organizations raised \$6869 (almost \$2000 more than last year’s total!). The bake sale raised \$42,148.

Summer Reading

If you are interested in the issues surrounding the world’s climate crisis, our church library has a little something available to read for every age group!

Ages 5-8: *We are Water Protectors*, by Carole Lindstrom



This winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal and #1 *New York Times* Bestseller is not directly related to the warming

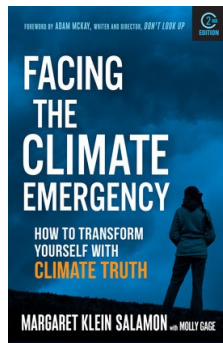
planet, but an indigenous story about caring for the Earth’s water. The beautiful illustrations will have kids engaged from the first page, and at the end they will be challenged to be protectors of our precious Earth.

Ages 9-up: *Global*, by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin

This graphic novel follows two children on opposite sides of the world; Sami lives on the Indian ocean and Yuki lives in the far north of Canada. Both their families' lives are being affected by the rising global temperatures in dramatic ways. In addition to an engaging and action packed story, this book includes science and global solutions written in a way that young people can understand.



Adults: *Facing the Climate Emergency* by Margaret K. Salamon



This book reads like a self help book for those people feeling helpless in the face of the continued bad news about our warming planet. The goal of the author is for the reader to “transform their fear and grief into courage and heroism.” She does this with stories, analysis and resources to help take action.

General Synod



Report from General Synod
By Charlotte Frantz

At the end of June, I was privileged to attend the General Synod as one of fifteen delegates from the Minnesota Conference. The five days in Indianapolis were filled with all things church—worship, inspiration, connections, education, public witness and deliberation.

Deliberations, which are the heart of Synod, focused on 14 resolutions of witness. These included a strong statement of support for the dignity of transgender and non-binary persons; an affirmation of abortion as health care; a call for reparations related to racial injustices; climate justice; and harm reduction as a response to addiction.

Public witnesses included a march in support of women's right to reproductive health care and a gathering on the steps of the federal building to call attention to the need for immigration reform.

In a historic moment, the General Synod elected the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, a Jamaican born immigrant, as our General Minister and President. We also voted to move Synod from biennial to a triennial event.

The moment which most touched me was the recognition by the Historical Council that the United Church of Christ, in its very formation, came out of five theological streams. The story of the Afro-Christian Convention, a black church deeply rooted in African heritage, was neglected when the first histories of our denomination were written. John Dorhauer, our present General Minister and President, apologized for this neglect and that same afternoon, the Synod had a chance to respond, most of the delegates standing in solidarity with John in that apology.

Again and again during Synod, I was reminded of the words from Isaiah 43, "I am doing a new thing, do you not perceive it?" Across the nation, post-covid, we are discovering the necessity of looking for the new things God is doing. It seemed to me to also be a timely reminder for us here at Peace Church,



Pastor Charlotte participated in a public demonstration in support of immigrants during the General Synod held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

A Word for Justice

Immigrant Welcoming News

Antonio, Maria, and Xavier, the Venezuelan family who lived with Mary and Jeff Adams have returned to Duluth. We are excited that Antonio has received his work permit and is now eligible for employment. A new Welcome Circle is forming—if you are interested, contact Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peace.org). The most urgent need is for housing; if you know of a landlord willing to work with us, please contact Charlotte. A month-to-month lease would be ideal.

Trinity Lutheran Church (just down the hill from Peace) is willing to give ICMJ a room to use as an Immigrant Welcome Center! Trinity has been especially active in resettling Ukrainians.



Rebecca and Flo, Community Kitchen Manager and cook

August Special Offering

Damiano Community Kitchen

Damiano Community Kitchen serves 16 meals each week and is currently the largest on-site meal program

in Northeast Minnesota. There are no income requirements. Much of the food prep and serving is done by volunteers who help serve up 120-150 portions/meal.

Peace Church provides volunteers twice a month—on the second Sunday and the fourth Saturday. Shifts are about 2 hours long. Flora Woodfork, the Community Kitchen Manager and her assistants, Rebecca VanGrevenhof and Michele Naar-Obed supervise our volunteers.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact [Bri](#) in the church office. We'll let you know when we need volunteers. Or go directly to our [sign up genius](#) listing and choose the time you'd like to help out. Thanks to the Cabaret in January and some individual gifts, we have already raised \$361 of our Christian service goal of \$900. Anything above our \$900 goal will support a similar organization that is part of Peace's Christian Service commitment.

Children, Youth and Families



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in."
~Leonard Cohen*

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Wednesday night youth group will resume mid August. Check weekly emails for more information.

Children's Church in the Summer

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday this summer during the 10:30 service! During the summer we have fewer kids, and it's still a lot of fun. Kids stay for the service until story for all ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 min (where we might sing, do art, or read stories), and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join.

Nursery

The Nursery will be closed for the summer. Look in weekly emails to see when we will be open!

Middle School Camping Trip

Friday – Sunday, August 11th– 13th

We're headed back to Camp Amnicon this year for a few days of fun in the outdoors. Middle school youth (that includes incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders)—join us for our camping trip! We'll be heading to Camp Amnicon (45 away in on the South Shore in Wisconsin) for 3 days of fun. Activities include swimming, hiking, S'more making/eating, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. They have a wonderful swimming beach, chances for canoeing on the Amnicon River, and great hiking trails. We will leave from Peace in the early afternoon on Friday, August 11th and return before lunch on Sunday, August 13th.

Incoming 6th graders

Calling all incoming 6th graders! Now that you are entering middle school, we want to welcome you to our middle school youth group. If you're an incoming 6th grader and want to join any of our middle school youth activities in the summer, we would love to have you. We especially want to encourage you to come with us on our camping trip to Camp Amnicon. Check it out!

From the Interim Director of Children and Youth

Hello Peace Families,

I want to thank you for being so welcoming and helpful during these first few weeks that I've been stepping into the Interim Children and Youth Ministries role.

My family and I decided to join Peace when we first moved to Duluth almost nine years ago for two reasons: the vibrant and joyful programming for its littlest congregants; and because of the loving atmosphere of the congregation as a whole.

I am honored to be a part of this ministry during this interim period, and I take my charge seriously, to help children and youth know they are loved unconditionally (by this community, Jesus, and God) and to learn the value of service in the context of this community.

Transitional periods are never easy, but they can be dynamic. They are a time to appreciate all we've accomplished together in the past and to think forward to the work yet to come. In the present, we are working hard to journey through this time with joy and the children and youth ministry is buzzing with activity!

As I write this, the High School Youth are preparing to take a transformational trip to Washington DC where, among other adventures, they will meet with our legislative leaders to discuss their concerns for the future and advocate for justice. These young people will be sharing their experiences with the congregation at Sunday services on August 6. August 11-13, our middle school youth will be traveling to Camp Amnicon to engage in community-building experiences in the wilderness.

Each Sunday at the 10:30 service, children are invited to participate in Children's Church where we read stories, sing songs, dance, and make cool art as we learn about Jesus and the kingdom of God.

A couple of other announcements to look out for: high school and middle school youth meet ups to reconnect before the school year starts and our nursery program restarting in mid to late August. Keep an eye out for updates in the church-wide weekly emails.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to say "Hi!"

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda



Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars or an equivalent veggie or fruit. If you are willing to help out one Sunday in August, please contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org

Prayer Shawls

Thank you to several members who have already donated one, or are knitting and crocheting away, even in the summer. These prayer shawls are a gift to our Peace members. When someone has surgery, or a new diagnosis, has lost a loved one, or seems lonely and in need of comfort, I will bring one to them along with a prayer. They are received gratefully!

If you are new to Peace Church and would like a pattern and yarn suggestions, contact me.

With great thanks!

Gudrun Witrak,
Pastoral Care Chaplain
gwittrak@gmail.com



Monday Meals for Loaves and Fishes

Peace volunteers make and deliver meals for **Loaves and Fishes Dorothy Day House** on Monday evenings. Usually meals need to serve 10-15 persons. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, email office@peaceucc.org or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers."

8/7- Tom & Christine Day

8/14- Bob & Kay Stevens

8/21- Judy Derauf

8/28- Open

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Ushers and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If you are willing to serve as an usher or lay reader, let us know by sending an email to office@peaceucc.org.

Peace People

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Sam Peterson and others.

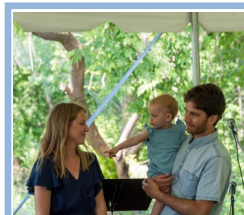
In Sympathy

Please hold Joan Peterson and her family in prayer. Her brother, Jay Berglund, passed away at the Veterans hospital in Silver Bay on Thursday, July 6th. A gathering will be held at the Lester Park Pavilion, Monday, August 14th, 12:30-2:30.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gordon Beier's family who passed away on Tuesday, July 4th. His memorial service was here at Peace on July 8th.

Thank You's

- Andy Fena- providing driving instruction and practice for the Afghan women and other newcomers.
- Jen Smith & Dennis Isernhagen- for their review of the Finance Committee.
- Annette Strom and Susan Ranfranz for the beautiful dance in honor of Lake Superior.
- Dan Shepherd and Jim Pospisil- Setting up tent services.
- Diane Swanoski- Helping during Amanda Hunter's first Children's Church.
- Beier Family- for donating the beautiful Petunias out front.
- Bill Deroche has graciously donated copies of his book "Thoughts From The Journey Through" Please feel free to grab a copy the next time you are here.



Baptism

Congratulations to the Deschenes family on the baptism of Asa on July 9th.



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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am

If you would like to be on our email list to receive notices of church events, please send an email request to the church office: office@peaceucc.org

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Music Director: Jim Pospisil	Office Coordinator: Bri Dornbush
Interim Director of Children & Youth: Amanda Hunter	Business Manager: Rachel Obed
	Bookkeeper: Mali Lorenz
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