

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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PEACE
CHURCH

Don't Forget!

PHYSICAL DISTANCED
OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 @ 9a
(weather permitting)



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OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

PEACE  CHURCH

Members and Friends of Peace –

I want you all to know that you continue to be in my, and our staff/ leadership's, prayers as we continue on this journey together. We are bound together in the love of God... and I know that this will carry us through. I greatly miss each and every person, and look forward to the day that we can gather together in-person for worship, faith formation, and fellowship.

I also want to thank you for your continued support during this time. Your prayerful support, encouragement, and blessings have carried me, and our Peace Church staff, through every day. I, and the Church Council, are also very thankful for your continued financial support! YOU ALL ARE AMAZING! Thank you.

So, the question that has been, and is, on everyone's mind and heart is WHEN we will be able to gather again for IN-PERSON worship, etc. As you know we have tried to schedule two dates to begin in-person worship, and at both junctures we had to postpone. In response to this, the Peace Church Council and the Staff held a special meeting to discuss our RE-GATHERING (in-person) plan.

The unanimous response from that meeting is that we are suspending our RE-GATHERING for worship and other events indefinitely. We simply do not know when we will be able to safely gather with our Peace Church family. When the time comes (hopefully sometime this fall) to re-gather in-person for worship and other events, we will provide ample notification.

In the meantime, we will continue utilizing our wonderful ON-LINE WORSHIP services. Thanks to our great tech team members, and the adaptation from our music staff, we continue to provide extraordinary and creative on-line worship services. These will continue to help keep our family connected!

This suspension of IN-PERSON gatherings extends to our Faith Formation ministries as well (children, teens, young adults, and adults). The exciting news is that our new Associate Pastor, Winston Janusz, has been collaborating with Ben Bedard, Jerry Locula, staff, and other lay leaders about new forms of faith formation. This model is being developed and we will be providing more detailed information with our target date of September 13 to kick it all off! Most of these initiatives will be virtual, but there will be some unique surprises in place for SAFE in-person gatherings for all ages. Look for details coming out in mid August!

Again, we are so thankful for your full understanding as we work together to manage the COVID-19 situation. Prayers continue for all. Please know that if there is anything you need, please contact me.
Peace, Pastor Paul

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FEATURED EVENTS
FINANCIAL UPDATE /
BIRTHDAYS

August 2020

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
AUGUST IS THE "ADMIT
YOU'RE HAPPY!" MONTH?
WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?
MAYBE IT'S BEING ABLE TO
BE OUTDOORS OR HAVING
MORE FAMILY TIME? FOR
US HERE AT PEACE, WE ARE
HAPPY FOR THE CONTINUED
LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM
ALL OF YOU!**

CALENDAR

August Events

SUNDAY 2: Teen COVID Car Wash - south parking lot, 9a to 12p; Orpington Acres Vegetable Stand - parking lot, 10a

WEDNESDAY 5: TBD Confirmation Wrap-Up, 9a; Sunday service recording, 6p

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WEDNESDAY 19: TBD Confirmation Wrap-Up, 9a

SUNDAY 23: Outdoor Worship (weather permitting); 9a; Orpington Acres Vegetable Stand - parking lot, 10a

WEDNESDAY 26: Sunday service recording, 6p

Return completed BINGO CARDS

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

PHYSICALLY-DISTANCE OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 @ 9a

Bring your own chairs and masks; the parking lot will be blocked off to allow everyone to physically distance for our worship.

AUGUST REOCCURRING EVENTS

MEN OF PEACE
Every Tuesday, 7a
(ZOOM)

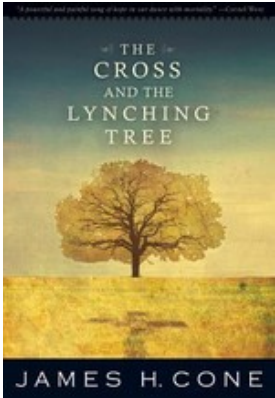
BEVERAGE AND BIBLE
Every Tuesday, 5p
(ZOOM)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Every Thursday, 7a
(ZOOM)

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Virtual Book Study - "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James H Cone
is a book that combines the conversation of race and religion together with two of the most emotionally charged symbols.

This intentional book study will be held virtually. Weekly pre-reading is required and all participants must purchase their own copy of the book. If you wish to participate, please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/ichyimpj> Details will be sent out late in August.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We continue to be grateful for your continued support to the ministry of Peace United Church of Christ during this unprecedented time. Our giving for June was up \$4,205 from our budget of \$33,250 (with \$2,000 of this from the PPP loan grant we received in April). We also came in under budget for our expenses with a savings \$8,886. This will look a bit different with July's numbers now that we have our new Associate Pastor on board.

It remains important for us all to maintain our pledges as we move forward to creating new physically distanced ministry experiences. We are still all in this together.

	JUNE 2020	YEAR-TO-DATE	JUNE 2019
Pledges budgeted	\$33,250	\$199,500	\$36,958
Pledges received	\$37,455	\$198,809	\$29,458
Difference	+\$4,205	-\$691	-\$7,500

Scenes from BLM Vigil - July 8

Right: The Community reads the names on signs

Bottom Left: Candles being lit

Bottom Right: Press interviews with organizers



August Birthdays

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

- 01 Jody Morbeck
- 02 Cheryl Dirksmeyer
- 03 Deb Arneson
- 04 Kira Edmonds
- 06 Micaela Buda
- 07 Jacob Trachsel, Bob Werner
- 08 Gavin Hollar, Anne Lilleskov
- 09 Kari Siewert, Amanda Theuer
- 10 Melinda Basballe
- 11 Zach Nevala
- 12 Renee Bjork, Sid Euler
- 14 Jaden Barker, Paul Bauch, Aaron Wells
- 15 Amy Kuth
- 18 Erland Karlstad, Grant Kesselring, Will Sadler
- 19 Michele Hanenberger, Terry Miller
- 20 Glenn Eichhorn, Jill Savage
- 21 Nadine Christie, Lilly Poterucha, Joanne Roeber
- 22 Anika Labinski, Rosalie Poterucha, Laura Potts
- 23 Tamryn Hall, Sarahjane Hamilton, Laurie Klein
- 24 Shawn Davis, Brenda Rogerman
- 25 Buck Lenz
- 26 Sheila Boss, DeAnn Hines, Michelle Jerabek, Gloria Liebenow, Reed Peterson, Randy Stevens
- 27 Emily Schmitt
- 28 Jeff Poterucha, Dustin Rueb, Marcella Swan
- 29 Kendra Laughlin
- 30 Dianne Barker, Brody Lenz, Maxine Pfeifer, Nicole Ramaker
- 31 Emma Allen



PEACE BINGO

Peace Bingo is a fun way to practice compassion and kindness!

HOW TO PLAY

- Complete 5 activity boxes in a row (diagonally, horizontally, or vertically)
- Make sure that an adult initials each activity for you
- Bring or mail a photo of your completed bingo board to Peace on August 23rd for Outdoor Worship*

BONUS Complete the entire board and be entered to win a \$25 gift card!

COMPASSION PRAYERS

- Dear God, please help me to notice when people are hurting and show me how to share Your love with them. Amen.
- Dear God, even when I don't feel like forgiving, please help me to remember that You show mercy to those who show mercy to others (Matthew 5:7). Amen.
- Dear God, thank you for showing me mercy every day. Please help me to be merciful to others. Amen.

SELF COMPASSION AFFIRMATION

- My mistakes just show that I'm growing and learning. It's okay to make mistakes and forgive myself. I am free to let go of others' judgments. It's safe for me to show kindness to myself. I deserve compassion, tenderness, and empathy from myself.

* If you are unable to make it on August 23rd, your bingo card will still be eligible for the drawing!

FEATURED EVENTS



COVID Car Wash

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2: 9a— Come to the south parking lot and support our teens for their 2021 mission trip and add a little sparkle to your ride with a COVID Car Wash. Cost: Free-will donations Questions? Tracy Walton (yactivities@peacechurchucc.org)

Outdoor Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23: 9a — Bring your own chairs and masks as we physically distance ourselves in the south parking lot for our outdoor worship. The parking lot will be blocked off. In case of inclement weather, the outdoor worship will be cancelled, but a service will be live streamed to our web site and facebook/Youtube pages.

Peace Compassion Bingo

DUE SUNDAY, AUGUST 23: In keeping with the times, children and teens are encouraged to fill out the Compassion Bingo game. Bring your completed 'BINGO' card to our outdoor worship and get a Dairy Queen treat. All fully completed cards will be submitted for a \$25 Visa card drawing. Let's show our compassion to everyone around us!

In-Person Worship Suspended

The Church Council and staff, after much discussion from evaluating the information as well as talking with Mayo Healthcare Professionals, has made the decision to suspend our in-person worship indefinitely. We will continue to provide our services on line every Sunday at 9a (on our web site, Facebook page and YouTube channel).

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Your safety is important to all of us.

Peace Face Masks - Available

We have face masks with the Peace Logo for sale. Price is \$10 ea. They are triple-ply 100% cotton with cotton binding ear loops. The finish applied to the mask contains silver and copper providing antimicrobial preservative technology. One size fits most adults; hand washable. Call the office (507.282.6117) if you'll like to make a purchase.



Special thanks to Scott Bradley for his work and dedication to keeping our church grounds looking so beautiful!



Samaritan Bethany Employee Food Shelf



The Samaritan Bethany Food Shelf is up and running for the employees. Every other week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 6p, employees make an appointment and are greeted by our coordinators. We will continue to monitor what is needed and specific donations for restocking will be shared. We thank you for your continued help to show the employees how much they are appreciated. Questions? Contact John Franks (jef322@yahoo.com) or Dale Ely (dely419@gmail.com).



YOU CAN HELP— Our LITTLE FREE PANTY is being utilized by those in need. Donations can still be dropped off in the bin located in the coat hallway - specifically needed is bottled water, tampons, ravioli, granola bars and ramen noodles. For a list of other suggestions, click here: <https://files.constantcontact.com/a9ab34fa001/ccdd5c3e-7f1a-48ff-a8ae-64d9bdb59f54.pdf>

Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Dawn Bradley (dgkilian@hotmail.com).



Scenes from BLM Vigil - July 8
Top Left: Peace Members discuss their thoughts
Top Right: A moment of silence
Bottom Left: Attendees showing their support

P	E	A	C	E
Hug someone in your house 	Help someone with a job around the house without being asked	Open the door for as many people as you can in one day	Tell someone something that you like about them 	Discuss with an adult "Who deserves respect?" Make a list of ways to show respect to others
Make a thank you card for a community helper	Read a book to a sibling or pet 	Discuss with an adult: Learn about another culture's holiday! 	Call someone who doesn't leave home often	Do a good deed for a neighbor 
Smile at everyone you see in one day 	Discuss with an adult: What do all people have in common? What makes each of us unique?		Clean out your bedroom and donate toys and clothes that you no longer use to charity	Make "Be Happy" notes and pass them out 
Pick up trash on a walk (don't forget to wear gloves!) 	Make a thank you card for someone thanking them for all they do	Let someone go ahead of you in line 	Discuss with an adult how to recognize when someone around us needs help and support	Video chat a loved one or friend 
Discuss with an adult: How is our family already making a difference in our community?	Do a chore without being asked 	Write down three things that you love about your family and put it on the fridge	Tell a family member how much you love them 	Learn a joke and tell it to three different people