

Peace Bell



Peace

United Church of Christ
December 2025 & January 2026

December Sundays

December 7th Second Sunday in Advent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum:

10:30am Intergenerational Worship
Holy Communion

11:30am Coffee Hour

2:00pm Transforming Families

December 14th Third Sunday in Advent

Cantata Sunday

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Advent Hope & Immigration

10:30am Christmas Cantata

11:30am Coffee Hour

December 21st Fourth Sunday in Advent

Pageant Sunday

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Advent Hope & Immigration

10:30am Christmas Children's Pageant

11:30am Coffee Hour

December 28th First Sunday of Christmas

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Intergenerational Worship, No Children's
Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

January Sundays

January 4th Epiphany Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum:

10:30am Intergenerational Worship with
Holy Communion

11:30am Coffee Hour

2:00pm Transforming Families

January 11th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum:

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

January 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum:

10:30am Worship with Children's Church
Holy Communion

11:30am Coffee Hour

January 25th Annual Budget Meeting

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Worship with Children's Church

11am Coffee Hour

Christmas Eve Services

4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship: Carol Sing and Candle Lighting, Childcare Available

5:00pm Soup Supper

9:00pm Christmas Eve Worship: Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis, Peace Choir, and
Candle Lighting

December Forums

December 7th Advent Hope & Immigration

The Sanctuary Now team is planning forums in recognition of Jesus and his family as migrants in the weeks leading up to his birth and in the months to follow. See your Weekly Email for specific details.

December 14th Advent Hope & Immigration

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December 21st Advent Hope & Immigration

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December 28th No Forum

January Forums

January 4th Baptism, Membership, and Peace UCC's Bylaws

At our June 2025 Annual Meeting, we got stuck on a bylaws revision involving membership, baptism, and our theological understanding of both of these. Come to learn about our proposed bylaws change and bring your questions in advance of the January 25th Budget Meeting, where we'll also vote on this change.

January 11th Lighthouse Tech Inclusion Project

The Lighthouse "Tech for Inclusion" project is working to promote greater community inclusion for people with disabilities by helping people understand how assistive technology can help older adults and people with disabilities stay more connected and involved with community.

Lighthouse's Executive Director, Peace Church member Mary Junnila, and her team will bring resources to support accessibility and inclusion here at church. Bring your questions!

January 18th Budget Q&A

Join the Finance Committee and members of the Coordinating Council to take a deep dive into our 2026 budget in advance of the January 25th Budget Meeting.

January 25th No Forum

Hi Folks.

Much of our recent discussions at Council have been around money. Last year January the congregation passed a budget with a \$47,700 deficit. We have managed to pare down the projected year end budget to \$34,000 but funds are still tight until we can resolve it zero. As a result, for the 3rd month now Council voted to continue suspending our charitable giving. We hope to make good on our planned giving by the end of the year. We had much discussion about how to message our current deficit with the congregation. Our Stewardship Campaign has so far secured \$550,000 in pledges for 2026 from 123 "giving units" (families, couples or individuals). It's a very promising result, but short of our campaign goal of \$600,000. Our teams, committees and staff have begun planning for our 2026 budget. I expect budget discussions will dominate our December council meeting. In addition, we approved changes to our employee handbook around vacation leave and Minnesota's new Paid family and Medical Leave Act. We also approved updating our membership rolls with the removals of names of people who were no longer active in the congregation.

I remain eternally grateful to the hard work and dedication by our pastor and staff and all the teams and committees who do the unheralded tasks necessary keep this place humming along. If you have questions about what Council's up to or concerns you feel Council should address, please seek me out.

Mike Schrage, Moderator

Annual Budget Meeting

January 25th, 2025

On Sunday, January 25th we will be having one service at 9:30am. Following the service we will have our Annual Budget Meeting where we will vote on the budget for 2026. Come to the forum on January 18th to discuss the budget for next year and ask any and all of your questions.

February and March Peace Bell articles are due Wednesday, January 21st.

Send articles to office@peaceucc.org



What do you fear? Insisting on hope this Advent

We are living in fearful times. There's the big stuff: climate change, the dismantling of our social safety nets and civil liberties, the wars raging across the globe. There's the more immediate stuff: worrying about how we're going to make ends meet as the cost-of-living skyrockets, waiting on medical test results, the complex puzzle of caregiving for aging parents and young children. The fear and anxiety are both individual and collective. It's hard to escape impossible to ignore.

Where is God in the midst of our fear? In Advent, we recall the story of Jesus's birth, hearing God speak to Mary and Joseph and shepherds through the voices of angels: do not fear. Easy for God to say, of course. But the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has an interesting take on this message in his sermon titled *The Mastery of Fear*: "Be not afraid does not mean get rid of all fear. Without fear the human race could have never survived. . . So the difficulty of our problem is that we are not to get rid of fear altogether, but we must harness it and master it. Like fire it is a useful and necessary servant, but a ruinous master. It is fear when it becomes terror, panic and chronic anxiety that we must seek to eliminate."

Fear keeps us alert. It keeps us safe. It lets us know when something is wrong, whether an immediate threat or a bigger imbalance. But we can't give fear the steering wheel. We are called to befriend our fear. We are called to get curious about our fear and see what it has to teach us. It is only then that we can receive God's words, "do not fear," as in invitation rather than an admonishment. God invites us to hope in the midst of, not in spite of, our fear.

This Advent, we will be exploring the ways we can faithfully acknowledge our fear and move into hope, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus, the source of that hope. Through Sunday worship to inspire and challenge us, forums to focus our work as a Sanctuary church in these times, and opportunities to gather to process grief and express our creativity and have fun together, we will do all of this together. I look forward to doing it with you!

With Love, Pastor Corinne

Team and Committee Updates



Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign "Dreaming God's Dream – Your Generosity Makes It Happen" formally ended Sunday, November 9th with Commitment Sunday. It was a beautiful event at both services with those in attendance either bringing forward their pledge card or their dream for Peace Church to a bowl on the altar during the offertory.

While the campaign has formally ended, we have not reached our goal of \$600,000 for 2026. As of this writing, 187 out of 350 households have made their financial commitment to Peace, raising \$508,000 for the campaign. We need every household that values what Peace Church provides for our members and friends, and for our community, to make a financial commitment. It really does take all of us contributing financially to keep this precious church strong. And, if everyone does this, we know we can reach our goal!

If you haven't made your financial commitment yet, you can do so one of these ways:

1. Go online to tinyurl.com/peacegives2025 and complete your commitment card
2. Mail in the pledge card you received in your Stewardship mailing in October
3. Call our bookkeeper Mali at the church and verbally provide your commitment information to her

If you have made your financial commitment, THANK YOU! On average, those who made their commitment for 2026 increased their pledge by 11%!

Grief Support for the Holidays Wednesday, December 17th at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room

Missing loved ones can be especially difficult around the holidays. Rev. Laurie will be offering time to reflect and support anyone who finds the holidays difficult as they process grief in their lives. Whether it is a recent death or strained relationship with loved ones, you are welcome to attend. Let us make space to listen and rest in a compassionate circle. All are welcome.

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PALS

Join us for the December PALS gathering at 5:30 Thursday December 11th at Zvago Lake Superior 3900 London Road. Please bring a "heavy" appetizer or dessert. N/A beverages provided. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended. RSVP to Cathy Ameal if you can attend and what you plan to bring at ameelcj123@aol.com or call 218 724-2750.

UP COMING PALS EVENTS

Thursday, January 22nd - Karen Diver will discuss "Towards TRUTH: Building indigenous Success at the University of Minnesota"

Details of events appear in emails sent to the group. Not on the list but want to know more? - ask the church office to put you on the email list.

Special Offering - UCC Christmas Fund Sunday, December 14th

For over one hundred years, The Christmas Fund has provided direct financial assistance to the healers in all our lives: retired and active UCC ministers, church workers, and their families. You are part of the community of The Christmas Fund, whether you [donate](#) at Christmastime, benefit directly from our grant or leadership programs, or simply believe in our mission to help secure the financial foundation of those engaged in the life of the church. You are invited to make contributions online at the link above, and we will receive the Christmas Fund offering on Sunday, December 14th. Please consider donating today to ensure more healers receive the loving support of the Church in their moment of deepest need.

Queer Connections

Monday Dec. 15th and Jan. 12th at 6:30pm

Come join us in the Fireside Room at 6:30pm for a chance to meet new people in the LGBTQIA+ Community, great conversations, and board games!

Office Closed during Christmas Break

Please note that the office is closed from December 25th - January 5th. If you need something from the office staff, please send a request via email.



Peace Church Cabaret!
Saturday, January 24th, at
7:00pm

Please join us for our annual Cabaret! Every year Peace

Church Musicians put on a wonderful night displaying their talents. We have coffee and treats provided by our Food Hospitality Team. We will be having a good will offering for the Gaberial Fund.

If you would like to participate and share your talents with the Congregation please email Jim at jim@peaceucc.org.

Healing Haunted Histories with Gary Boelhower

Starting January 19th on Zoom

A book discussion of *Healing Haunted Histories* will take place 4 Thursday evenings 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9 from 7-8:30 pm on zoom. The first night will focus on an overview of the series and the book. Sessions 2-4 will focus on discussion of key chapters and sharing ancestor research by participants. *Healing Haunted Histories* by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers explores the genocide of Indigenous peoples and the wounds that have been caused by extermination, removal and forced acculturation. We will use the key themes of the book as a way to chart the journeys of our ancestors and to reflect on the intersection of our own stories with the stories of our Indigenous siblings. We will reflect on our own work of decolonization and repair. The book is available at Zenith Bookstore and from several online vendors. If you have questions or need further information, contact the facilitator Gary Boelhower at gboelhower@msn.com Here's the zoom link for all four sessions:

<https://css.zoom.us/j/5126740307?pwd=SVRCU05VSW1YSGIXZk02ZkZlbnHN5dz09>



Calling all Crocheters and knitters!

We are hoping to make blankets for the High School Graduates for the class of 2026. If you are interested in making one please reach out to Bri in the office at office@peaceucc.org and let her know!

Property Team Update



Thank you to all of those who helped scraped, fixed, and painting the Stucco on the outside of the building!

A special thank you to Matt Ryan who coordinated this project!



New Members

Jessica (Jess, Jesse) Vavrosky



Family members (including pets): My wife, Laura, and our cat, Griz

What is your vocation?

Vocation = radical hospitality;
Job = registered nurse at Miller Dwan

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, gardening, knitting, and playing with my cat.

What brought you to

Peace? I was raised as a Unitarian Universalist and

attended UUCD for a few years, then life got busy, and I fell out of the habit. Through faith exploration, I realized my theology aligns more closely with liberal Christianity. Peace Church shows me how to live the teachings of Jesus to build a better world.

Obscure fact? I love to do crossword puzzles, and I think Will Shortz has maybe the best job ever.

Kris and Carol Johnson

Family members

(including pets): Grace (14), Sage (12), Axel (10), Janiken (our dog), and Cassie (our cat).

What is your Job? Carol works in therapy and Kris is a scientist.

Hobbies? Camping, canoeing, bike rides, getting crafty, and games that involve silliness.

What brought you to Peace? We started coming because of a shared interest in social justice causes, We kept coming because Amanda and Co. made out kids feel so loved and welcome.

Obscure fact? We live in a round house.



Phyllis & Skip Messenger

Family members (including pets): Alex, Lacey, Orson (6), and Ayla (2) in Duluth. Lindsey, Nils, Max (6) and Lucas (2) in Brussels.

What is your Job? We are both retired archaeologist and worked in Mexico and

Central America. Skip taught anthropology for 34 years at Hamline University. Phyllis taught and administered programs at Hamline and UM-Twin Cities.

Hobbies? We love the BWCA! We are both writing novels - Phyllis: an archaeology project in Honduras, Skip: a futuristic space exploration.

What brought you to Peace? When we moved to Duluth from Deephaven in early 2024, our pastor at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka said "You will feel most at home at Peace UCC!" And she was right! Phyllis joined the choir after the first visit to Peace!

Obscure fact? Skip loves to cook Asian food. Phyllis loves to garden (still trying to get the hang of Northern gardening). We both studied in grad school in Mexico for 4 1/2 years and speak Spanish.

Amy Hayes

Family members

(including pets): El Hayes (daughter), Louis and Sydney (our cats)

What is your Job? Mental Health Counselor

Hobbies? I love painting and many arts as well as reading.

What brought you to

Peace? I am looking to expand my community and my spirituality. Peace has been so affirming and welcoming.

Obscure fact? I have relatives in Norway whom I have visited several times.



New Members

Eric Lemke

Family members (including pets): My wife, Sonja, my daughter, Nova, and our dog, Pippin.

What is your Job? High School Business Teacher

Hobbies? Mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, paddling, and cooking.

What brought you to Peace? The wonderful community and the commitment to service in the local community.



New Members Joining on September 28th, 2025



New Members Joining on November 16th, 2025



Children and Youth Corner

Hello Peace Families,

In Children's Ministry land, the start of December means one thing – Christmas Pageant preparations! In lead up to this year I was remembering past pageants I have seen. Perhaps the most impactful was *La Natividad*, an experiential pageant created in partnership between *In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* and *St Paul's Lutheran Church*.

La Natividad, was a production with scores of inter-generational performers, huge puppets, and traveling musicians. This retelling began at a Mercado on Lake Street and took the audience on a bi-lingual journey through a South Minneapolis neighborhood. The audience became immigrants journeying with a pregnant Maria and Jose, looking for shelter in the tradition of Mexico's "La Posadas" Celebration. La Posadas is a novenario – an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity which continues over a period of nine days, often to prepare for a feast day. La Posadas follows the "no room at the inn" Bible story. Along the journey, residents refuse to give Mary and Joseph shelter - and *La Natividad* reframed the story using current events.

A review on MPR recounted, "In one heart-stopping moment, King Herod appears, depicted as a violent and vengeful ruler in a suit and tie [wearing a crown], demand[ing] to know the whereabouts of the baby Jesus and how he got here. In tones that echo the words of immigration hardliners, he shouts, "They're coming in from everywhere, from land, from sky, from woman. Secure the borders!"

At another point in the pageant, Maria and Jose, followed by puppets, musicians and the audience, come to a border, a barrier in the street, guarded by vaguely marked enforcers keeping the people out. However, on the other side of this barrier, there were good and loving people with lanterns, holding signs of friendship. The kindness and beauty filled the icy air in that moment, miraculously melting the barrier and transforming the enforcers. Everyone made it to the other side, to shelter at a church fiesta where baby Jesus is born.

To get a taste of *La Natividad*, check out this video edit produced by MinnPost, find the link on ---- (<https://youtu.be/0P8Gn8TKxw4?si=GraysaYYU9Fb Exs>)

As Christians we tell and retell our sacred stories to make meaning of life. The story leading to the birth of Jesus can be reframed in so many ways, precisely because it is **a story that exactly happens somewhere in this world, every day**. The story can be a call to embrace joy amidst the weariness of difficult times. The story can be a reminder that God manages to pull miracle and blessing from impossible situations.

And yet, this year, the thought that is sticking with me is **the journey taken with community, through fear, to get to the other side**.

How do we journey together? How do we offer friendship and support to those who are journeying and need shelter? Beyond the anticipation of Advent, beyond the joy of Christmas, how do we begin the journey of a new and uncertain year with purpose and resolve?

Our Advent series this year asks us, flat out **"What do You Fear?"** We are reminded to look for God, to look for community, to look for the holy that dwells incarnate in everything we encounter. The holy that is *in everything*. That shows up as substance. As Richard Rohr says, "the universe is the Body of God, both in its essence and in its suffering." And I might add, in its blessing and birthing.

For if our God is a with-us type of God – one born to journey with us – one who calls us, one who sends us, and the one who helps our community in its wayfinding – what do we have to fear?

There are many ways to journey together and encounter the holy over this next two months ... all while having fun, making meaning and building community. Please mark the following events on your calendar, and keep an eye out for weekly emails for specific details:

Advent Wreath & Craft Workshop on November 30th, **Intergenerational Christmas Caroling** at Assisted Living Centers on ?, Children's Church **Cantata Crafting** on December 14th, Pageant practices will be happening during Children's Church and Kid's Club throughout the month of December culminating with the **Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal & Performance** on December 20th and 21st, **Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service**, Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30pm, **Epiphany Sunday**, December 28th at 9:30am, **MLK worship service and community day activities**, January 18th-19th.

We continue to have great turnout for **Middle School and High School Youth Groups** on Wednesday nights. December 13th, we will be doing a **Saturday service project at the Loaves & Fishes Christmas Party**. Loaves & Fishes is a Catholic Worker inspired shelter for unhoused families. On Wednesday, December 17th, Kids' Club and Youth Groups will be doing service projects making cookies and sandwiches for the Warming Center. In January, youth service projects will center around meal prep for residents of the St. Francis Apartments, providing permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. **Confirmation 1** and **Confirmation 2** classes meet on December 3rd, 10th, 17th and January 7th, 14th, and 28th. **Our Whole Lives** meets on December 7th, 14th, 21st and January 4th, 11th and 25th. Planning for **Summer Youth Trips** is underway. If your young person wants to be involved reach out to Amanda, ASAP!

If you are not on the mailing list for weekly Children and Youth activities or if you would like to volunteer, reach out to Amanda at amanda@peaceucc.org!

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Running to Stand Still Zeitgeist

In late January or early February, ICMJ will show the documentary Running to Stand Still. Produced in 2024 and currently being updated, it portrays the plight of immigrants who are caught in limbo - they have no home to return to and no place that will welcome them. Come for this community screening and conversation. Watch for the exact date and time in the weekly emails.

Divine Konnections Support Needed

Divine Konnections Inc. is a BIPOC, woman-owned organization in Duluth that is dedicated to transforming the lives of BIPOC youth and young adults through affordable housing and comprehensive support. We at Peace have supported their house for young mothers, Annie's House, with supplies, gift baskets, and monetary donations during the past few years. With the recent disruption of SNAP benefits, there is need for donations to support 18 young mothers and kids currently in their care. Cash donations can be made to: https://www.paypal.me/DivineKonnectionsInc?locale.x=en_US or by mail. The following are specified as needed at this time as well: Gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, Amazon, restaurants; toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, laundry soap, tampons, disinfectant wipes/spray. Contact Ellen Hamel for more information or to coordinate a donation of goods.

Outreach Needs

Deb Holman reports a need for gloves, sleeping bags, and hand warmers for those who are living outside as the weather gets colder. Please bring donations to Chum's new Admin location, just down the hill from the Food Shelf. Free parking is available in the drop off zone right in front of the building. Ring the bell at the door with the window sign for 21 West First.

Save the Date!

The College of St. Scholastica Music Program presents the annual Christmas concert, O Holy Night at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary at 7:30 PM on Friday, December 5th. Tickets are \$17, details here: <https://thecollegeofstscholastica.ticketspice.com/o-holy-night-2025>

Homeless Memorial Vigil

The Homeless Memorial Virgil will be on the steps of City Hall on Monday, December 22nd – March from the Chum Food Shelf begins at 4:30 PM.

MLK Weekend January 18th and 19th

Our Dismantling Racism Team encourages people to attend one or more of the MLK Holiday Tribute Events. This year's theme is: "Make a Career of Humanity" drawn from the words of Dr. King: "Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Sunday, January 18:

4:00pm Interfaith Service - First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

Monday, January 19:

7:00am Community Breakfast - First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, with a large-screen broadcast of the event at Minneapolis Convention Center

10:30am March - gather at Family Freedom Center (Washington Center Gym), 310 North 1st Ave West, for the march to the DECC. March begins at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Noon Rally - DECC Symphony Hall, 350 Harbor Dr. Keynote speaker is Nicoshia Wynn.

Peace People



Peace Prayer Chain

Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns. You can let us know whether or not to share your concern with the pastors for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home, Steve Coll at St. Ann's, Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods, Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest, Bethel Anderson at Ecumen, Alician Grogan at Bay Shore, and others.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Laura Tonkin, Terry Wasnick, and others.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts go out to all the families of those we have lost in October and November: Ronda Spiroff (Rene Montgomery's sister) and Lori Dando.



*October PALS Event
Duluth Steam Plant*



*UCC at the State
Capital*



*Sylvie Bowen-Bailey
Ordination*



Kitchen Gals

Regular Opportunities for Engagement & Volunteering

Recurring Meetings

Mondays

- 9:00am **Yoga with Robin** Every Monday
- 5:00pm **Making Meaning Out of Malignancy**
Fourth Monday

Tuesdays

- 6:30am **Property Team** Second Tuesday
- 6:30pm **Coordinating Council** Third Tuesday

Wednesdays

- 8:30am **CHUM Breakfast Making**
Every Other Wednesday
- 5:30pm **Acting for Justice Hub** First Wednesday
- 5:45pm **Bible Study** Every Wednesday

Thursdays

- 8:00am **Men's Breakfast** Every Other Thursday
- 2:00pm **Belonging & Community Team** Second Thursday
- 3:00pm **Dismantling Racism Team**
Second Thursday
- 5:30pm **Worship & Arts Team** Second Thursday
- 7:00pm **Pastoral Relations Committee**
Second Thursday

Recurring Volunteer Opportunities

Mondays

- Loaves & Fishes** Every Monday Night

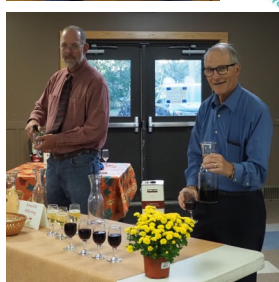
Saturdays

- 8:30-10:30am **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturday
- 11:00-1pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
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- 1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
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- 4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturday

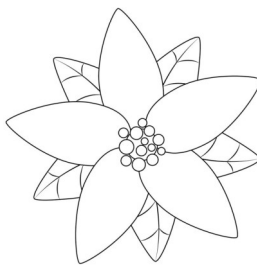
Sundays

- 8:30am **Ushering and Lay Reading** Every Sunday
- 9:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** Every Sunday
- 10:30am **Ushering and Lay Reading** Every Sunday
- 11:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** Every Sunday
- 1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Second Sundays
- 4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Second Sundays

Stewardship 2025 Dinner



Poinsettia Order Form



POINSETTIA ORDER

Please fill out form and place in the offering plate or bring to the Peace Church office

by Sunday, December 14th

Name _____

I wish to order _____ poinsettias at a cost of \$20.00 each, in memory of / in honor of the following person(s):

MEMORY	HONOR	NAME(S)

Please make checks payable to Peace Church with "poinsettia" in the memo.

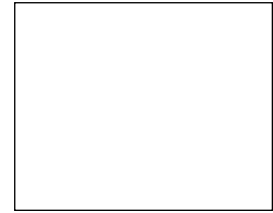


Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year



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If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

Welcome to worship with Peace Church, every Sunday 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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Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator: Amanda Hunter
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Our vision is to be an accessible, open, and affirming community, growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and building the beloved community. We strive to respect and value all of creation, and the diversity of people's sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, class, race, culture, age, and physical and mental abilities.