



MAY 2022

The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Talk, Listen, Pray: One More Look Back

In the Fireside Room

As we move toward a new phase in transition, Pastor Jim is offering one more opportunity to talk, listen to each other, and pray about the past two and a half years: years of Covid, years of change. There will be three sessions, each designated for particular groups within the congregation:

Saturday, May 7, 9:00-11:00am—for those who served on the Coordinating Council during 2020, 2021, and/or 2022.

Saturday, May 14, 9:00-11:00am—for those who served on the Human Resources Committee during 2020, 2021, and/or 2022.

Saturday, May 21, 9:00-11:00am—for members and friends of Peace.

Each group will take one more look back to identify lessons learned and hopes to pass on as we move into the future. Contact Pastor Jim with any questions at pastorjim@peaceucc.org.



We had a blast on Sunday, April 24 for our Earth Day Festival where we enjoyed tacos, music, face painting, gaga ball, and did some much needed trash pick up and garden work around the church property.



Connect and Re-connect:

Life at Peace Church

Sunday, May 15, 9:30am
in the Fellowship Hall



On May 15, you are invited to learn more about life at Peace Church as we come out of Covid. Teams, committees, and groups are all invited to set up a display or have someone present at Connect and Re-connect, 9:30am in Fellowship Hall and during coffee hour. Learn about groups, volunteer for a ministry team, or just come and enjoy conversations. If you would like to have a display or have questions, please contact Charlotte at charlotte@peaceucc.org. We will see you on May 15!



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 22, 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

On the morning of Confirmation Sunday, May 22, our faith formation team will be hosting a breakfast at 9:30am prior to the service. **This is an opportunity for all our congregation to come eat together, honor our confirmands, and give gratitude for our confirmation teachers and mentors.** Please join us for the breakfast, as well as the 10:30am service when our youth will be confirmed.



From Interim Pastor Jim

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know the master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from the one who sent me I have made known to you. —Jesus, reflecting on leadership, in John 15

Dear Peace friends,

This month we're gearing up for change as we prepare for the next congregational meeting in June. You'll see elsewhere in this newsletter a solicitation for candidates to serve as officers and members for the church council. Equally important is our need for you to step up and serve on important committees, teams, task forces, commissions in a wide range of areas. These activities are a great way to provide service to the community and get a taste for whether or not in future years you might want to serve on the council, and they are essential to our vitality. I especially want to urge you to consider participation on the Building Committee or the Finance Committee. Managing and developing our material assets enables so much of the ministry here and providing for the future of the building and our financial assets is one way to assure that Peace can be a viable witness to our values for generations to come. Please see any Council member or me to find out how you can do this.

We have been especially blessed this past year by Tom Hystead as our Moderator and Joan Peterson as our next Moderator. A year ago at this time neither of them were expecting to be in this role, and they provided stable leadership during a time of uncertainty, with uncomplaining grace and humility. Next year we'll appreciate Joan in greater detail after she completes the upcoming year as moderator. For now, because there should be no thankless tasks in church, let me attest to what I have observed personally in my time here. Tom as expressed his love for Peace Church in countless hours of unseen and behind the scenes work. He does so quietly by researching tasks others don't want to do, by preparing meetings, by following up on details, but holding space in sometimes emotionally charged meetings, and securing forward motion even when there isn't a clear map or precedent, and with a minimum of fuss. Efficiency and thoroughness are virtues, and the entire community has benefited. Several tasks that were necessary but not glamorous were accomplished because of his expertise in non-profit management and his commitment to fairness. When the center wasn't holding very well, he held it. He wasn't alone, of course, but for this moment and at the congregational meeting let's be sure to notice these and other qualities that embody the best of Peace Church as he passes the baton not just to Joan, but really as we enter a new era to all of us. Be sure to take a moment, look Tom in the eyes and say, "Thank you!" and do the same for all of the retiring Council members, and all of the new ones, too. And really think about joining one of the groups. ~In peace, Pastor Jim



Easter persists in a snowy Holy Week.



Elise was our sacristan arranging flowers and banners.



Easter Vigil at Church

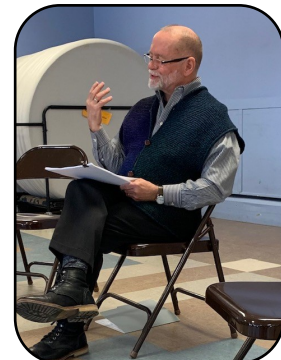


Easter Vigil on the beach



Joan Severson just before Easter.

Rev. Charlotte Frantz, Rev. Anthony Galloway and Rev Jim Mitulski on Palm Sunday.



Gary Boelhower led a Forum on poetry.

Sundays in May

We continue to have worship on Sunday mornings, at 8:30am and 10:30am each Sunday. At our 8:30 service, we share communion each week. At our 10:30 service, we share communion the first Sunday of the month. Masks are optional. Service will continue to be livestreamed via our website (www.peaceucc.org) at 10:30am. Updated information can be found on our website (peaceucc.org) and in the weekly email. We look forward to seeing you at church!

Sunday, May 1: Third Sunday of Easter/First Sunday of Asian American History Month

8:30am: Please join us for worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

10:30am: Please join us for worship in the sanctuary or via livestream. We will share communion.

Scripture: John 21: 1-19. Pastor Jim will be preaching.

5:00pm: Taizé Worship/Candlelight Prayer

Sunday, May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Second Sunday of Asian American History Month/Mother's Day

8:30am: Please join us for worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

10:30am: Please join us for worship in the sanctuary or via livestream. Special music by the Kids' Choir.

Scripture: John 10: 22-30. Pastor Jim will be preaching.

Sunday, May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter/Christian Education and Shared Ministry Sunday

8:30am: Please join us for worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary and via livestream. Pastor Jim will be preaching.

10:30am: Please join us for worship in the sanctuary or via livestream. We will dedicate our shared ministry forms and honor our Sunday school teachers in service.

Scripture: John 13: 31-35. Nathan Holst will be preaching. Join us after worship for root beer floats, a youth bake sale and "Connect and Re-connect".

Sunday, May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday/New Member Sunday/Baptism Sunday

8:30am: Please join us for worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

10:30am: Please join us for worship in the sanctuary or via livestream. Nathan Holst, Sara Olson Dean and our confirmands will be leading worship.

Sunday, May 29: Ascension Sunday/Bob Dylan Fest Sunday

8:30am: Please join us for worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary. Scripture: Acts 1: 1-11 and Luke 24: 44-53. Pastor Jim will be preaching.

10:30am: Please join us for worship in the sanctuary or via livestream. Join us as we celebrate East Timor. Tom and Monica Liddle and Inge Lempp will lead worship. Inge Lempp leads Good Crocodile Foundation which does humanitarian work in East Timor and has been supported by the Liddles and members of Peace Church.

Sunday School in May

Sundays at 9:30am

We will continue to have in-person Sunday School at Peace Church with stories and fun activities each Sunday at 9:30am. Any questions, please contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Forums

Forums provide opportunities each Sunday morning to connect as members of Peace. We learn together, share our reflections, ask questions, and create community. Join in any Sunday morning at 9:30am.



May 1—The Twin Ports APIDA Collective.

May is Asian American History month, and our Forum on May 1 will be a presentation by Pakou Ly, Julie Kim and Jennifer Lien, founders of TPAC, a collective of Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans begun in 2021. The mission of the collective is "to build solidarity among us, awareness in the community around us, and equity for all of us."

May 8—The Twin Ports APIDA Collective: Like Me, Like You". Learn more about the art featured in a recent exhibit "Like Me, Like You", by TPAC member, Julia Cheng, who is an artist and photographer.

May 15—Connect and Re-connect: Life at Peace Church. Learn more about small groups, committees and volunteer ministries that make up much of our life at Peace. Interested in helping pack breakfasts for CHUM? Looking to connect socially with PALS? Want to know more about Wednesday night Bible study? Looking for a place to work on issues like climate change? Hoping for support as you or a loved one face a cancer diagnosis? There's a lot that goes on at Peace. Roam through the Fellowship Hall and find out more about opportunities to be part of our life at Peace Church.

May 22—Breakfast with our Confirmands. Help honor and welcome confirmands into Peace Church. Students have been preparing for this important rite which is a re-affirmation of promises made at their baptisms. **The congregation is invited to eat with them and their families and mentors at 9:30am.**

May 29—The Spirituality of Bob Dylan. As Duluth's Bob Dylan Festival draws to a close, Pastor Jim Mitulski will present a Forum on the spirituality of this poet/songwriter. Come be part of the fun (and maybe we'll even sing a song or two.)

May Coffee Hour

11:30am following in-person worship service

Come join us for coffee hour after the 10:30 service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to drink coffee, eat a treat and socialize!

History Corner

THE BELLS: RINGING THROUGH THE YEARS FOR PEACE

Who were our founders and why did they want a bell?

In 1872, 15 German families, with the help of a traveling missionary, Louis von Rague, organized St Paul's Evangelical Church. When the original church was built in 1873, a belfry to hold our first bell was designed so melodious sound could "call the congregation to church".

A cannon made the first peace bell. Who sent it and why?

There are a couple of stories about how the first bell was requested. One describes a German who formerly was a soldier attending Duluth services and missing a bell like they had in Germany and most European cities. Another talks about how the German leader, himself, was interested in supporting German congregations in America and wished a weapon of war could be changed into a peaceful bell. In 1873, Kaiser Wilhelm I sent a cannon that had been captured from the French in the Franco-German War of 1870. A steamship brought it across the Atlantic to Troy NY. It was then shipped to Duluth.

How did the church get funding for the transformation of the cannon into a peace bell?

As church ladies have always done, the Ladies Society put the cannon on display in Turner Hall. For the price of 25 cents, one could view the cannon, listen to a chorus and have refreshments. Many Duluthians must have found this great entertainment as enough money was raised. The cannon was shipped back to Troy to be cast into a bell.

Filling the belfry with a heavy bell

When the newly casted bell arrived back in 1884, it was hoisted up into the belfry. A long rope was affixed to it and it was rung by hand by a designated "bell ringer" who was appointed each year. It weighs 852lbs. It has a #B note.

Was the bell ever in danger?

During World War I, when the US joined the European fight against Germany, there was a strong anti-German feeling in Duluth. Some Duluthians asked the pastor, Paul Bratzel, to remove the bell from the tower. It was to be paraded down Superior Street and melted to be made ammunition to be used against Germany. The congregation voted an emphatic "no". A "bell of peace" would not be used in a war again. Also, many of the German congregants became afraid and felt they had to hide in their homes to avoid potential violence.

The flying bellringer (This story first appeared in previous Peace Bells). ***"Be careful when volunteering or you might find yourself up in the air!"*** It was Sunday morning in the old church... The church was full and the choir members were in their seats in the front of the sanctuary facing the balcony at the back. All were waiting for the bell ringer to pull the rope and ring the bell. The regular bell ringer, Al Santa the designated bellringer, didn't show, so one of our faithful congregation members offered to do it. He was a small man of slight build. He grabbed the rope and pulled the 800+ pound bell. ***What he forgot was to let go of the rope and he ended up swinging out over the congregation.*** The choir all laughed and one of our low-voiced bass singers let out a loud Ha Ha Ha! The congregation couldn't imagine what was going on as they faced the choir and the bell ringer was in the back and above the congregation." We imagine that this was the first acrobat flying act in a church in Duluth!!

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History Corner Continued

Can the bell be worn out?

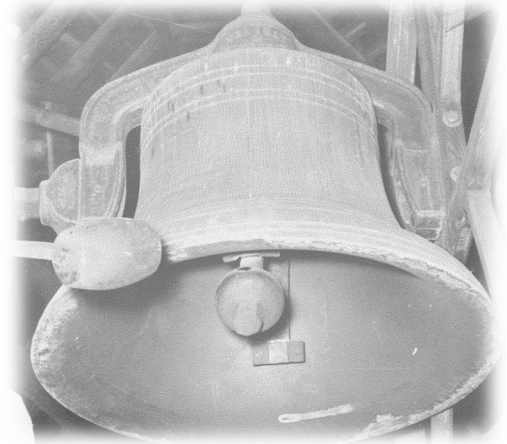
From June 18, 1944 newsletter: There were rumors that the bell was completely worn out and very dangerous. There was worry it could come crashing down. So, the pastor, went above and beyond the call of duty (literally). He climbed into the belfry to examine this bell and to grease the journals. He found it not the least bit worn and in perfect condition. He said it looked as though it could last a thousand years just like many of the bells in Europe. So, for 148 years, this bell has called out to the community to worship.

Is the old bell still in the bell tower?

When the new church was built at 11th Ave. and E.11th St., the original bell was placed in the bell tower that now stands. There are now three "peace bells". The original bell is the top one.

Stay tuned

- For the wonderful stories of the next two bells and the marvelous ceremonies that accompanied them. They, too, are peace bells forged for peace to ring out. Those will be found in the summer Peace Bell.
- In August there will be a large family-oriented celebration around the bell tower, highlighting our mission and our heritage.



Reflections By Charlotte

Why Join a Church??????

Yesterday I participated in the 100th Anniversary celebration of United Protestant Church (UCC) in Morgan Park. I listened to the reminiscences of clergy who had served there. A colleague of mine, Glen Harrington-Hall spoke. He had been baptized, confirmed and ordained there. As I listened, I was struck again by something I've known for a long time: The enduring legacy of congregations is rooted in relationships.

It is in the web of relationships that our faith is formed. Within the context of relationships we learn how to trust, how to love, and how to serve. In short, we learn what a faith-filled life looks like. Those are the experiences in which we encounter God, through whom we know Jesus, by which God's Spirit breathes into our innermost beings.

Conversely, when relationships in a church community are broken or attended to in a half-hearted manner, we suffer. We feel betrayed, let down, ignored, unappreciated. Within such brokenness, we learn a lot about coping with life's disappointments. And that, too, is part of faith development.

A first grader once told me he finally figured out what the congregation said at the end of prayers each Sunday morning. He said, "I couldn't figure it out for a while, but I think we are all saying, 'I'm in.' That beat any definition of "amen" that I might have learned in seminary.

Why join a church? Why join Peace church? Joining a faith community is a way of saying, "I'm in." I want to be a part of this community. My people, at least some of them, are here. I want to care and be cared about here. I want to participate with this group of people as they impact the world and make it a better place. I want to find ways, with these people, to offer up gratitude for the Holy invading my life. I want to be part of the ongoing, sometimes challenging, discernment of how this community will live out its values. "I'm in."

When an individual or family makes this commitment, they are received by the congregation. It is no small matter for a congregation to agree: "You're in with us." We will care for you, we will pray with you, we will suffer with you, we will rejoice with you. We will listen to your voice and we know you will help shape us in some new way."

Much of my ministry has been in churches with Congregational backgrounds. In those congregations, one does not "join the church." One "joins the covenant." The covenant is the agreement that together we will seek for the Holy; together we will follow Jesus; together we will discern the Spirit's guidance. We promise each other "We're all in this, together."

And together, we discover what this business of faith is about.

~Pastor Charlotte Frantz

See page 7 for information on the Inquirers Class.

Peace Church Groups

Monday Book Group

Monday, May 2 & 16, 3:00pm via Zoom

The Monday Book Group has chosen *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway for its May book. This book is a spare and haunting, wise and beautiful novel about the endurance of the human spirit and the subtle ways individuals reclaim their humanity in a city ravaged by war. We will meet on May 16th at 3:00. Please email pcragun@d.umn.edu if you would like to be included in the discussion.

PALS IS BACK!

Some dates to save.

Unless that nasty virus rears a new ugly head, plans are underway to resume PALS activities in the near future. After a long delay we are more than ready to again be a group of Peace Adults Learning and Socializing. **We will start with a combination picnic and planning session on Thursday, May 19 at the Goese home, 4730 London Road, beginning at 6:00pm.** Brats and the fixings will be supplied. Bring the usual dish to share or dessert and your own beverage. If you indicated in response to an earlier email that you plan to attend, you do not need to do so again. If you didn't respond and wish to attend, please email lrgoese@gmail.com.



Start now to think of possible events for the coming year. It is this input that has made our gatherings not only fun but educational.

On **Thursday, June 23** we will again follow the admonition to "take me out to the ballgame" and cheer on the Huskies after tailgating in the parking lot. Thanks to the Devlin's for again organizing this event.

Thanks also to Cathy Wood and Mike Schrage for arranging a visit to the Cloquet Forestry Center on **Thursday, July 28**.

Details for these gatherings will be forthcoming as the times approach. For now, save the dates. If you wish to be either removed or added to the PALS mailing list, please let the church office know.

Spiritual Self Health and Empowerment

Wednesday, May 4, 11 & 18, 5:00pm
in the Fireside Room

The Health and Healing Team invites you to join Tim Peters for a four week forum on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm in the Fireside room to discuss how our spiritual life can impact our health and well being. Any questions, please contact Tim at tpnc53@gmail.com.

The only real failure in life is not to be true to the best one knows.—Buddha

Thursday Morning Book Club

Thursday, May 19, 10:00am
in the Fireside Room

The Third Thursday Morning Group Book will meet on May 19, 2022 from 10:00 to noon in the church library. The book we will discuss is *The Flower Boat Girl* by Larry Feign.

This well-researched book is another of recent books about notable women that mainstream history has excluded and belongs in this new Herstory genre. In this rollicking sea story readers will learn how a Chinese peasant girl became the most famous pirate in the 19th century. All are welcome to join us in this discussion of a woman of an earlier century and culture who shares many of the same concerns as contemporary women regarding marriage, careers and children.

The group will not meet during the summer. For further information contact Alice Marks at amarks001@charter.net

Men's Breakfast

Join us once again for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. **Our next breakfast gatherings are Thursday, May 5 & 19.**

Brown Bag Women's Group

Wednesday, May 4
1:00pm in the Fireside Room

We are still not eating together, and masks are optional, but we love this monthly opportunity to be in touch. Our May meeting will be at 1:00, Wednesday, May 4 in the Fireside Room. Our topic will be "Lessons from our Grandmothers." What did you learn from a grandmother or elder woman when you were young? If you have a memento to "show and tell," bring it along. Maybe she taught you a skill, or a philosophy of life, or a poem or motto, or... Given that many of us in the group are elders, our memory of our own elder's wisdom reaches back quite a few years! Come for the conversation and enjoy being together.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, May 23, 5:00-6:00pm

If you or a loved one have had cancer (in the past or currently) and would like to connect with others, you are invited to join our Making Meaning out of Malignancy virtual group. The group meets every month on the fourth Monday. Please email the office for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Activities/Peace News

Virtual Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings at 5pm

We read the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday several times. Each time we read we are listening for the still, small voice of God that will speak to us. We learn so much from what is touching other people's hearts as they hear the Gospel too. No prior biblical knowledge needed! We close with prayer. Please email the office for the Zoom link or look in your weekly email update.

Confirmation (Grades 10-11)

Wednesday, May 4 & 18

7:15-8:15pm in the Fireside Room

The Second Year Confirmation Class meets with Nathan on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:15-8:15pm.

Regularly Scheduled Team & Committee Meetings

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

Stewardship Team:

Thursday, May 5
5:30pm Zoom

Adult Ed Team:

Tuesday, May 3
7:30am Zoom

Dismantling Racism Team:

Thursday, May 19
3:30pm Zoom

Children's Ministry Team:

Tuesday, May 10
6:00pm Fireside

Worship & Arts Committee:

Thursday, May 12
5:30pm Fireside

History Team:

Wednesday, May 11
1:00pm in the History Rm

Shared Ministry Team:

Wednesday, May 11
4:00pm via Zoom

Finance Team:

Wednesday, May 11
4:00pm via Zoom

Property Team:

Wednesday, May 11
6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Food & Fellowship Team:

check email for details

Acting for Justice Hub:

Sunday, May 8
2:00pm via Zoom

Climate Justice Team:

TBD

Health and Healing Group:

Thursday, May 5
10:00am



Wednesday Activity Schedule

5-6pm: Bible Study via Zoom

5pm: Health and Healing in the Fireside Rm

6-7pm: Middle School (6-8th grades) Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall

6pm: Adult Choir in the Sanctuary

7:15-8:15pm: Confirmation in the Fireside room (first and third Wednesdays of each month)

Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Youth Group is every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Nathan at Nathan@peaceucc.org.

Inquirers Class

Wednesday, May 4 & 11

6:00pm in the Fireside Room

For anyone who is interested in learning more about Peace Church and wants to explore the option of becoming a member, we have scheduled Inquirers classes for Wednesday, May 4 and 11 at 6:00pm in our Fireside Room. Pastor Jim will lead this time to ask questions and learn more about who we are. If you attend the Inquirers classes, you are not obligated to join the church, but this is a great chance to learn more about Peace Church and the UCC. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elise@peaceucc.org or the church office (office@peaceucc.org or 218-724-3637).

Online Donations

Just a reminder—when you make a donation online from our website, please sign in first by clicking the Sign In/SignUp option in the upper right corner of the donation form. Any questions, email Rose at rose@peaceucc.org.

Peace Prayer Chain



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

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Peace News Continued...

Choir

Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the sanctuary

In person choir continues! Please join choir in the sanctuary (masks are optional!) for choir practice. Choir will also continue to meet on Zoom each Thursday at 4:30pm. See you there!

Prayer Shawls

If you would like to request a prayer shawl or are interested in making one for someone receiving pastoral care, please email Gudrun at gwitrak@gmail.com.

Taizé Service

Sunday, May 1, 5:00pm

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

Interpreting Services for Worship

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

Church Coordinating Council
will meet Tuesday, May 17 at
6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Annual Reports due on May 2!

Looking ahead to our annual program meeting on Sunday June 5, we need to have reports from our staff, teams and committees submitted early, so that our office staff can compile the report and have it ready for you to view ahead of the meeting.

Completed reports should be sent to Nancy at office@peaceucc.org. Thanks!

Peace Church Building Use

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

Pastoral Relations Committee

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



Community Art in the Sanctuary



The lakeshore paintings that are on display above the choir area were painted by people with disabilities who attended the Art Junction Program that Udac used to offer in the not too distant past.

Art Junction, which was created and coordinated by two artists, Angie and Kandice, was instrumental in creating an environment where people could find their artistic tendencies and talents, creating many different projects from painting, to jewelry to pottery. One artist participant once said, "I did not know I was an artist until Art Junction."



Up front in the sanctuary, you will find our most recent art project created on Palm Sunday titled, "Garden of Resurrection" where children and adults were asked to add a flower to the visual garden while considering what resurrection looks like to each of them during this season. Many thanks to Amanda Hunter for facilitating this art project.



Palm Sunday and Easter

Rev. Anthony Galloway preached on Palm Sunday, April 10, after a palm parade from the parking lot to the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday, April 17, we enjoyed music from the choir and special communion.



Parent and Youth Feedback/Vision Sessions Take Aways

Thanks to all our middle and high school youth and parents who came to one of our feedback/vision sessions last month. We had some great conversations and we heard lots of youth and parents share gratitude to talk and connect with each other. Here are some core take aways from our conversations:

- Similar to our parents of elementary age kids share, covid has been hard and youth are looking for ways to stay connected.
- There are often not ideal times for youth that are consistent. Youth and parents appreciate regular opportunities and will come when they're able.
- Opportunities for service and volunteering came up consistently, with a special appreciation for intergenerational opportunities. Parents and youth value service trips in the summer and would like opportunities to volunteer regularly during the year as Peace is able to offer them.
- Love having chances to connect outdoors—hikes are great.
- There is a desire for youth to grow spiritually in the context of a Christian community, while also learning about other religions and nurturing a sense of justice and activism; love seeing partnerships with other congregations as a way of growing community with other youth.
- Having the opportunity for youth to have relationships with caring, mentor adults is so important. This is core to creating a loving community where youth know they belong.
- Middle school youth want more opportunities to connect to justice work in the larger community and support organizations through bake sales.
- High school youth want more opportunities for connecting with other youth and having fun; in addition, there is a desire to create a uniquely youth space for ritual and spiritual connection.

We have already taken some of this feedback and applied it right away. Our middle school youth decided they wanted to bring someone from Loaves and Fishes to learn more about what they do and then do a bake sale for them on Sunday, May 15. We are moving forward with a plan to offer a high school youth gathering on the first Sunday of the month after church. We're also in the process of developing a once a month space for youth to gather and experience a youth led church service.

Nathan's Column



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in."
~Leonard Cohen*

May always feels to me to like an interim time—that space between. It's the time when we're not quite to warmer weather yet, but we're also seeing signs of a changing season. It's also a time of transition in the life of the church—our regular children and youth programs are wrapping up with the school year, our forums are often winding down in this time, and we are preparing to enter the summer dance of vacations and returns to settle in. And then there's the transition with covid and

whatever is currently happening with how we're all managing it—overwhelmed, longing, ready. There's a lot of transitions right now. And sometimes that's unsettling and it feels like we have less ground to stand on to feel a sense of balance.

Still, I love that our faith tradition comes alive in times of transition—our whole experience of Jesus and Easter is about the beauty that emerges when we pay attention to endings and beginnings. Out of death comes new life. What has been is transformed into something new.

Our confirmands know something about endings and beginnings, and I want to take a moment to share a bit more about them here. Our confirmation youth have had the unique experience of being the only group that has had their entire confirmation experience through the pandemic—they started in the pandemic and they will end in the pandemic. It has not been easy, and there have been many difficulties with having to do confirmation on zoom, sometimes having to simply pause or cancel confirmation for a time, and we have not had the chance to eat snacks together and hang out that many confirmands have had in the past. It has been a journey that has been about constant adaptation. Yet, we have a core, small group that has stayed with it through the ups and downs. Their time together as a confirmation group is coming to a close and on May 22nd, when we celebrate confirmation Sunday (please join us for the breakfast and the service), it will be a new beginning. For those youth that choose to be confirmed, as our congregation witnesses and supports them, they will affirm their place in our community, their desire to join all of us on this journey of following Jesus with our questions, doubts, and faith.

Our graduating seniors also know about transitions. They too have had to endure more than half of their high school experience in this pandemic. In the midst of the uncertainty of what comes next, they are making decisions about college or work or other adventures after they graduate. And we as a congregation get to affirm them and support them in this transition time on graduation Sunday (June 5). I believe it is one of our most powerful services of the year, hearing from our seniors, celebrating them, and wrapping them in blankets of love to send them on their way to their next chapter in their lives.

Perhaps in a way, we are all being sent on the next chapter of our lives. We are entering a new season in the life of our church, in our experience with the pandemic, in whatever life stage we are in right now. This May, I hope you celebrate the meaning and richness of transition. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed.

~Nathan



High School leaders prepare the Easter Sunday story.

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Trip to Camp Re-Member (July 22-30)

We'll spend a week on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation doing service projects and learning about Lakota culture and history. As they share on their website (<https://www.re-member.org/trips.aspx>), "volunteering with Re-Member is an emotional and life-changing event. During your visit to Pine Ridge Reservation, you will witness the extreme poverty afflicting the Lakota people of Pine Ridge; but also the resilience and strength of character that comes from their culture and traditions." Dates of the trip are Friday, July 22nd-Saturday, July 30th. Cost is \$600 per youth (with sliding scale/scholarships available—just get in touch with Nathan). Please drop off/send a deposit of \$100 to hold your spot. We can take up to 11 youth on this trip. Participants must be vaccinated to participate (as required by Camp Re-Member).

Camp Amnicon Sylvania Wilderness Trip (August 7-12)

If you like to canoe, camp, or are just open to a great adventure, this is the trip for you. Camp Amnicon puts on amazing trips (Nathan was a canoe guide there in college, so he knows from experience), and Sylvania is an incredibly beautiful destination. This trip often includes lots of time for swimming, canoeing, and of course lots of bonding experiences and friendships. Dates of the trip are Sunday, August 7th-Friday, August 12th. Cost is \$400 per youth (with sliding scale/scholarships available—just get in touch with Nathan). Please drop off/send a deposit of \$100 to hold your spot. We can take up to 7 youth on this trip.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call. Looking forward to offering youth trips again this summer.

Youth and Children's Ministry

Peace Connect for Parents (of elementary age kids)

Parenting is some of the most challenging and rewarding work that we do. Join other Peace parents of elementary-aged kids and members of the Children's Ministry team as we gather monthly to support one another and build community. This is a space for you to come as you are, connect, and express joys and frustrations.

First Thursday of the month at 8:00pm (May 5) on Zoom, led by Children's Ministry Team members Elaine Schmid, Kelly Grgas, and Katey Fornear. The link can be found in your weekly email.

First Sunday of the month at 9:30am (May 1) in person, led by Faith Formation Minister Nathan Holst. Email Nathan at Nathan@peaceucc.org with questions.

High School Youth Sundays

Sunday, May 1

We recently had some fantastic feedback sessions about youth ministry here at Peace Church (see "feedback take-aways"). One major piece that came out of those sessions, particularly hearing from our high school youth, is the need and desire to have regular times to connect for high school youth.

Starting in May, we're trying out a new opportunity for youth to connect. The 1st Sunday of the month (that's May 1st this month) will be focused simply on having fun together—come join at noon for pizza, gaga ball, and time to hang out. We'll start in the fireside room. Depending on what the youth that come want, we may also plan future outings to go bowling, etc. We're also working on creating a youth-led time of spiritual connection. This is still a work in progress (and we're waiting to start this until at least June), but youth have expressed a desire for a space for quiet reflection, singing songs together, and some time to journal. We'll keep you updated as we know more.

To live an ethical life is to be held accountable for history.

— Cathy Park Hong

Children's Church

Sunday, May 1

In our recent parent feedback sessions, some parents expressed a need for an alternative space for kids during the worship service. Last month, we kicked off our first "Children's Church" and got lots of positive feedback about it from both parents and kids. We will continue our experiment on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service (and parents can choose to offer it to their kids or not). 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. All kids (ages 3 and up) are welcome to join. And if there are any middle or high school youth that want to come join as helpers, you're welcome to join too!

Peace Village Summer Day Camp (formerly known as VBS!)

June 13 - 17 from 9am - 12:30pm, Peace Church

Ages: Entering Grades K - 5

Cost: Free (And we mean it!) Donations to support the program can be made payable to Peace Church or UUCD with "Peace Village" in the memo line.

The philosophy of Peace Village begins with the belief that collaboration within our communities is essential to peacemaking. Therefore, this camp is a joint offering between Peace Church and UUCD with the goal of increasing congregational involvement in the coming years. Peace Village is a multicultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn the messages and practices of non-violence and peacemaking from various world traditions. All activities encourage respect for racial and cultural diversity. The Peace Village curriculum focuses on using Mindful Movement, Connecting to Nature, and Media Literacy to prepare campers for the development of real skill in Conflict Resolution. Core values of Peace Village:

- We recognize and encourage each human being's inherent potential for inner peace.
- We believe a connection to nature inspires and sustains human beings as they strive to cultivate a sense of peacefulness.
- We believe creating an awareness of the media's impact on society is necessary for the promotion of peace within the individual and the community.
- We know that cultivating inner strength gives each of us the best chance to succeed at resolving conflict.

In studying international peacemakers, we give our campers real models for creating a peaceful world. Acknowledging that we all encounter the challenge of conflict, often in our daily lives, Peace Village integrates its core curriculum with music and the arts to inspire and empower campers to make significant changes in the world. Peace Village is a place to make friends, to learn, to grow, and to practice peacebuilding.

Parents are invited to join us on Friday, June 17 at 12:15pm for our closing circle and a picnic lunch.

To register for Peace Village, look for the link in your weekly email. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 5.

Children and Youth

Supporting and Honoring our Confirmands

Confirmation isn't just a rite of our youth in their spiritual lives where the church invites them more deeply into the life of the congregation. It's also a rite of the congregation, where we as a community affirm and express our support for the continued development of our youth. In that spirit, here are two upcoming opportunities that we want to invite you to participate:

1. On Friday, May 6th at 4:00pm before the beginning of our confirmation retreat, we will be gathering in the Peace Sanctuary to baptize two of our youth. We are inviting our church leadership and any of you, our Peace family, to come witness and participate in these baptisms.
2. On the morning of Confirmation Sunday, May 22nd, our faith formation team will be hosting the breakfast at 9:30 prior to the service. This is an opportunity for all our congregation to come eat together, honor our confirmands, and give gratitude for our confirmation teachers and mentors. Please join us for the breakfast, as well as the 10:30 service when our youth will be confirmed.

Nursery Reopening

We have been working hard to reopen our nursery and we now have the staff to begin by opening our 3-5 year old room on Sunday mornings from 10am-12pm. Starting April 24th, our 3-5 year old room will be open again during the 2nd service. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. As we reopen, we will be looking for parent feedback to help us know the best way to serve our Peace parents in this time. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

Middle School Camping Trip

Camp Amnicon

Tuesday -Thursday, August 23-25

We're excited that after a couple years of covid cancelled camping trips, we've got plans for our middle school youth that we can count on this summer. Middle school youth (this year that includes incoming 6th graders and incoming 9th graders)—join us for our camping trip in August! This year, we'll be heading to Camp Amnicon (45 minutes away on the South Shore in Wisconsin) for 3 days of fun. Activities include swimming, hiking, S'more making/eating, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. They have a wonderful swimming beach, chances for canoeing on the Amnicon River, and great hiking trails. This has often been the trip that starts great new friendships that last into the year at youth group.

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

Sunday School Celebration

Sunday, May 15

Our last Sunday School before summer break will be May 15th and we want to celebrate together! After we acknowledge and give thanks for our Sunday School teachers in our 2nd service, please join us in the fellowship hall for root beer floats (during our usual coffee hour time).

May Youth Group

It's hard to believe, but May is our last month before summer break of gathering with middle school youth (6-8 grade), meeting in person every week in the fellowship hall from 6:00-7:00pm. This month, we'll be baking goodies for a Loaves and Fishes fund raiser before our final blast of the school year. That's right, on May 18th from 6:00-7:30pm we'll be having our final youth group at the Edge Waterpark in Duluth. If you want to come, let Nathan Holst know at nathan@peaceucc.org. Stay tuned next month for summer plans—we'll plan to meet up once a month to stay connected and have some fun!

Kids' Choir

Sunday, May 8, 10:30am worship

Our wonderful kids' choir will be singing in service on May 8. If your child would like to participate this month or in the future, please email Susan at susan.larsonkidd@drslk.com. See you this Sunday to hear our children sing!



Council Corner

The nominating committee is currently seeking nominations for 2022-2023 council members. Nominating committee members are: Tom Hystead, Jessica Olson, Joan Peterson, Matt Ryan, and Pastor Jim. Please contact any of the nominating committee members for more information or to nominate a name, no later than Sunday, May 8th. The open positions for the coming year are: Vice Moderator (3-year commitment, as the Vice Moderator moves into the Moderator role, then serves a final year as Past Moderator), Stewardship Chair (2-year commitment), and two At-Large council members (2-year commitment). If you wish to nominate someone, please contact them first to confirm they are willing to serve in this way. Note that because there are only 4 positions open, not all nominated names will be elected to the council.

Council members generally sign on for a two-year term, and commit to meeting at least monthly to conduct the business of the church. Monthly meeting agendas include reviews of monthly financials, committee reports, and pastoral reports. The council will also be engaged in the coming year in supporting the transition team and pastoral search committee.



Council Minutes

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

Coordinating Council ~ Job Description

The purpose of this document is to outline the general duties and responsibilities of members of the Coordinating Council (Council). The Council administers the church's business, both internal and external. The primary work encompasses fiduciary responsibilities, oversight and support of our ordained pastor(s), and a variety of ad hoc duties that arise from time-to-time. Currently additional work is required of Council members to help complete our interim work and prepare the congregation for a search and call of a new permanent pastor.

Per Peace Church's Bylaws:

Article V ~ 1 Size and Membership: "The board of directors of this corporation shall be known as the 'Coordinating Council' which shall consist of thirteen (13) members, elected by the congregation. These thirteen (13) Coordinating Council members shall consist of: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Past Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, the four (4) chairs, and four (4) members elected at large."

Bylaws Article V ~ 2 Meetings: states that the Council will meet a minimum of ten (10) times per year. Special meetings are subject to the Moderator's call.

Bylaws Article V ~ 3 ...Terms of Office: Terms for all elected positions shall not exceed two (2) years, with no person eligible for election for more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Bylaws Article V ~ 4 Duties: The Coordinating Council shall be responsible for the overall planning, budgeting, evaluating and coordination of programs, and allocating of undesignated funds. It shall serve as the Business Committee and Committee of Reference for the congregation and, as such, shall prepare the agenda for congregational meetings. It shall see that short and long range financial planning is carried out, including monitoring, auditing and managing all church records. It shall be responsible for staff relations including all personnel policies and activities.

Bylaws Article VI ~ Representative Chairs

Article VI ~ 1 There shall be four (4) chairs elected by the congregation. These Chairs shall be identified as: Chair of Christian Spiritual Life, Chair of Christian Education, Chair of Acting for Justice and Chair of Christian Stewardship. These Chairs shall represent permanent committees and such other ministry teams appointed by them or the Council, and be accountable to them as necessary.

Article VI ~ 3 The Chair of Christian Stewardship shall be elected by the congregation. The Chair shall represent committees which shall address concerns of property and stewardship, and shall represent a variety of ministry teams working toward goals associated with this church's mission.

The purpose of the Christian Stewardship Chair is to work with committees that develop, manage and sustain our human, physical and financial resources.

To fill out the Coordinating Council Recruitment form, please follow this link, <https://www.peaceucc.org/home-page/coordinating-council-recruitment-form/> or go to our website at www.peaceucc.org.

~Tom Hystead, Moderator

A Word For Justice

Foy Scholarship

Each year St Mark AME and Peace Church collaborate to award at least one \$1000 scholarship to a graduating student of color in the Twin Ports. Applications can be made online and require a short essay from the student, an academic letter of recommendation, and a transcript. Last year the congregations were able to make 3 awards of \$1000 each and 3 awards of \$500 each. If you are an educator, a parent, or know a young person of color hoping to continue their education, encourage them to apply at www.peaceucc.org. Go to the drop down menu under the word "Justice" and you'll find a link to Foy Scholarship. Questions can be directed to foyscholar@gmail.com. Application deadline is May 15.

The Ordinary Americans Resettling Migrants Fleeing War

By Eliza Griswold

An article was recently published in the New Yorker by Pulitzer award winner Eliza Griswold who came to Duluth to interview the four women who resettled here from Afghanistan. As you may know, Pastor Charlotte Frantz along with many others in their Circle of Support, have supported them in their transition to the United States. **To read the article please follow the link below or visit www.newyorker.com and find it in the News and Culture column.**

https://www.newyorker.com/news/us-journal/the-ordinary-americans-resettling-migrants-fleeing-war?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker



The White Privilege Symposium

May 13 & 14

The White Privilege Symposium (a regional project of The Privilege Institute, which is best known for its annual conference) will be held at the DECC in Duluth May 13-14. Join racial justice activists, academics, and artists to explore the pressing issues of our time; understand root causes of systemic injustice; build solidarity and community; and develop strategies for dismantling oppression. Speakers include Winona LaDuke, Resmaa Menakem, and Robin DiAngelo. Registration is now open: <https://web.cvent.com/event/e67486f5-536f-4d2b-b24d-3491a1813866/summary>. COVID Protocol: Please note, Vaccine or proof of Negative PCR test within 72 hours required to attend in person. Masks and Social distancing are strongly encouraged. Cost: Adults: \$175 College Students: \$145 High School Students (Youth Action Project) \$100 If you are interested in a partial scholarship through Peace Church, please contact Charlotte at charlotte@peaceucc.org.

Seed Starters United

Inch by inch, row by row...
Gonna make this garden grow.
All you need is a rake and hoe
And a piece of fertile ground

These lyrics start a song, but not a garden. A garden must have seeds to get started, and the St. Mark's Garden is getting started soon, so here is your opportunity to get involved in the garden. The garden produces a great variety of fresh produce for our Hillside neighbors.

A Call for Seeds and Seedlings

Ms. Rumbi has created a listing of the plants the Giving Garden needs started RIGHT AWAY. To help, please sign up with the type and number of seedlings* you will start at this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iXX7V3ankW8Lcq9wLZubOwckEmxO_j9I/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106571424713491869664&rtpof=true&sd=true

Also, if you can provide any of the seeds* indicated, please sign up. *Organically grown please! The Giving Garden is dedicated to health of people and land, so seedlings and seeds need to be free of chemicals and toxins.

Maybe you aren't the type to sow the seeds. No problem.....here are some other opportunities:

Volunteer Opportunities

We will need garden preparation, trucks and drivers for compost, etc., and other gardening support depending on the growing season. To volunteer and to receive announcements of opportunities, please click this link and sign up.

<https://forms.gle/5o1AxpRo8wAgo6HcA>

Thank you for being a part of our vision for a flourishing Central-Hillside neighborhood!



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



Peace Church Meals for the CHUM Drop In Center

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

Wednesday Chum Breakfast: May 4 & 18

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

Thursday Chum Dinner: May 19

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

The Rhubarb Festival

Saturday, June 25, 10:00am-3:00pm
Stella Maris Academy—Holy Rosary Campus
2802 E. 4th St. Duluth, MN 55812

Chum is busy planning the 2022 Rhubarb Festival!! The last pre-COVID festival in 2019 was EPIC! But due to COVID, Chum is still having to pull back the reigns a bit. Chum's volunteers are pulled in a million directions, and are planning a great event for our community, but it will look a bit different. The hope is to plan this year's festival to be at about 70% capacity of the 2019 festival – think food trucks, live music on the main stage, outdoor games for the kids and of course the bake sale! Save the date and consider whether you can volunteer when the time comes.

Homeless Response Team

Peace Church held its first meeting to discuss ways to support Chum's five year plan to end homelessness, Stepping On Up. A team is in the process of being formed, currently called the Homeless Response Team, which will be a new addition to the Acting For Justice Hub. If you are interested in learning more about Peace's efforts to end homelessness or want to join the Homeless Response Team, please contact Pastor Charlotte at charlotte@peaceucc.org.



CHUM Needs

For Those Living at the Steve O'Neil Apartments

Diapers from newborn size to size 6
Wipes and disposable gloves for diapering
Similac Advanced and Similac Sensitive Baby soaps and shampoo

For Those Living in Family Shelter

Diapers size 3 or larger, pacifiers, combs/brushes, lotions, and deodorant.

For Those Who Are Homeless

Warm winter socks, hand warmers, sewing kits, blankets, waterproof hats and gloves, pillar candles, gas cards, bath towels and wash cloths, wallets, solar lights, tents, sleeping bags, tarps (not blue).

If you would like to donate or volunteer, please call Chum at (218) 720-6521 .

Neighbors Living Unsheltered in Duluth

The Warming Center has closed, and we are collecting tents and sleeping bags for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. They have returned to living outdoors because there is nowhere else to go.

How can you help? Visit SteppingOnUpDuluth.org and explore the options. View the video to learn about the 5-year plan to address the homeless crisis. Read the fact sheet to learn about Phase I, and contact the Mayor or your City Councilor to express your concerns and invite their leadership. Get others involved by gathering folks to view the video and explore ways you can offer support.

In Duluth, Authorized Outdoor Living Zones are on land owned by an individual, congregation, institution, or business. Let us know of your interest by email and together we'll explore how your land might temporarily serve as a site for an Authorized Outdoor Living Zone.

Other ways you can help:

- * Temporary use of land large enough to hold 10 tents spaced 15 feet apart, with room for porta-potties and dumpster, including access for the trucks that deliver and service them.
- * Adopt an AOLZ by providing basic needs and support on a regular basis (meals, hygiene kits, etc.).
- * Join a small delegation to meet with your Council member.
- * Volunteer your time.
- * Donate supplies.

Peace People

Thank You!

- Thanks to those who provided special music in April: Ron Deters, Ian Connell, Nathan Holst, the Choir, Tyler Stark, Susan Larson Kidd, Gudrun Witrak, Cathy Ameel, Luke Hilliard, Deb Rausch, Jennifer Ameel, Dale Shimmin, Kirby Wood, Kelli Hallsten-Erickson, Elliott Dean, Katey Fornear, and Patty Beech-Dziuk.
- Thank you to Elaine Schmid and Diane Swanoski for teaching Sunday school in March. ~Nathan Holst
- Thank you, Pat Nelson, for being an amazing and faithful leader for our kids. ~Nathan Holst
- Thank you to our puppeteers for the Story for All Ages on April 10: Nathan Holst, Katey Fornear and Kelli Hallsten-Erickson.
- Thank you to Amanda Hunter for her congregational art project on Palm Sunday. The colorful and lively "Garden of Resurrection" is now gracing our art space.
- Thank you to Thea, Saul, Caleb, Aiden and Luka for fantastic singing at Kids' Choir Palm Sunday! ~Susan Larson Kidd
- To the congregants of Peace Church: Thank you for your support of Safe Haven and the families who experience domestic violence. We appreciate your generosity in sharing your resources to make a better world for others in our community. Warmly, Julie Knuths
- Thank you for help preparing for and leading the 7:30 Saturday evening vigil: Gudrun and Geoff Witrak, Susan Larson Kidd, Tim Peters, Jim Pospisil, and Dan Shepard.
- Thanks to Dorothy Huotar for knitting prayer shawls and scarves for Chum.
- Thank you to Cathy Ameel for helping organize Judy Russell's going away gathering at Zvago.
- Ashton Mullins, who has been a tremendous asset to our tech team, is leaving for the summer after the first weekend in May. I am so grateful to have found him and for his willingness to share his skills and talents with us! We will miss you Ashton! Thank you to Tyler and Paul who have also been working hard during this season to offer great



sound and stream. I appreciate you all so much!

~Susan Larson Kidd

- Thank you to Food and Fellowship, Children's Ministry, Bud Trnka and all the other volunteers who made the Earth Day Festival a success!

Keep in Your Prayers

- Jan Eschbach is recovering from electrical burns from her accident two 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, Jerry Cleveland, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson and others.
- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Mariah Berner who recently was awarded the National Science Foundation grant. This is a highly competitive grant, where only 20% of the applicants are successful. This grant will fund her throughout her work on her PhD in Cancer Cellular Biology. Mariah's focus is triple negative breast cancer and chemo-resistance.
- Laurie Berner is retiring after 45 years of work in human services where she focused her work on services for people with disabilities. She will be retiring from Arc Northland where she has been the executive director since 2018.



Looking For

- Do you have an older relative living alone in Duluth who could benefit by having a person staying in the home 4 or 5 nights a week, for safety and for companionship? A woman studying for a second career at St. Scholastica starting in June is looking for a room (possible rent negotiable) in exchange for offering this service. References available upon request. Call (715) 635-3041. If no answer, please leave a message. (This number does not accept texts.)

Memorials

- For the Gabriel Fund in honor of Nadine Hubert's mother: from Kay Stevens.

Picture Directory

Launches May 1st!

Guess what!? It's time to launch our online picture directory! **On May 1 you will receive a congregational email with a link to the directory along with instructions on how to set up an account.** Once your account is set up, you will be able to edit and manage your information in the directory and find contact information for other Peace members and friends. **On Sunday, May 8 there will be a short training after worship service in the Fireside room for anyone interested in learning more about using the online directory.** The website is www.instantchurchdirectory.com if you would like to visit the site. Any questions, contact Elise at elise@peaceucc.org.

Volunteer Schedules

Sunday Usher Schedule: 10:30am

- May 1:** Warren Post, volunteer needed
- May 8:** Warren Post, volunteer needed
- May 15:** Warren Post, volunteer needed
- May 22:** Warren Post, volunteer needed
- May 29:** Warren Post, volunteer needed

Sunday Lay Reader Schedule: 10:30am

- May 1:** Laurie Berner
- May 8:** volunteer needed
- May 15:** volunteer needed
- May 22:** volunteer needed
- May 29:** volunteer needed



It takes a whole team and a lot of training to run a good quality livestream. Thanks to our awesome tech team who works so hard to make livestreaming possible.



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



Coffee Hour Volunteers Sundays at 9:45am

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

- May 1:** Laretta Shrake, Julie Flotten, Melanie Shepard, Alan Netland
- May 8:** Phyllis and Scott Mead, Mary Parks, Cindy Macaulay
- May 15:** Susan Goltz, Phyllis Cook, Julie Flotten
- May 22:** The Holden's & The Holmstrom's, Julie Flotten
- May 29:** Craig and Jeannie Peterson, John Lindgren, Cindy Macaulay

Sunday Usher Schedule: 8:30am

- May 1:** Gayle and Jack Kelly
- May 8:** volunteer needed
- May 15:** volunteer needed
- May 22:** volunteer needed
- May 29:** volunteer needed

Sunday Lay Reader Schedule: 8:30am

- May 1:** Stephanie Pearson
- May 8:** volunteer needed
- May 15:** volunteer needed
- May 22:** volunteer needed
- May 29:** volunteer needed

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Volunteers Needed for Peace Village Summer Camp

Do you love working with kids and youth? Do you love the idea of helping to build a peaceful planet? If so, consider volunteering to be a Peace Village camp counselor. We're looking for adults and youth (ages 11-17) to help in a variety of camp leadership roles. Camp will be held June 13-17 from 9:00am-12:30pm at Peace Church with a volunteer orientation on Wednesday, June 8 from 6:00-8:00pm at Peace Church. Reach out to Nathan Holst to learn more at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Monday Meals

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

- May 2:** Gayle Kelly
- May 9:** Kay and Bob Stevens
- May 16:** Christine Day
- May 23:** volunteer needed
- May 30:** volunteer needed

Update: Please plan for 8-10 people as numbers are still low due to Covid. The door is still locked some of the time so please call Joel's cell (218-340-4356) to arrange for delivery of your meal.



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

Welcome to worship 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

Interim Minister: Rev. Jim Mitulski

Music Director: Jim Pospisil

Faith Formation Minister: Nathan Holst

Covenanted Ministers of our congregation:

Rev. Terese Tomanek, Rev. Tom Liddle,

Rev. John Szarke,

Rev. Sara Olson Dean, Rev. Jan Murphy,

Rev. Holly Pederson

Bookkeeper: Rosemary Feriancek

Administrative Coordinator: Elise Courtright

Office Coordinator: Nancy Nelson

Custodian: Dan Shepard

Pianist: Wendy Durrwachter

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