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OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

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July
2021

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through summer!! When I think back to where we were last year at this time, there is so much to be thankful for. While COVID has not totally disappeared, Peace Church is making plans to move forward for regathering in August and to start up Faith Formation in September. The entire staff and Church Council continue our discussions to ensure that everyone's safety will be considered as we proceed.

Many groups have restarted their meetings here at church, our teens are excited for their mission trip to Duluth at the end of the month, and the Olmsted County Free Fair is happening which means we have an opportunity to raise funds for Peace Church.

The past year and a half were full of obstacles and feeling out of control; but, making adjustments hasn't stopped. We all found ourselves looking at things more clearly and re-evaluating our priorities. Families reconnected with each other, those that were isolated in their own rooms at care facilities experienced a loneliness that they never imagined and are still recovering from. We missed the hugs, seeing people face to face, the celebrations, and even the simple task of going places when we wanted to.

The 'normal' that we once knew has changed—and we at Peace Church have also re-evaluated our priorities. But...we are still here—we never left. Thanks to your continued support of our missions, we are able to stay afloat.

What will things look like come August or September? That, in whole, is dependent on each one of you. It's important for us all to come together to collaborate, make commitments and be a part of the community that we missed. Studies from Harvard have shown that volunteering is associated with better physical and mental health, as well as a remedy for loneliness. By volunteering you can help bring the unity back into our community.

Did you know that it takes manpower to provide our services to be seen on-line? We need a camera person, a sound person, readers, a person to share the children's message, etc. Are you able? Contact Debby (office@peacechurchucc.org)

Do you know that it takes a 'village' to provide our Faith Formation program? One person can't reach every grade level—we need committed volunteers to make this happen. We really need 30 people to make this work and to allow everyone not to be committed to every Sunday. Pastor Winston and a select team of folks have already been working hard to make things easy; curriculums are in place, crafts and expectations are outlined. Are you able to be a part of our Peace Crew? Contact Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org).

As we move toward our regathering, we ask you to prayerfully consider what your individual skills are. Each of you brings a set of skills, experience and passions which are an innate part of our humanity. If we're not reaching out to get connected then we are preventing our church community from getting stronger and moving through this pandemic together.

Together with you in Christ's Service,

Debby

FEATURED EVENTS

Monday Morning Meditation

MONDAYS, 7:30—8:00a: Spend some time with us as we prepare for a new week through a 30-minute meditation to help center our minds and body. Join through this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85093176093> Questions? Contact Pastor Winston.

Peace Quilters

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 10a: The Peace quilters are making diapers for the hospitals in Haiti and reviewing their preparations for the return of the annual Bazaar in October. Questions? Contact Marie Wilson (mawilso@charter.net)

Summer Outdoor Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 9a — Join us for our last out-door worship for this year. A final decision will be made on the Friday prior to Sunday if we can worship outdoors. Watch our web site for details. We begin in-person worship starting Sunday, August 1 @ 9a.

Weekly Summer Picnics

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30—7p: It's time to reconnect again through our weekly picnics. Come, relax and enjoy the fellowship of others as we gather at local parks. Everyone is welcomed. Bring your own meal, beverage, and a chair (in case we run out of picnic tables). We'll post a message on our web site if we need to cancel due to inclement weather Questions? Contact Debby

July 7 ~ Manor Park (4238 Manor Pk Dr NW)
July 14 ~ Allendale Park (1985 Allendale Pk Ln NW)
July 21 ~ Northgate Park (2107 24th St NW)
July 28 ~ Stonehenge Park (2281 Jasper Pl NE)

Godfather's Pizza Booth

WEEK OF JULY 26—The Olmsted County Free Fair is taking place this year and we have the opportunity to raise funds for Peace Church by staffing the Godfather's Pizza Booth. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older, you must wear closed-toed shoes, and masks will be required. BUT...you can eat all the pizza you want! Come and help by signing up for a shift or two or three! Refer to the sign up: <https://signup.com/go/dmLGnqO> Questions: Contact Debby

Berne Pizza & Fun Event

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 - We are inviting Peace friends and members to consider gathering together on Wednesday, July 28 in Berne for entertainment and pizza!

Berne Zwingli UCC (about 35-40 min away from Rochester) has been making wood-fired pizzas and providing entertainment for the past 10 summers. All proceeds go to fund the church and a specific charity which is chosen by Berne Zwingli UCC each November.

Things are a bit different due to COVID:
- you must bring your own chair(s)
- you must bring your own napkins and plates
- ALL garbage must be carried out when you leave
- To help with the long ordering pizza lines, you can order in advance through Event brite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/mn--pine-island/berne-wood-fired-pizza/>)

This weekly summer outing has become very popular. Hours are 5 - 8p; you can arrive early to find your 'spot.' To learn more about Berne Wood-Fired Pizza and other details, click here: <https://www.bernepizza.org/>

Thank You from Our Teens

The teens want to thank everyone who donated to their car wash on Sunday, June 13, plus the weather couldn't have been more perfect! They raised \$460 toward their mission trip to Duluth.



Image Top Left: Incoming 6th graders enjoyed some fun with an Escape Challenge.

Image Left / Top Right: Teens gathered at the home of the Wieland's for fun and smores!

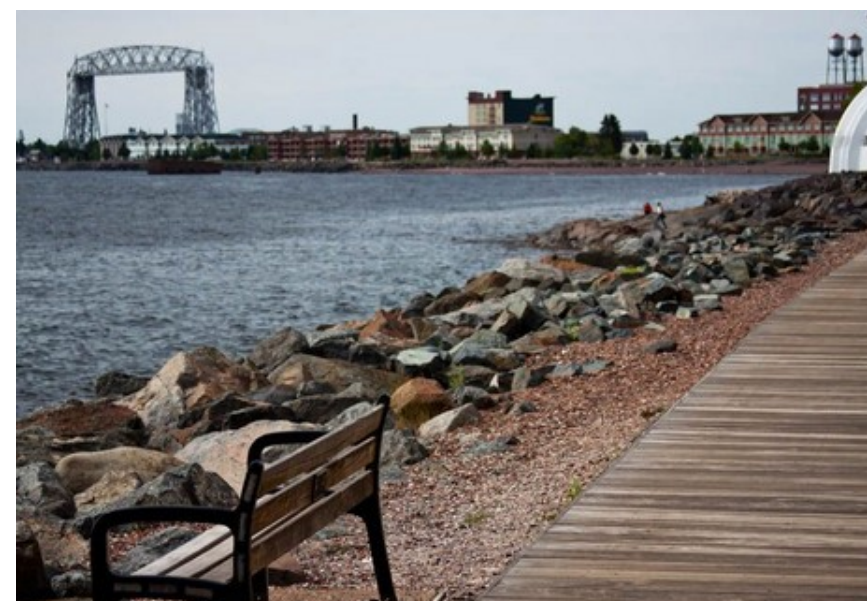
Image Right: Teens enjoyed more fun at Winston's with 3-D reality.

Image Bottom Left: Teens finishing their outing with a board game at church.



Teens (6th – 12th Grade):

July 6: Tie Dye Tuesday, 5:30p (bring a cotton t-shirt with you)
July 14: Wellbeing Wednesday, 5:30p (meet at Allendale Park for supper and then everyone will go to ROCA)
July 25-30: Mission Trip to Duluth



Teen Mission Trip

WEEK OF JULY 25—Keep our teens and their adult chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Duluth for this year's mission trip. They have a full agenda which consists of spending time at a therapeutic horse farm, working at a family collaborative, providing support to CHUM (Duluth's food shelf), and working at Allied Animals Humane Society. Of course there will be time for some sight seeing and having fun. Our teens will share their experiences at an upcoming worship service.

Questions? Contact Tracy
(yactivities@peacechurchucc.org)

CALENDAR

July Events

SATURDAY 3: Peace Quilters, 10a;

SUNDAY 4: Service Broadcast, 9a

MONDAY 5: Monday Morning Meditation, 7:30a ****NEW****

TUESDAY 6: Teen Tie Dye Tuesday 5:30p

WEDNESDAY 7: All Ages Picnic (Manor Park), 5:30p

SATURDAY 10: Jean Shafer Memorial, 10a; Jean Shafer Reception, 11a

SUNDAY 11: Outdoor Service, 9a (South Parking Lot)

MONDAY 12: Monday Morning Meditation, 7:30a ****NEW****

WEDNESDAY 14: Sunday service recording, 10a; Teen Well-Being Wednesday Event, 5:30p; All Ages Picnic (Allendale Park), 5:30p

SUNDAY 18: Service Broadcast, 9a

MONDAY 19: Monday Morning Meditation, 7:30a ****NEW****

WEDNESDAY 21: Sunday service recording, 10a; All Ages Picnic (Northgate Park), 5:30p; Church Council 7p

SUNDAY 25: Service Broadcast, 9a; Teen Mission Trip Departure, 10a

MONDAY 26: Monday Morning Meditation, 7:30a ****NEW****; Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—10p

TUESDAY 27: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—10p

MONDAY 26: Monday Morning Meditation, 7:30a ****NEW****; Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—10p

TUESDAY 27: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—10p

WEDNESDAY 28: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—11p; All Ages Picnic (Stonehenge Park), 5:30p; All-Church Berne Pizza Outing, 5:30p

THURSDAY 29: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—12a

FRIDAY 30: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—12a; Betty Meyer Memorial Visitation, 1p; Betty Meyer Memorial, 2p; Betty Meyer Memorial Reception, 3p; Teens Return from Mission Trip; ~5:40p

SATURDAY 31: Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a—12a



RECURRING

MONDAY MORNING
MEDITATION
Every Monday*, 7:30a
(ZOOM)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Every Monday, 8p
(ZOOM or INPERSON)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Every Tuesday, 7a (Peace
Rm)

BEVERAGE AND BIBLE
Every Tuesday, 5p
(Glynner's Pub)

ORPINGTON ACRES
Every Sunday*, 10:30a
(South Parking Lot)

*begins July 11



Image top / bottom:
Enjoying getting to know one another again during our Wednesday picnics.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

It appears that our pledged gifts may be feeling the effects of us not being able to meet in person. Our pledged gifts are down \$8,993 from budget and down \$17,726 from gifts received year to date in 2020. I encourage everyone to do what they can to meet their pledged gift commitment for 2021 so we don't get too far behind.

On the bright side, overall expense control is still very good. We were blessed with a surprise gift from the government on an employee retention credit which significantly helped our net income for this month. Questions? Contact Tom DeYoung (ltdeyoung@msn.com).

	MAY 2021	Budgeted	Diff	MAY 2020
Pledges	\$26,174	\$35,167	-\$ 8,993	\$26,839
Total Income	\$45,783	\$40,800	\$4,983	\$29,321
Total Expenses	\$39,950	\$44,491	\$4,441	\$37,069
Net Income	\$5,883	-\$3,591	\$9,422	\$13,581



Images: Kids had fun at the Elementary Squad nerf blaster event.



July Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays in July.

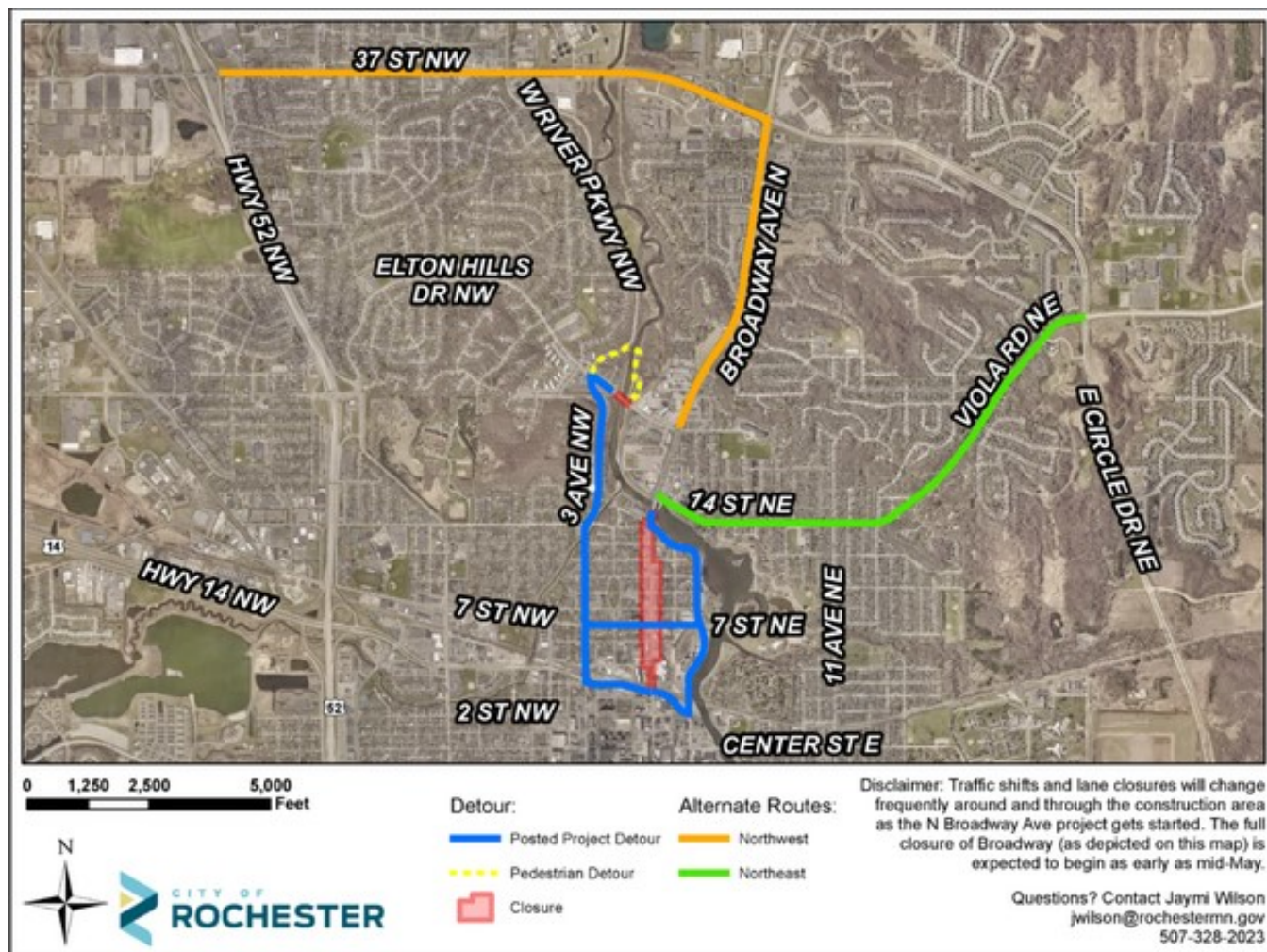
- 01** Jacob Morbeck, Marley Potts, Collin Winters
- 02** Lou Anne Meyer
- 04** Bev Farlow, Daniel Karau, Diezel Siewert, Bruce Tointon
- 05** Meg McCamish
- 06** Nicholas Giere, Don Sagdalen
- 07** Sherri Fritz, Beverly Gauthier
- 08** Rebecca Kruezfeldt
- 10** Austin Hollar, Moriah Keehn, Steve Kloempken, Tom Neher, Mabel Wagner
- 11** Cindy Bluhm, Katie Lenz, Tracy Walton
- 12** Ruth Bakken
- 13** Darren Knoepke, Julie Winters
- 14** Hannah Paul
- 15** Griffin Ramaker
- 17** Peter Haug, Ann Vangalis
- 19** Jerry Floden, Connor Janusz, Diane Pollock
- 21** Clair Ewert, Ann Lennington, Jenna Schroeder, Emma Theuer
- 22** Dawn Bradley
- 23** Ione Kloempken
- 24** Morgan Soto
- 25** Rudy Ramaker, Brenndan Walton
- 26** Christopher Kohler, Kendra Trachsel
- 28** Nancy Knoepke
- 29** Jax Allen
- 31** Adele Bauch, Megan Page



Broadway Avenue Reconstruction Project

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/reconstructbroadway/construction/>

TIMELINE: CLOSE & REOPEN TO LOCAL TRAFFIC



Elton Hills Drive Bridge Replacement

UPDATE

Additional details can be found here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/ceba2b5386ca4027aca7d83b3f820284?item=2>

Good News!! The Elton Hills Bridge Replacement work has been **postponed** until October of 2021 and will last through June of 2022. We'll send out reminders in September to make everyone aware.



Images Top / Left: What another beautiful day we had for our June 13 outdoor worship—here are a few pictures that were captured....

