



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Holy Cow Survey

Holy Cow! It's summer in Duluth, and we're all excited to kick back and enjoy it. In the midst of vacations, trips to the beach, grill-outs, and outdoor concerts, we would like to ask you to take some time to reflect on Peace Church as we move forward in our transition process. You will be receiving information in church email blasts about the Holy Cow survey used by congregations to gather information from members and friends about how we're doing and where we're going. The survey will be online and take about 30 minutes to complete. There will also be options available for those who aren't online to participate.

Please take the time to complete the survey as soon as you can. We are hoping for maximum participation—YOUR voice matters! We will circle back with those who haven't completed it, so this is your friendly nudge to do so if you'd like to avoid a reminder call.

Thanks from your Council and the Transition Team.



Peace Church and the Unitarian Church collaborated to create the first ever Peace Village Summer Day Camp which took place on June 13-17.

On Sunday, June 5, we celebrated our 2022 Graduates in worship.

A Note from Nathan and Charlotte

From Nathan Holst

As I write this on the day before the 4th of July, I am contemplating where we find hope. I just gave a sermon this morning about the struggle of holding diversity and unity, about wrestling with how to be the “body of Christ”, to have a sense of unity, when so much in the larger church and in our country feels divided. And then I look up at a quote posted on my office wall, written by Alicia Garza, co-founder of Black Lives Matter. She wrote:

I remember who I was before I gave my life to the movement. Someone was patient with me. Someone saw that I had something to contribute. Someone stuck with me. Someone did the work to increase my commitment. Someone taught me how to be accountable. Someone opened my eyes to the root causes of the problems we face. Someone pushed me to call forward my vision for the future. Someone trained me to bring other people who are looking for a movement into one.

Now I'm reminded of my favorite definition of love, “to believe in our own and others best possibilities.” To me, this a core part of building the beloved community. I want to be an active part in building community together. I remember that I want to be “someone” who is patient, who sees others have something to contribute, to push others to call forth their vision for the future. I want to be a part of a church community that is well practiced at this kind of love, this kind of relationship.

I remember all the current leaders who embody this kind of love and leadership. And I remember all the people I know in this community who are just waiting to be invited into this kind of role, and I feel inspired. I also remember how many different containers we have for this kind of community. I think of the spaces with our children—Sunday school, children’s church, and most recently our Peace Village day camp. I think of all the youth and adults that showed up to help teach our children how to be peace makers. I think of some youth I spoke to recently about possible book clubs focused on nonviolence and it gives me such hope for the future. I think of our middle school youth group, our OWL sexuality curriculum for 9th graders, and our 10th and 11th graders in confirmation (as well as our amazing mentors). I think back to early June, how our graduating seniors shared some incredible insights with us as a congregation, how many of them are people who are and will be the kinds of leaders that will believe in others.

Yes, now I remember. Church is a place to find hope. The beloved community we build together, which is as fragile as it is strong, constantly in need of our time and commitment, is a place where we can rest in hope. The more we believe in the possibilities in our life together and our work in the world, the more we live into that kind of future of love. So let us pause this summer to contemplate where our hope lies. Shall we build it together here as we follow the way of hope, in the way of Jesus, one person and moment at a time?

Addressing Homelessness

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

I've always been intrigued by the story of Jesus' friend, Lazarus. Lazarus was sick and his friends and family sent word to Jesus. By the time Jesus arrived at his home in Bethany, Lazarus had died and his body laid to rest in a cave. Jesus insisted on the family opening the cave's entrance and Jesus called to the dead man. Lazarus, wrapped in linen graveclothes, stumbled toward the entrance, Jesus turned to gathered friends and family and gave them instructions, “You unwrap him.”

It took a community to unbind Lazarus and restore him.

Stepping On Up, the initiative to reduce homelessness in Duluth, isn't just about creating more secure places for those without permanent shelter. It is also about enabling members of the community to respond in more humane ways to those who are homeless.



What does it mean to be a good neighbor—whether the person you meet is living in an encampment down the street? Or standing outside the grocery store? Or stopping by the church to ask for food or other assistance?

Stepping on Up is offering a free community education series to help all of us know better how to be good neighbors. The first offering is a summer intensive course—July 12, 13 and 14—at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Doors open at 5:00pm. Training sessions are 5:30-8:00pm each evening. The schedule is as follows:

July 12—First Hand Experiences of Housing Instability/Mental Health First Aid

July 13—Tips for De-escalating Conflict/Harm Reduction and Drug Overdose Prevention

July 14—Recognizing Trafficking and Domestic Violence/Trauma Informed Care

For more information, go to <https://steppingonupduluth.org/>. Scroll down to events.

Peace Church Building Use

This is a friendly reminder to all who would like to use space at Peace Church: **to schedule a meeting at Peace, please email Elise Courtright, our Administrative Coordinator, at elise@peaceucc.org or call the office at 218-724-3637.**



Sunday Info/Peace News

Please note that beginning July 10 we will only have one worship service at 9:00am in the sanctuary and via livestream with coffee hour following service. Masks are optional, but recommended during worship. Communion will be served each Sunday.

Following worship each Sunday, Pastor Jim will facilitate a sermon talk-back session—an opportunity to talk with the preachers about the subject of their sermons and the Scripture texts they used.

Peace Church Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 27

YES, YES, YES, YES there will be a rummage sale, and the date is August 27. This was about the time we had it last year and it seemed to work out well. Here's your notice to start cleaning out/purging/saving your "stuff" contributions. Unless there is a specific need to bring things early, please hang on to them until Thursday August 25—that day and Friday will be the set up days, and remember we ask that you place your things in the designated areas when you bring them in (which is always a good time for early shopping :-).

In addition to your treasures, we need your time too, in three areas: setting things up Thursday and/or Friday, the day of the sale, and especially cleaning up (extra gold stars!). Please look for a sign up link in your weekly email. If you have any questions contact Cindy at macaulay@cpinternet.com or the office, and big thanks in advance!

Immigrant Welcoming News

On June 20, newcomers to Duluth were officially welcomed to the city by Mayor Emily Larson and others. This year's World Refugee observance was held at One Roof and included a potluck of ethnic dishes. Peace members who are sponsoring or hosting asylum seeking newcomers attended along with their guests.



Summer Coffee Hour

following 9:00am
worship service



Come join us for coffee hour after worship service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to drink coffee, eat a treat and socialize!

Taizé Service

Sunday, August 7, 5:00pm

This service is modeled after services held at the Taizé Community in France. Taizé is a worship experience wholly dedicated to prayer and to hearing God's word—using song, scripture, and silent meditation. Please join us in the sanctuary!

Interpreting Services for Worship

Interpreting Services will be provided on an as-needed basis. If you would like to request an Interpreter for worship service, please contact the office at 218-724-3637 or email Judy Hlina at judyhlina@gmail.com.

~ Peace Church Interpreting Team

Pastoral Relations Committee

In 2021, Peace UCC formed a Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC). Current PRC members are Gary Boelhower, Cindy Macaulay, Warren Post, Hope David, and Patty Beech-Dziuk. The purpose of a PRC is to support the healthy relationship between the pastor and congregants in order to promote healthy, faithful, shared ministry. Peace's PRC does this by serving as a support group to Pastor Jim and by sharing dreams, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with him. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns that you would like to share with the PRC, you can contact the Committee at: prcpeaceucc@gmail.com. Thanks!

Special Music

If you are interested in providing special music, please contact Jim Pospisil at jim@peaceucc.org to schedule a Sunday worship service that works for you. Thanks!

Find us on Social Media!

Facebook: @peace.church.duluth

Instagram: @peaceduluth

Twitter: @PeaceDuluth



History Corner

150 Years of Music at Peace Church



We can't talk about the history of Peace Church without mentioning the music. For a century and a half, music has been a huge part of our service. From the majestic tones of a pipe organ to the sweet trill of a flute, these sounds have brought the "muse" into our music by inspiring us to make "joyful noise."

Music is integral to our services—many people have said they joined Peace because of the music. Over the years, Peace has created its own style of music that not only reflects the people who make the music, but the social atmosphere and events of the time. What other church would dedicate an entire service to the music of Bob Dylan as we did in May?

What Is It About the Music?

Most hymns are written with scripture in mind. In fact, music is how many people learn about the stories of the Bible. It may be what they remember from the service. And that is church.

Music allows us to immerse ourselves more fully in the worship experience—it becomes transcendent. In such a way that the experience is beyond words. It may make you cry. It's a way to express faith.

The Choir

The choir is the cornerstone of the music program. A dedicated group of members who love to sing together led by a choir director. As George Bowen, music director from 1990-2003, said: "The choir is like an extended family." He describes the music during his tenure as eclectic. "I asked the choir for their input and we sang many different kinds of music, but always went back to our favorite anthems and hymns."

Our current music director, Jim Pospisil, who came to Peace Church as accompanist under George's direction in 1997, adds: "Peace is an inclusive place where all musicians can offer their gifts—no matter what level they are at."

Historical Tidbits

For the first 50 years, the choir sang in both German and English.

From a 1915 edition of *The German Press*: "A church choir has been active for almost the entire existence of the congregation. It was the choir's duty to serve in the important worship service by singing two songs."

To save fuel, the choir in the 1890s would practice in members' homes, usually without accompaniment. At that time, the church (located at 10th Ave East and Third Street), had two pot-bellied stoves—one in the front and one in the rear. Sometimes it was so cold the choir wore their hats, coats and boots during services.

Many of our accompanists have been UMD international students, e.g. Korea, China, Israel, among others.

Both Jim and accompanist Wendy Durrwachter have composed music for church, including preludes and offertory.

Paul Winchester, who grew up in Peace Church, wrote a Christmas cantata and a choral version of *The Lord's Prayer—Jeshua's Prayer*—which were first performed at Peace.

Children's Choir

Kids love to sing, and adults love to listen to them sing. A children's choir makes kids feel part of the service. For many years, the children's choir came through Sunday School. Barb Hanka and Beth Bartlett also led the choir. Susan Larson Kidd, children's choir director since 2018, wanted to expand that opportunity to all kids by rehearsing with them 45 minutes each week on Wednesday evenings. They would then perform once a month and every holiday. In addition, the kids also learned to play rhythm instruments. And, although they didn't know it, they were also learning Latin, pitch and volume.

To involve them further in the worship service, Susan teaches them songs from the Peace Songbook, and enjoys the huge smiles the kids give her when the congregation sings one of those songs in worship. During the pandemic, Susan found ways for the kids to continue singing and being part of the choir by recording the kids individually and, with special computer software, bringing the individual voices together. She asks the kids what songs they want to sing. The top requests? "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" and "It's About Love." Peace themes, indeed.

History Corner Continued

Historical Tidbits

In 1922, in celebration of Peace's 50th anniversary, the youth society put on a musical.

From a 1940 Peace newsletter, "The young girls of the congregation organized a choir under the direction of Mrs. Robert Schwerdt (Trudy). At present, they are selling wax paper to pay for robes."

Note: Trudy was also the accompanist for many years.

The rainbow stoles that the Children's Choir wears were made by Gail Blum.

From a 1981 Peace Bell: College students led many children's choirs.

Enhancing the Worship Experience with Special Music

Our music has evolved over the years. From organs to drums, horns and winds. We've also been blessed with many different styles of music and musicians who added to the congregation's music experience and left their mark for what music could be at Peace. According to music director Jim Pospisil, "It's the diversity that makes our music delicious...it's a mess of different stuff."

Historical Tidbits

On November 1, 1925, a new pipe organ was dedicated. "The organ is a two manual tubular pneumatic. The air is electrically supplied by Orgblo."

Peace has a harpsichord that is brought out for special performances.

In October, 1922, St. Paul's congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary. Miss Wirth, a celebrated German soprano, opened the festivities by singing Beethoven's "Die Himmel rühmen des Mächtigen Ehre" (The heavens glorify the mighty of the eternal).

1997-present. Musical groups have included the Peace Jammers (Earl Rosenwinkel, Betty Greene, Jim and Sally Larson); Emily Ramsey and Cynthia Coffin on the violin and guitar; Praise Band; singers and musicians Peter Provost, Leon Rohrbaugh, Tom Wilkowske, Jane Rupel, Dave Winchester; Clear; Peace Band (Jane Aas, Mary Nienaber, Steven Horner, who wrote many of our songs in the Peace Songbook); A Band Called Truman; well-known artists, including Peter Mayer, and Sara Thomsen.

150th Anniversary Events

Bell Tower Lighting Festival

Saturday, August 20, 6:00pm, Peace Upper Parking Lot

Food trucks, bands, games and fun for the whole family. And, for the first time in our history, we will light our Peace Bell Tower.

The Rally for Peace

Saturday, October 1, Noon-3:00pm, Leif Erickson Park

This is a gift to our community whose purpose is to promote a peaceful, nonviolent world, encouraging voter registration and engagement in our democracy. Featured speaker is David Hogg, co-founder of the March for Our Lives.

150th Celebration Dinner

Saturday, October 8, 6:00pm, Peace Church

Plan for a night of fun, reviewing our past and looking toward our future. Enjoy a German-themed dinner and a program full of fun and surprises.

More details to follow. Mark your calendars!

Peace Church Groups

PALS

August PALS gathering will be a picnic and planning session at the Goese home on Thursday, August 25. Details will follow in emails as the time approaches.

Last minute planning is best avoided, so if you have any ideas for events in September and October, send them to us (lrgoese@gmail.com). We try for outdoor plans before the need to move inside happens, but anything would be considered.

Sharing Our Spiritual Journey Group

Monday, July 4 & 18 and August 1 & 15,
7:00pm via Zoom

You are invited to join the "Sharing Our Spiritual Journey" group. We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month from 7-8pm via zoom. We provide a space to reflect and share about our calling, our spiritual journey, our joys and challenges. We use check in, poetry, journaling, and any other gifts people bring to the group. If you have questions or would like to rsvp for the zoom link, please contact Gary Boelhower at gboelhower@msn.com.

Peace Prayer Chain

We have a whole group of people who would love to pray for you! Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns.



Virtual Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings at 5pm
Bible Study is taking a break until September.

New Adult Books

Being with the Dying: Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death by Joan Halifax

Tidewater Inn by Colleen Coble

Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado

A Good Yarn by Debbie Macomber

New Children's Books

What a Bad Dream by Mercer Mayer

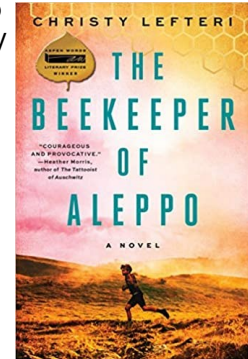
Hush, Little One: A Lullaby for God's Children by Anita Reith Stons

Thank You for This Food by Debbie Trafton O'Neal

Tea for Ruby by Sarah Ferguson

Thursday Morning Book Group

The book we will read is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. This is a book about refugees from Syria, a beautiful and powerful book about the hope and bravery common to all refugees. The group will regroup in September, the third Thursday of the month, at 10:00am until noon in the Fireside Room, which we booklovers refer to as the library because this gathering room houses our incredible church library. For more information contact Alice Marks at amarks001@charter.net.



Therapeutic SomaYoga

Mondays from 9:00-10:15am

Fireside Room

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) can be made to the office. This is an in-person, ongoing class on Mondays. You can also join us through Zoom. Contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.



Men's Breakfast

Join us once again for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. **Our next breakfast gatherings are Thursday, July 14 & 28 and August 11 & 25.**

Brown Bag Women's Group

The Women's Brown Bag group is taking a break for the summer. Please stay tuned for details on a September meeting!

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, July 25 & Aug 22, 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 virtual group. The group meets every month on the fourth Monday. Please email the office for the Zoom link.

Peace News

Pastoral Care Report



It is with great gratitude that I give this report for my staff position as Pastoral Care Chaplain. Paying attention to what has heart and meaning for our Peace Church members is a privilege for me, and I was able to listen to, pray with, and support those whose lives were impacted by illness, or injury, or loss of a loved one. I learned a lot more about the core of Peace Church. It is not only a congregation of justice seekers for all; Peace Church is also made up of countless Circles of Caring. I thank Lynn Devlin and Linda Goese for their prayer chain ministry. Thanks go out to Alice Marks and her card ministry—cards that bring joy and caring to those unable to join us in person. Thanks to Sue Munns, Melanie Lundell, and Kay Stevens for knitting prayer shawls. It is a joy to bring those shawls to our people as a visible and tangible reminder of our love, prayers, and support. There are so, so many members who regularly visit our beloved members who cannot join us each week, and I thank them.

My deep thanks also go to Pastor Charlotte, Nathan, and Pastor Jim for their pastoral care.

~Gudrun Witrak, Pastoral Care Chaplain

Church Coordinating Council will meet Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Regularly Scheduled Team & Committee Meetings

(Please watch emails for updates on meeting times and formats)

Stewardship Team:

TBD

Adult Ed Team:

Tuesday, July 5 & Aug 2
7:30am Zoom

Dismantling Racism Team:

TBD

Children's Ministry Team:

Tuesday, July 12 & Aug 9
6:00pm Fireside

Worship & Arts Committee:

TBD

History Team:

Wednesday, July 13 & Aug 10
1:00pm in the History Rm

Shared Ministry Team:

Wednesday, July 13 & Aug 10
4:00pm via Zoom

Finance Team:

Wednesday, July 13 & Aug 10
4:00pm via Zoom

Property Team:

TBD

Food & Fellowship Team:

check email for details

Acting for Justice Hub:

Sunday, July 10 & Aug 14
2:00pm via Zoom

Climate Justice Team:

TBD

Health and Healing Group:

TBD



Thank You Leanne

The HR Committee here at Peace Church plays an important role in supporting the work of the Pastor in personnel leadership and management as well as supporting the employees as needed. We have been an extraordinarily busy committee preceding, during and since the retirement of Pastor Kathy Nelson.

One of our members, Leanne Ventrella, has been on HR for many years, the last three years as chair. In Leanne's professional life she was responsible for Human Resources within the local State Judicial District and brought those skills to her volunteer work on the HR Committee.

Leanne's term has ended on the Committee, so we would like to recognize her and thank her for the incredible work she has done as well as her commitment to the work of the committee, her impeccable skills, and her loyalty to the ethics needed within Human Resources, despite all its complexities.

Thank you, Leanne! You will be missed.



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Our 2022 Graduates



Noah Beyer attended both East and Denfeld; he graduates from Denfeld this year. Noah played basketball at both schools. He and three friends from music created their own music for the Red Carpet concert at Denfeld where the music was original and where each kid switched instruments during the song. In the future Noah is interested in being a coach, and this next year he will be assisting at North Star, his old alma mater, helping by coaching the boy's basketball team.



Simon Davidson is graduating from Denfeld High School. He has been involved in soccer, hockey, baseball, and executive board. His future plan is to play junior hockey.



Jeremiah Erickson is graduating from Duluth East High School. He has been involved in Duluth swim team, Lake Superior Swim Club, rowing club, Scouts, trap team, and curling. His future plan is to attend LSC for a radiology technician assistant program.

Benjamin Fena is graduating from the Edvisions Off Campus High School. He competes and is assistant coach for Duluth Biathlon; he also plays piano. He will be attending Macalester next year. He is interested in Environmental Studies or Chemistry as an Undergrad degree. Benjamin wants to get involved in environmental advocacy work, so he has been looking at going farther into science and working in a field such as climate science or getting a law degree and working on environmental law.



Kai Hoffman is graduating from Duluth East High School. He was involved in National Honors Society, exec board, Student forum, soccer. He also has Friday sports win with Mr. Holmstrom. His plans for next year are to attend the University of Wisconsin Madison and figure out what I want to do with the rest of his life.

Cedar Holden has been homeschooled. He loves rock climbing, snow boarding, surfing, and kendama. He is open to anything the future brings!



Our 2022 Graduates Continued



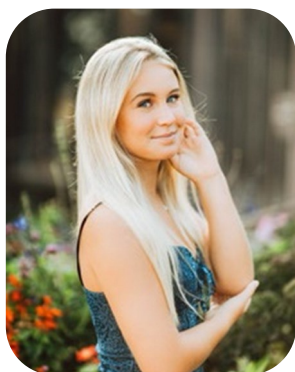
Colby Larson is graduating from Duluth East High School where he raced mountain bikes for 4 years with the Duluth East DEVO Team. He also played attack for the Duluth Wolfpack Lacrosse team and was one of the captains in his senior year. He will be graduating with academic honors and plans to attend the University of Minnesota Duluth in the fall, where he will be majoring in environmental science and riding on the club mountain bike team.

Hannah Liddle is graduating from Duluth East High School. She participated in Theater, performing in six shows during her 2 years at East. She also participated in Speech and went to state. Her other activities included Symphony Orchestra and National Honors Society. She will be attending UW Madison this fall, planning on studying nursing and doing something with Southeast Asian Studies (maybe a language). She would also love to take some theater classes.



Rowan Lundell is graduating from Duluth East High School, where she has been involved in Sources of Strength, Hound Pack, National Honor Society (NHS), Key Club, Student Forum, Dance Team, Theater and Crochet Club. Her future plans are to attend Winona State University this fall and enroll in their Nursing program. She also hopes to travel the world and eventually come back to live in Duluth.

Stella Schutz is graduating from Duluth East High School. Her activities included President of Exec Board, editor in chief of Duluth East Greyhound newspaper, student representative, member of national honors society, student forum, hound pack, sources of strength, and track and field. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota to major in journalism and political science. Stella wrote: Through everything I've experienced, both good and bad, the one thing I could always depend on was my support system, much of which was constructed here. I am so grateful to have grown up in a place like peace church, I will always cherish and value the people I met and the lessons I learned here.



Elle Westrum is graduating from Duluth East High School. She will be attending UW Madison next year, possibly majoring in biology.

In loving memory of Nat Hawley (12/12/2003—4/19/2019) who would have graduated with the class of 2022.



Youth and Children's Ministry

OWL for incoming 9th graders

Our main youth programming for 9th graders is our OWL program, which is our amazing comprehensive sexuality curriculum that starts in the fall. There's nothing that parents need to do this summer, but Nathan Holst will be reaching out in the near future to make sure you know about the program and to answer any initial questions you have about it. Looking forward to another great year of quality education for our youth!

Middle School Camping Trip

Camp Amnicon

Tuesday -Thursday, August 23-25

We're excited that after a couple years of covid cancelled camping trips, we've got plans for our middle school youth that we can count on this summer. Middle school youth (this year that includes incoming 6th graders and incoming 9th graders)—join us for our camping trip in August! This year, we'll be heading to Camp Amnicon (45 minutes away 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. This has often been the trip that starts great new friendships that last into the year at youth group.

We will leave from Peace in the early afternoon on Tuesday, August 23 and return before lunch on Thursday, August 25. See Nathan for more information or contact him to sign up at nathan@peaceucc.org.



Middle school youth enjoyed an evening of bowling in June as a fun way to stay connected during the summer.

Children's Church

Begins again in September

We have decided to put Children's Church on pause until September. Stay tuned for more information on dates.

If you haven't heard about it yet, the basic idea is that kids stay for the service until story for all ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 minutes (where we might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets), and then come back with the adults for communion. All kids (ages 3 and up) are welcome to join. And if there are any middle or high school youth that want to come join as helpers, you're welcome to join too!

Update

Middle School Youth Group Summer Plans

It's summer time, so our usual weekly youth group goes on Sabbath. There are still ways to stay connected. In June, we had a great bowling night at the Incline. Then in July, we're planning to head to World of Wheels for some skating on Monday, July 11 from 6:30-8:30pm. In August, we're heading to Camp Amnicon for a couple nights of camping, swimming, and fun! See more details here in the Peace Bell. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Nathan Holst at nathan@peaceucc.org any time.

Nursery in July/August

We continue to have our 3-5 year old nursery room open again during our summer worship service (nursery open 8:30am-10:30am). Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. We are looking for parent feedback to help us know the best way to serve our Peace parents in this time. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents.



Council Corner

The new church Council met twice in June. The first meeting was an orientation so the 5 new members could get up to speed about by-laws, committee structure, discussion of how to be a good board member and other information. The regular meeting on June 21st was lively and engaging. The Council was fully engaged and participated in votes to approve of members of the Standing Committees, the PRC, check signers for the church account and the Gabriel Fund and approval of minutes from the May and Congregational meetings. It was a full agenda. The new Council is ready to move forward in the transition process which will take us to the selection of a settled Pastor.



Council members volunteered for smaller sub committees to oversee the Jubilee and PK funds, to be liaisons with the Aurora Borealis Daycare owners, to negotiate an extension to Pastor Jim's contract and for other business done by the Council.

One big vote was to approve of using \$5000 from the Jubilee Fund and \$7500 from the PK Fund for the 150th anniversary October 1 event to bring David Hogg, one of the founders of March For Our Lives, to Duluth. It will be a very timely, exciting event in Duluth as the focus will be on preventing gun violence and getting out the vote. Peace Church will be at the forefront of change in many ways. You can learn more about David Hogg here: <https://time.com/6186538/david-hogg-guns-march-for-our-lives/>

The Council had a discussion about the Holy Cow survey measure that will be completed by members of the congregation. Please see the blurb about this elsewhere in the Peace Bell. Holy Cow is an important tool for understanding how members feel about our church, the worship experience, and who we will be going forward among just a few of the measures tallied. This tool will be used by the Transition Team to help write the church profile for interested clergy when considering Peace as their calling. If you do nothing else on your summer vacation time, please fill out the Holy Cow survey.

The Council will not meet in July but will have a Council retreat. Starting in August we will jump in headfirst to the transition to the next phase of Peace Church. There will be important decisions to be made but we can't make them without your support. Contact us via email at council@peaceucc.org with questions or concerns or talk to one of us at church.

I am excited about the new council and the opportunity to serve as Moderator. And please stay engaged with Peace Church. Check out our website, our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Instagram accounts for current events and posts about what is happening at church.

~Joan Peterson, Moderator

Coordinating Council 2022-2023

Past Moderator: Tom Hystead
Moderator: Joan Peterson
Vice Moderator: Jessica Olson
Secretary: Diane Swanoski
Treasurer: Dick Goese
Representative of Acting for Justice: Monica Liddle
Representative of Spiritual Life: Susan Larson Kidd
Representative of Stewardship: Geof Witrak
Representative of Christian Education: Penny Cragun
At-Large Member: Melissa Boyle
At Large Member: Nathan Langer
At Large Member: Susan Goltz
At Large Member: Stephen Dando

Council Minutes

The council minutes for the **May** Council meeting can be found on our website at peaceucc.org in the News and Events section on the homepage. We will continue to post them each month after council has approved them.

Our new council gathered together after our annual meeting on Sunday, June 12 to get acquainted with their new roles.



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



Peace Church Meals for the CHUM Drop In Center

(located at 125 North 1st Ave West)
Please note that all food is prepared at Peace Church, dropped off at Chum, and served by Chum staff.

Wednesday Chum Breakfast: July 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24

If you would like to drop off a donation, please email Elise Courtright at elise@peaceucc.org.

Thursday Chum Dinner: July 21 & Aug 18

Donations of food for the dinner are always welcome! Let us know if you'd like to be on the email list to provide food and/or help make sandwiches or deliver food to Chum. Contact the church office at 218-724-3637 or elise@peaceucc.org.



Lynn Devlin, Cindy McLean and Linda Goese gathered with others on Friday, June 24 to make thirty rhubarb crisps for the Chum Rhubarb Festival. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do.
—Jana Stanfield

THE FOOD SHELF IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF FOOD!

Like everyone else, the Food Shelf faces uncertainty every day—from the pandemic, to food-borne illnesses, manufacturer shutdowns and delays, and inflation for everyday essentials. But our mission is to take that uncertainty out of the equation for our clients and continue to provide free food to those in need, no matter the cost.

In order to continue to serve and handle the increased demand, it is important to keep our shelves stocked. While we realize the ongoing price increases of everything from gas to household goods makes it harder to pick up an extra item or two, we are begging for your help!

Once in abundance, our peanut butter is gone. Pasta and pasta sauce... gone. Macaroni and cheese... gone. This list will continue to grow without your help. Please donate if you can!

All Non-Perishable Food Is Welcome

(These are the most needed items)

- Rice
- Spaghetios/ravioli
- Canned beef stew
- Canned baked beans
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned chunky soup/chicken noodle soup
- Spam
- Peanut butter
- Mac n Cheese



You can drop off your donations Monday through Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm at Chum Food Shelf (120 N 1st Ave W.) Please use the alley entrance. Thank you!

Peace Church Chum Garden

Once again we have a beautiful, thriving veggie garden near the lower lot at Peace Church which grows organic produce for the Chum Food shelf. We are growing lots—carrots, green beans, egg plant, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, onion and garlic. Thanks to all our gardeners: Dave Clark, Bob and Kay Stevens, Dick Goese, Elise and David Courtright, Beth Bartlett, Erica Henkel, Gwen Plumb, Judy Derauf and Lisa Fitzpatrick. We couldn't do this without you!

Volunteer Schedules



Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies, bars, crackers or fruit on your morning to help with coffee hour! **THANKS!**



Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers will help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies, bars or an equivalent of fresh fruit or veggies. Here's who is scheduled this month:

July 10: Pam Kramer, John Moeller

July 17: Elise Courtright, Linda Goese

July 24: Elise Courtright, Cathy Ameel

July 31: Pam Kramer, volunteer needed

***Please contact Elise at elise@peaceucc.org if you can bring treats and/or help set up, serve or clean up for coffee hour in July or August. Thanks!



Monday Meals

Though most of our volunteer ministries were suspended during the pandemic, providing Monday meals for **Loaves and Fishes Dorothy Day House** is still going strong, thanks to our faithful volunteers. If you are interested in joining this group to sign up to bring a meal, email elise@peaceucc.org or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers." Here is the schedule for this month:

July 11: Gayle and Jack Kelly

July 18: Stephanie Pearson

July 25: volunteer needed

*Ann Schepers is the new contact person for Dorothy Day House. Please text Anne at 218-341-2223 when you need to drop off your meal. Thanks!

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Peace People

Thank You!

- Thanks to those who provided special music in June!
- Many, many thanks to the CHUM Rhubarb Festival crew from Peace Church who helped pull rhubarb, clean rhubarb, chop rhubarb, bake and deliver 30 rhubarb crisps: Ed Proetz, Max Proetz, Lynn Devlin, Pat Devlin, Dennis Hamsher, Judy Gibbs, Leanne Ventrella, Pat Sjoding, Jan Eschbach, Marci Tuggle, Cathy Ameel, Cindy McLean, Lori Dando, Kay Stevens, Linda and Dick Goese. It takes a village!
- I've always known Peace Church was a special place, but it has never been clearer to me than now after my husband, Jerry Cleveland, died. The calls, "What can I do for you?" "What do you need?" providing food for me and the family, the list goes on. The funeral service was a wonderful celebration of Jerry's life. Special thanks to the choir and Jim and Nathan for the music—most of it requested by Jerry. I was told by so many people how lovely the music was and how much it added to the service. I'm guessing it may have been a bit difficult singing in the choir without that bass with his oxygen machine, but you did it and you did it well. I especially want to thank all of you who sent cards and memorials for Jerry. The beautiful sentiments and memories you wrote about him still bring me to tears, and I keep thinking how I wish he could have read them, too—and maybe he did, who knows. He believed in the work of CHUM and Life House and he knew how much they are needed in our community. And memorials to Peace Church—a place that was so important to Jerry for such a long time. He was active in the church before I came along and after we were married at Peace, it became one of the most important parts of our life together. Thank you Peace Church. ~Marge Anderson, Elisabeth Cleveland, Andrew Cleveland and our Families
- Thank you to Nancy Nelson for all her work on the annual report!
- Please welcome Cai Karstens to the Worship Tech Team! Cai has been in training for a few weeks and is now on duty with Susan and Tyler. Please welcome him when you get a chance.

Keep in Your Prayers

- Jan Eschbach is recovering from electrical burns from her accident three years ago. She is dealing with every day challenges and appreciates the prayers from her church family.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson and others.
- 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.

Memorials

- Donation made in memory of Jerry Cleveland: Joan Severson.



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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Worship at 9:00am

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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