

**New Member Orientations, Sunday, April 19 at 9:30am or Sunday, April 26 at 11:45am**

We will offer two Orientation to Peace classes: Sunday, April 19 at 9:30am, and Sunday, April 26 at 11:45am. In these classes, we share our spiritual journeys, learn about our congregation and denomination, and explore membership and opportunities for involvement. We will provide refreshments; please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Children are welcome and childcare will be provided upon request. If you would like to join Peace Church, we will receive new members on May 10. Let the church office know if you plan to join via email ([office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org)), phone (218-724-3637). New member forms should be received no later than Wednesday, April 15.

**Second Annual Uplifting Peace Silent Auction, Friday, May 1, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

We are looking for donations! Gourmet meals, handcrafted items, boat cruises, artwork, cabin stays, music concerts, baked goods, theme baskets, whatever comes to mind! Send an email to [PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com) to describe your donation and with any questions about the auction. Last year we auctioned 120 items with all proceeds going to our justice work. Be creative! Nothing is too big or too small. Please let us know what your donation is by April 19. We don't need the actual donation until the week of April 27.

**Forums in April**

**Sunday, April 12 - North Star Alliance** - Learn about legislative initiatives designed to keep all Minnesotans safe from federal over-reach. The North Star Alliance, a coalition of immigrant led groups and immigration advocates, has been organizing for several years. The largest bill, STAR (Safety, Trust and Respect) was introduced to a Senate committee in March. In addition, there are more focused pieces of legislation the coalition has been working on. ICMJ is part of this alliance. Betty Preus and Charlotte Frantz will lead an adult forum on April 12 so that you can track this legislation, make comments on it, and become a community advocate on behalf of Minnesota's new neighbors. This effort aligns well with ISAIAH's Peoples Agenda focus on dignity.

**Sunday, April 19 - Iona Pilgrimage Report** - Peace Church youth member Lorelie Schwensohn traveled with a Minnesota Conference UCC delegation to Iona Abbey in Scotland in August 2025. It was a transformational spiritual pilgrimage for Lorelie and her fellow travelers. Come to hear about her trip and their experience at the International Youth Festival at the abbey.

**Sunday, April 26 - Personal Health Records with Shokria Ebadi** - Join Shokria Ebadi, a Computer Information system and Health Informatics student at St. Scholastica, for a short presentation on how to easily manage your Personal Health Records and navigate patient portals. We will enjoy a special brunch with tea and traditional Afghan desserts while learning how to take charge of our health information together!

**This Week's Schedule****Monday, April 13**

9:00am Yoga with Robin in the Fireside Room and Zoom  
6:30pm Queer Connections Game Night in the Fireside Room  
7:00pm Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 14**

6:00pm Property Team Meeting with Bret Pence in the Staff Lounge and Zoom

**Wednesday, April 15**

8:30am Chum Breakfast Making in the Kitchen  
4:00pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Staff Lounge and Zoom  
5:00pm Silent Auction Team Meeting in the Staff Lounge  
5:00pm Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall  
5:30pm Childcare Available in the Nursery  
5:45pm Bible Study in the Fireside Room and Zoom  
5:45pm Kids' Club in the Wildwoods Room  
6:15pm Choir in the Sanctuary  
6:30pm Middle School Youth Group in the Youth Room  
6:30pm High School Youth Group in the Wildwoods Room

**Thursday, April 16**

8:00am Men's Breakfast at Perkins on London Road  
7:00pm Capital Campaign Team Meeting on Zoom

**Sunday, April 19**

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Laurie Crelly  
9:30am New Member Orientation in the Music Room  
9:30am Self-Serve Coffee Hour in the Narthex  
9:30am Forum: Iona Pilgrimage Report with Peace Church youth member Lorelie Schwensohn in the Fireside Room  
10:00am Childcare Available in the Nursery  
10:30am Worship with Sermon by Rev. Laurie Crelly. Children's Church with Amanda McElray Hunter.  
11:30am The Swing into Spring Festival in the Fellowship Hall