



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

January 7th

Renewal of Baptism Sunday

- 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Service of Closure
- 9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
- 9:30am Informal conversation with Charlotte
In Fireside Room
- 10:30am Worship and Service of Closure
Childcare in the Nursery
Children's Church
- 11:30am Coffee Hour and Recognition
of Pastor Charlotte's ministry

January 14th

Welcome Sunday for Pastor Corinne Ellis Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

- 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
- 9:30am Self-Service Coffee in the Narthex
- 9:30am Meet and Greet Pastor Corinne
- 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
Childcare in the Nursery
Children's Church
- 11:30am Special Coffee Hour to welcome
Pastor Corinne
- 4:00pm Community Worship hosted by
Pilgrim Congregational Church

January 21st

- 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
- 9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
- 9:30am Forum: Preview of the Annual meeting
- 10:30am Worship with sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
Childcare in the Nursery
Children's Church
- 11:30am Coffee Hour

January 28th

- 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
- 9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
- 9:30am Conversation about Climate Change
With Lisa Fitzpatrick
- 10:30am Worship with sermon by Rev. Corinne Ellis
Childcare available in the nursery
Children's Church
- 11:30am Annual meeting of the Congregation
With Coffee hour in the narthex

Forums in January

January 7th

January 7th will mark the closure of Pastor Charlotte's tenure as part of Peace's staff. She has served in a variety of pastoral and administrative roles for 2.5 years. During the 9:30 hour, she will be available for informal conversation in the Fireside Room. Grab a cup of coffee in the narthex and come on in!

January 14th

January 14th is the first Sunday Pastor Corinne Freedman Ellis will be with us. During the 9:30 hour the Search Committee/ Transition team will host a Meet and Greet in the Fireside Room. Wear your name tag and stop in to say "hello."

January 21st

At 9:30, members of the Church Council will preview information to be discussed and acted upon at the Annual meeting on January 28th. The primary item of business is the 2024 budget. Come get a copy of the budget, hear a presentation about it, and ask questions.

January 28th

Lisa Fitzpatrick, member of Peace, has been involved in advocating for changes that can mitigate some of the damages of Climate Change. She was instrumental in getting the Duluth City Council to pass a resolution declaring a climate emergency. Since then, the City of Duluth has adopted a Climate Action Work Plan. As part of her work at UMD, Lisa has been collecting stories about personal experiences with climate change. Come and learn more about her work and how our wider community is responding to the climate crisis.

From the Moderator

Greetings!

The Coordinating Council met on December 17th at 6:30. We thanked Pastor Charlotte for her time as our Acting Bridge Minister and discussed plans underway for welcoming Pastor Corinne as our new settled minister in January. We will celebrate Charlotte's final Sunday serving as our pastor on January 7th. On January 14th we will welcome Corinne as our new settled pastor! Remember to wear your name tags and consider filling out a recipe card to help her get to know you.



In other business, the council approved a change in wording to our employee handbook to keep us in compliance with the Minnesota Earned Sick and Safe Time law. We also discussed our current finances; we are currently projecting a \$2,000 shortfall for the end of the year. Many thanks for helping us reduce that from last month's larger projection. Any small extra you can give to help us close that gap by December 31st is much appreciated!

Keep an eye out for several upcoming opportunities for involvement, including:

- get-to-know-you activities with Pastor Corinne
- adult forum on January 21st at 9:30 to discuss the 2024 budget
- congregational meeting on January 28th following the 10:30 service
- Property team "flash volunteer" opportunities
- Stepping On Up opportunities for support
- 2024 comprehensive building energy efficiency planning and projects
- ongoing volunteer opportunities at Loaves and Fishes and Damiano

Thank you for all the ways you are a part of Peace! Jessica

A Message from Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Happy New Year! Are you a resolution-maker? I usually start the year with grand plans, only to let them fall by the wayside before March rolls around, and that's in a good year. But in 2024, I have just one resolution: to transition well. I hope this one sticks!

Our family has some big transitions ahead: 5-year-old Phoebe will continue her second half of kindergarten at Congdon Park Elementary, 2.5-year-old Ori will return to full-time childcare for the first time in his memory, and we all have to learn to embrace Duluth winter. You, Peace Church, have already welcomed us so wonderfully - thank you.



As a congregation, we have transitions ahead too. You all have been in transition for three years at this point, so you are well-practiced at it. I am looking forward to getting to know you and getting to know the ministry of Peace Church, learning the gifts our members and staff and community bring together.

Despite being in a season of transition, the work of family life and the work of our congregation continues. Swim lessons and committee meetings, school buses and Sunday morning worship, it will all continue to unfold even as we transition. In the Epiphany story, the Gospel of Matthew says that after their encounter with the baby Jesus, the wise ones returned home "by another road." I pray that this transition feels for all of us like returning home by another road - knowing not exactly where the path will lead, but trusting that it will guide us to God's love.

From the Bridge Minister

On Leaving,

It's a bit hard to believe, but next week we will celebrate the close of my tenure as a staff member at Peace. In two weeks you will gather as a congregation to welcome Pastor Corinne Ellis. You and she will embark on a journey into Peace's future.

Together you will discover new paths in ministry, develop new visions for Peace, and learn how to care for each other as pastor and congregation. I wish you well on this journey. I have confidence in you as a congregation and in her gifts for leadership.

Transitions almost always include some level of anxiety for everyone involved. I want to do what I can to ease that anxiety. My role will change from offering you leadership to making space and time for Corinne to become your leader. She will need your affection, your loyalty, your openness to change, and your power of discernment. I feel as if my ministry with and among you has benefited from those qualities. I want you to offer them now as your gifts to her.

In the 2.5 years I've been on staff I've served in a variety of capacities - often figuring out how to fill in gaps when other staff members left Peace. In the past six months, that has included taking on the role of Bridge Minister when Budd Friend-Jones departed. I've enjoyed the changing challenges and have been grateful for this time. I have to admit, though, that I've paid little attention to some other aspects of life: my extended family, friends both here and in the Twin Cities, recreational opportunities, community groups I'd like to be part of and home maintenance projects. I am looking forward to spending time and energy doing what I put aside in order to serve Peace.

It's likely that I will see some of you at community events, in circles other than Peace Church. Part of the strength of this congregation is that you are present to the wider community - and so it is natural for us to see each other in places where Peace shows up and where I, as individual, also want to show up. It is likely that I will cross paths with some of you because we share common interests which are nurtured in community spaces. I expect that when we meet and maybe even work together in such spaces, our conversation and care will be about the context has drawn us together.

Boundaries exist so that we can be aware of and informed about how to behave in varying contexts. Relational boundaries help us define the context of a relationship, and what is or isn't appropriate to that context. I am aware that my relationship with you and with Peace as a whole will be different from the relationship I enjoy with you now. I will try to let that awareness guide me. There may be a time when I can resume a role as a member of Peace, but that time needs to come of its own accord. It requires our mutual letting go of the present and welcoming and affirming Pastor Corinne into her new role with you.

You are in good hands. I trust that God continues to be among you and that the Spirit's presence has guided this call process. I've been fortunate to be a part of your journey. Thank you.

Pastor Charlotte Frantz



Peace News

Welcoming Pastor Corinne

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Pastor Corinne. Her first day in the office is January 8th, and January 14th will be her first Sunday leading worship. Members of the Search Committee and Transition Team are making plans for welcome events and activities.

One thought to make it easier for Pastor Corinne to get to know us is to repeat a wonderful method that has worked well in the past: recipe cards with information about you. On the card you can put your name, any family members names, what connects you to Peace, what committees or activities you are involved in at Peace, etc. We will have recipe cards available in the office for you to complete or online at <https://forms.gle/QGq6qb2ynAP21a54A>.

Watch the weekly emails for further information about how you can help welcome her.

New Food Signs

Starting with the Advent soup suppers, you will notice small little table tent signs identifying the dish and any common allergens it contains. So many fellowship activities at Peace involve food, but some people may be hesitant to participate if they are unsure what will be available for them to eat. Also, as some people may know, our new Pastor Corinne's kids both have severe food allergies.

How you can help:

1. Read this blog post from Pastor Corinne about her experience with food allergies: <https://faithlead.org/blog/navigating-food-restrictions-with-joy/>
2. Make sure any food item you bring to church (potluck, coffee hour, etc.) gets a sign from the folder in the kitchen or Bri in the office.
3. If you are organizing or hosting an event with food, make sure everything is labeled.

Share any ideas or feedback you may have with Bri in the office.

Peace Bell articles for January are due Wednesday, January 24th. Send articles to bri@peaceucc.org

Orientation to Peace

February 4th and 11th

11:45-12:45

We welcome all who are interested in learning more about Peace, what we believe, how we interact in the community, and how we're structured, to join us for orientation sessions Sunday, February 4th and 11th after the 10:30 service. We'll provide child care and a light lunch.

We have gatherings like this 3 times a year – it's a wonderful opportunity to meet people and ask questions in a smaller setting. Folks are encouraged to attend both sessions, RSVP would be helpful. Let Bri in the church office know via email or phone. (Bri@peaceucc.org or 218-724-3637.) Just popping in is great too. Looking forward to meeting with you!

New members will be received into the church on February 28th. Save the date if you are interested in joining Peace.



We want to thank everyone who participated in the 2024 Stewardship Campaign. Peace Church changes

lives in so many ways, and all of you make that possible. From filling the fellowship hall on a Saturday night in October to celebrating with a Soup and Sub luncheon in the middle of December, you have been engaged and continue to be committed to this place we love.

As of this week we have 138 financial commitments for a total of \$439,228 toward our goal of \$600,000.

We will continue to accept financial commitments through the end of January when the budget is presented at the annual meeting. **If you haven't yet made your financial commitment, please consider doing so by then.** Our Coordinating Council has been working on our 2024 budget, so we invite everyone to be part of making sure we have a solid financial foundation as we head into the new year.

You can make your commitment online at www.tinyurl.com/peacegive, drop it at the Peace Church office, or email it to our bookkeeper, Mali, at mali@peaceucc.org.

Many thanks! From your Stewardship Team

Peace Activities and Groups

Tea and Talk

Join us for Tea and Talk on January 31st at 3:00pm after the Peace Bell folding. We will welcome Pastor Corinne to our lively sharing and treats. Any questions please contact Gudrun Witrak at gwittrak@gmail.com

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, January 11th and 25th.

Please join us for the Cabaret 2024!

Friday, January 27th, 7:00pm. Free will offering. Acts include Sonja Martin, Maryn Hakes, Jennifer Lein, Wendy Durrwachter, Ian Connell, Daniel Pospisil, Melanie Sever, Byron Klimek, and the Ojankangas Jazz Quintet.



Refreshment provided. Come and enjoy an evening of fun.

Monday Book Group

The book chosen for January is *The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope* by Munther Isaac. Christians have lived in Palestine since the earliest days of the Jesus movement. Yet, in the heated tensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the voices of Palestinian Christians are often unheard and ignored. Palestinian pastor and theologian Munther Isaac gives the perspective of Palestinian Christians on the other side of the separation wall. He laments the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people but holds out hope for a just peace and ways to befriend and love his Jewish and Muslim neighbors. In contrast to the dominant ideologies and agendas for the region, he offers a theology of the land and a vision for a shared land that belongs to God, where there are no second-class citizens of any kind.

This book is especially relevant given the current conflict and siege of Gaza.

In January we will meet on January 8th and 22nd in the Fireside Room at 3:00pm and also by Zoom. Please join us! Email pcragun@d.umn.edu to be included in the group emails.

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

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, January 22nd, 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" and in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays, 6:15pm

Come try out the choir! We would love to have new members. We rehearse 6:15-7:30 on Wednesdays in the sanctuary, and sing for the 10:30 Sunday services. Contact Jim Pospisil at jim@peaceucc.org if you have any more questions.

PALS

January 18th 5:00pm

The Twilight Zone, Much More than Scary

Rod Serling for 5 seasons and 156 episodes produced a show that addressed human nature and the nature of reality in a fantasy/science fiction/ psychological /supernatural genre. This genre allowed him to address issues that may be unpalatable for audiences if not done in this fictional format. Join us and Cindy McLean to look at clips of memorable episodes and learn more about Rod Serling and his social justice commentaries.

PALS will meet at Do North Pizzeria, 5094 Miller Trunk Highway at the corner of the highway and Lavaque Road. We will meet at 5:00. Food and drink will be from the menu. There is a \$25 charge for the room so small donations will be requested.

Upcoming Events

February 22nd - Karpele's Museum

March 21st - Duckpin Bowling

Children, Youth and Families

Happy New Year Peace Families,

We enter January, hoping for health, bright new beginnings and some snow!

There's a lot coming up this month to look forward to in children and youth ministries. Details will be coming soon through email about how we can participate in celebrations for MLK Day. For our Family Fun Event this month we will be going bowling! Confirmation and OWL classes are picking right back up. The Middle School Youth will be collecting gloves, hats, handwarmers and other necessary items for CHUM as their service opportunity this month.

After hearing feedback from High School youth over the past couple of months that they would like to find a time to hang out, reconnect and build friendships outside of classes like Confirmation and OWL, we are going to try to restart a High School Youth Group meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. The first meeting is Sunday, January 14th, and we will discuss how best these meetings will work for youth schedules - every week, a couple times a month? - and what we want to do at these meetings.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Nursery

Nursery Staff are available in our nursery rooms (past our church office and back through the children's library) during the 10:30 service. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/sign out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your children. Please let us know about any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

Children's Church this Winter

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service. Kids stay in the service until Story for All Ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 min (where we sing, read stories, make art and have fun) and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join us - it's always a sweet and lively time together!

OWL (for 9th graders) Sundays, 6:00pm

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Sexuality Curriculum meets January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th this month.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Youth group resumes meeting on January 3rd.

We meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm! In addition to building friendships and having fun, each month we will be engaging in a service opportunity. Last month we made treats for the warming centers. This month we will be gathering gloves, hats, handwarmers and other necessary items for CHUM to give to persons living in the cold. Please keep an eye out for more details in the weekly church emails.

We are also planning a lock-in for late January or early February - the exact date and more details will come through email!

High School Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes meet January 3rd, 17th and 31st. Mentors join us on January 17th. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers as they learn about and grow in their understanding of their faith.

High School Youth Group Sunday Mornings, 9:30 AM, January 14th

We will meet in the Youth room, start with a short devotion and then have time to reconnect and hang out with fellow youth who might not have seen each other in a while! There's a rumor that there will be donuts!

Family Fun Event - Let's go Bowling!

Join us January 21st from 2:00 - 4:00pm at Incline Bowling Station Please RSVP to amanda@peaceucc.org by January 14th. Peace Church will cover the cost for everyone for the event so it's easy for everyone to join in! If you want to donate to Peace to help us continue to offer these events for free, the actual cost per person is \$10.95.

A Christmas Message from CHUM



Icon by Kelli Latimore

In the Christian tradition, Christmas is an incredibly important story. It's all about the birth of Jesus and the humble beginnings that created immense change in the world.

Mary and Joseph were displaced by circumstances truly outside of their control. They had to travel a long way to find shelter, and when they asked to stay somewhere, they were denied. After searching through the night, they came upon a place truly unfit for human habitation, and Mary gave birth to a child who would change the world. When we see the Facebook posts, Instagram comments, Neighborhood App discussions, or conversations with our friends and family that depict or frame our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness in a dehumanizing way it makes us so sad. When we talk about people experiencing homelessness, we need to remember one important thing, they are PEOPLE. They have dreams, goals, and hope for a better tomorrow. They are facing challenges many of us could never dream of. So, how does this all tie together? In the same way Mary and Joseph brought forth a child that would change the world we live in today, let's remember that just because someone is experiencing homelessness does not mean they cannot do great things. They are important members of our community and just need some love, and respect. Whatever your tradition this holiday season, let's show a little more love to our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness.

On December 19th, CHUM sponsored a vigil in memory of homeless persons and their advocates. During this past year, 77 people died. Peace Church is a partner in providing shelter and addressing Homelessness in our community.

Last month I was a virtual online observer of the United Nations COP 28 in Dubai with a cohort from the University of Minnesota. It was very interesting to be a "fly on the wall" during negotiations about Loss and Damages for developing countries that have not produced much pollution or carbon, but are affected by climate crises, like flooding and typhoons. The fund was approved within the first few days; not enough money, but still a good step. To prevent worsening and potentially irreversible effects of climate change, the world's average temperature should not exceed that of preindustrial times by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). I heard delegates, mostly from oil producing nations, trying to change that limit to 2.0' C. Fortunately, this was not changed. And for the first time, although there were hundreds of fossil fuel lobbyists there, the COP 28 finally made a statement that fossil fuels cause climate change!

Here in record warm Duluth, we have much we can do with the Solar On Schools program, and the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) to reduce carbon emissions. We need to be "wise as serpents and gentle as doves" acting quickly and intelligently to reduce carbon output. Peace Church and other faith organizations are helping to "build the beloved community" with climate justice.

On January 28th we will be "talking climate" at our Peace Adult Forum. Hope you can join us! Lisa Fitzpatrick

Looking Ahead

CHUM Sunday at Peace February 4th

CHUM is 50 years old, and during the anniversary year, each congregation is choosing a Sunday to celebrate its part in the history. Peace was one of CHUM's founding congregations and John Hawley was CHUM's first Executive Director.

On February 4th, John Cole, CHUM's present Executive Director will preach. Louise Hawley and the history team are compiling information about CHUM and Peace Church's shared ministries.

A total of \$2045 was raised in the congregation wide appeal for funds to purchase supplies for the CHUM food shelf. Of this total, \$992 was used to buy 500 pounds of flour, 500 pounds of sugar and 90 pounds of coffee which was repackaged for distribution at the food shelf. The remaining \$1,052 was donated as cash to the food shelf. Thanks to all helped make this project a success.

The PK Funds – Donating to these Vital Resources for Living Out Peace’s Mission

The PK Fund by Amanda McElray Hunter, Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator

Over the last few months at Peace, I have been learning a lot about – well, ... everything! There are many moving parts that keep a congregation like Peace a vital presence in the community.

As a congregation we pool our financial resources to help support the day-to-day ministries of the church. Many of you have made generous financial commitments to support the day-to-day ministry for 2024. This generosity will benefit us all in the coming year, providing a sustainable grounding from which programming and ministries can be maintained and grow to better serve the multiple generations that find a spiritual and religious home at Peace.

In my role, my focus is often geared toward our younger generations. Peace is deeply invested in the well-being of our young people. Peace is a place where all young people are welcome, a place of safe harbor for young people who might experience prejudice or oppression in other religious and secular communities. This radical welcome is modeled on Jesus’s ministry to children. It is one of Peace’s most important missions because our young people are a beacon to a hurting world. We must do all we can to equip them with spiritual resilience and a community of support as they grow into adulthood. Sometimes the resources needed to do this important work extend beyond the constraints of our normal budget.

What is the PK Fund?

The PK Fund was established in 2020 to honor the nearly 30 years of ministry of Rev. Kathryn Nelson and her commitment to supporting kids and youth in the life of our congregation. The mission of the fund recognizes children and youth as a major focus of Peace Church life. This fund helps support activities, collaborations, or innovations that provide opportunities and experiences for children and youth to enhance their understanding of our church’s mission and vision of the world. The PK Fund has supported Peace Village (the children’s day camp), Peace Church Youth Service-Learning Trips, Youth Leadership Development (Graduation Gifts, Confirmation, Internships, Conferences, Learning Opportunities, etc.). It can also be used to support the Rev. Arthur Foy Scholarship.

In the last year, the PK Fund helped to pay for high school youth to take a life-changing trip with the Minnesota UCC conference to Washington DC. While there, youth learned how to talk to their elected representatives about their values and hope for the future, offering presentations on important issues related to current legislation that was up for a vote in Congress.

The PK Fund also helped to pay for Peace Village, a vibrant day camp in partnership with Pilgrim Congregational and UUCD that teaches elementary age children skills for non-violent conflict resolution in our world. These funds also helped Middle School youth to take a weekend retreat to Camp Amnicon for a time of friendship, fellowship and spiritual reflection.

An Equitable Model for Funding our Young People

Over the last couple of years there has been a change in the way that Peace approaches funding these special programs and trips for our children and youth. In the past we asked families to pay directly for these activities and if they could not afford the whole amount, they could apply for a scholarship. While these efforts were well-meaning, they created financial burdens for families, inadvertently created socio-economic tiers among families and reduced participation.

At the guidance of the pastoral staff and the Church Council, Peace has moved away from asking families to pay directly for trips, camp costs or applying for a scholarship. Instead, we let families know the cost of a trip or activity and they can contribute something toward the cost, but they are not expected to do so. In this new model, funds from the PK Fund cover costs for every child. Parents have expressed gratitude and relief that these funds are available, and they don’t have to dip into their monthly household budgets, or go through a protracted scholarship process to make sure their child can sign up for a trip or activity. Many parents have also contributed donations to go toward the cost of future trips.

We would like to continue the practice of using the PK Fund to fund experiences for children and youth to enhance their understanding of our church’s mission and vision of the world. **This means it is important that we continue to contribute to the PK Fund each year so that the fund will be replenished and remain sustainable as a vital resource to our young people.**

In addition, the youth will organize a couple of fundraisers each year, either putting the money into the PK Fund or toward a specific trip. This will give the youth an opportunity to work together toward accomplishing a goal and a sense of being part of the larger mission of Peace Church, creating sustainable funding for their own experiences and for the experiences of the youth groups that come after them.

PK Funded Ministries



A Word for Justice

MLK Weekend

Sunday, January 14th, 4:00pm
Community Worship Service
Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC
(2310 E 4th St)

Featured Speaker Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown. The Central Hillside Gospel Choir will be performing.

Monday, January 15th
7:00am Community Breakfast
United Methodist Church
(230 E Skyline Parkway)

Will include a community viewing of the broadcast of the program in Minneapolis.

10:30am Gathering and March
Family Freedom Center
(Washington Center Gymnasium)
Entrance between 3rd and 4th street
on 1st Ave W

12:00pm MLK Rally
DECC Symphony Hall
(350 Harbor Dr)

Building Racial Consciousness

Our next conversation will be Saturday, January 20th, 8:30 - 12:30pm. Come and be part of a conversation among Peace members and friends, facilitated by the Revs. Anthony Galloway and Jia Starr Brown of Dedros Group.

January 20th - Our racialized historical context

March 2nd - Patterns that are embedded in our congregational life

April 27th -What can we do to interrupt those patterns?

This series will help move Peace from its well-established role of support for BIPOC communities to becoming an ally in solidarity with St. Mark and other BIPOC communities in Duluth. Pastors Anthony and Jia have led other congregations through this process and we are fortunate to have them facilitating our conversation. If you have missed the first conversation and want to go to this one please contact the church office (office@peaceucc.org.) The series is made possible in part through the Jubilee Fund of Peace Church.

Volunteers

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers. This month our Coordinators are Kirby and Cathy Wood.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Bri in the office at office@peaceucc.org.

January 7th

Judy Seliga-Punyko
Kirby and Cathy Wood

January 14th

Kirby and Cathy Wood
Mollie Stapleton
Nina Preheim
Aimee VanStraaten

January 21st

Kirby and Cathy Wood
Amy and Eric Larson
April Knight and Brad Davis

January 28th

Kirby and Cathy Wood
Georgia Lane

Coffee Hour Coordinators Needed!

Coffee Hour Coordinators are responsible for scheduling the volunteers for the month, overseeing the coffee hour and checking supplies. If interested, please contact Bri at Office@peaceucc.org and let her know what month you would like to take on. The months that are needed are:

March x1	July x2
April x2	August x1
June x2	September x2

Ushers and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

January's Head Usher is Ellen Shelton. If you are interested in being an usher contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org or Ellen Shelton at ellenshelton@gmail.com.

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 pastor for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Contact Gudrun Witrak (gwitrak@gmail.com), Lynn Devlin, or Linda Goese!

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."

January 1 st - Open	January 22 nd - Open
January 8 th - Open	January 29 th - Open
January 15 th - Open	

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. Each shift needs 2-3 volunteers, bring a friend or a youth 16 and up! [Click here](#) to sign up.

Sunday, January 15th

1:30 - 3:30pm - **3 Open** 4:30 - 6:30pm - **3 Open**

Saturday, January 27th

8:30 - 10:30am - **3 Open** 11:00 - 1:00pm - **3 Open**

1:30 - 3:30pm - **3 Open** 4:30 - 6:30pm - **3 Open**

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, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Sam Peterson and others.

Thank you's

- Thank you to Melissa Boyle and Jen Stenersen for the new paper cutter in the office.
- A special Thank you to Wendy Durrwachter for her original work in this year's Christmas Cantata
- Our Special Readers and Story tellers on Christmas Eve

Kirby Wood	Silvee Romberg
Hanna Liddle	Siggy Hunter
Owen Fifield	Colin Westbrook
Joan Severson	Josie Ryan
Kelli Hallsten-Erickson	Elsie Ryan
	Silvi Rockwell
- Thank you to the Property Committee for getting the lights on the Bell Tower on a timer
- A giant thank you to anyone and everyone who donated items for the Giving Tree.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Christmas Eve Soup Supper. Especially Cindy and Jim Mclean for the beautiful decorations and all the organizing.

Advent/ Christmas Pictures





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

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Praising God; Living the Way of Jesus; and Building the Beloved Community of God

Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all of creation, including all people, respecting and valuing the diversity of people’s sexual orientation, race, culture, gender identity, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities. *Visitors are always welcome!*