

Peace Bell



Peace

United Church of Christ
October & November 2025

October Sunday Services

October 5th - World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need Special Offering
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Coffee Hour Coordinator Info Session

10:30am Intergenerational Worship

with Holy Communion

Children's Church

11:30am Fall Fest

2:00pm Transforming Families

October 12th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Introduction to Centering Prayer
with Jackie Falk

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

October 19th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

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9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Dreaming God's Dream:
Stewardship and Generosity

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

October 26th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Damiano Community Kitchen
Volunteer Info Session

9:30am Baby Pictures

10:30am Worship with Children's Church
Baptism of Henry Bambenek

November Sunday Services

November 2nd - All Saints Sunday
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: All Saints Community Art Project
with Amanda McElray Hunter

10:30am Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion

Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

2:00pm Transforming Families

November 9th - Stewardship Sunday
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Chum Volunteer Opportunities
& Updates with Bud Trnka

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Soup and Sandwiches

November 16th

Sermon by Rev. Christine Wagner-Hecht

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Mutual Aid How-To with Hope David

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

November 23rd

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Gratitude Practices: Decolonizing
Thanksgiving

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

2:00pm Victory Chorus Concert

November 30th - First Sunday in Advent
Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Advent Workshop

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

Peace 9:30 Forums

October Forums

Sunday, October 5th

Coffee Hour Coordinator Info Session

Every Sunday, Coffee Hour is a place where connections are made, treats are enjoyed, and the fabric of our Beloved Community is strengthened. We count on volunteers to make this a space of hospitality. Our Coffee Hour Coordinators are essential to that process. As our Coordinators age out of the role, we need to grow our team. If you want to be part of making Coffee Hour happen, or if you're just curious about how that giant industrial coffeemaker works, you're invited to this forum!

Sunday, October 12th

Introduction to Centering Prayer with Jackie Falk

We've never needed a mindfulness practice more in a world filled with distraction and division. We often think of mindfulness as a Buddhist practice, but our Christian tradition has deep resources to draw on as well. Jackie Falk, MDiv, has been a practitioner and teacher of Centering Prayer for many years, and she will lead us in practice, share research on the scientific basis for this practice, and invite us to participate in a Centering Prayer book group in November.

Sunday, October 19th

Dreaming God's Dream: Stewardship and Generosity

This year's Stewardship theme is Dreaming God's Dream. Come to the forum to learn more about our budget, get grounded in the practice of generosity, and dream about what God is doing here and what we could do with God's help. Led by the Stewardship Team.

Sunday, October 26th

Damiano Community Kitchen Volunteer Info Session

A group of faithful Peace Church volunteers prepares, serves, and cleans up after meals at the Damiano Center one Saturday and one Sunday a month. The need is expected to grow as Chum temporarily moves its shelter into Damiano's space. Whether you just want to try serving once or want to make Damiano part of your routine, you'll learn how to sign up and serve, and you can ask current volunteers all of your questions.

November Forums

Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints Community Art Project with Amanda McElray Hunter

We are looking forward to creating a community art project that honors our loved ones who have died, brings hope into an uncertain time, and connects us to one another. All are welcome, kids included! Amanda & Corinne will be facilitating this forum.

Sunday, November 9th

Chum Volunteer Opportunities & Updates with Bud Trnka

Chum has a lot going on, including a shelter expansion, office move, and lots of programs growing and shifting. Our own Bud Trnka will share a presentation on what's new and how you can get involved.

Sunday, November 16th

Mutual Aid How-To with Hope David

Often we see mutual aid listed as a form of resistance against social or environmental instability, but it isn't always clear what it means or looks like. In this forum, Hope David will facilitate a discussion about the principles of mutual aid and simple strategies for organizing our own mutual aid groups with friends and neighbors. Mutual aid does not need to be confusing or overwhelming, and it can be a powerful tool for building community resilience for both the present and an uncertain future. There will be discussion and resources you can take with you.

Sunday, November 23rd

Gratitude Practices: Decolonizing Thanksgiving

The haunted history of Thanksgiving in this country often overshadows the gratitude inherent in the season. What is a Christian practice of gratitude? How can we hold gratitude and lament in tension? How can we use gratitude to strengthen our community? Pastor Corinne will lead this workshop.

Sunday, November 30th

Advent Workshop

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make Advent wreaths, Christmas cards, tree ornaments and other seasonal crafts. Pick up Devotional booklets and Advent calendars. For all ages.

Adult Forum Coordinators Needed!

We are reimagining Adult Education at Peace Church and we are seeking folks who want to focus exclusively on our Sunday morning Adult Forums. In the past, the 9:30 hour has hosted trainings, speakers, workshops, and Christian formation. What will it look like in December and beyond? If you want to help decide, get in touch with Pastor Corinne at corinne@peaceucc.org

From the Pastor

It seems like everywhere I look, there's a new book, article, podcast, or interview about attention. What does it mean to pay attention? How do we access the focus to pay attention well? How do smartphones and social media interrupt our attention? What is the attention economy and how is our attention being monetized? And what in the world is going on with the uptick in ADHD diagnoses?

As a household with more than enough ADHD to go around, I'll leave that last question to the medical professionals. But the rest of the questions feel like they have some answers that come out of our Christian tradition. What did Jesus do, if not cultivate attention toward those most vulnerable, and ultimately to God's work and will? If we are to walk in the way of Jesus, we are called to pay attention to all of this as well.

My greatest struggle in our culture's fight for attention is the pull of social media, taking us all into our own newsfeeds, our own echo chambers, our own understanding of truth. The thing about social media is that our feeds are altered so subtly and with very little explicit input from us. The call as people of faith that I am hearing in this moment is a greater intentionality around our attention. If we choose to use social media, set time limits and seek out life-giving content. If we choose to have smartphones, create routines that give you smartphone-free time. The little stuff becomes the big stuff. It all matters.

My favorite Mary Oliver poem is this very simple approach to attention.

Instructions for Living a Life:

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

In these times, it is incumbent on us to not just pay attention, but also to fully experience life, to allow feelings to overcome us, and to share what we have seen and heard. I want to know what you're paying attention to and how it's impacting your spiritual and emotional life. I love to connect one-on-one and you can always make an appointment with me by emailing me at corinne@peaceucc.org. Many blessings.

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- MARY OLIVER

From the Moderator

Hi Folks. It's been a relatively quiet couple of months for your Council. We approved the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system next spring and the loan necessary to make it happen. We swiftly and easily voted to move our church's database from Tithely to Planning Center and Realm after staff discovered the views expressed on social media by Tithely's owner were badly out of line with our vision and mission statements. We voted to approve Pastor Corinne's application to a Doctor of Ministry Program through Pittsburgh Seminary. Although our budget is in decent shape, we're in the red and cash flow is tight right now. Not unusual for our congregation or many other congregations at the end of summer. As a result, Council voted to temporarily suspend our giving to CHUM and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). We fully intend to make good on our planned giving later in the fall. We also had some discussion about what the future of Adult Forums should look like. Recent attendance has been inconsistent and often light, and we're lacking people willing to organize topics and speakers. We have a slate of topics for forums in October and November, but changes are probably coming in 2026.

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.

Submitted by Mike Schrage

Team and Committee Updates



Dreaming God's Dream

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES IT HAPPEN

Please join us for

“A Night to Dream”

Stewardship Campaign Dinner
and Talent Show

Friday, October 10th, 6pm

Let's fill the fellowship hall and enjoy a complimentary dinner from Valentini's Italian Bistro. We will kickoff our 2026 Stewardship Campaign and look back at what our financial commitments have made possible this year.

Plus, after dinner enjoy a talent show featuring our own Peace people! Child care will be provided.

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 5th
by calling the office at 218-724-3637
or by email to office@peaceucc.org

Share Your Auction Stories!

We would like to hear the experiences you've had with your Silent Auction purchases. There were many dinners and trips and monthly deliveries and boat rides and baskets, etc. If you have a good story to share, we would like to hear them and share them. Just email Marsha Hystead at mhystead@haileysault.com Thank you!

News from the Peace Property Team

The property team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Additionally we hold periodic work nights to take care of building and ground maintenance projects. Look for fall worknights soon for both indoor (tiling, lighting) and outdoor (brushing, chipping, more). Anyone is welcome to drop in for any of these work nights, no experience needed. Please contact Bri in the office if you are interested in getting on our email list.

Our next scheduled work night is October 8th after soup supper! Stay tuned for additional dates.

New gutters have been installed on the front wall and rental wing.

The east /front wall painting should be complete by the time this newsletter is out. The scraping, cleaning, priming and painting project has taken many, many Monday evenings to complete. Thanks to everyone who helped with that!

The new roof top HVAC unit to serve the office area of Peace church has been ordered. High efficiency and minimal fuel consumption were of the highest importance when choosing the unit. We will receive a \$15,000 incentive for choosing this unit and participating in a research study to evaluate performance of this systems in cold weather climates from the MN Center for Energy and Environment. The roof top unit will be installed next spring.

Up next in mid-October the fellowship hall will receive the same waxless floor coating as the lower level hallway. This project is another donation from Tim and Kim Burnett of Facility Health Solutions! We can't wait for this facelift!

Queer Connections

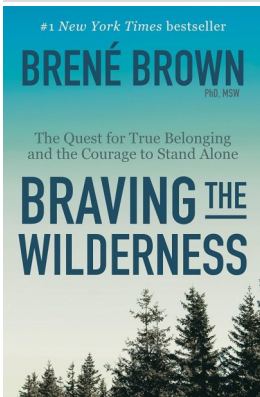
Monday, October 13th and November 17th at 6:30pm

Queer connections is an inter-generational social night for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, couples, and families.

Next connection will be Monday, October 13th at 6:30pm.

Dress up game night. Come dressed up in your favorite alter ego or hero. Bring a game or snack to share.

Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm - desserts and hot chocolate drinks and games. Bring a dessert to share.



Monday Book Group
Monday, October 6th at 3:00pm

We will be meeting at 3:00 in the fireside room or on zoom Monday October 6th to discuss *Braving the Wilderness* Brene Brown.

Due to low interest, we will not meet in November. If we have renewed interest in a Peace Church Book Club come January, we will restart and will choose a time that best

suits the new group. If you would like to see the book club continue in January, email Penny Cragun (pcragu01@gmail.com) or Mary Adams (maryadams924@gmail.com) with your book titles and interests.

Coffee Hour Coordinators and Volunteers Needed!

The Belonging and Community Team are looking for Coffee Hour Coordinators and Volunteers!

The Coffee Hour Coordinators are in charge of scheduling and being at coffee hour on your designated Sunday's. Every month we have 2 coordinators that are in charge. They typically switch every other Sunday. As a coordinator you will need to help set up the coffee, treats, and coffee table. You will need to help with serving and helping the other volunteers if they need help.

As a Coffee Hour Volunteer we ask that you help out one - two Sunday's a year. As a volunteer you are to help set up with the Coordinator, bring treats (2-3 dozen either cookies, bars, fruits, vegetables, and or meat and cheese), serve, and clean up.

For more information please go to the Sunday Forum on October 5th!

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering
October 5th, 2025

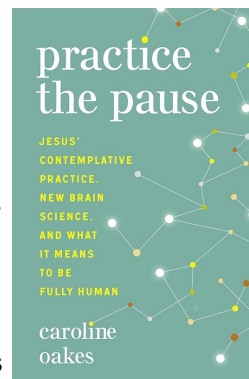
The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.



Contemplative Practice Book Study
Monday Nights from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Mondays, November 3rd - 24th

PRACTICE THE PAUSE, Jesus' Contemplative Practice, New Brain Science, & What it means to make them part of your Faith Life by Caroline Oakes



The book *Practice the Pause*, shows us how faith and the new developments in brain science intersect. Modern neuroscience has recently proven that an intentional practice of pausing for a few minutes of meditation, prayer, or other contemplative practice actually *rewires* our brain in ways that make us calmer, less reactive, and better able to see the bigger picture — in our own relationships and in the world events of our lives.

Every major world spiritual tradition has offered its own universally understood and nameable 'path' of transformation. Christianity's path of transformation or "how to answer the call to *metanoia*" has been more available and visible in the Eastern expression of our faith than in the Western. *Practice the Pause* makes our Christian transformative path visible in the language of science and our stories of Jesus and in the context of our more familiar western traditions.

Join us for this discussion. *Practice the Pause* offers the expectation that together we will have the opportunity to enrich and deepen our faith lives and strengthen our capacity to better meet the unique challenges of our time.

Blessing of the Animals
Wednesday, October 15th, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Back Grounds /
Narthex in case of inclement weather

Join in our first annual Blessing of the Animals! Taking after the tradition of St. Francis, we honor those dogs, cats, lizards, birds, or any critter you can safely bring, with individual blessings, singing, remembering pets we've lost, and building community around our love for animals. Please ensure pets are leashed or caged for safety!

Children and Youth Corner

Hello Peace Families,

Like many of you, this summer, I made the decision to renew donations to PBS and MPR/NPR. I also started revisiting some favorite shows on PBS, one, a Danish comedy-drama series exploring the rise of fascism in Europe that led to World II and it's aftermath. If you want to know what series I am talking about, catch me sometime on a Wednesday night or Sunday morning, or send me an email!

At a certain point in one of the episodes, two people who have been involved in a complicated relationship have a conversation – one of them has betrayed the other in a significant way. The response by the injured party is expected to be one of retribution and yet, in a very tender scene, this person reflecting on the tenor of the times they are living in, has chosen a peaceful and forgiving path. They say, “At a time when so much evil exists, we have to take good care of love.”

That got me thinking. Because of course the world we are living through in these times – that our young people are wayfinding through – is complicated and difficult and overwhelming. Evil peeks out in the normal old ways and confounding new ways.

And I have been trying to think about how I can take good care of love.

Because ... there is love. There is love all around: in people, organizations of good conscience, in community, in families, in friendship, nature, in the very substance of God themselves – a Creator who is constantly creating and recreating and pro-creating.

This affirmation has informed our theme for the year in **Kids' Club** – taking good care of love – and we are loosely using a specific version of a Loving Kindness meditation framed by Thich Nhat Hanh, the Buddhist mystic, peace activist, poet and teacher. Loving kindness is a practice by which we cultivate unselfish universal love for all beings. In this framing we wish loving kindness – for ourselves, our loved ones, our friends, those we only know a little, those we don't know at all, those we do not like or love, and the whole world. So far, we've been focusing on loving kindness for ourselves, this month we begin to shift to thinking through what this concept can mean for loved ones, friends and beyond.

Other ways we are taking good care of love over the next couple of months ...

We are having fun, making meaning and building community in many ways! Events coming up are **Fall Fest and Chili Cookoff on Sunday, October 5th**, an all-ages **Talent Show at the Stewardship Dinner on October 10th**, a new **Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 15th**, and **Baby Pictures** with Rolf Hagberg on Sunday, November 9th.

We are having **Communion Milestone** and **Baptism Milestone** class during Kids' Club in October and November with Pastor Corinne.

We are having great turnout for **Middle School and High School Youth Groups** on Wednesday nights. Once a month we are meeting up at Loaves and Fishes, a Catholic Worker inspired shelter for unhoused families to build relationships with families, be of service, practice mutual aid and enjoy community. **Confirmation 1** and **Confirmation 2** classes are full of awesome and thoughtful young people and are up and running. A new group of young people and facilitators will begin **Our Whole Lives on October 5th**, to thoughtfully and comprehensively learn about sexuality, explore their values and talk about important issues like consent.

Please reach out to me and let me know the ways you are taking good care of love this fall, or if there are other opportunities that you know of that we can be taking good care of love here at Peace, or even if you just want to share some cups of tea and catch up.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda



New Members

Craig & Maggie Lilja

Family Members: Over 53 years of marriage, we have had 7 different dogs, usually 2 at a time. We plan to adopt another dog after our home remodeling is completed.

Job: Both retired. Craig was a construction manager and Maggie was a teacher.

Hobbies: Travel, BWCA, and Volunteering.

What brought you to Peace? Our daughter, Jessica Olson, and her husband, Justin, were married in Peace in 2002. We have visited them over the years and frequently attended worship services with them at Peace. We were always treated so kindly by all the people we met at Peace. The Christian values that Peace supports are in line with our understanding of the Gospel.

Random Fact: We got married in a cow pasture; our first neighbor was a hermit who lived in a forest across the road from the farmhouse we rented.

Comments: The people in Peace UCC live out the Gospel and we are excited to be a part of your journey!



Eden Gray

Family Members (including pets)
Stephen (Partner),
Amethyst (Cat)

Job? Remote FoH Administration at a cat specialized vet clinic

Hobbies: Drawing, Singing, Cats, Baseball (Watching)

What brought you to Peace? I went to a UCC church in Florida and wanted to find a safe space up here, too.

Random fact? In middle school I worked in an armory to fix fencing gear.

Comments: I am so grateful to have an accepting community in Minnesota. I moved up not knowing anyone, and I feel like I already have a family up here.



Awah Foncha & Kristoff Baseman

Family: Amelia Erickson

Job: Kristoff sells wine and Awah works in insurance.

Hobbies? Cooking, Home repairs & DIY, Hosting friends and family, and traveling.

What Brought you to Peace?
Heard great things from friends. Decided it might be time to come back to church – this is a great place!

Random Fact: Kristoff – I went to Seminary (Lutheran) for two years. Awah – I have been skydiving four times.

Don & Mary Galloway

Family Members:
Grown with their own families; Rich, Rebecca, and Christina

Job: Don is retired from Bank Operations, Mary is retired from the FDA

Hobbies: Don likes to play chess, read, and any Pittsburgh sports team. Mary likes to read and walk outdoors.

What brought you to Peace? We did go church shopping but Peace most aligned with our values. It also helped that Mary's daughter's family are members.

Random Fact? Don, while initially hesitant to move to Duluth, the move was made much easier when he found his former college roommate and best friend before going separate ways also lives in Duluth. Mary is a science nerd.



December and January Peace Bell articles are due
Wednesday, November 19th.

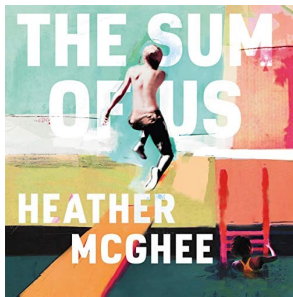
Send articles to office@peaceucc.org

Fall Book Club

The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

Mondays from 6:30-8pm,

September 22nd-October 13th (4 consecutive weeks)



Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy—and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis of 2008 to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a root problem: racism in our politics and policymaking. But not just in the most obvious indignities for

people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?

Join Peace Church's Dismantling Racism Team to discuss the costs of racism to all of us, the solidarity dividend when we come together for the common good, and concrete actions we can take to build the Beloved Community right here in Duluth.

2nd Annual Duluth Peace Hero Awards



Duluth, MN – How can Duluth celebrate International Peace Day on Sunday September 21st

While political violence is ricocheting through national news, and the Annunciation school shooting is fraying at the safety and mental health of our students?

The [Duluth Peace Hero Awards](#) is how Duluthians are answering that question.

The [Waging Peace Project](#), a local nonprofit founded by Veteran and Peace Activist, [Diana Oestreich](#), believes Peace isn't the absence of conflict, it's showing up in the middle of it.

Last year on the eve of a polarized presidential election over 150 community members gathered to announce the first Duluth Peace Hero and award the [\\$1,000 cash prize to the winner](#). Over 115 teenagers, teachers, and Elders nominated a neighbor, friend or coworker who is "making a positive change" right where we live.

In honor of Peace Day, The Waging Peace Project is opening up Nominations on Sept 21st. Duluth is invited to celebrate the international Peace Day by pushing back on the narrative of violence by putting peace and positive change on display in public instead.

Nominate a neighbor for the 2nd Annual Duluth Peace Hero Awards, to be announced on November 3rd at Lincoln Park Middle School.

Use your voice for amplifying those who are making a positive change instead of accepting the violent narratives we are seeing.

Dreaming of a Rhubarb Cookbook?

It's been 20 years since Steve O'Neil suggested using rhubarb as a means of gathering the community together for fun while contributing to a good cause. I've been collecting recipes from all of you to follow a long tradition of congregational fundraising with a cookbook! Can we have these ready for our 21st Chum Rhubarb Festival in 2026? I'm looking for volunteers to champion this project, from organizing sections and layout to testing recipes. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5195483> or use the QR code.



Under the Bridge: The Criminalization of Homelessness

If you missed our showing of *Under the Bridge: The Criminalization of Homelessness*, you're invited to an upcoming showing at one of our Chum partner congregations:



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
6:00pm on Thursday, September 25th
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5181497>

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

3:00-5:00pm on Sunday, September 28th
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5191659>



Grace Lutheran Church
5:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, October 1st
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5192266>

Halloween Costume Donations Needed

Search your closets for (family-friendly!) costume items and drop them off at Trinity Lutheran the weekend of **October 3rd** (from 3pm-6pm) and **October 4th** (from 9am-1pm)!

Interested in helping out, but don't have a costume to donate? Host a breakfast for the families while they shop the free pop-up costume shop! If you're interested in cooking up a brunch in Sona's kitchen on October 11th from 9:30-11:30, contact pbenson@chumduluth.org.

A New Space for Chum Operations

Chum is pleased to announce the purchase of a building located at 25 West 1st Street (formerly Joseph Nease Gallery) to provide office space for administrative, finance, and development staff.

Before making the decision to purchase a building, Chum explored all options for leasing space from local churches and partnering organizations. The lease options that we did find had prohibitive associated costs and/or could not accommodate our full staff and storage needs. The Chum Board of Directors fully supported the purchase of this building because it will be critical for our smooth operation during the two-year span of our Shelter Expansion Project.

Our new admin building will house staff and be a location to receive donations of winter gear, coats/jackets, etc. Chum will not provide direct services from this location.

Indigenous People's Day Celebration Monday, October 13th, 2025, 10am-12:30pm

Please join the City of Duluth celebration in recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day 2025
October 13th, 2025 at 10:00am - 12:30pm - Duluth City Hall, Duluth Minnesota

In honor and recognition of sovereignty, rich history, culture, traditional & contemporary knowledge, art, music, countless contributions and service past and present that Indigenous Peoples make to the world. Please join us - everyone welcome in celebration of Indigenous Peoples and their rich, vibrant and thriving diverse contributions.

Facilitated by event organizers: Duluth Indigenous Commission Members

- 9:00am** Community & Youth Led Art Projects, Organizations Tabling
- 10:00am** Opening Ceremony
- 11:10am** Staff Flag Song, and Drum Honor Song
- 11:15am** Twin Ports City Proclamations; City of Duluth MN & Superior WI Community Leaders & Speakers, Duluth Gaagige - Mikwendaagoziwag
- 12:00pm** Honoring Indigenous Contributions, Land & Water Acknowledgement
- 12:30pm** Closing: Community Round Dance

Event link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CQAQN9McR/>

Sacred RECKONINGS

Sacred Reckonings: Racial Justice Training at Pilgrim UCC Friday, November 14th at 5:00pm through Saturday, November 15th at 5:00pm

The current reality which features Project 2025, the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), and other far-right Christian movements is, in the words of Bishop Joseph Tolton, simply a rearticulation of the Doctrine of Discovery. This workshop on Sacred Reckonings: White Settler-Colonizer Churches Doing the Work of Reparation offers an opportunity for historically White churches to grapple with the ongoing impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and what historically and predominantly White churches and church leaders can be doing. Rooted in the work of truth-telling, spiritual practice, relationships of solidarity and followership, political solidarity, and wealth return, Sacred Reckonings offers a model for individual, congregational, and systemic work to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and begin the process of repair and reparations.

Trainer: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and currently serves as the Director of the Center for Sustainable Justice. She is a theologian, pastor and movement-builder who specializes in coalition and collaborative partnerships across movements for justice. Learn more [on her blog here](#).

Weaving a Wider Community: Overcoming Racism in Greater Minnesota, Satellite Site Hosted by Pilgrim UCC



Weaving a Wider Community



seeing and countering racism in our own backyard

Begins @ 8:30am
Friday
October 10
2025



Exclusively
Available for
Locally-organized
Group Gatherings



two excellent keynote speakers via Zoom



Jenna Grey Eagle
Mrs. Grey Eagle speaks to the lived experience of doing racial equity work in rural areas, where people often feel left out of national conversations.



Dr. Ron Ferguson
Dr. Ferguson uses a mixture of presentation and group activity to encourage a culture of inclusion and belonging in our communities.



facilitated by
Eryn Gee Killough, M.Ed.
Mrs. Killough works to overcome the social, cultural and economic challenges that racialized individuals face as they are impacted by larger cultural systems.

To host your own gathering, email criticalconversationmn@gmail.com
see page 2



Friday, November 21st at 6:30pm

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: Lori Dando, Kim Kruger, Laura Tonkin, and others.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts go out to all the families of those we have lost in that past couple of months. Ron Bartlett (Rene Montgomery's father), Oliver Cushenbery, Archie Davis, Joyce Riggle, and Laretta Shrake.



New Member Orientation



New Mud Kitchen for the outside Playground

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
- 2:00pm **Belonging & Community Team** Second Wednesday
- 5:15pm **Acting for Justice Hub** First Wednesday
- 5:45pm **Bible Study** Every Wednesday

Thursdays

- 8:00am **Men's Breakfast** Every Other 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** Fourth Saturday
- 1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen** Fourth Saturday
- 4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen** Fourth Saturday

Sundays

- 9:30am **Ushering and Lay Reading** Every Sunday
- 10:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** 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

Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

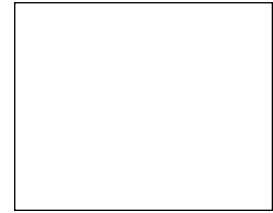


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