



FEBRUARY 2023

The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Introducing Pastor Budd Friend-Jones

8:30 and 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 Service will be livestreamed!

11:30 Meet and Greet Budd Friend Jones

Light Lunch courtesy Kurtz Catering

Picture Directory Photos

5:00 Taizé Service

February 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 Service of the Word

Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
at both services

11:30 Coffee hour

February 19 Transfiguration Sunday

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 Service of the Word

Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones at
both services

11:30 Coffee hour

February 26 First Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 Service of the Word

11:30 Coffee Hour

11:30 Orientation to Peace

Thanks to Dan Shepard, coffee is now available “self serve” in the narthex between services. Come to the adult forum, choir rehearsal, or just hang out with other Peace folks!

Orientation to Peace February 26 and March 2

Meet in the Fireside Room following the 10:30 service on February 26 and March 2 for a short orientation to Peace Church—its people, theology, spirituality, community involvement, history, and wider church connections. Lunch provided. RSVP through the church office.

Sundays 9:30am Forums

February 5 Meet Pastor Budd. Join Pastor Budd for an informal conversation in the Fireside Room. This will be a chance for Budd to share more about who he is and for him to hear more about us here at Peace Church.

February 12 What is a Bridge Pastor? Pastor Budd will share more about the role of a bridge pastor—how it is different from either an interim or settled pastor. Our hope is that at the end of this session you will have a clearer picture of what to expect in this next chapter at Peace Church.

February 19 Update from the Search Committee. Hear updates from the team that’s working on the call process for a settled pastor. What work are they doing now? How soon can we expect a settled pastor? Is there anything the congregation needs to know now about the process? Join the search committee for these kinds of questions on the search process.

February 26 Getting to know Annie’s House. Did you know there is a supportive housing program for homeless teen moms and young mothers in Duluth? Come hear Deyona Kirk, who started Annie’s House, share more about this housing program and how members of Peace can be supportive of the women and children who live there.

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Worship Service at 7:00pm

Peace Activities

Spiritual Journey Group **Mondays, February 6 and 20** **7:00pm via Zoom**

We meet on Zoom the first and third Mondays of the month from 7:00pm to reflect on how our spiritual journey is going and how life is calling us. We use a poem or short reading to center our reflection, followed by a few minutes of journaling and the opportunity to share. Email Gary Boelhower for the Zoom link at gboelhower@msn.com.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will be discussing *Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America From the Culture of Contempt* by Arthur C. Brooks. Brooks, an economic conservative, proposes that those at opposite poles of the political spectrum should learn to love each other. He argues that we must build bridges rather than walls, replace contempt with empathy, focus on the many values where we agree rather than the few where we disagree, and embrace each other's humanity. The first discussion will be on February 6th, 3:00pm, via Zoom. We generally meet the first and third Mondays of each month. Email pcragun@d.umn.edu for the zoom link.

Tea and Talk

Wednesday, February 2 3:00pm



February is a great time to talk about love! Bring a love poem or piece of music or short story. We'll explore a bit—love has so many different manifestations. Where do you see it? Where do you feel it? Where do you witness it in our world?

Peace Bell folding at 1:30 and Tea and Talk at 3:00. Come for one or the other or both!

Healing Haunted Histories **Thursdays, February 2 and 9** **7:00-8:30pm on Zoom**

<https://css.zoom.us/j/5126740307> .

There are two more sessions in the series *Healing Haunted Histories*. Participants in these discussions are charting the stories of their own ancestors, the land they lived on, and the traditions and rituals they brought to this new land. They are investigating the intersection of their own stories with the stories of our Indigenous siblings.

PALS

(Peace Adults Learning and Socializing)

Join your fellow PALS on Thursday, February 9th, 5-8pm, to celebrate the end of meteorological winter at Pat and Lynn Devlin's home, 4455 Sugar Maple Drive, Hermantown. Bring a hearty appetizer. Wine, beer, and soft drinks provided. Please RSVP by Friday, February 3rd. You can email Pat and Lynn at lpdev4455@gmail.com or call (218)343-4110.

Next month: March 28, 2023
Evening at Tweed Museum.

Virtual Bible Study

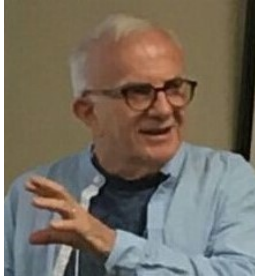
Wednesdays at 5:00pm via Zoom

The Narrative lectionary moves through portions of the Bible, giving readers a comprehensive overview of the Biblical message. Our virtual Bible study, led by Tom Little and Bob Stevens, uses this lectionary. Current readings are primarily from the Gospel of Matthew and the prophets in the Hebrew Testament. No prior Biblical knowledge is necessary to participate in this group. Watch the weekly emails for the texts and Zoom link. At the end of our conversation, we close with prayer.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, February 27, 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 monthly. Please email the office for the Zoom link.



Ministry as Mothering

By Rev. Dr. Budd Friend-Jones

True story: One winter Sunday morning my seminary colleague was invited to preach in a small country church when the pastor was ill. He noticed a piece of cardboard taped over a broken sanctuary window. Pointing to it, he began his sermon apologetically. "I'm a lot like that cardboard," he said. "I may be able to fill a hole, but I doubt the much light will get through." At the end of the service, one of the older members said to him, "Reverend, you don't need to apologize. You're a real pane!"

I think about that story as I begin a ministry between your previous interim and your forthcoming settled pastor. It will not be for me to lead you through interim tasks. Pastor Jim did that. It will not be for me to help you dream dreams, see visions and build for the future. Your new minister will do that. What is my role? Will I be a pane or – God forbid! - a pain?

The Welsh poet, Waldo Williams, once described his mother:

She was anxious for many at evening, and the weary knew the entrance to her court. She would rejoice with the joyful, sense the pain, join the feast. In the ocean of her heart there was a cherishing. (Angharad)

This seems like an apt description of ministry. I will work with you and learn from you. I will join your talented staff as we get to know each other better and learn to support each other's growth. I will engage with you weekly on a spiritual journey through these perilous times. We will share sacred moments together, sometimes with tears, sometimes with laughter, and sometimes in awe-struck silence. We will share practical moments too, when we need to pull together and do what needs to be done. To the best of my ability, I will cherish you.

Welcome, Pastor Budd

Pastor Budd describes himself as a "Christ-centered universalist." He will join Peace in February as a "Bridge Minister" – a role he will explain in his first two sermons. He comes from Sarasota, FL, but served Congregational, Unitarian Universalist, and UCC churches in six states before he "retired".

Plan to stay Sunday, February 5 to help welcome Budd. We will serve a for a light lunch, courtesy of Kurtz Catering. Bring a card to add to the welcome basket!

Welcome, Rachel!

Hello! I am here as Peace's Business Manager and am ready to jump in and help create this role. I've worked as an office manager and assistant for two local companies over the last five years. I'm adaptable, as I've learned a lot of my skills on the job and have taken on many roles as needed. I hope to put my organizational and professional skills to good use here. I'm excited to become a member of the staff and help the church continue to grow.



I grew up in Duluth and think it's a great place to call home. I spend my free time enjoying nature by skiing, hiking, biking, and camping. I'm also an avid puzzler and gardener. I look forward to meeting you all!

Thank you and Best Wishes

In mid-January, **Susan Larson Kidd** resigned from her responsibilities as worship technician. We appreciated her faithful service, especially as we realized how important continued live streaming would be. She mentored our tech assistants and for that we are most grateful.

At the end of January, **Rose Feriancek**, resigned from her position as book-keeper. We are grateful for her service to Peace, often wading through piles of notes, memos, vouchers, and envelopes.

Our prayers and good wishes go with both Susan and Rose as they pursue other endeavors.

Children, Youth and Families



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything*

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group February Plans

We are rolling into February and continuing to have a ton of fun together in youth group. Some weeks we have pizza, some weeks we play musical chairs, and some weeks we have meaningful conversations. If you're in middle school, you can be a part of determining what we do together—share your voice and opinion and make youth group an awesome time together. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for gaga ball, hang out time, and a chance to build some great friendships!

Children's Church in the Winter

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service! We've consistently had a group of about 20 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. The basic idea is that kids stay for the service until story for all ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 min (where we might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets), and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join.



Children's Farewell to Pastor Jim Mitulski,
January 15, 2023

Nursery in the New Year

We continue to experiment with the best configuration for nursery staff on Sunday mornings. Based on feedback from parents, we will have nursery staff in our nursery rooms (past our church office and back through the children's library). Staff will be available there during the 10:30 service. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

2nd Saturday Volunteering with Chum, January 14th

Youth and Adults—come join us for a chance to connect with each other and volunteer to do some good! Chum Duluth holds volunteering opportunities on the second Saturday of each month. This month we are heading to First United Methodist to make plans to thank Chum staff for all they do. Some ideas include gift cards, making meals, etc. Let's show some love to Chum staff and build some community while we do. Contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org with any questions or to RSVP.

All Ages Snow Tubing at Mont du Lac on Saturday, Feb 4th

Come join us on Saturday, Feb. 4th from 10am-12pm at Mont du Lac for some snow tubing. It's a ton of fun and great way to spend a Saturday morning. Please note that participants must be at least 48 inches tall. Peace will cover the participant cost so this is free to all (donations welcome to help us keep offering future events free to participants). Contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org to RSVP or with any questions.

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Peace Church News

Moderator's report

On Sunday, January 29th, 66 faithful and concerned congregation members came to our Annual congregational meeting to discuss and approve of our 2023 budget. Thanks to Nathan and Charlotte for managing a way to allow for 16 people to Zoom into the meeting and participate in the lively discussion. Lively, it was. Members were very engaged in discussing the Vision statement proposed by the Council. Words matter. After all was said and done, here is the new, approved Vision statement :

"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."

The meeting turned to our 2023 budget which was presented with a large deficit for the next year. I can't offer enough thanks for the patience and questions as folks engaged thoughtfully and civilly in the discussion. We had not anticipated the drop in pledges this year. With hope and faith, the budget was approved as presented. Going forward there will be much more discussion about how we will raise funds to make up for this deficit. It will be reviewed on a regular basis and the congregation will be informed about our progress.

By now you all should have received the letter of appeal to you to help us as we envision Peace Church with a new settled pastor. In order to support the mission of Peace Church and continue with our mission and the love we have for each other, we asked you all to dig deep and consider how you can help. Together we can make this happen.

Joan Peterson, Moderator

Congratulations, Nathan!

On January 28, Nathan Holst was approved by the Minnesota Committee on Ministry for an Ecclesiastical Council. An Ecclesiastical Council is an open meeting at which lay and clergy members of the Conference listen to an individual's ordination paper, ask questions, and then vote on whether that individual is ready to be ordained and serve in an ordained position. The date and time will be determined and members of Peace Church are invited.

This approval follows four years of discernment, study, reflection, writing, learning and engaging in ministry.

Position Openings

A job description for a Worship Tech is available through the Church office and the book keeper position will be posted very soon. If you know folks who might be interested, please pass the word!

In Honor of Black History Month

"Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up"

Saturday February 25, 2023 |

3:00 PM-5:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth
Discussion and refreshments following film

In this documentary film civil rights legend Fannie Lou Hamer is remembered by those who worked side by side with her in the struggle for voting rights. An African-American sharecropper from the Mississippi Delta, Hamer's difficulty registering to vote in 1962 led to her career as an outspoken activist, congressional candidate, and fierce fighter for the rights of all.

Peace Church, Acting for Social Justice is a co-sponsor for this event.

Peace People

Looking for Your People?

Looking for the phone number of a Peace church friend? Download our online directory!

Below, you will find the icon that represents the app for Peace Church's online directory. If you have not set up your account yet, please consider doing that. **There are two ways to access the directory—download the Instant Church Directory mobile app, or follow the link below.** All you need is your email and a password that you create, to be a part of the online directory.

It's easy and safe. We want you to feel comfortable with the information we have included, as well as being able to quickly access the information of others from Peace UCC.

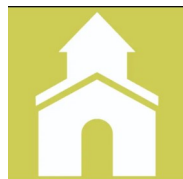
If you missed the picture sessions and would like your photo in the directory, you can provide your own or come to church on dates announced in the weekly emails. We'll have someone ready to take an informal picture of you and your family.

If you need help downloading the app, ask anyone from the Shared Ministry committee (Nina Preheim, Janell Kohls, Cindy Macaulay, Cindy McLean, or April Knight.) **Or** follow the link below to set up your account. You will be so excited when you first pull up a name complete with everything you need to connect with others at Peace UCC.

Link

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/signup>

Instant Church Directory
App from the App Store
(free)



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.

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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, Sam Peterson, Geof Witrak 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.
- **Marci Tuggle** is recovering after a very difficult surgery. Cards will be much appreciated. Her address is 3715 W 5th Street, Duluth, MN 55807

In Sympathy

- We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ginny Cran** who passed January 22 and whose life we celebrated on January 28.

Baptismal Blessings

- Luciana (Lucy) Marie Bittner was baptized by Pastor Jim Mitulski on January 8 here at Peace Church.



Cornerstone Reveal

Many thanks to Ed Proetz, Dennis Isernhagen, John Hoivik, and Bud Trnka for removing the Cornerstone so we could see the artifacts there and add to them! This is the concluding event marking Peace's 150th Anniversary! Thank you, Marsha Hystead, for your leadership,

Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars or an equivalent veggie or fruit.

Feb. 5 Lynn Devlin and Marsha Hystead;
Veronica and Nathan Gaidelis-Langer

Feb. 12 Lynn Devlin and Marsha Hystead;
Sandy and Justin Liles; Sara Olson Dean

Feb. 19 Marsha and Tom Hystead;
Jen Stenersen and Melissa Boyle;
Denise Perry

Feb. 26 Marsha and Tom Hystead;
Gudrun and Geof Witrak

If you are willing to help out one Sunday in February, please contact Marsha and Tom Hystead (mhystead@haileysault.com), or Pat and Lynn Devlin, (lpdev4455@gmail.com.)

Monday Meals for Loaves and Fishes

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

February 6: Nancy Taggart

We are looking for volunteers for February 13, 20, and 27,

Thursday Chum Dinner February 23

Peace makes dinner for the drop in center on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Cathy Carlson keeps us apprised of the menu and needed items—Donations of food 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.

March Peace Bell articles are due Wednesday, February 22
Send to charlotte@peaceucc.org

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If you are willing to serve as an usher, greeter or lay reader, let us know by sending an email to office@peaceucc.org. You can also go to our webpage (www.peaceucc.org). Click on the For Volunteers at the top of the page, then scroll down. You'll find a button for 8:30 services and another for 10:30. Thank you so much!

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a Sunday meal at Damiano Soup Kitchen on the second Sunday of each month and fourth Saturday of each month. There are two shifts on Sunday, four shifts on Saturday.

February 12:

1:30-3:30 meal prep

Tom and Christine Day

One Open slot

4:30-6:30 meal serving and clean up

Gayle and Jack Kelly

One open slot

February 25:

8:30-10:30 Meal Prep

Three open slots

11:00-1:00pm

Three open slots

1:30-3:30pm meal prep

Three open slots

4:30-6:30pm meal serving and cleaning up

Three open slots

Sign up through our website if you are interested in helping!

Wednesday Chum Breakfast February 8 and 22

Volunteers make "breakfast bags" every other Wednesday morning to be distributed by the CHUM staff. Let the church office know if you'd like to be alerted when there is a need for food donations or volunteer help. Call 218-724-3637 or email office@peaceucc.org.

Donations of peanut butter, jelly and granola bars would be most welcome!



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

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

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

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 Interim Pastoral Associate: Rev. Charlotte Frantz
 Faith Formation Minister: Nathan Holst

Music Director: Jim Pospisil
 Pastoral Care Chaplain: Gudrun Wittrak
 Office Coordinator: Bri Dornbush
 Business Manager: Rachel Obed
 Building Manager: Tim Peters
 Custodian: Dan Shepard
 Pianist: Wendy Durrwachter



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