



# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Peace Church calls the Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

On Sunday, September 17, Peace Church voted unanimously to call the Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis as our settled minister. Pastor Corinne will begin her ministry with Peace on January 8, 2024. Currently she and her family live in St. Paul. She served as an associate pastor at Plymouth UCC in Des Moines, Iowa and associate pastor at Macalester-Plymouth Church in St. Paul. She also worked for the interfaith organization, ISIAH, as a congregational organizer. Sunday's worship service, led by Pastor Corinne, is posted on Peace's YouTube channel.



*Dear Peace Church,*

*I write to you with gratitude and excitement! What a wonderful weekend together. I await our ministry together with great anticipation.*

*A few words of thanks:*

- *To the search committee for their patient, Spirit-led work over many months. I am grateful God led us to one another!*
- *To Charlotte, Jim, Amanda, Gary, choir, band, and congregation for a meaningful time in worship together.*
- *To the Food and Fellowship team for the wonderful hospitality on both Saturday and Sunday.*
- *To the staff for the many behind-the-scenes details managed so smoothly.*
- *To the church council, committees, and teams for leading boldly and steadfastly through transition.*
- *To all of you, for your openness and willingness to embark on this journey together.*

*My start date at Peace is Monday, January 8, 2024. This will allow a smooth transition for our kindergartener over winter break and some time for us to prepare and sell our home in St. Paul. We are lucky to have already secured a rental in the Lakewood/Lester Park neighborhood and look forward to finding schools for both of our children.*

*Speaking of children, my family was sad to miss meeting everyone due to our son's covid exposure, so I thought I'd give you a quick intro. Phoebe is 5 and is in kindergarten. She loves the outdoors and is curious and gregarious. Ori is 2 and has been home with me full-time since he was 10 months old. He is independent and reserved, and you'll find him with trucks and trains and books most of the time. My spouse, Greg, is a software developer whose company is fully remote. He grew up Jewish and considers himself non religious, and we are on a grace-filled journey as we figure out life as an interfaith family.*

*I look forward to connecting with you all in January! In the meantime, please email Bri ([office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org)) if you have important FYIs to share. Know that I will be receiving updates from Pastor Charlotte and the staff if there are big changes impacting the life of the church between now and January. I am active on Facebook and Instagram and have a policy that I will accept all friend requests from Peace folks in January when I start, but not before then. I consider social media to be an important ministry tool that I'd like to save for when I'm officially your minister! Also important to know: I won't send friend requests to you as I don't want you to feel that pressure from your pastor. So do reach out if you want to connect in that way in January.*

*In the meantime, blessings on your work and life as a congregation. I am excited to see where the Spirit will lead us!*

*Peace, Pastor Corinne*

## Sundays at a Glance

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering**

- 8:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
**9:30 Forum:** Usher training  
**10:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
Children's Church and Nursery Care  
**11:30 Coffee Hour**  
**11:30 Orientation to Peace**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Indigenous People's Sunday**

- 8:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Dr. Gary Boelhower  
**9:30 Breakfast for Families with Young Children**  
**10:30 Worship** with sermon by Dr. Gary Boelhower; Blessing of Confirmands  
Children's Church and Nursery Care  
**11:30 Coffee Hour**  
**11:30 Prayer Chain Gathering and Lunch**  
**1:00 Hillside Gospel Choir Rehearsal**

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **New Member Sunday Special offering for AICHO**

- 8:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
**9:30 Forum:** Building Racial Consciousness  
Presentation by Rev. Anthony Galloway  
**10:30 Worship** and sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
Children's Church and Nursery Care  
**11:30 Coffee Hour**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 8:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
**9:30 Forum:** Stewardship and Financial Commitment  
**10:30 Worship** with sermon by Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
Children's Church and Nursery Care  
**11:30 Coffee Hour**

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Reformation Sunday**

- 8:30 Worship** with Holy Communion  
Sermon by Rev. Tom Liddle  
**9:30 Forum:** What have we learned during this interim time?  
**10:30 Worship** with sermon by Rev. Tom Liddle  
Children's Church and Nursery Care  
**11:30 Intergenerational Fall Fest  
Dedication of Dove**

## Sunday Forums

### **Strengthening our Community**

#### **October 1<sup>st</sup> Usher Training**

There have been some changes in usher responsibilities and we want to make sure all ushers are confident in their ability to provide Sunday morning hospitality and support for our worship services. We'll talk a bit about responding to incidents, how to take the offering and serve communion, support from staff, and scheduling. For all ushers and anyone interested in the possibility of ushering. 9:30 in the Fireside Room.

#### **October 8<sup>th</sup> No forum - Breakfast for families with young children in the Staff Lounge**

#### **October 15<sup>th</sup> Building Racial Consciousness with Rev. Anthony Galloway**

Peace is embarking on a four part conversation to develop better understandings of our individual and congregational racial identity. Learn more about this effort and maybe sign up for the four part conversation. (see page 8 for more information.) 9:30 in the Fireside Room

#### **October 22<sup>nd</sup> Stewardship and Financial Commitments**

Peace changes lives. Some lives are changed by what folks experience here; other lives are changed because of the work Peace does in the community. Did you know that 95% of our support is from the financial commitments our members and friends make? We ask friends and members to make commitments based on ability and circumstance. There are several options for making your commitment and fulfilling it - come, find out more. 9:30 in the Fireside Room.

#### **October 29<sup>th</sup> This Interim Time: what have we learned?**

As this interim time comes to a close, we want to gather up our learnings and reflect a bit on this time between settled pastors. We're learning to live with COVID, we've made transitions in our staffing pattern and hired new staff; our congregation has been through organizational changes. Come and help us reflect on what it all has meant and what we've learned. 9:30 in the Fireside Room.

# Peace in Transition

## From the Bridge Minister

Dear Friends,

The excitement and joy on September 17<sup>th</sup> was palpable - there was so much excitement in the air! Pastor Corinne seems to be the pastor Peace has been looking for. It's clear to me, even from the sidelines, that Mike Swanoski and the Search Committee were attentive to the Spirit's promptings - as Corinne must also have been.

Given that Pastor Corinne will not begin until early January, the Coordinating Council voted to extend my contract through this final portion of the interim time. I will give Corinne occasional updates about what is happening here and make her aware of dates she will need to put on her calendar.

I look forward to sharing the next three months with you - I love the liturgical richness of this time of year - World Communion Sunday, New members, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Not to mention Stewardship and planning how we will support our ministry in 2024.

My work with you will include consolidating some of the learnings during this interim time, preparing summary notes about some of our programming, and offering various kinds of support to lay leaders so that they can help orient Corinne as she begins her work with them.

Some of you have asked what's next for me. I'm not sure. I've never lived a well-planned life. I have some house projects that need attention, I'm ready to consider downsizing; I have questions related to family history I want to research. I might spend a few weeks in a warmer climate mid-winter. Corinne and I will have some conversation about how I can be supportive of her ministry with you.

For the moment, though, I'm focused on the next three months and I trust that God will have a hand in whatever happens beyond that. As I often tell the Coordinating Council - I am grateful to do this work with you.

Pastor Charlotte Frantz

Peace Bell articles for November are due Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Send articles to [bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org)

## From the Moderator

Greetings!

The council met in September and received committee and pastoral reports. Highlights of the meeting include:

- A reading of John O'Donohue's poem, "For a New Beginning" and reflections around calling Pastor Corinne to Peace
- Approval of extending Pastor Charlotte's contract until Rev. Corinne's arrival
- Discussion of roof loan options, as interest rates have risen since we started the application process
- Discussion of the PK (Prioritizing Kids) fund, including how to raise funds to continue supporting youth events
- Updates on this year's stewardship drive planning
- The potential for Wednesday night meals in 2024 (and associated organizational efforts, staffing)
- Building Racial Consciousness series with Dendros to be held in four separate 4-hr sessions starting in November - open to all Peace members, and several council members plan to take part
- Review of updated organizational chart
- Huge thanks to the search committee

Peace, Jessica Olson

## Watch for the New Website

Among other changes, watch for the new Peace website. Rachel Obed has been working to move our website to a new platform. While much of the site is still the same, it's a cleaner, updated version. The changeover will happen sometime in the next two weeks. Many thanks to Janelle Kohls and Cindy McLean for their work on the old site. The QR code to Vanco giving will still work; other QR codes will need to be updated. It is also possible that the site will be down for a day or two as we transition. Thank you, Rachel, for this new and improved site.

## Wanted: Sound Techs

We are looking for sound board operators! Sound board operators are paid \$15.00/hour. Please contact Amanda at [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org), if you'd like to receive training to operate the sound board during worship and special events.

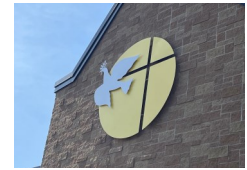
## Peace News

### Become a Member of Peace Church!

Have you been visiting Peace Church either in person or online? Is it time to recognize that you're part of this community? We'd love to welcome you! October 15<sup>th</sup> we will receive new members during worship. If you are interested, talk with Pastor Charlotte (make an appointment by contacting her at [charlotte@peaceucc.org](mailto:charlotte@peaceucc.org).) You can get membership information forms from Bri in the church office. Or come to the Orientation on October 1 immediately following the 10:30 service. (lunch and child care provided).

### The Dove: Symbol of Peace

The dove sculpture on the exterior of our building was first designed in 2010 by Peace member Gail Blum.



When she first imagined a fitting image for our congregation, she imagined a dove, "a fierce and purposeful bird with a strong back bone, maybe even one with some hawk in its DNA." As she worked with the design, she incorporated the risen sun and the cross and decided the dove needed to fly "decidedly left." Gail is a jewelry designer, and the design became, in her mind, a brooch for the new building.

By 2014 the sculpture had begun to show signs of weathering. In spite of repairs, the wooden pieces continued to deteriorate.

Gail redesigned the dove as Peace was preparing to celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and last week the new sculpture was installed. It continues to express Peace's "commitment to faith, hope an activism."

(Quotes from Gail Blum)

### Stepping On Up Update

A working group of Peace members met regularly through the summer and plans are underway! On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Olson, Pam Kramer, Joel Kilgour (representing Stepping On Up) and Dawn Shykes (representing Lutheran Social Service) presented an update to Peace members during the 9:30 Forum. The presentation was recorded and is linked to the Peace website. In summary, attorneys Dan Maddy and Caitlin Crowl have been providing pro bono services to develop the lease on Peace's behalf. CHUM will lease the space and do the necessary renovation; once that is done, LSS will lease the space and provide the programming and supervision. Much of the funding is in place and John Erikson and Gabe Zaun are providing architectural services to CHUM. A community meeting was held for the neighborhood in August and postcards were sent to neighbors to let them know of the proposed plans in September. Additionally, a community education meeting will be held at Peace on November 2<sup>nd</sup> on the topic of Youth Homelessness. The renovated space will provide supportive shelter for 10-12 young adults ages 18-24. There will not be an indoor access between Peace Church and the shelter. Plans are in place for upgraded security of both the building and parking lot. It is hoped that renovation and rent payments can begin in November or December, depending on grant disbursement timing and other variables.

2023 Peace Stewardship Campaign

Because of **You** our church changes lives.

### Stewardship Kickoff Dinner

**October 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

We are embarking on a very exciting time in the life of Peace United Church of Christ. As we plan to welcome our new settled pastor, Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis, joining us in January 2024, we are reaching out to all members and friends, asking you to recommit to this church we love.

In the midst of major change, a global pandemic, and learning how to "be church" in a variety of ways we might never have expected, Peace Church has continued to be a strong, welcoming community to everyone who passes through our doors, and many who never will.

**We hope you will join us for a Stewardship Kickoff Dinner on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.**

Let's fill the Fellowship Hall and celebrate the strong community we have at Peace Church. Enjoy a lovely catered dinner, a message from our new pastor, inspiring stories of generosity and great entertainment. Childcare will be provided that evening. **Please RSVP by October 8th to [bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org).**

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## 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, October 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" and in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle,

### Choir Rehearsals

**Wednesdays at 6:15pm**

Come try out the choir! We would love to have new members. Come to a rehearsal and see if it is something you would like to participate in. We rehearse 6:15 to 7:30 on Wednesdays in the sanctuary, and sing for the 10:30 Sunday services. Contact Jim Pospisil at [jim@peaceucc.org](mailto:jim@peaceucc.org) if you have any more questions.

### Monday Book Group

In October the Monday Book Group will continue reading and discussing *Omigamiising: Seasons of an Ojibwe Year* by Linda LeGarde Grover. We will cover the last two sections of the book, Dagwaagin-Fall and Biboon-Winter, on Monday October 2nd.

On Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> the author will meet with us. Linda LeGarde Grover, a member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe, lives in Duluth and is professor emerita of American Indian studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

"Reading Linda LeGarde Grover's inspiring essays feels like having tea with a generous Ojibwe elder as she threads traditional teachings through family vignettes and tribal stories. In clear-eyed, compassionate prose, Grover's reflections demonstrate how Ojibwe culture and values continue to thrive despite the challenges of modern-day life."

We will meet in the Fireside Room at 3:00pm and also by Zoom. Email [pcragun@d.umn.edu](mailto:pcragun@d.umn.edu) to be included on the email and to receive the Zoom link.

### PALS

**When:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm

**What:** A private tour of Fairlawn Museum

**Where:** 906 East 2nd Superior, WI

**Cost:** \$10 per person to be paid to Christine Day by **10/24**. You can send a check to 4701 Jay Street Duluth 55804

Dinner will follow at 5:15pm at VIP Pizza/Restaurant at 1201 Tower Ave Superior  
Attendees can order off the menu

### UPCOMING PALS EVENTS

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** - repackage food for CHUM food shelf

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - party time

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** - revisit the "Twilight Zone"

**From Nancy**

**Nelson:** Thanks to the PALS group for inviting me to talk about the history of



Enger Park at your September meeting. It was a fun evening and such a pleasure to see so many Peace Church friends!

### Peace Fall Fest

**October 29, 11:30 am**

Fall Fest is Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 service! This will be a fun time for all ages to gather and play games, eat goodies, make crafts and dress in (non-violent) costumes. More details will be coming in the weekly Church-wide emails.

After Fall Fest we will continue to have other Family Fun Events once a month, stay tuned for details for November and December gatherings!

### 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](mailto:roblee91@msn.com) for the Zoom link.

## Peace Activities and Groups

### 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, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Breakfast for Parents of Young Children and Baby Photos, Too

October 8, 9:30am

Do you have a child preschool age or under? Join us on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for a light breakfast and good conversation. We will be discussing how Peace can help you in your journey of parenthood, including topics like: how is the nursery working for you – are more hours needed? What opportunities for enrichment with other families would you like to see happening at Peace?

And while we have our babies here, how about a Peace baby photo? We haven't taken a group picture of babies since COVID. How about our COVID babies (born 2020 and 2021) and our post-COVID babies (born 2022 and 2023)? See you and your littles on October 8.



### Gathering Sunday

On September 10<sup>th</sup> during our 9:30 Coffee hour we had the pleasure of many people coming together. Some of the activities we did are:

- Made a Welcome Banner for Rev. Corrine for her to see on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Harvesting and weeding in the Peace Church Garden
- Tied Baby Blanket for Newborn babies at Church
- Wrote friendly messages to our Homebound Peace members.
- Had pictures taken for our Instant Church Directory



It was a great opportunity for people to come together, visit, show some love to our homebound members and see what Peace Church can offer.

### Prayer Chain Gathering

October 8, 11:30am

Hello, Prayer Chain!

Linda and Lynn are inviting you to a get-together on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 service in the Fireside Room to meet your fellow "prayer-ers" and to hear what the prayer chain means to you and those we pray for. Are there ways we can improve? What works well?

Peace is blessed to have such an active prayer chain and we want to acknowledge your dedication. Snacks will be provided.

### 2024 Budget

The Finance Committee and office staff are starting to prepare the 2024 budget worksheet. Teams and committees, please add 2024 budget requests to your October meeting agenda. We would like your requests turned into Rachel during the month of October. Team and committee leaders will receive more detailed information shortly, including 2023 budget information. Budgets and/or questions can be sent to Rachel Obed at [rachel@peaceucc.org](mailto:rachel@peaceucc.org).

### Bible Presentation



On Gathering Sunday, the Kindergarten and Third Grade classes were presented with their Bibles at the 10:30 service. The Third Grade Bible includes

helpful questions, definitions, and commentary to give older children context and greater understanding of what they are reading. This is a Bible that can accompany children into their teenage years and beyond and can be a great resource for family discussions. The Kindergarten Bible is a wonderful translation of Bible stories by Archbishop Desmond Tutu with many colorful illustrations and prompts for simple prayers to get little ones thinking. If your child is in Third Grade or Kindergarten and did not receive a Bible, please contact Amanda at [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org) and we will make sure to get one for them.



## Children, Youth and Families

Hello Peace Families,

I'm so thrilled to be working with you as your new Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator. It is a busy time as we are developing, and beginning to put in place, a lot of programming for the fall and the coming year. I enjoy getting to know our children and youth better, trying to learn the many rules of Gaga ball (and make it through a game!), and finding there is wonderful support for the spiritual growth of our young people through the Peace's many volunteers and parents .

In addition to having fun, building friendships and community at our weekly and monthly gatherings, we will be interweaving spiritual practices into those weekly and monthly rhythms. Spiritual practices can be things like labyrinth walking, many kinds of art making, lectio divina and visio divina, different forms of prayer, prayer bracelets, and so on. Spiritual practices build a grounding of resilience that will support our young folks into the future and can be modified to be developmentally engaging to each age level.

Here are some other things we are considering as we build programming for this year:

- Beginning Bible literacy at elementary ages and continuing to a more in depth understanding of the Bible as a resource of our faith in Confirmation classes.
- Encouraging curiosity and questioning about our faith journeys!
- Finding opportunities for intergenerational connection.
- Participating in service opportunities in the community.
- Continuing Peace's strong tradition of justice-seeking and committing to anti-racist curriculums and practices.

It's going to be a good year! Please contact me at [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org) if you want to volunteer in some way to help our young folks or if you have any feedback or questions.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

### Nursery

Nursery Staff are available in our nursery rooms (past our church office and back through the children's library) during the 10:30 service, during the Parents of Young Children Breakfast and the Building Racial Consciousness forum at the 9:30 hour on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/sign out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your children. Please let us know about any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

### Children's Church this Fall

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service. After the Story for All Ages, kids leave for Children's Church for 20-30 minutes where we sing, read stories, make art and have fun and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join us for sweet and lively time together!

### Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Youth group is back people! Every Wednesday at 6:00pm! In addition to building friendships and having fun, each month we will be engaging in a service opportunity. Through the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month we will be packing kits to benefit the Bethany Crisis Shelter's Crisis Nursery. The Crisis Nursery supports children and their families with short-term childcare by licensed providers. We are collecting full packages of size 5 or 6 diapers, diapers wipes, and full-size baby shampoo/wash and baby lotion. If you would like to donate items to the Crisis Nursery, please bring them to the Peace office.

### OWL (for 9th graders)

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Sexuality Curriculum is beginning Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to another great year of OWL. Keep our OWL students in prayer as they enter into this important time of learning and thinking about their personal values.

### High School Confirmation Classes

Our second year of Confirmation started on September 20<sup>th</sup>! Thanks to our wonderful facilitators in that class – Sara Olson Dean and Tres Commer. Our first year of Confirmation starts with a day retreat at Camp Amnicon on September 30<sup>th</sup> and classes begin on October 11<sup>th</sup>. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a blessing in worship for students entering this journey of spiritual growth, Bible study and consideration of their faith.

# A Word for Justice

## October Special Offering

### October 1<sup>st</sup> Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is an offering of the United Church of Christ. One-third of the offering supports our American Indian congregations (most of them located in rural North and South Dakota) All Nations Indian Church in Minneapolis and CAIM, the UCC Council for American Indian Ministries. Two thirds of the offering are used for justice related ministry grants to local congregations. This year the grants focus on environmental justice projects and advocacy.



### October 15<sup>th</sup> AICHO (American Indian Community Housing Organization)



Located at 202 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, AICHO honors the resiliency of Native American people by strengthening communities and centering Indigenous values in all aspects of their work. They provide housing and supportive services while also managing arts, cultural, and food sovereignty initiatives in Duluth, MN. Their operating philosophy is that every Native American deserves to live in a non-violent and non-threatening environment and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Peace gives support to AICHO through its Christian service budget. Your gift will make it possible for us to give this year.

### United Theological Seminary President In Duluth

On Saturday, October 7, **United Theological Seminary's** President, Molly T. Marshall, will be in Duluth for an afternoon gathering, "A Conversation about Meaning," beginning at 4:00 PM. Dr. Marshall is a noted theologian, professor of spiritual formation and often serves as a keynote speaker. First United Methodist Church (Coppertop) is hosting her visit. (It's not too late to make a gift to Peace for UTS, our Christian Service September Special offering!)



## Building Racial Consciousness

You are invited to be part of a conversation among Peace members and friends, facilitated by the Revs. Anthony Galloway and Jia Starr Brown of Dedros Group. This conversation will take place over four Saturday mornings, 8:30-12:30, and each conversation will be informed by previous conversations - so save these dates now!

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Our own racial autobiographies

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** - Our racialized historical context

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Patterns that are embedded in our congregational life

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** -What can we do to interrupt those patterns?

This series will help move Peace from its well-established role of support for BIPOC communities to becoming an ally in solidarity with St. Mark and other BIPOC communities in Duluth. Pastors Anthony and Jia have led other congregations through this process and we are fortunate to have them facilitating our conversation. To find out more, come to the Forum on October 15<sup>th</sup> to be led by Pastor Anthony Galloway. Registrations can be made through the church office ([office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).) by October 25<sup>th</sup>. The series is made possible in part through the Jubilee Fund of Peace Church.

## Immigrant Welcoming Center Trinity Church October 8th, 5:00pm

The Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice is celebrating the collaboration between Trinity Lutheran Church in Duluth and ICMJ as we form a **Welcome Center** at Trinity for migrants coming to Duluth. Peace's Immigrant Welcoming Ministry is carried out in collaboration with ICMJ.

A celebratory potluck will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1108 East 8th Street, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM All are welcome to attend. We ask you to bring a salad or dessert to share, if possible.

Questions? Email [Bethie.holst@gmail.com](mailto:Bethie.holst@gmail.com)





**The CHUM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** is October 16<sup>th</sup> (5:30 PM) at Lake Superior Ballroom at the DECC. This major fund-raiser is a celebration of our history with live music and a gourmet dinner. Tickets are \$100 and there will be a silent auction for CHUM. Louise Hawley is looking for eight folks to share a table. Remember, we were one of CHUM’s original congregations. Please contact her if you are interested. ([Lhawley2@gmail.com](mailto:Lhawley2@gmail.com) or (218)341-5526).

**Needed for the homeless population:** My friend and Peace Church member Louise Guggisberg has been helping the homeless “campers” up above Mesaba Avenue find places to move to and helped them gather and transport their stuff before the waiting bulldozers came in to clear the area. Here is a list of things needed badly by the homeless. Both Damiano and CHUM have been serving the homeless for decades, but currently Damiano may be in a better position to accept and distribute physical things because of space. Louise G is also willing to pick up some of the larger items. Her cell phone is (507) 351-6954; email is [Lguggisberg@gmail.com](mailto:Lguggisberg@gmail.com).

Camping gear in good shape:  
 tents ,screen tents; hunting shelters  
 heavy plastic sheeting to put under tents, tarps any size (bigger the better)  
 any rope (>10 ft)  
 closeable camping bags (not plastic) (particularly colored ones)

Insulated water bottles (not plastic)  
 Bottled water: gallons or 16 oz bottles  
 Luggage on wheels and ordinary backpacks  
 Clothing: (cotton molds fast and doesn’t dry well)  
 hiking boots, sturdy tennis shoes  
 socks, at least 25% polyester (“hiking” socks)  
 leggings (little or no cotton fibers)

Food, supplements:  
 soft granola bars (many have dental issues)  
 cheese sticks  
 tangerines  
 Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups, Snickers  
 instant coffee, energy drinks in cans  
 electrolyte packets (CVS, Walgreens, Costco)  
 vitamins

Gift cards:  
 Maytag laundromat on E 4<sup>th</sup> St  
 \$5 Gift cards for Whole foods, Speedway or Kwik Trip

**The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): Helping Home-renters & Homeowners**

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) can have enormous impacts on energy costs, pollution and the climate crisis across the country. Here is the official website about it: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/>

The IRA can help weatherize your home. You can get discounts to install electronic appliances; get a tax credit for buying a new or used electric vehicle (EV); receive a tax credit for joining a community solar panel grid or for installing your own solar panels. As a renter, with the help of your landlord, you can get electric upgrades for less. Low-income households can receive full rebates to cover the cost of a heat pump, while moderate-income households can get half-off discount rebates. Home energy efficiency is the biggest way ordinary people can reduce their own carbon pollution. Making a home energy efficient is a multi-step process.



It is best to go left to right, starting with air sealing and insulation.

Weatherization prepares our homes for all types of weather, from snowstorms to heat waves. It will make your home more comfortable, lower your energy bills, and (if done properly) improve your indoor air quality. Weatherization should be completed before you invest in new appliances, windows, or solar panels.

The IRA encourages homeowners and home-renters to switch to electric appliances by offering rebates or tax credits. For example, if you have a gas stove, you can receive a rebate that helps you pay for a cleaner, electric stove. As a renter, you can purchase a countertop stove or induction burner. Depending on your income, this could be entirely covered under the IRA, and you could take the portable induction burner to your next home. Use the Rewiring America IRA-calculator to see how IRA can benefit you.

<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator> For more information or to receive a free energy audit, go to <https://www.ecolibrium3.org/energyaudit/>

Thank you to Cameron Kadlubowski, Eco3 Community Energy Transition Specialist, for sharing his articles and the great graphic!!!

<https://www.ecolibrium3.org/the-ira-weatherizing-your-home/>

# Volunteers

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers. They are responsible for setting up, bringing treats (roughly 2-3 dozen cookies, bars, veggies, or fruit), serving, and cleaning up after. This month our Coordinators are Robin Davidson and Sharon Crosby

Self-Serve coffee is available at 9:30 in the Narthex. Coffee Hour Volunteers are not responsible for this hospitality.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Bri in the office at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

**October 1:** Ben and Joy Bittner  
Carrie Plamann and Rolf Hagberg  
Marge Anderson

**October 8:** Amy and Travis Westbrook  
Dan and Erin Kraker  
Ellen and Laura Hamel

**October 15:** Erica and Chris Henkel  
Joy and Chris Dunham  
JT Haines and Maria Corradi

**October 22:** Justin Olson  
Sara Cedars  
Ingrid Niswandt and Chris Larsen

**October 29:** Robin Davidson  
Sharon Crosby  
Stacy and Kenji Sudoh

## Peace Garden Celebration time!

The Peace Church garden has provided 201 pounds of fresh veggies, for the CHUM food shelf and Damiano Center kitchen this year. And, we still have more to harvest.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped out this year, and an invitation to anyone who would like to join us in the future. (No gardening experience necessary).

### FUTURE EVENTS:

Final clean out/up of garden & garlic planting  
- TBA early October

Brief planning meeting to plan for next year's garden - TBA January or February

Opening up the beds for the 2024 season -  
TBA May

## 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](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers."

October 2nd - **Nancy Taggart**

October 9th - **Tom and Christine Day**

October 16th - **Gayle and Jack Kelly**

October 23rd - **Open**

## Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. Each shift needs 2-3 volunteers, bring a friend or a child 16 and up! [Click here](#) to sign up.

October 8th - 1:30-3:30pm - **Tom and Christine Day**

4:30-6:30pm - **3 Open spots**

October 28th - 8:30-10:30am - **3 Open spots**

11-1pm - **3 Open spots**

1:30-3:30pm - **3 Open spots**

4:30-6:30pm - **3 Open spots**

## Ushers and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

October's Head Usher is Laurie Berner. If you are interested in being an usher contact Bri at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) or Laurie Berner at [laurie.beth.berner@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.beth.berner@gmail.com).

## Wednesday CHUM Breakfast

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

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

*Many thanks to all our volunteers!*

## Peace People

### Peace Prayer Chain

Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns. You can let us know whether or not to share your concern with the pastor for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

### All Saints Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Members and friends of Peace are invited to submit pictures of loved ones who died since All Saints (November 1<sup>st</sup>) last year. Send a picture to Bri along with your name, the name of your loved one and the way you'd like your relationship named (sister, grandmother, friend, etc.) and the date of death. Bri can also scan prints. Contact [bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org).

### Rev. Nathan Holst installation October 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm

The Church and Ministry Team of the Northwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ invites you to the Installation of Rev. Nathan Holst as pastor and teacher at St. John's United Church of Christ, 706 Main Street (Madeline Island), La Pointe, WI 54850-4466. Clergy are invited to robe with red or rainbow stoles. Please arrive a half hour earlier if you plan to join the procession. Refreshments will be served after the service. (Peace members and friends are invited!)

### 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.

Our thoughts go out to Dan Moore and Karl Mulligan's families on their passing. Both services were held at Peace Church, Pastor Charlotte Frantz officiating.

### Looking For Adult Ed Volunteers

Much of the programming at Peace is done by volunteer teams—and our adult education team is in need of a few new members. If you have ideas about special events or forum discussions and presentations, or have gifts of discerning emerging issues and ideas, contact Molly Watson ([molly1962@charter.net](mailto:molly1962@charter.net)) or Pastor Charlotte ([charlotte@peaceucc.org](mailto:charlotte@peaceucc.org)). We'd love to gather a few creative minds for about 90 minutes each month. In the past, this team has often used zoom. Time and dates of meetings to be determined by the team.

## Minnesota Conference News

### MN Conference Young Adult Leadership Initiative Retreat

The Minnesota Conference UCC is excited to offer a weekend retreat for young adults to share time together exploring the inner wisdom that shapes our identities and sense of purpose in the world. A new Young Adult Leadership Initiative is a commitment by the conference to walk with committed young adults for the next two years, building on their skills, talents, and passions around faith and justice. Learn more about the United Church of Christ through meetings with leaders, participate in advocacy training and opportunities, and examine how faith and personal life intersect. The Young Adult Leadership Initiative, underwritten by the Ashley Endowment, is available to those 18 to 25 years of age.

The retreat will be led by the Revs. Nathan Holst and Ellen Green, Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:00pm to Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, noon, at **Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center** 54165 Audubon Drive Sandstone, MN 55072. To register, go to <https://www.uccmn.org/event/young-adult-retreat/>. Be sure to let Pastor Charlotte know you are registering and Peace will provide the \$100 event fee.

### Blessings on Shari Prestemon

Shari Prestemon, Minnesota Conference Minister has been named Acting Associate General Minister of Wider Church Ministries (UCC) She has served our Conference for 10 years and will conclude her ministry here December 29. The National setting of the UCC will be blessed by her presence.



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

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

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