



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

July 2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Fourth of July Weekend

8:30 and 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 Coffee Hour in the narthex
10:30 service *livestream*

Sermon at both services by Rev. Terese Tomanek, Guest preacher
"How Do I Serve?"
with Chaplain Gudrun Witrak, Liturgist

July 9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion *livestream*
9:30 Coffee hour in narthex
10:30 Worship in the **Tent**

Baptism of Asa Deschenes
Sermon at both services by
Dr. Budd Friend-Jones

"Can Anything Good Come Out of
the Cleveland Airport?"

How the UCC Statement of Faith Came to Be"

July 16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Lake Superior Sunday

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 Coffee hour in the narthex
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary *livestream*

Liturgical Dance at both services by
Annette Strom & Susan Ranfranz
Music by Jennifer Boyle

Sermon at both services by
Dr. Budd Friend-Jones
"Holy Water"

July 23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion in the **Tent**
9:30 Coffee Hour *outside*
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary *livestream*

Sermon at both services by
Dr. Budd Friend-Jones
"On Nags and Ministers"

July 30 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 Coffee Hour in the narthex
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary *livestream*
11:30 Farewell Reception for Budd

Sermon at both services by
Dr. Budd Friend-Jones
"Jesus Has My Back"

Rev. Nathan Holst's Ordination

"People of
God, what is
your will?"
"We affirm that
Nathan Holst is
worthy! Come,
Holy Spirit!"



On June 25th, the Minnesota Conference and Peace Church enthusiastically ordained Nathan Holst to Christian ministry. The whole day was a meaningful celebration of Nathan's faith formation ministry at Peace and his readiness to be ordained. Many thanks for all the contributions to the day: Food and Fellowship (especially Cathy Ameel) for lunch; the council (especially Melissa Boyle and Susan Goltz) for the evening reception; Jim Pospisil, Gudrun Witrak and the choir for worship leadership; Bri Dornbush, Dan Shepard and Alex Nelson for support throughout the day; Children's ministry (especially Julie Flotten and Pat Nelson) for the Story for All Ages skit; Pastor Budd Friend-Jones for crafting liturgy and Pastor Charlotte Frantz for general organizing and planning.



The Tent is Up!

Thank you, Scout Troop 44 for setting up the Peace Tent. We will worship under the tent at 10:30 on July 9 and at 8:30 on July 23.

The tent is also available to groups and teams for meetings during the summer. Please reserve it as you would reserve any room in the building. A cart of chairs will be available to you in Fellowship Hall so that you can set out as many as you need. Please return them to the cart when you are finished. Reservations can be made through the church office: (office@peaceucc.org.)

Peace in Transition

Now What?

Next steps in Transition

Nathan's departure means more transition! The Human Resources Committee is currently making arrangements for a part-time, temporary position directing Youth and Children's Ministry. This person will work with Mariah Keifer and volunteers to support ministry to children, youth and families during the summer and early fall. Staff and volunteers are picking up other responsibilities that were part of Nathan's work. The Human Resources Committee and staff want to ensure that Peace's program and ministry will continue and at the same time remain flexible enough to accommodate the work of the Search Committee.

A Message from Rev. Nathan Holst

As I end my time here at Peace, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for all the connections, the meaningful moments, and for the opportunity to be your Faith Formation Minister for these last many years. It has been such a gift to serve this church. I love you and I am excited for what comes next in the life of Peace.



This summer, I'll be focused on moving and then investing myself in a new community. If you reach out, I may not respond--especially as I settle in this first year. For this next month, Bri can coordinate forwarding any communication to me. Once I start at my new church, I plan to send my contact information to Bri. You are all welcome to visit St. John's UCC on Madeline Island anytime. May you be blessed with peace and be filled with the possibilities of the Spirit.

From the Moderator

Greetings!

I'm your newly elected moderator Jessica Olson, and I am looking forward to serving the congregation in this role for the coming year. My spouse Justin and I live in the Chester Park neighborhood with our teenagers Gus and Heidi, our dog Nigel, and two summertime-resident guinea pigs (Maddy and Chocolate Chip).

Your coordinating council met on June 20th and received reports from our pastors, standing committees and teams. We approved minutes from the May council meeting and reviewed minutes from the June 11th congregational meeting.

The congregational meeting included three important votes:

- 1) Election of the new coordinating council and gratitude to councilors who stepped down this year.
- 2) Approval of a loan or line of credit for up to \$50,000 for sealing and repairing our flat roof.
- 3) Approval to proceed with developing lease agreements with Stepping on Up partners for the purpose of transforming our former daycare wing into transitional housing for homeless young people.

At our June council meeting, we voted to proceed with patching, sealing and striping our upper parking lot. We also approved new language in the employee handbook related to HSA and IRA benefits, as well as a new Respectful Workplace policy.

The property team reported that an energy audit of the building was scheduled for June 21st. Property team members have been learning about heating and cooling options for our building, including federal and state-level incentives available for churches to transition to geothermal and solar. Stay tuned, or feel free to come to a property team meeting to participate in this process!

This summer is certainly a time of transition for Peace Church. We said a fond farewell to newly ordained Faith Formation minister Nathan Holst, who will be starting a journey as lead pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ on Madeline Island. The HR team has worked with Nathan to develop a job description for a new Children's and Youth Minister, as well as a task list for the next several weeks. We anticipate hiring a temporary part-time employee to assist with some of these tasks until a new permanent position is filled.

Pastor Budd will be leaving Peace Church at the end of July. The council is working on a plan to cover the next bridge period before the arrival of a new settled pastor and will keep the congregation informed about this process. The search committee continues to work hard on behalf of our congregation – often meeting weekly(!) to review resumes, conduct interviews, and evaluate candidates. Please extend a huge thanks to members of that committee when you see them and keep them and the process in your prayers. We look forward to welcoming a new settled pastor when the time comes.

In our continuing journey of change, thank you for encouraging each other along the way. Thanks, too, for your support of the coordinating council. We appreciate your feedback, your prayers, and your willingness to grow together. Good things are ahead.

Peace, Jessica



Peace Activities and Groups

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Our Bible study is led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens. We meet in “Room and Zoom” in the Fireside Room each week. Watch the weekly emails for information on the text for the week.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, July 24th, 5:00-6:00pm

If you or a loved one have had cancer (in the past or currently) and would like to connect with others, you are invited to join our Making Meaning out of Malignancy group. The group meets monthly in a “Room and Zoom” format. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Monday Book Group

This group is taking a break for the summer; Watch for more information in the fall.

Men’s Breakfast

Every other Thursday 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. We will meet Thursday, July 13th and 27th.



Therapeutic SomaYoga

Mondays 9:00-10:15am

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) will be given to the church. Come in person or contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.

PALS

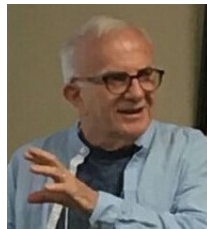
There is no PALS event scheduled for July. Our next event will be our annual picnic and planning session on Thursday, August 10th. Details will follow at a later date.

Coffee and Conversation

Watch the weekly email reminders for information regarding occasional “Coffee and Conversation” topics at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. If you have a topic you’d like to gather with others to discuss, please contact Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org)

From the Bridge Minister

On Gratitude



My son and I once traveled to the large Ewe city of Ho in the Volta Region of Ghana. Throughout our visit we were the recipients of a wondrous generosity — all the more awesome when we saw the lack of so many things that

we take for granted. Every evening a different group brought drums, dancing, songs and laughter to share with us. On Sundays we worshipped (again with dance, drums and song) in energetic services that lasted at least four hours each. But we really had come to climb ladders, straddle roof trusses and help construct a fellowship hall. We really had come to lug buckets of sand and cement and to dig (by hand) foundations for a new church building.

During our visit we were befriended by one of the host congregation’s leading families. They welcomed us into their home, took us on tours of the community, told us stories and introduced us to many local people. They had one daughter, 13, named “Akpe” (pronounced Ak-Pay). We asked about the meaning of her name.

“When she was born,” her father answered, “we just wanted to say ‘Thank you.’ We were so grateful. So we called her ‘Akpe.’ That is how we say ‘thank you’ in Ewe — Akpe!”

“Now,” her mother added, “every time we say our daughter’s name, we also are saying ‘thank you’ for this blessing. And every time we say ‘thank you’ for any kindness done for us, we also think of our daughter.”

If each of us could incorporate such gratitude into our everyday lives! We have many reasons to be thankful — and most of them — like Akpe — have faces. Imagine that every person’s name secretly means “thank you”. Imagine that, when we greet our neighbors or associates, instead of staying “Hi, how are you?” we are really saying, “Thank You”. Would that change our view of everything?

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Wednesday, July 19th. Send articles to
bri@peaceucc.org

A Word for Justice

Peace UCC and St. Mark's AME celebrate Juneteenth together

A large and enthusiastic gathering from Peace Church and St. Mark's AME came together for our second Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the Hillside Sports Center, sponsored by the NAACP. The Hillside Gospel Choir led us in spirited praise music. Six students received Arthur Foy Scholarships; Anthony Galloway preached, and the NAACP provided a warm brunch and fellowship.



Foy Scholarship Recipients

The Foy scholarships are a memorial to Pastor Arthur Foy who served St. Mark AME church and the Duluth community in the late 1990's and early 2000's. Pastor Foy believed deeply in the value of education and encouraged young people to pursue higher education. He was killed in an automobile accident in 2004. The memorial scholarships continue his legacy. 2023 Foy Scholars are:

Claire Atella, East High School. She helped build up the youth group at her church. She learned a lot about the value of community when she was given the opportunity to attend the Scott Anderson Leadership Forum. Claire intends to pursue a degree in social work.

Sariyah Crawford, Denfeld High School. She helped create a Mental Wellness Club, and has been a peer educator with Planned Parenthood. Her dream is to become a doctor.

Stella Harbison, East High School. She was a Teen Leader for the Twin Ports Teen Science Café. She has been involved in Sources of Strength an effort to raise mental health awareness. She hopes to someday become a pediatric doctor.

Rachel Hagen, East High School. She is a Youth Leader who works with younger children at her church, sorts clothing donations for the church's free store and helps at the church's food shelf.

Neva Zigich, Denfeld High School. During the pandemic, she took responsibility for many chores at home, excelled in remote learning herself, and oversaw her younger siblings remote learning. She is interested in Exercise Physiology and the broader field of Physical Therapy.

JhaQuinn Smith, Superior Senior High School. He participated in the Upward Bound Program at UWS and volunteered regularly at Great Lakes Elementary School. He hopes to become an elementary or secondary education teacher.

The Rhubarb fest 2023



The Rhubarb fest was a great success thanks to Peace Church and all the other participating local congregations. We are waiting for the final numbers, but all indications show a record breaking year. What a great way to start CHUM's 50th anniversary celebration! A few shout outs to our congregation: thank you to all the rhubarb donators, rhubarb choppers, rhubarb crisp bakers and of course to those of you who shopped, ate, and supported the raffle. We couldn't do it without you!

Many thanks to the following people who helped with the CHUM Rhubarb Festival baking here at Peace.

Rhubarb choppers:

Ed Proetz, Dennis Hamsher, Chuck Goman, Pat Devlin, Dick Goese and Dennis's granddaughter Zalia.

Rhubarb bakers:

Jo Johnson, Marci Tuggle, Jackie Frye, Jan Eschbach, Laura Tonkin, Lynn Devlin, Lori Dando, Katie Nicoletti, Pat Sjoding, Annette Strom, Louise Hawley, Cathy Ameal, Maxine Proetz, Marsha Hystead and Linda Goese.

We made 60 rhubarb crisps. Each \$15.00 rhubarb crisp provides 45 meals to a visitor to the CHUM Food Shelf.

Climate Corner

This month we'd like to draw your attention to dates related to our changing climate and to ways you may participate in related local activities.

Lake Superior Day, July 16

You've probably heard a lot in the media lately about Duluth being a 'Climate Refuge' city. We aren't going to go into all the issues involved with that today, but instead we will point out that Duluth's Great Lake, Superior, is not immune to the changing climate's effects. We have included a link to a 2021 article from *Great Lakes Now* that helps understand some of the biggest concerns: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4v5sy4><https://tinyurl.com/yc4v5sy4> To learn more and to celebrate this awesome body of water that provides us recreation, commerce, drinking water, solace, beauty and so much more, participate in Lake Superior Day activities around the Duluth-Superior area.

Climate Emergency Day, July 22 On this day the Climate Clock ticks down to below six years for the first time. This means we have less than six years to dramatically reduce fossil fuel emissions to stay below 1.5C degrees warming. People around the world will hold rallies, special events and press conferences. In Duluth, a rally recognizing the climate work that is currently being done, overviews of studies and recommendations for actions will be held at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall. Please join us! Additionally, Duluth and communities around the world are organizing climate awareness campaigns between July 17-22. See the Climate Clock website: <https://tinyurl.com/vmvrueu>.

A Word for Justice



July Special Offering One Roof



One Roof, an agency included in Peace's Christian Service budget, provides avenues to housing for lower income individuals and families. The Community Land Trust program is now part of One Roof. Staff from One Roof provide guidance to prospective renters and home owners and has a tool lending library for do-it-yourself projects. Their construction company, Common Ground, rehabs houses for lower income buyers. In partnership with Stepping On Up, One Roof is preparing to break ground for Plover Place, a supportive housing development for persons experiencing homelessness. Watch for special offerings in worship on July 9 and 16. Offerings can also be made [online](#). We appreciate your help in providing Peace's gift to One Roof.

MN Conference Annual Meeting Report

Nathan Holst and Charlotte Frantz attended the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference June 8th-10th. Nathan provided musical leadership during plenary sessions and worship.

Charlotte attended an Anti-Racism workshop led by Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown, a colleague of Pastor Anthony Galloway at Dendros Group. Jia made the distinction between multiculturalism, where cultures exist in proximity to one another and intercultural connections, where cultures are engaged with one another and their various narratives. Changes in communities need to begin with an awareness of the implicit bias that informs each person's world view. Later this year, Dr. Brown and Pastor Anthony will lead a training in Racial Consciousness for Peace members.

The one prophetic resolution brought to the Conference called upon UCC members and congregations as well as the Conference to advocate for full funding of English Language Learner and Special Education services in public education. This resolution will be forwarded for consideration at the 2025 General Synod.

Two congregations joined the Minnesota Conference. United Faith Community in Buffalo is a small congregation that worships in a conference room of a local organization. Ole Olson is their pastor and the congregation is involved in an inspiring amount of advocacy, mission outreach, and public witness in the community. People's Congregational Church in Bayport was also received into Conference membership. Pastored by Rev. Clare Gromoll, People's Congregational will also maintain its membership with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

In her State of the Conference address, the Rev. Shari Prestemon talked about the challenges of the church in a post-Covid time. She identified imagination as vital to the church in this time. "Re-imagination is a core strategy for our future," she said, "a tool for noticing & seizing the new thing God is longing to do in this "Age of the Spirit."

There were a number of workshops offered. Charlotte learned about the North Star (Safety, Trust and Respect) Act, a bill that would provide for increased safety for immigrants living in Minnesota. A North Star Alliance includes dozens of faith-based and social justice organizations who see this legislation as an urgent moral imperative. Advocating for this legislation certainly fits with Peace's Immigrant Welcoming Initiative and the Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice. Watch for more information.

For more information about the Conference and links to several presentations and addresses, go to <https://www.uccmn.org/2023/06/14/six-takeaways-from-annual-meeting/>. The Annual meeting includes inspiring worship and time for networking with friends, colleagues, and delegates from UCC congregations around the state.

Charlotte Frantz, delegate

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 (grades 6-8) Youth Group

We've officially started our summer break for our Wednesday night youth group. Instead of meeting weekly, we'll have periodic gatherings, so stay tuned for more. Mariah will be leading our youth gatherings throughout the summer.

Children's Church in the Summer

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday this summer during the 10:30 service! We often have a group of about 10-15 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. 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 read stories), and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join.

Nursery

The Nursery will be closed for the summer. Look in August's Peace Bell to find out when we will be back open!

Middle School Camping Trip

Friday – Sunday, August 11th– 13th

We're headed back to Camp Amnicon this year for a few days of fun in the outdoors. Middle school youth (that includes incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders)—join us for our camping trip! We'll be heading to Camp Amnicon (45 away in 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. We will leave from Peace in the early afternoon on Friday, August 11th and return before lunch on Sunday, August 13th.

Incoming 6th graders

Calling all incoming 6th graders! Now that you are entering middle school, we want to welcome you to our middle school youth group. If you're an incoming 6th grader and want to join any of our middle school youth activities in the summer, we would love to have you. We especially want to encourage you to come with us on our camping trip to Camp Amnicon. Check it out!

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

Over forty children from three congregations (Peace UCC, The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, and Pilgrim UCC) enthusiastically participated in our annual Peace Village. Sixteen youth leaders joined their adult counterparts to lead workshops on conflict resolution, media literacy, connecting with nature, and mindfulness movement. Our thanks to all the volunteers who made this program so fun, educational and interesting! Especially thanks to Nathan Holst (Peace), Katie Kline (UUCD) and Carla Bailey (Pilgrim).



Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars or an equivalent veggie or fruit. If you are willing to help out one Sunday in July, please contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org

Prayer Shawls

You may have noticed a blurb asking for more prayer shawls from our knitters and crocheters. Thanks to several members who have already donated one, or are knitting and crocheting away, even in the summer. These prayer shawls are a gift to our Peace members. When someone has surgery, or a new diagnosis, has lost a loved one, or seems lonely and in need of comfort, I will bring one to them along with a prayer.

They are received gratefully!
If you are new to Peace Church and would like a pattern and yarn suggestions, contact me.
With great thanks!
Gudrun Witrak,
Pastoral Care Chaplain
gwittrak@gmail.com



Monday Meals for Loaves and Fishes

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

- July 3rd**– Open
- July 10th**– Tom & Christine Day
- July 17th**– Gayle & Jack Kelly
- July 24th**– Open
- July 31st**– Open

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If you are willing to serve as an usher, greeter or lay reader, let us know by sending an email to office@peaceucc.org.

Peace People

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Sam Peterson and others.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Charla Buxbaum's family for the loss of Leo Buxbaum. Click here to view his obituary.

<https://www.duluthnewtribune.com/obituaries/obits/leo-joseph-buxbaum>

Thank you's

- Linda & Dick Goese for providing Coleus and planting the container gardens by the front entrance.
- Kirby and Cathy Wood for watering all the flowers in the Church
- To Scout Troop #44 for taking the responsibility for the Tent
- A huge Thank you from Nathan Holst to everybody
- Dick & Linda Goese for the Coordination with the Rhubarb Festival
- Thank you to everyone who helped out with Rev. Nathan Holst's Ordination event.

2023-2024 Coordinating Council

Moderator	Jessica Olson
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 Music Director: Jim Pospisil

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