

OCTOBER 2022



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 16: Stewardship and Fall Fest

Imagining...

As we enter another beautiful autumnal season, we give thanks for being able to gather again and in new ways with our chosen church family. It is this feeling of newness and possibility that the Stewardship Team is focused on as we share the ways Peace Church provides sustenance, literal and figurative, through community in the ways that Jesus taught us.

Jesus was a creative person, seeing possibilities and a way through the toughest times and for the most stricken people. He invited all to share bread and love with each other, and we are so fortunate to be in a church body that lifts up new ideas while maintaining the spirit of justice and peace that are the bedrocks of our faith.

This Stewardship Campaign asks us all to “Imagine Peace...” What gifts have we been given? Each Sunday, starting October 16th, will focus on a theme of celebration of those gifts. It will culminate on November 13th in a celebration of music, talent, and, of course, food, where we will offer our pledges as gifts to support the incredible work we do together.

Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 16, 12:00-2:00

Come join us for our Fall Festival at Peace Church where we'll have lunch (thanks, Stewardship Team!), games, prizes, Gaga Ball, and a cupcake walk! After making it over the initial bumps of settling into the fall routine, this is your chance to come and connect with others here at Peace and have some fun. Did I mention that kids are invited to wear their costumes to try them out before Halloween? (please keep them nonviolent!) And if you're a middle or high school youth, we would love to have your help with leading the games and giving out prizes. Contact Nathan (nathan@peaceucc.org) with any questions. See you there!



Anniversary Program

October 8 6:00 p.m.

Can't make it to the 150th Anniversary Dinner and Program? The program, scheduled from 6-7 in the sanctuary will be livestreamed! Watch for the link and tune in from home or watch the program at your convenience. You are also welcome to come to the program even if you don't stay for dinner. A huge thank you to everyone who is working to make our 150th a great occasion!





2022 Settled Pastor Search Committee

Nominations due October 14

The Coordinating Council is seeking nominations of active members of Peace UCC for the Settled Pastor Search Committee. Please contact any Council member for more information or to nominate someone no later than Friday, October 14th. Council members include: Geof Witrak, Susan Goltz, Melissa Boyle, Penny Cragun, Nathan Langer, Dick Goese, Monica Liddle, Stephen Dando, Susan Larson Kidd, Joan Peterson, Tom Hystead, Jessica Olson, and Diane Swanoski.

Applications can be submitted via email to council@peaceucc.org or dropped off in the office with Pastor Jim. This will be a multi-month commitment, involving regular weekly or bi-weekly meetings, as well as “homework” outside of meetings.

The search committee will coordinate with Pastor Jim and the UCC conference Steward for Search and Call (Rev. Cindy Mueller), utilize input gathered from members to develop our church’s profile, review candidate resumes, interview candidates, and recommend candidates for call to the Coordinating Council.

If you wish to nominate someone to this committee, please contact them first to confirm they are willing to serve in this way. Additionally, individuals can self-nominate. Since the team size is limited, not all applicants will become part of the committee. The council will evaluate applications and work to select a team that is representative of our full church body.

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Send to office@peaceucc.org

From the Transition Team Holy Cow Survey

Holy Cow! That is the name of a survey link the Transition Team would like you to click on. The survey will provide information that will help us form a profile of our church. That profile will then be viewed by prospective candidates for a settled minister position here at Peace Church.



Your input is very important so if you received the email, please take the survey. If you don't have computer access or if you need any assistance, just contact the church office and we will work with you to gather your thoughts in a manner that best fits your situation.

You can also look for transition team members on Sundays. They will be easily identified by their "badge" and can assist you on their computer or using a paper copy.

Staff Transitions

For sixteen years, **Nancy Nelson** has been a rock for Peace Church. She has kept us organized, and collected, collated and made available our articles and documents. During Covid she came into the office daily, answering the phone and supporting staff who needed to learn a host of new ways to carry out ministry. At long last, she is retiring as of September 30. We wish her well—hiking, camping, traveling, and resting! Thank you, Nancy, so very much.

Elise Couright edited the Peace Bell for the past several years and most recently scheduled building use and volunteers. We are grateful for her service and wish her well.

Tim Peters is temporarily serving as building manager and can take your requests for room assignments.

Brianna Dornbush began September 27 as Office Coordinator. She will answer the phone and be in touch by email. Her hours will include Sunday morning and office hours Monday-Thursday.

Sundays in October

Sundays at a Glance

Sunday, October 2:

World Communion Sunday

The Days of Awe (between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5782)

Neighbors in Need Offering

8:30 and 10:30 Pastor Jim Mitulski preaching, Holy Communion at both services. Children's Church at 10:30.

9:30 Forum: Having Heard David Hogg, What Next?

5:00 Taize Service

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!

Sunday, October 9: Anniversary Worship

8:30 and 10:30 Rev. Shari Prestemon, Guest preacher. Holy Communion at 8:30. Children's Church at 10:30.

9:30 Forum with Rev. Prestemon

Sunday, October 16: Imaging!

8:30 and 10:30 Stewardship Kickoff and Fall Fest, Pastor Jim Mitulski preaching

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Owen Hamel Baptism; Children's Choir, Children's Church

9:30 Stewardship: Generosity, Imagination, and Money; Pastor Charlotte and Geof Witrak

11:45 Fall Fest. Lunch, games and activities to celebrate the season

Sunday, October 23:

8:30 and 10:30 Pastor Jim Mitulski preaching

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Children's Choir and Children's Church

9:30 Sunday Hospitality: Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Hour Hosts: Pastor Charlotte, Gudrun Witrak, Tim Peters

Sunday, October 30 Reformation Sunday

8:30 and 10:30 Rev. Roberto Ochoa, Guest Preacher, "Reformed and Reforming"; Holy Communion at 8:30,

9:30 Covenantal Partnerships in Justice Ministries with Rev. Ochoa

Masks are optional in our building. See you on Sundays!

Neighbors in Need Offering

October 2, 2022

This year's Neighbors in Need offering focuses on economic justice. Grants from the Neighbors in Need offering help support projects and ministries carried out by local congregations and Conferences, often in partnership with community organizations. One-third of the NIN offering supports the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM), the United Church of Christ's ministry with indigenous congregations. The largest such congregation is All Nations in Minneapolis. Use the NIN envelope at church or give online using the drop down menu to designate Neighbors in Need.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering



Rev. Shari Prestemon

Minnesota Conference Minister

Anniversary Guest, October 9

The Rev. Shari Prestemon has served as Conference Minister of the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ (UCC) since October 2013. In that role she is responsible for overseeing the ministry of the Conference, acting as spokesperson in ecumenical settings and the public square, and ensuring a vital, sustainable plan for the future.

Shari is inspired when she sees our Minnesota Conference UCC congregations showing courage and taking risks to build and expand God's beloved community. She loves all the small and large ways the Church 'shows up' to care for others, seek justice, multiply love, and deepen lives of faithfulness.

Rev. Roberto (Robert) Ochoa

UCC Program Associate
For Congregations of Color

Reformation Sunday Guest, October 30



The Rev. Roberto Ochoa has over 30 years' experience in the areas of Latinx, Communities of Color, LGBTQA+ and cross cultural ministries within both Christian and Multi-Faith settings.

He represents the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ and is a keen observer of the ways in which church is changing—not just because of the pandemic but also as a result of a commitment to diversity and equity.

Roberto is called to congregational care, assessment and support. In collaboration with local congregation, Association, and Conference leadership, he offers pastoral resources for congregational mission and vitality.

History Corner

OCTOBER PEACE BELL: HISTORY CORNER (revised)

Greg Flint, pastor at Peace from 1973 to 1985 provided this story of how our legacy of extravagant welcome began.

TO CLOSE OR NOT TO CLOSE

It was 1973 and the worship attendance had increased to maybe 50 on a good Sunday. Those 50 or so faithful souls had survived a painful period of decline. The congregation was left with a fraction of its former membership and a suffocating mortgage debt. Every month the bank reminded the Church Council that the church was again in default for not making its mortgage payment.

Two congregational meetings were held in 1972 to discuss whether or not the church should just give up, turn the building over to the bank, and encourage the remaining members to find another church.

But after two meetings, they couldn't bring themselves to close the doors and cease being a church.

But as they discussed these options, they paused and reflected on how Peace came to be—founded by German immigrants worshipping in their native language in a little white steepled building, called St. Paul's Evangelical. Even during World War I, when anti-German sentiment was felt in Duluth and at St. Paul's, the congregation continued to support the church and each other. It was that faithful commitment to the church and to each other that was remembered at those 1972 meetings.

So, a third congregational meeting was called and the decision made to work with the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities to hire a recent graduate. An inexperienced graduate was all the congregation could afford.

The inexperienced seminary graduate was Greg Flint. He and his wife, Sue, came to Duluth on the promise that a new refrigerator would be purchased for the parsonage. How could they say 'No' to that?

THE WELCOME

On his first Sunday in 1973, Greg valiantly led worship as the congregation demonstrated its usual patience with a new pastor's first sermon.

They also tried their best to sing the hymns but the organ needed work and was off-key as was the singing. But on this Sunday, with the first verse of the first hymn, there was this glorious sound coming from the third pew on the left. People peeked over the top of their hymnals to see where this singing of angels was coming from.

This was Alfred and Ken's first Sunday, too. Alfred had sung in operas and Ken had sung professionally. Now they were singing in two-part harmony and it lifted the singing of the whole congregation. But as they stood singing, Alfred and Ken had their arms around each other. I saw it, as did everyone behind the two men, and I thought to himself, "O Lord, here we go...."

For this was 1973. No one knew what "Open and Affirming" meant. LGBTQ would have been thought to be just alphabet soup. The legalization of non-heterosexual marriage was decades away. Heterosexuality was culturally and politically assumed to be the only natural, healthy, and moral state of being human. And until the General Synod of our United Church of Christ declared in 1975 that sexual orientation was not relevant for church membership or leadership, most Christians thought non-heterosexuality was a sin and an abomination before God. So here we were as a congregation in 1973, with Alfred and Ken, arms around each other, leading the singing. What now?

After worship, Ken and Alfred, unsure of their welcome, hastily left. But a group of men had gathered in the lobby and it was apparent what they were talking about and that the singing of angels was now an issue. I approached, not at all sure what to say.

Just then Ed Nelson joined the group. Ed was a superintendent at the steel mill and though usually quiet, he was likely the most respected man in the congregation. Ed listened to the group for a while, then he said firmly and just loud enough for anyone in the lobby to hear: "Listen carefully. The day those two gentlemen are not welcome in this church is the day Virginia and I walk out."

And that was it. There were no more little huddled groups in the lobby. The next Sunday there were people who went out of their way to greet and welcome back Ken and Alfred. The word had gotten around. Ed Nelson had spoken and it mattered. It mattered not just because it was Ed. It mattered because people really knew Ed was



History Corner Continued

right – that such a welcome was what churches are supposed to be about.

Oh, for sure, when Alfred and Ken sang with arms around each other (which they continued to do), there were people who would still squirm. But the two men did it not because they were making a point. It was simply the gesture of two people who loved each other and the hymns. And truly, Alfred and Ken became beloved members of the church. They invited the whole congregation to their Christmas parties, with fancy canapes and a chocolate fountain. And pretty much everyone came.

Ken would later fill in as Choir Director and some of the men in that first Sunday lobby huddle would sing. Then when the pastor led Ken and Alfred's marriage ceremony, they again invited the whole congregation. And again, it looked like virtually the whole congregation showed up. (Yes, we called it a marriage, because legal or not, it was a marriage.)

THE LEGACY

Maybe the welcoming of Alfred and Ken became a matter of keeping faith with something deep in the historic heart of the church. Something that began much earlier, perhaps during those WWI years when members of the congregation were shunned. Maybe what Ed Nelson said caused some of the older members who had grown-up in the church to talk about what it was like to be shunned by neighbors and even friends.

Extravagant welcoming is our legacy, our vision, our commitment to our members, our community and beyond. All are welcome here.



Peace@150

#Peace begins with me Anniversary Swag

There are T-shirts, hats and pendants available, so it's not too late to get your swag. A donation toward the cost of the 150th would be most appreciated. Suggested amounts: T-shirts \$25, hats, \$30, pendants \$35. Get a free shirt by volunteering at the Saturday rally and wearing it there!



Women's Tea and Talk

Peace@150

Wednesday, October 5, 3:00pm

Treasures from the Past

The History Team has unearthed all sorts of historical treasures and only some have been on public display. At Tea and Talk we'll get to see some of the more intriguing artifacts and hear some wonderful stories from the past. Come to the Fireside Room at 3:00, Wednesday, October 5. We'll put the hot water on, share a few treats, and enjoy a very special "behind the scenes" look at Peace's past.

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday 8:00 a.m.

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, October 6 and 20.**

All Saints 2022

November 6

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6. If you would like a picture of a loved one who died within the past year included in the service, send a digital copy to charlotte@peaceucc.org prior to October 19. Include in your email the person's name, dates, and relationship to you as you would like it listed.

Peace @ 150

- 1872** With the help of Louis von Rague, a missionary from the German Evangelical Union of St. Louis,
- 1873** The church building was erected at 10th Avenue East and 3rd Street.
- 1874** A cannon captured during the Franco-Prussian War was presented to St. Paul's by Emperor Wilhelm I of Germany to be cast into a bell.
- 1874-1882-** The church was without a pastor much of the time because of difficult financial times in Duluth. The city lost 50% of its population.
- 1890** Members living in Hermantown organized their own church with the pastor of St. Paul's leading worship each Sunday afternoon.
- 1893** A pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$335.
- 1914-1917** The congregation refused the request of community leaders that the church bell be melted and made into ammunition to be used in World War I.
- 1921** Women and confirmed youth were given the vote in congregational matters.
- 1922** A famous German soprano was featured at the church's 50th anniversary.
- 1928** English was used in worship for the first time.
- 1934** The Evangelical and Reformed denominations merged.
- 1941** During the next few years, 49 young men and 1 young woman were called or volunteered for the armed services. All returned home at the end of World War II.
- 1947** 75th Anniversary - The decision was made to build a new church.
- 1954** A site was selected and purchased.
- 1957** The Evangelical and Reformed and the Congregational Christian denominations merged to become the United Church of Christ.
- 1959** Ground was broken for the new church; St. Paul's was renamed Peace Church.
The second bell arrived via the newly-opened St. Lawrence Seaway.
- 1960** The first worship service in the new church was held June 5.
- 1962** A third bell was dedicated.
- 1965** The Christian Education wing was added.
- 1973** Peace, with other churches of the area, formed Churches United In Ministry (CHUM).
- 1980** We burned the mortgage!
- 1986** The congregation voted to become a "Just Peace Church."
- 1990** The "Building Peace" building program began.
A shared ministry concept was accepted by the congregation.
- 1997** We celebrate 125 years of witnessing and ministry
- 1999** We added a full-time Children, Youth & Intergenerational Ministries Director.
- 2000** We celebrated the millennium with the addition of an elevator to make us handicap accessible.
- 2005** Opening Doors- Building Peace Project-- we are expanding our space to make room for our growing congregation to gather and learn. The new doors provide an easy entrance and proclaim that all people are welcome here. As part of the project we sponsored a Habitat for Humanity home.
- 2006** A dedication service for the first phase of the building project—new entrance, office and classrooms
The 1959 cornerstone was opened and additional items from the current age were placed there
- 2008** The newly remodeled sanctuary space is dedicated as Phase Two of "Opening Doors, Building Peace."
- 2011** The new Chapel, Youth Room, Classroom and History Rooms are dedicated.
A full-time Associate Pastor position was added
- 2012** We celebrated our 140th anniversary.
Paul VanAntwerp ordination
- 2013** Fellowship Hall was remodeled.
- 2015** Ordinations of Terese Tomanek and Tom Liddle
- 2017** We declared ourselves a Sanctuary Congregation
- 2021** Pastor Kathy Nelson retired after a 30-year tenure
- 2022** Learning to be church in a world changed by covid

150th Celebration

Peace Church Groups

Sharing Our Spiritual Journey Group

Monday, October 3 and 17
7:00pm via Zoom

You are invited to join the "Sharing Our Spiritual Journey" group. We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month from 7-8pm via zoom. We provide a space to reflect and share about our calling, our spiritual journey, our joys and challenges. We use check in, poetry, journaling, and any other gifts people bring to the group. If you have questions or would like to rsvp for the zoom link, please contact Gary Boelhower at gboelhower@msn.com.

Monday Book Group

Monday, October 24, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Because of schedules, we will meet on the fourth Monday this month. We are currently reading *The Seed Keepers* by Diane Wilson. We will be meeting at Nina Preheim's house in Norton Park on Oct. 24. You can join us even if you have not read the entire book. If you would like more information please call Nina at (507) 720-7414 for directions.

Choir

Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the sanctuary

Please join choir in the sanctuary for choir practice. Choir also meets on Zoom each Thursday at 4:30pm. See you there!



Therapeutic SomaYoga
Mondays from 9:00-10:15am
Fireside Room

Therapeutic SomaYoga for healthy aging. Taught by Robin Davidson, PT, RYT, yoga therapist in training. This 75 minute class focuses on different aspects of the body, mind, and spirit that will support you in increased wellness as you age. It is very gentle and offers modifications for all levels of participants. Free will donations for the class (suggested \$10) can be made to the office. This is an in-person, ongoing class on Mondays. You can also join us through Zoom. Contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, October 24, 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.

Virtual Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:30pm via zoom
(Please note the new time!)

There is a lectionary called the Narraive lectionary that moves through portions of Bible, giving readers a more comprehensive overview of the Biblical message. Our virtual Bible study, led by Tom Little and Bob Stevens, has decided to use this lectionary. Readings this fall are primarily from the Gospel of Matthew and Genesis. No prior Biblical knowledge is necessary to participate in this group. Watch the weekly emails for the texts and zoom link. At the end of our conversation, we close with prayer.

October Forums

Each Sunday at 9:30

October 2 After David Hogg, Now What?

Join in this follow up conversation. What did you hear in David Hogg's message? What are your feelings as you reflect on what you heard? What are the implications for you and for our Peace community? Conversation facilitated by Pastor Charlotte Frantz.

October 9 Covenants: Relationship in the UCC

The Rev. Shari Prestemon will lead this discussion about how various settings of the United Church of Christ relate to each other. What does covenant mean? Who is the Minnesota Conference? Why is it important? How do local congregations and the Conference relate to each other?

October 16 Generosity, Imagination and Money

What does Stewardship mean? What will we be hearing in the next few weeks and why? How is stewardship like and different from fund-raising? This is your chance to ask questions and be in conversation with Peace's Stewardship Team. Discussion led by Pastor Charlotte Frantz and Geof Witrak as well as other members of the Stewardship Team.

October 23 Sunday Morning Hospitality

Getting the sanctuary ready, welcoming those who come, caring for them, setting the tables (both communion and coffee), even welcoming our on-line congregation! We need a lot of folks, some in identified roles and some just informally practicing Sunday morning hospitality. Come and find out more! Discussion led by Pastor Charlotte, Gudrun Witrak, Tim Peters, Cindy Macaulay and others.

October 30 In Covenant for Justice Ministry

Roberto Ochea will lead this discussion of our congregation's covenantal relationship with the national setting of the United Church of Christ and our mutual work in creating a more just and equitable world.

Children, Youth and Families



*"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*

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

After a full month of conversation about David Hogg and movement building, we are going to take some time to ease into October. We'll plan to get into Peer Ministry soon, but for this month, we'll plan some time to hang out together and talk about what we want to do in youth group for the rest of the year. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the fellowship hall for gaga ball, hang out time, and a chance to build some great friendships!

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High School Youth Gathering Sunday, October 23, 12:00 p.m.

This is our monthly space for high school youth to come hang out and have fun together. After getting feedback from our high school youth last month (with lots of ideas for future gatherings like sledding, ice skating, roller skating, having a fire with hot dogs and smores), we are planning a **picnic lunch and hike at Chester Bowl at noon on Sunday, Oct 23rd**. If you can, rsvp to Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Children's Choir Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Children will sing in worship October 9 and 23, under the direction of Susan Larson Kidd.



Nursery for Little Ones

We continue to have our 3-5 year old nursery room open during the 10:30 worship service. The nursery will be staffed from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Follow the circular hallway in front of the office windows to get to the nursery rooms. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. We are looking for parent feedback to help us know the best way to serve our Peace parents. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

Children's Church

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service! We've consistently had a group of 20 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. If you haven't heard about it yet, the basic idea is that kids stay for the service until Story for all Ages. Then we leave for Children's Church for 20-30 minutes. We might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets. We'll come back with the adults for communion/offering.

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 FALL FEST

October 16

Noon-2:00



New Peace and Praise Family Worship October 9, 4:30 p.m

Based on parent feedback from this last year, we are trying out a new kind of gathering/worship. What if we combined camp and church? What if parents could let kids be kids while enjoying a worship experience with them? Think open to all ages and created with energetic kids in mind. We'll have prayer, a psalm, interactive songs, and a moment of gratitude, all under our Peace Church tent. If this sounds like something you've been looking for, **we'll have our next gathering on Sunday, Oct 9 at 4:30pm under the tent**. Worship for 20-30 min and then we'll provide a picnic with sandwiches after--just bring yourselves. Optional rsvp to Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

A Word For Justice

Minnesota's Racial Legacy - Duluth

Bridging divides between past, present and future
October 16 2:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Part of Minnesota Council of Churches' 10-year Vision for Truth and Reparations, **Minnesota's Racial Legacy** comes to the port city of Duluth, bridging divides between our past, present and future.

This event is a partnership with several Duluth area congregations, including St. Mark AME Church, and other local community stakeholders. There will be two speakers from the Duluth area, one from the Native American community and one from the African American community. Great music from an ecumenical choir, drumming and participatory action for attendees, round out the event.

Speaking will be:

* Classie Dudley, President, Duluth NAACP and Executive Director of Community Action Duluth

* Taysha Martineau, Fond Du Lac member

Join us on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Duluth. Childcare and sign language interpretation is available upon request.

REGISTER at: <https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/truth-and-reparations/minnesotas-racial-legacy-duluth>

Help Host

Stepping On Up

October 6 and 20

Peace and First Covenant Church are partnering to host the Stepping On Up Community Education sessions in October. First Covenant is providing the space; Peace is providing the warm welcome and evening treats. If you are interested in helping, contact Monica Little or Pam Kramer.

More Peace News

PALS October Outing Tour WLSSD and Dinner at Clyde Iron October 26

WLSSD tour from 3-4:30 (with potential parallel tour starting at 3:15 if more than 20 people)

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour is indoor/outdoor and moderately strenuous, including many stairs and uneven surfaces. All participants are required to wear closed-toe shoes (flat soles are strongly recommended) and the safety equipment provided by WLSSD. Dress for the weather! WLSSD's sites are exposed to the river and can be quite chilly. Wearing a mask could help with intermittent odors.

Where: WLSSD Administrative Building, 2626 Courtland Street, Duluth
Note: they operate several facilities, double-check where google is sending you! Directions: After driving over the viaduct from the interstate area, proceed into the first parking lot in front of the main administrative building; there is a flagpole in the center. Parking is also allowed on the small spur of 27th Ave W, adjacent to the parking lot, that dead-ends at our gate. Do not block gate access. Carpooling is strongly encouraged, as parking is limited.

Dinner at 4:45 or so at Clyde Iron Works upper level bar area - order from a limited menu; 2920 W Michigan St, Duluth

RSVP to Betty Greene by October 10 (WLSSD needs to know whether a 2nd tour group is needed) - let me know if you will be attending tour, dinner or both

bgreene@d.umn.edu 218-525-7851 (landline)

PALS Visit to Hawk Ridge In September



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: October 5 and 19

Thursday Chum Dinner: October 20

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 .

All Non-Perishable Food Is Welcome
(These are the most needed items)

- Rice
- Spaghettios/ravioli
- Canned beef stew
- Canned baked beans
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned chunky soup/chicken noodle soup
- Spam
- Peanut butter
- Mac n Cheese



You can drop off your donations Monday through Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm at Chum Food Shelf (120 N 1st Ave W.) Please use the alley entrance.

Thank you!

Stepping On Up: Community Education Series

Do you usher on Sunday mornings and wonder what to do if someone comes to ask for help?

Do you wonder how to respond when a you are approached for a “handout”?

Do you wish you had more confidence in responding to needy persons in our community?



Sign up for the Fall sessions offered by Stepping On Up. (Please note the change in location from month to month).

Learning Together—Responding in Community

October 6: Youth Homelessness, First Covenant

October 20: Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence, First Covenant

November 3: Substance Use Recovery and Harm Reduction, Twelve Holy Apostles

November 17: Understanding and De-Escalating Conflict, Twelve Holy Apostles

**Go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5004629> to register. Once registered, you will receive reminders for each session.

CHUM Street Outreach Dinner November 10

You're invited to the 2022 CHUM Street Outreach Dinner. This event is an effort to raise \$60,000 for CHUM's Street Outreach Program.

Deb Holman, CHUM street outreach specialist, works with people who are living on the streets or in the woods in Duluth. She does what is necessary to keep them safe and assist them with keeping appointments that help them obtain housing. This is often a long process with many small successes each year. During the dinner, you will hear about the Outreach Program, its history of success, and future plans. Deb will answer your questions about this important work.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 if purchased by October 15, and \$50 thereafter. The deadline to purchase tickets is October 25. For more information and to register, check out the event page on the CHUM website: <https://www.chumduluth.org/outreach.htm>

Peace Delegates to CHUM

Louise Hawley 2022-2023

Annette Strom 2022-2024

Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

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. Coffee Hour Coordinators for October are Sharon Crosby and Robin Davidson

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Help with Sunday morning hospitality—welcoming and assisting the worshipping congregation. Sign up through the links in weekly emails or access Sign up Genius through our website. Click on the For Volunteers button on the home page, www.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 office@peaceucc.org or access the schedule on our website under the menu “for volunteers.” Here is the schedule for this month:

- October 3 Robin Davidson
- October 10 Gayle and Jack Kelly
- October 17 Veronica Gaidelis-Langer
- October 24 Judy Derauf
- October 31 open

Ann Schepers is the new contact person for Dorothy Day House. Please text Anne at 218-341-2223 when you need to drop off your meal. Thanks!

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Peace People

Thank You!

- Thanks to all the wonderful musicians who provided special music in September:
- Thank you to Cyndi Brown for providing delicious a soup and bread lunch for church staff.
- Thank you to Gudrun and Geof Witrak for hosting the confirmation retreat at their home on September 18.
- Thank you to Tyler, Cai and Paul for continuing to share their time and talent on the tech team! Also, please welcome Mark Kaczmarczyk to our team!
- Thank you to Kay Stevens for bringing cheese cake in honor of Nancy Nelson.
- Thank you to the crew who hosted Pride breakfast.
- Thank you to Holly Pederson, UCC Chaplain and member of Peace, who has been visiting our members at Viewcrest Nursing Facility and Silver Bay Vererans' Home.

Book Talk by Alice Marks

Peace Church member and one of many authors in the church, Alice Marks, will give a book talk about her third mystery novel, RV Murder at Zenith Bookstore, 318 N. Central Ave. inest Duluth, on October 9th. The event will be held at 4:00 PM, and Peace mystery lovers are especially invited by the author.

Keep in Your Prayers

- Jan Eschbach is recovering from electrical burns from her accident three years ago. She is dealing with every day challenges and appreciates the prayers from her church family.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson and others.
- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggie 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.

In Sympathy

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane and Peter Aas at the death of Jane's mother, Mary Keyport.
- We extend our sympathy to Peggy Skylondz and family on the death of her brother John and nephew Joe.



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