

Peace United Church of Christ

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 26th, 2020 @ 9:45a

Call to Order	Wendy Nevala, Council President	
Opening Prayer	Pastor Paul Bauch	
Approval of Agenda	Wendy Nevala	
Approval of 2019 Semi-Annual Minutes	Wendy Nevala	
Approval of 2019 Special Congregational Mtg Minutes	Wendy Nevala	
Recognition of Peace UCC Staff	Pastor Paul Bauch	
Presentation of Annual Reports	Pastor Paul Bauch	
<u>Council Items:</u>		
○ <i>Recognition of Outgoing Members</i>	Jeff Hanson, Jessica Haug, Laurie Klein, Bob Werner	
○ <i>Installation of New Council Members</i>	Stevi Hallisy, Grant Kesselring, Jenny Ludemann, Tom Neher	
○ <i>Introduction of 2020 Council Officers</i>	Wendy Nevala, President Lynn Alcock, Vice President Eric Theuer, Financial Secretary Cindy Strauss, Secretary	
<u>Council Leaders through 2020</u>	<u>Council Leaders through 2021</u>	<u>Council Leaders through 2022</u>
Wendy Nevala David Schmitt Eric Theuer Brian Winters	Lynn Alcock Cindy Strauss Will Sunnock Laura Thompson	Stevi Hallisy Grant Kesselring Jenny Ludemann Tom Neher
Council President's Remarks	Wendy Nevala	
Ministry Focus		
• LISTOS Preschool & Childcare Center Update	Christina Valdez, Listos Exec Director	
• CLIP IN – Welcome Team	Bob Werner, Clar Tarr, Pastor Paul	
• Capital Funds Report	Debby Adams & Pastor Paul	
• Planned Giving Initiative	Tom DeYoung & Jeff Hanson	
• Stewardship Campaign	Ruth Larson & Debby Adams	
• Search Team (Associate Pastor) Update	Tonia Ely / Bob Werner	
Pastors' Remarks & Vision for the Future	Pastor Paul Bauch	
2019 Budget Information		
• Financial Report and Budget Presentation	Eric Theuer	
• Review of 2020 Budget	Eric Theuer	
• Review 5-Year Projection	Eric Theuer	
Other Business	Wendy Nevala	
Closing Prayer	Pastor Paul Bauch	
Adjournment	Wendy Nevala	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALTAR COMMITTEE - Mary Karlstad, Chair

The Altar Committee is made up of 11 members and is responsible for the preparation of the elements for communion. One person/couple is in charge each month with another member assisting them. They set up the communion elements, clean up after communion, order supplies, change the paraments on the altar, and prepare the sacristy for the following month. Special events call for members to help, such as at Christmas and Easter.

The present committee consists of Mary and Erland Karlstad, Buck and Bonnie Lenz, Mary and Dale Ely, Diane Shanks, Sondra and Jerry Bentz, and Mike & Becky Maloney. An organizational meeting is held twice a year – January and September. The chair/secretary of the committee is Mary Karlstad.

A special thank you to all the current members for all their hard work this past year.

If anyone is interested in joining the Altar Committee, please contact either the office or Mary Karlstad (282.0006).

2018 FINANCE REPORT - Eric Theuer

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Income - Peace Church ended 2019 \$21,000 over budget for pledge income and \$44,000 over budget for total income of \$548,000 for 2019.

Expenses - Our expenses were \$12,000 over budget for the year. The Peace Church staff does a fantastic job of being stewards of Peace's money, but as in past years, we had a few unanticipated large repair expenses for the boiler, a tree that had to be removed, and a steel door to replace. Our 2019 adopted budget was a \$12,000 deficit, however Peace Church ended 2019 with a \$19,000 profit!

Our investment funds provided strong returns in 2019. Below is a list of our 4 different Portfolio's and their gains or losses in 2019:

Portfolio Account	Year End Bal	\$ Gain/(Loss)	% Gain/(Loss)
Peace Acct	\$214,562	\$50,112	20.24%
Memorial Acct	\$15,074	\$2,562	18.97%
Trachsel Acct	\$64,027	\$8,143	14.21%
Schroedel Acct	\$16,208	\$2,934	20.91%

UCC Special Offerings (promoted through church office)

- OCWM: \$11,814.80
- OGHS: \$715.00
- Neighbors in Need: \$512.00
- Christmas/Veterans of the Cross: \$355.00
- Spread the Love / Strengthen the Church: \$365.00

FUNERAL TEAM – Debby Adams

In 2019, we served 9 funerals (for members and non-members). It never goes without saying that this ministry wouldn't be possible without the special help from so many whether it be in the kitchen, the dishroom, or during the service. We are so blessed to have members and friends who give graciously of their time and talents to offer assistance to those during these difficult times:

05-18-2019 DARLENE FOSTER
06-08-2019 JUDY RICH
08-14-2019 GARY KARAU
09-05-2019 DORIS REUTER
10-12-2019 DAYTON KRUGER (non-member)
11-23-2019 YVONNE RUST
11-25-2019 ELLEN REICK
12-06-2019 KARA JO SMALLEY
12-26-2019 LEO (DALE) CORFITS

The following Peace members also passed away; their memorial services were held off site:

04-19-2019 IRENE FISHER
05-09-2019 BARBARA DUNDERI
10-19-2019 DOROTHY CULBERTSON

KNIT CROCHET TOGETHER AT PEACE – Marie Wilson

Knit Crochet is a hybrid group. It started as knitters from the Rochester Senior Center looking for a new place to knit. It includes Peace Church members and knitters from the community.

Almost all items made are donated to charity: Bundles of Love, Head Start, Olmsted Medical Center, Mayo Clinic – Methodist and St. Mary Hospitals, Veterans, Peace Church Bazaar and Pantry, Rochester Public Library, Chatfield Root River Bank Knitting Day, Samaritan Bethany Helping Hands, and Rochester Warming Center. We donated 564 knitted items to the community.

Our dues are \$.25/week (most people give more). The money is given to the Peace Church Emergency Fund.

Everyone is welcome. We have yarn, needles, patterns, books, great instructors, and lots of laughs to share.

We meet Tuesdays 10:30 to 12:30 in room 105.

LISTOS PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE CENTER – Christina Valdez, Executive Director

The 2019-20 school year marked the fifth school year for Listos. This year we have 37 children. Of those, 13 have School Readiness scholarships, 2 have Early Learning Scholarships and one has childcare assistance.

This year also marks a new effort by Listos in adult education. We kicked off Listos Learning with a Taco Trot 5K fun run and children's American Ninja Warrior course at Silver Lake. The event raised funds and awareness for the bilingual adult education series. For the classes, local agencies teach about topics such as financial literacy, renters rights, MNsure and health topics, while Listos provides an interpreter and childcare.

Listos continues to build up our community partnerships, including new efforts with IMAA and Families First, Cradle 2 Career and Olmsted County Bridge Collaborative with the focus being on a whole child approach to kindergarten readiness.

The third annual Day of the Dead dinner was held in November featuring Peru. The event sold out and raised \$12,000 through ticket sales, sponsors, silent auction of 14 artist-created cats. Several artists and volunteers created a spectacular event with food, dance performances, live music, art and culture.

Thank you for the continued support from Peace United Church of Christ and the amazingly generous donations and volunteers.

QUILTING GROUP (more than just quilts) - Marie Wilson

Quilting Group goals are to: 1) make hand crafted items to sell at the bazaar 2) give to missions and charities 3) get together for fellowship and 4) share quilting and fabric art.

1) For the 2019 Bazaar we had a pre-sale, October 20 and also sold items the day of the Bazaar. Our total sales were \$1,782.60

2) Donations:

Crisis Nursery

Peace Church

many garbage bags of fabric for Rags to Riches

Samaritan Bethany

many items from the bazaar

Rochester Public Library

A basket for Wit, Wisdom and Wine Silent Auction

Bundles of Love

Diapers for Haiti

3) We made lap quilts for members who are home bound or in care centers in 2019. We will continue to make these quilts in 2020

Goals for 2020

Continue to make things for the Bazaar

Continue home bound quilts

Continue to make diapers for Haiti

We received gifts of fabric, batting, and quilt tops. All donations are used for our projects or given to other non-profits.

Please notify the office when you give a gift.

The Quilting Group meets the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 to noon. Months that have a holiday the first weekend, we will meet the second Saturday. Dates for 2020: no meeting in January, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1, 9/12, 10/3, 11/7, Bazaar 11/14, 12/5. We meet in room 104. Everyone interested in any fabric art is welcome to join us.

The Quilters are always looking for new projects and more fabric artists. Come and join us if you have ideas, want to learn new skills, share talents or want to chat on Saturday morning.

SOCIAL ACTION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM – Anna Froehling

Meeting Schedule: First Monday of the month: 6 to 7:00 PM.

2019 Activities

SAOM remains focused on the theme of homelessness – specifically on youth and families either homeless or at risk of homelessness. The goal is to have a positive impact on ending homelessness through advocacy, education, financial support and volunteer outreach. We are doing this primarily by supporting five local organizations that directly serve the needs of these groups, Family Promise, LINK, Hawthorne Helps, Women's Shelter and Project Legacy. Much of the support that we have given to these agencies have been in the form of gift collection drives such as the Sharing Tree and Easter Basket campaigns as well as the separate collection drives to resupply the Hawthorne Helps shelves of basic hygiene supplies. As a group we decided that we wanted to expand our efforts in the areas of volunteer outreach, advocacy and education. Our first focus has been on the Women's Shelter. Our Women's Shelter liaison worked with the director of the Women's shelter to identify their volunteer needs. In coordination with the Women's Shelter a spring and fall work day were implemented. As we go forward, we will have our liaisons reach out to each of the agencies and identify needs in regard to volunteer outreach, education and advocacy.

Our liaison for Jefferson Elementary School has reached out several times to the school's social worker this fall to restart the Reading Buddy program and the holiday break meal kits that PUCC participated in last year. As of this time the social worker has not replied. This may be due to the reduction of the social worker's position from a full-time position to 0.5 position.

End of year account balance:

- \$600.00 Allocated - \$50.00/month
- \$108.00 May Rags to Riches Collection
- -\$217.57 LINK purchases for Christmas gift collection
- \$490.57 disbursed to Family Promise, Project Legacy, Women's Shelter, and LINK. Each received a check for \$122.60.

Family Promise provides transitional housing to homeless families in the Rochester Area

- April:
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in-kind donation
- December:
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – many items and over in \$240.00 in gift cards.
 - Monetary donation of \$122.60 from our end of year account balance
- Promoted Family Promise programs and volunteer training sessions throughout year

LINK provides case management services, life-skills groups, peer support groups, a transitional housing program and fun activities for youth who are at-risk, homeless or have ran away

- April
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in-kind donation.
- December:
 - Monetary donation of \$217.57 (Peace church LINK liaison purchased gifts for the LINK Christmas party)
 - Monetary donation of \$122.60 from our end of year account balance

Project Legacy provides life and educational support to youth of color in the Rochester area.

- April
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in-kind donation.
- December
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – many items and \$363.00 in gift cards.
- Monetary donation of \$122.60 Promoted specific Project Legacy programs and needs throughout year

Women's Shelter provides outreach, advocacy, and housing to battered women and their children.

- April:
 - Easter Sharing Basket - collected many household items and personal toiletries as an in-kind donation
- October
 - Work Day – 6 volunteers assembled to cull and rotate supplies as well as organize the Women's Shelter's baby supplies
- December:
 - Christmas Sharing Tree campaign – many items and \$145.00 in gift cards.
 - Monetary donation of \$122.60 from our end of year account balance

Hawthorne Helps provides support that affirms personal dignity, welcomes newcomers to our community, and encourages all students' educational success

- May:
 - Collected hygiene products an in-kind donation.
- September:
 - Collected hairbrushes, body wash and deodorant as an in-kind donation.

Other Activities Promoted by SAOM:

Rags to Riches provides collection and recycling of old clothing and other materials that results in ten cents per pound to SOAM to be used in support of homeless organizations that SOAM is supporting.

- April: 1,080 pounds collected = \$108.00
- October: 1,060 pounds collected = \$106.00 Did not receive our fall collection check for \$106.00 from NP Communities. Most likely NP Communities is folding.

Race Forward

- Continued to examine white privilege, white fragility and white supremacy using film, books and discussion during the spring. In the fall Race forward was on hiatus as Ruth Larson has been unavailable to lead group due to health issues.

Pridefest

- Represented PUCC at the new and improved Pridefest with a booth in September

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2019

Membership as of 12/2019 685

ADD:

New Members	11	+ (7 children)
Reinstated	3	
Confirmed Members	0	

DELETIONS:

Removal/Transfer	16
Deaths	10

MEMBERSHIP (As of 12/2019) 673

Baptisms 2019

Date of Baptism	Child's Name	Date of Birth	Parent	Parent
4/7/19	Charles Anderson Giebink	11/7/18	Brian Dean Giebink	Erin Anderson Giebink (Anderson)
9/15/19	Orion Patrick Ressie	7/7/19	Jonathan Roger Ressie	Heather Anne Ressie (Estes)
11/3/19	Harlynn Marie Jahnz	5/19/19	Brandon Kammerer Jahnz	Brittney Rose Jahnz (Melmer)

2019 Graduates

Gavin Block	Carter DeYoung
Macy Loechler	Hannah Potts
Sela Rist	

New Members 2019

Name	Children	Date Joined
Poterucha, Jeff & Megan	Lilly & Rosie	Reinstated 3/29/19
Horne, April		4/14/19
Sadler, Jeff & Jen	Ben & Will	4/14/19
Trusty, Casey		4/14/19
Runkle, Ericka		Reinstated 4/14/19
Stepan, David		5/12/19
Schroeder, Deborah & Jenna		9/15/19
DeBoer, Shana & LaMons, Kim		9/22/19
Ressie, Jonathan & Heather	Sunni, Layla, & Orion	9/29/19

Funerals and Deaths 2019

Service Date	Name	Date of Death	Where Held	Pastor	Mbr	Age
4/19/19	Irene Fisher	4/8/19	Macken	Paul	Y	95
5/9/19	Barbara N Dunderi	5/4/19	Macken	Rev Dan Ashpole	Y	90
5/18/19	Darlene Foster	2/20/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	80
6/8/19	Judy M Rich	5/31/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	69
8/14/19	Gary Karau	8/3/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	69
9/5/19	Doris Reuter	9/1/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	93
10/12/19	Dayton Kruger	7/3/19	PUCC	Paul	N	91
10/19/19	Dorothy Culbertson	10/14/19	Ranfranz	Paul	Y	100
11/23/19	Yvonne Rust	10/23/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	80
11/25/19	Ellen Reick	11/15/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	99
12/6/19	Kara Jo Smalley	11/30/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	31
12/12/19	Lois Engel	10/25/19	Ranfranz	Paul	N	96
12/26/19	Leo (Dale) Corfits	11/17/19	PUCC	Paul	Y	98

Weddings 2019

Wedding Date	Names	Pastor	Place of Ceremony
6/1/19	Cortney Stevens / Jesse Bignell	Paul	Off Site
7/13/19	Felicia Faldet / Donald Richardson	Rev Collin P Elliott	PUCC
7/13/19	Jana McNeil / Kerk Johnson	Paul	Off Site
8/11/19	Julie Bauch / Michael Murphy	Paul	Off Site
8/19/19	Alexandra Halfen / Elizabeth Campbell	Paul	PUCC
9/14/19	Megan Kelly / Chris Harkins	Paul	Off Site
9/28/19	Jessica Marzolf / Karter Bradt	Paul	Off Site
10/19/19	Laura Andrews / Aaron Rocklyn	Paul	PUCC
10/26/19	McKenzie Austin / Robin Heilskov	Paul	PUCC