



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



How Shall We Gather?

A Congregational Covenant Update

As we embark on this new season in the life of Peace Church, we are seeking your feedback on our covenant: the agreements we make with one another about how we want to engage with each other to foster the healthiest, most resilient community.

Differences can lead to disagreements. How can we disagree without being disagreeable?

Prompts:

How do we value each other's experiences, listen deeply, and care for one another when we have hard conversations?

What do we do when we are not treating each other with kindness/ trust is broken?

What does respectful disagreement look like?

Sundays at a Glance

Sunday, August 4th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis and Rev. Anthony Galloway

Scripture Focus: Acts 16:11-15 (Lydia)

Special Music: Maryn Hakes

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am Potluck Coffee Hour at St. Mark AME

11:00am Worship at St. Mark AME

Sunday, August 11th

Sermon by Guest Preacher, with testimony and special offering for the **Afghan Resettlement Fund**

Special Music: Marc Harroo

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 18th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture Focus: Luke 23:44-56 (Joseph of Arimathea)

Special Music: The Tent Show Band

9:30am Outdoor Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

10:45am Congregational Covenant Conversation

Sunday, August 25th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture Focus: Philemon 1 (Philemon)

Special Music: Jennifer Boyle

9:30am Worship

10:30am Conversation with Karen Felecia

Nance in the Fireside Room

Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Summer Schedule: One Service at 9:30

We will worship outdoors under the tent, weather permitting, on **August 18th**. This will be our last outside service of the summer. Livestream will be available on all Sundays except the outdoor worship service. Coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and you can always bring your cup of coffee outside if you'd like to socialize under the tent.

From Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Dear Peace Church,

We've been on a couple of journeys as a congregation this summer. *The Faces of Our Faith* series has introduced or reintroduced lesser-known Bible stories into our worship, and I consider that an adventurous journey through scripture. We are journeying through questions about our shared community life as we engage our congregational covenant process. We are also journeying through a morass of political news, climate crisis, and personal struggles. This has not been a quiet summer!

At the same time, it has been a clarifying one. I often think about what the purpose of church really is, when we have funeral homes to provide space for grieving, nonprofits to provide community resources and support, social organizations to provide connection, and the park district to provide recreation. What's different about church is that we do all of these things together in community, and with a covenant to bind us together with one another and with God as we do.

Below and continued onto page 3 is an excerpt from my sermon on Sunday, February 25th, a lifetime ago in church time, based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Psalm 16. I hope it gives you some food for thought, clarifies the purpose of a covenant, and invites you into the process. I've also included a snippet from my sermon on Sunday, July 28th, offering a clarification of the "covenantal vs. creedal" piece that appears in that earlier sermon. August 18th after worship is our next opportunity for shared community conversation about our covenant. Hope to see you there!

With Love, Pastor Corinne

Excerpts from Rev. Corinne's Sermons

From February 25th

I remember a time of profound belonging, at a moment when I least expected it. I had moved across the country to start seminary and did not know a single soul. The best part, though, was that no one else did, either. I was entering this new space with all kinds of uncertainty and imposter syndrome and in the face of that fear, I found my people.

By the third week of school, we were meeting for weekly "family dinners," cramming up to 20 of us into these tiny student apartments we all had, rotating who hosted and who cooked.

And we respected one another. We didn't sign anything saying that's what we did, but it was an integral part of what bound us together. We didn't discover that this was part of our unwritten code until a new friend came to family dinner. Within half an hour, he was speaking in a derogatory way about women's ordination, and this was to a group of mostly women who mostly had the goal to be ordained one day. It was not easy, and I'm not sure we handled it as maturely as we could, but one of the men in our group had a conversation with this new friend and told him that respect was part of this whole operation.

We could disagree, but we couldn't degrade the humanity and the calls of those in the room. And to this new friend's credit, he went with it. We had all kinds of theological debates about topics like apostolic succession and high versus low Christology, but never once did he disrespect the people in the room again.

We didn't know it at the time, but we had just created and provided accountability around a covenant. A covenant that ensured that each one of us felt that sense of belonging.

Covenant is a very churchy word, and it's especially popular in our denomination, the United Church of Christ. It refers to an agreement, a way of setting out the terms of a relationship. We are part of our denomination through a covenant between us as a congregation, our wider denomination, and God. We all make promises to one another, of support and care and mutuality. Within this framework, some of our denominational ancestors, the English Reformers, said that covenant brought "freedom and responsibility." When we have a covenant, we are free to exist independently and creatively because we know what we're agreeing to, and at the same time, we are taking on the responsibility that comes with maintaining this relationship.

In our reading from Genesis, God makes a covenant with Abram and Sarai. God promises descendants, and family, and most importantly promises to be their God. And these two faithful people

seem to make a promise to be blameless in God's sight. The whole thing sounds aspirational at best. But that's actually the point. A good covenant not only lays out how things are, but how we would like things to be. It names a reality that is both already here and not yet fully realized, a reality that God loves us no matter what, and that God seeks our transformation. And in fact, God participates in that transformation with Abram and Sarai. He gives them new names: Abraham and Sarah. They are changed by this covenant, this promise, even though it hasn't been fulfilled yet. They are forever called beloved. And even if they falter, that promise is there for them.

From July 28th

I have preached and written recently about the United Church of Christ being a covenantal and not a creedal denomination. The way I have described that in the past is that a creedal denomination requires you to sign a list of beliefs on the dotted line in order to be a member. In the United Church of Christ, membership is based on promises we make to one another and to God, joining together in faithful living as one people. When we leave it there, though, we run the risk of saying that we don't believe anything, and that we as a church are only about relationship, and not about faith.

I see it differently, and I want to be totally clear about that. As is common parlance these days, we exist in the context of all in which we live and what came before us. We do, in fact, have creeds. But we see them as testimonies, not tests, of faith. That means that we hold these creeds, these "I Believe" statements, collectively in community, not requiring that any individual member believe every single word, but holding the common thread of Christian faith that has guided us for centuries and continues to guide us today. They are testimonies in that they are a way that our ancestors in faith have tried to describe God, an ultimately indescribable entity, and this attempt to put words around something beyond words offers us some guideposts for how we might put some words around God as well.

Mary Magdalene gave her testimony. She told her story: a story of Jesus being alive when everyone thought he had died, yes, but also a story of her own raising. A God that believed she was more than her worst moments, a faith that sustained her through so much. The disciples may not have believed her then but we can believe her now.

Each one of us has a testimony. Even those of us with a lot of questions, and you can count me among you. A testimony does not mean signing a contract once and forever, never revisiting it again. It is your story, your common thread, where you are finding how all of your pieces fit together with God's big story of promise and grace and new life. It is, as we say every week, a journey. Just as we are called to listen to Mary Magdalene's testimony, we are called to listen to one another's. Not a one of us has the whole story, but through our shared testimonies, we can get a richer, fuller picture of God's story for us.

From the Moderator

On behalf of the coordinating council, we hope that your summer is going well and you have had a chance to enjoy our warmer days.

In place of the council's routine monthly meeting in July, we gathered for a retreat hosted by Geof and Gudrun Witrak at their home on Park Point. It was a chance to get to know each other a bit better while enjoying a meal and fun activities together that included swimming, paddle boarding, and a wonderful boat ride on Lake Superior. Pastor Corinne led us in a discussion about where we find hope during difficult times and our hopes for Peace Church. It was a very memorable and meaningful evening together.

The council received a recommendation this month from the property committee to hire Sinnott Blacktop for the much-needed repair of our parking lot which was unanimously approved. Not only are the large potholes in the driveway a nuisance, they are also a safety issue when walking. We hope to get on Sinnott's schedule before the winter.

The council welcomes and appreciates any feedback you may have for us and appreciate you keeping us in your prayers.

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council



Peace News

Custodial Volunteers Needed!

Dan will be taking a much deserved vacation and we're looking for volunteers to help out with custodial work around the church from August 9th-16th. A few days of help should be enough to cover the basic cleaning needs while Dan is away. Tasks include setting up for coffee hour, vacuuming, taking out garbage, sweeping and mopping, doing dishes, and cleaning bathrooms. Please contact the office if you're able to pitch in for a few hours on your own schedule or [sign up online!](#)

Parking Lot Repair and Roadwork

You may be concerned about our parking lot! The Property Team has been considering options for both short and long-term maintenance. We will be working with Sinnott Blacktop later this summer to repair the large potholes in our driveway curves and to sealcoat our lower parking lot.

Also, please remember City road construction will take place in August on North 11th Avenue East. There will still be access to our upper parking lot and flaggers will be directing traffic along the street.

Special Offering August 11th Afghan Resettlement Fund

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In the spring, Amena Haidari learned that one of her co-workers in Afghanistan received refugee status and could come to the United States. With support from the Justice Hub and Pastor Corinne, Peace formed a new Welcome Circle and re-opened the Afghan Resettlement Fund. On August 11th, we will have a special offering to support the work of helping Samar establish her life in this country. She is currently studying English, living with Amena, beginning work, and learning her way around Duluth. The Welcome Circle appreciates your generosity in welcoming her.

Weekly E-mail Reminders

Do you receive our weekly emails? Bri sends them from the church office on Tuesdays and Fridays. They are an important way to receive the latest, most up-to-date information about life at Peace. Contact Bri (bri@peaceucc.org) to be added to the distribution list.

Stepping On Up Update

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us -yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

July has been a hard-working and results-producing month for the crew constructing Another Door. With asbestos abatement completed, Donald Holm Construction has moved into wall framing, window framing, electrical rough-ins, structural support for new HVAC units, and concrete work in the old stairway and the new exterior door. The space is beginning to take shape! Upcoming work includes plumbing for the kitchen, laundry, and bathrooms, sheet rocking, and installing the HVAC systems. Be sure to look through the windows of the rental wing on your next visit to see the progress!

Please also be on the lookout for a new fundraising campaign to help offset the cost of the asbestos abatement. Stepping On Up, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, and Peace Church have agreed to share the cost of removing the hazardous material and need to find ways to protect the program budget. There will be a public effort to help raise money in collaboration with our fellow Chum churches. Thank you in advance!

With so much attention focused on housing justice, Peace Church can feel a sense of pride by offering a significant solution; space for housing. The need is *real* and the need for housing is **now**. By providing a clean, safe, inviting space, we are directly living our Vision to, quite literally, build a beloved community.

Things are moving along as scheduled in the former daycare space that Chum is remodeling. By December LSS will have rooms for 10 young adults experiencing homelessness.



Peace Activities and Groups

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, August 26th at 5:30pm

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, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Tea and Talk

Tea & Talk will not be meeting in August.

Welcome to Wednesday Night Bible study! Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Did you know that Peace Church has an ongoing Bible study every Wednesday evening, and we welcome anyone who is interested to join us? We welcome a wide variety of questions and comments. The group decides what we will study each week, and cover a variety of both Old and New Testament readings. Please, come join us in the Fireside room or on Zoom.

PALS

PALS will not be meeting in the month of August. Please keep on eye on emails for the next gathering.

New Adult Education Offering: Listen, Reflect, and Connect

Marilyn Mayry and Jennifer Sharp invite you to an ongoing **Listen, Reflect and Connect group** that will be offered twice a month on Wednesdays.

The group will meet on the first Wednesdays of the month at Peace Church at 5:30 beginning on September 4th and on the third Wednesdays at St Scholastica's Monastery, time TBD, beginning on September 18th.

You are invited and most welcome to attend both sessions each month. They will follow the same format, but each session will stand on its own.

ALL are welcome. Join us whenever you can.

In this time together we intend to create a safe and sacred space to listen to one another with open hearts and minds. During our time together, we will read a poem or short writing, then in the quiet following the reading, we will hold contemplative space for free writing and reflection. Next, each person will be invited to share the words, thoughts, and wisdom that emerge from this time of quiet reflection. Being together, listening to each other, and valuing each other's insights and thoughts will give us time and space to know each other and grow together more deeply. While our hearts may grow weary in the world at times, here we will gather to build connections and focus on deepening attention on the power of love and presence that is within and among us all.

You and your voice matter. We hope you will join us! Marilyn and Jenn

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday, 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at Perkins on London Rd. We will meet Thursday, August 8th and 22nd.

Monday Book Group

Peace Church Monday Book group will be taking a summer break.

The Bake Sale is back!

Calling all Peace Church bakers! We are planning to have a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale on September 7th. If you have a special baked item, one handed down in your family or is the most requested by your loved ones, we invite you to donate it to the sale. If you want to assist with making peach, cherry and apple cobblers, let us know. We plan to sell cobbler and coffee during the Rummage Sale. Please contact bri@peaceucc.org and let her know what you might contribute and if you would like to volunteer. It's going to be lots of fun!

Choir Rehearsals

Choir will be taking a break during the summer!

Children, Youth and Families

Hello Families,

What an energizing month we've been having in the Peace Church Office! This month has included many exciting conversations around visioning for our Christian education: curricula, logistics, and more.

These last few days of July, we are hosting youth from New Brighton UCC. Peace youth and New Brighton youth are teaming up for a two-day project at the Giving Garden, exploring issues around environmental and economic justice, food sustainability and food apartheid. We will report on those adventures in next month's issue.

We are cleaning up our data and want your accurate info! This year we want to get you and your family "registered" with correct grade levels, waivers, and contact info. If you are not receiving regular emails from me regarding church activities that are available for your child (not the church-wide emails but from amanda@peaceucc.org), please reach out to me! I want to know your family and make sure you are connected to what's going on at Peace.

As fall approaches, **we need lots of rotating volunteers to get our children and youth programs up and running.** My philosophy with volunteers is "the more the merrier" – this allows folks to gain the benefits and joy that comes with volunteerism, without having to over-commit or burning out. Let me know if you'd like to help with any programs below.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me at amanda@peaceucc.org with any questions, feedback, or ideas.

As we enter into August, my prayer for your family is that you find deep joy and ease during this last month of warm summer days.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Summer Programming During Church

On Sunday, August 18th, we will be worshipping under the tent (weather permitting), and following the Story for All Ages, children pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers who want to help out during Children's Church are always welcome too!

On Sundays when we do not have Children's Church, we will have self-guided activities available to you and your children in our Pray-Ground spaces, located in the Sanctuary and just outside of the Sanctuary near the Fireside Room. These spaces offer quiet activities where parents and kiddos can engage in play and creativity while still participating in worship.

OWL for incoming 9th graders.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is our amazing comprehensive sexuality curriculum that runs on Sunday nights through the school year in partnership with Pilgrim Congregational and UUCD. Letters and emails have gone out, please contact Amanda with any additional questions, or if you did not receive a letter and have a 9th grader.

Nursery

The Nursery will be resuming with staff on September 8th for babies through Children aged 5.

Safe Church Trainings, pick one Wednesday, August 21st or Sept 4th, 5 to 8pm, dinner provided.

We are hosting new, annual trainings to support our Safe Child Policy and Safety Plans more fully. These trainings are mandatory for staff and key volunteers and are open to anyone who would like to participate. We welcome parents! Participants will choose one of the Wednesday trainings, which will include presentations from First Witness and instructions on how to respond to medical emergencies, active assailant situations, and other emergencies.

MS and HS YOUTH Activities in August

Time to hang out and reconnect before the summer's over!

Middle School (rising grades 6-8) Youth Group, Wednesday, August 14, 5 to 6:30pm, Let's Go Skating! Meet up at World of Wheels Skate Center, 1218 Oakes Ave in Superior.

High School (rising grades 9-12) Youth Group, Saturday, August 31, Duluth-Superior Pride Festival in Bayfront Park. Let's show our PRIDE! Meet up at the entrance, time to be determined, look for an email!

Coming this Fall

Wednesday Night Programming Returns on September 11th!

Join us for a simple supper at 5pm. Followed by **Kid's Club for Littles (grades K- 2)** and **Kid's Club for Biggers (Grades 3-5)** from 5:30 - 6:15pm. Our Fall theme in Kids Club will be exploring stories through Creative Movement! There will also be programming for parents during Kid's Clubs.

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) will resume its normal meeting schedule from 6 - 7pm. We will be having a weekly rotation of activities that will include game nights, visits from Peace members sharing their Faith Journeys, service projects and a continuation of the Manna and Mercy Bible study we began last Spring. Even if it is your youth member's first time attending, don't worry, they will be able to jump right in! **Confirmation 1 (10th grade)** and **Confirmation 2 (11th grade)** classes will begin meeting every other week starting September 18th. We are also restarting **High School Youth Group** meeting every other Wednesday night beginning September 11th. The focus of High School Youth Group will be time to hang out, reconnect with church friends and discuss topics that are important to you. We will be using some books as a starting point for these discussions beginning with "How to Be a (Young) Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi and Nic Stone. There will be no required reading outside of the group – all you have to do is show up!

Emails with more details about Wednesday night programming will be going out to families soon, so mark your calendars!

Time	Programs	People
5:00-5:30pm	Dinner	Church & Community
5:30-6:15pm	Kids' Club Nursery Care Adult Ed	PreK-2nd grade & 3 rd -5 th grade Age 5 and under Adults w/ focus on parents of young kids
6:00-7:00pm	Middle School Youth Group Bible Study	6 th -8 th grade Adults
6:15-7:30pm	Choir	Adults
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation 1 (until 8:30pm) - A Confirmation 2 (until 8:30pm) - A High School Youth Group - B weeks Adult Ed	10 th grade 11 th grade 12 th grade Adults

Sundays this Fall!

Children's Church will begin again on Gathering Sunday, September 8th at the 10:30 service. We are expanding the format a little bit this year!

Following the Story For All Ages, children in grades K through 5 are invited to join us in the Fireside Room. During this time, we will have whole group time, where we might read a Bible story or a picture book or play an opening game and also breakout groups for grades k-2 and 3-5 to have an opportunity for developmentally appropriate discussions about the scripture for that day. We will gather all together again as a group for creative expression. This will mean that the kiddos will stay until the end of the service, instead of rejoining their families during the offering (this often happens already as kiddos get into the fun of creating!). On the first Sunday of each month, we have communion at the 10:30 service. On those Sundays we will not be having Children's Church, but incorporating our kiddos more into the service and the experience of communion. If you have an older pre-K child who you think is ready for Children's Church or a middle schooler/high schooler who likes to help out during Children's Church or accompany a younger sibling, they are always welcome! If you aren't sure, reach out to Amanda to talk about it.

We will be resuming our **Acolyte Program** this year! Any kiddo Grade 3 through 8 can be trained to be an acolyte! Please let Amanda know if your child is interested in being a part of this meaningful tradition within the larger history of the church.



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

Rhubarb Fest Recap

Thanks to Linda Goese’s amazing leadership, we had a successful Peace Church contingent of 23 people baking and preparing for sale 70 Rhubarb Crisps; which much to many disappointed attendees, were sold out quickly. Thank you Linda and ALL!!

Chum raised a total of \$100,000.00 on the Rhubarb Fest. Thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered and made the event such a success overall!!

Chum is proud to Support:



Duluth’s shortage of housing causes long-term and chronic homelessness. Waitlists stretch from months (in rare cases) to more than 2 years for subsidized housing. In addition, people experiencing long term homelessness and especially chronic homelessness are rarely able to transition smoothly from the streets or shelter into permanent, independent housing.

What is needed are low-cost units that are private, dignified, small scale to encourage community, culturally specific, harm reduction based and providing services including basic life skills like cleaning and cooking.

Learn more by visiting their website: steppingonupduluth.org

The Food Shelf Needs Your Help

We are prepping to fill 450 Thanksgiving Boxes for the users of our Food Shelf. With costs for food soaring, we need your help to fill the boxes. Up to \$4,000 could be matched by the Open Your Heart Summer Food Drive Challenge. Join us in making Duluth a more just and compassionate community for all!

Our Partnership with St. Mark AME: Pastors Anthony and Corinne are Co-Preaching!

Sunday, August 4th, 9:30am at Peace UCC & 11:00am at St. Mark AME



We have a long history of partnering with St. Mark AME for community events, the Foy Scholarship, and worship services. On Sunday, August 4th, Pastor Anthony Galloway will be joining us at Peace for our 9:30 worship service, and Pastor Corinne will be heading over to St. Mark for their 11:00 worship service. Anthony and

Corinne will co-preach at both services. You’re welcome and invited to either or both services! The sermon will be the same, but the services will each be in the style of their own congregation. Potluck refreshments will be served at St. Mark in between services, so be sure to bring an appetite and a dish to share.

A Conversation with Karen Felecia Nance

Sunday, August 25th, 10:30-11:30am, Fireside Room

We hosted the Nance family in the spring to learn about Ethel Ray Nance, Duluth civil rights heroine. Karen Felecia Nance is working on her second book about her grandmother, Ethel Ray, and she will be Zooming in to discuss this new venture as well as discuss the book she came to promote last spring, now that we’ve had a chance to read it. All are welcome at this discussion about the history and future of racial justice in Duluth.



Peace Bell articles for July are due Wednesday, August 21st. Send articles to bri@peaceucc.org

Volunteer Opportunities

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 youth, 16 and up! To sign up email the office at office@peaceucc.org.

August 11th

1:30-3:30pm - **Tom and Christine Day,
Pam Kramer**

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

August 24th

8:30-10:30am - **Pam Kramer
2 Spots Open**

11:00-1:00pm - **Peggy Skylondz
Laurie Berner**

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

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

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."

August 5th - **Open** August 12th - **Open**

August 19th - **Open** August 26th - **Open**

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers. Starting on June 16th we will be having one service at 9:30 and coffee hour will be at 10:30.

August 4th

Coffee Hour at St. Mark AME

August 11th

Loni Cran Hovis
Open

August 18th

Open

August 25th

Julie and Micky MacKenzie
Loni Cran Hovis
Ken Stafford

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

August 4th **Communion Sunday**

Greeters - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **Cyndi Brown
Cindy Macaulay
Pam Kramer
1 Spot Open**

Lay Reader - **Laurie Berner**

August 11th

Greeter - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **4 Spots Open**

Lay Reader - **Cindy Macaulay**

August 18th **Outside Service**

Greeter - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **Tom and Monica Liddle
2 Spots Open**

Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**

August 25th **Communion Sunday**

Greeters - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **4 Spots Open**

Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**

Peace Church Garden



It is time to start harvesting the Garden! We are looking for volunteers to come in and start harvesting our vegetables. Please contact the office at

office@peaceucc.org or Kay

Stevens at kay-bob-13@hotmail.com to sign up.

August 4th - Open

August 7th - Open

August 11th - Open

August 14th - Open

August 18th - Open

August 21st - Open

August 25th - Open

August 28th - Open

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

We ask every member of Peace to volunteer to help with coffee hour at least once during the calendar year. We're happy to have you choose the month in which you'd be willing to help out!. On that one Sunday, we ask you to bring treats (2-3 dozen), set up coffee hour items, serve and clean up.

Coffee Hour is a vital part of Sunday Morning Hospitality. If you are not assigned to a month you can contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

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.

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Contact Lynn Devlin or Linda Goese!

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, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Pat Nelson, Sam Peterson and others.

Thank You

- Cyndi Brown on her willingness to help train Ushers on how to set up for Communion Sunday
- Donald Holm Construction, Nyland Electric and many more on the continual hard work on the construction on the old rental wing.
- Cathy Ameel, Kate Nicoletti, Cindy Macaulay, Laurie Berner, and Leanne Ventrella for helping answer phones for the Bri while she was out for Derek's chemotherapy.
- Carrie Kelsey, Louise Hawley, Leanne Ventrella, Judy Seligo-Punyko, Jo Johnson and Joan Peterson for bringing bars for Sam Peterson and Bill Hardesty's Memorials.
- Laurie Berner, Carries Kelsey, Mary Adams, Melissa Boyle, Louise Hawley, Jo Johnson, Joan Peterson, Leanne Ventrella, Charlotte Frantz, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, and Connie Schwegman on their help before, during, and after the memorial services.

Rhubarb Festival



Many thanks to the 23 Peace People who helped with the CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL.

The rhubarb collectors, rhubarb choppers, picking up items for the crisps, baking 70 rhubarb crisps and delivering them to the festival.

The CHUM community thanks you. Each \$15.00 rhubarb crisp provides 45 meals to a visitor at CHUM.

In Sympathy

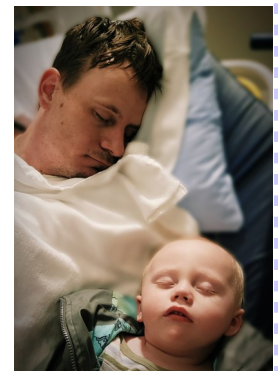
Our condolences go out to Georgette Sarkela and Bill Hardesty's family on the passing of Bill Hardesty. Bill passed away on the June 24th. There will be a Celebration of Life for him on August 1st.

Our condolences go out to Sam Peterson's family. Sam Passed away on July 11th after battling brain cancer for the past 5 years. Sam had a Celebration of Life on Friday, July 26th.

From the desk of the Office Coordinator

Hello Peace,

My family and I want to say thank you for your support during my partner, Derek's, chemotherapy. Whether it was a meal, a card, or prayers, It meant the world to us. I feel very blessed to work in such a community that stands and supports during these hard times. As of now Derek's treatment is going well and I will make sure that Pastor Corinne updates the congregation on his progress.



Derek and Donny getting some Z's in during a doctor visit.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Bri, Derek, and Donny

July Events





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