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November 2021

There is a lot of changing taking place at this time of year. We are preparing to move from our beautiful summer and fall into the crisp freshness of winter. There is a lot of preparation I have to do at my house this time of year to “winterize” our home. Plants and shrubs need to be covered, patio furniture secured, hoses disconnected from the house, the AC unit covered, etc.

We are also experiencing some changes and preparations here at Peace Church – United Church of Christ to “winterize” our ministry. Perhaps the most significant change is the retirement of our Contemporary Music Director, Sara Schliep. When I first came to Peace Church, I asked Sara if she was willing to help create a contemporary worship service for us at Peace Church. She agreed to, “give it a try for a little while” And now, 19 years later her “little while” has turned into an incredible 19-year gift. I give GREAT THANKS for the music and passion that Sara has provided for so many over these years. We have been blessed by her gifts and leadership.

The other changing season in our music leadership is bringing an incredibly talented musician to lead and guide us. Dylan Starr will be leading the entire music ministry of Peace Church. Dylan started playing at the 8:30a service over 1.5 years ago, replacing John Miller (who moved to Las Vegas). After only one Sunday of playing... COVID caused us to cancel in-person worship. Dylan provided keen music leadership digitally, during this time, for our virtual services. Now that Sara is retiring, Dylan will provide the music direction and leadership for both the 8:30a and 11:00a services. Dylan provides great energy and ideas for our congregation and we are very excited to have him on staff!

As we step into the winter season of our church year, we also want to provide opportunities for you to reconnect and re-engage in the worship and ministries of Peace Church. We provide a safe environment with required masking and other safety policies in place. While we do not have a definitive time to adjust any masking requirements, our hope is that with vaccinations being made available to our children, we will be able to begin exploring other models for our worship, gatherings, and meals. Our continued number one priority is to provide a safe environment for all, and I greatly thank our leadership for providing strong guidance and continued leadership throughout the pandemic.

I am sending love and peace to all, and prayers are being lifted up for each and everyone of you, the church, our community and the world.

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Faith Formation Update

We continue with our fun Faith Formation Program where each classroom has been decorated to represent a different continent of the world, to show our

Comm(UNITY)

Because of enrollment numbers, we have combined more of our classes. We are also utilizing the SPARK curriculum for pre—5th grade to make it easier for our teachers to share the lessons and ideas with our children still focusing on our Love of God theme. There is still time to get your If you haven't registered your child(ren), you can do so online [here](https://bit.ly/3kyNLuH) (<https://bit.ly/3kyNLuH>); it should only take a few minutes. Here's what's planned for November:

- November 7: Opening our Hearts in Prayer (guest speaker for adults)
- November 14: Accessing Sacred Guidance
- November 21: Expressing Gratitude
- November 28: ** Thanksgiving Holiday—No Faith Formation **

Looking forward to celebrating our Comm(UNITY) with you!!!

Reminder that we have some fun events planned which are geared towards our elementary-aged kids (but siblings are always welcome). You can get the full details here (<https://bit.ly/3CY06PN>), but here is a sneak peak of what is in store. Masks and social distancing will be required.

All events take place at Peace Church unless otherwise noted.

Questions? Contact Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org or



Image Top/Right:
Peace Kids Movie
night at Peace



Peace Kids Calendar (SAVE THE DATE!)	
November	December
Sat, 6th - Lego Contest @ 10am	Sat, 4th - The Star Movie @ 4:30pm
Sat, 13th - Inside Out Movie @ 4:30pm	Sat, 18th - Trolley Lights Tour @ 6pm (Movie will be hosted @ Pastor Winston's House)
January	February
Sat, 1st - Noon Years Eve Party @ 11am	Sat, 12th - Ruby Bridges Movie @ 4:30pm
Sat, 15th - Soul Movie @ 4:30pm	Sat, 19th - Kids Dance Party @ 4pm

Mark Your Calendars Before You Forget !
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Questions?

Contact Winston Janusz
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FEATURED EVENTS

Monthly Monday Evening Meditation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30p: Interested in meditation? We are going to discontinue our morning Zoom meditation sessions, and starting in October we will instead be hosting an in-person guided meditation on the first Monday of the month at 7:00-7:30pm in the sanctuary. Beginners are welcome! Mark your calendars for October 4th to learn this practice that is good for your mind, body, and soul. Questions? Contact Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)

Parents and Guardians of Transgender and Gender Diverse Individuals Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6:30—8:00p: A group* for parents and guardians of transgender and gender diverse individuals. Share experiences, ask questions, find resources, learn terminology and make some friends. Questions? Contact Charlene Nelson (CharRST447@outlook.com)
*peer group; not a licensed therapy group

Enormous Africa Discussion

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7p: The Enormous Africa Discussion Group is coming back!! They will be meeting the first Thursday of each month to have fun expanding our understanding not only about rich and remarkable African values, but also to see the wonders of what God is doing in Africa. The ZOOM link to participate is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84743277093?pwd=Nm4yZHNyYkdndakh0N01JVXVYUnhlQT09>
Questions? Contact Jerry Locula (jlocula@gmail.com)

Christmas Choir

THURSDAYS, 6:00p: Attention singers! Peace UCC's new Music Director, Dylon Starr, needs you! Please share our gifts for the six-rehearsal Christmas Choir, open to all! The 6 rehearsals will begin on Thursday, November 11 @ 6p (there is no rehearsal on Thanksgiving day). The music will be easy and fun to learn—no tuxedos! The choir will then sing during our Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24 @ 6p. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/KVdZOXR>
Questions? Contact Dylon Starr (dylon.starr@gmail.com)

Peace Kids—Lego Contest

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 10:00a: Bring your own Legos to compete in a timed Lego contest. Participants will be told to build a certain object, a timer will be set and then votes will be cast on the best build. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! (masks and social distancing required). Questions? Contact Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)

Guest Speaker

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:45a: Join us for an informative presentation from Jack Dudley, Rochester Organizer for ISIAH. ISIAH is a multi-racial, state-wide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities, black barbershops, childcare centers, and other community-based constituencies fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.

Jack will be speaking on the topic "Risk." As the organization is fighting every day for economic justice, electoral participation, equality and security for all, there has always been risks involved. The day -to-day work with the community in building coalitions around core values and seeking tangible redress from authorities with the aim of a meaningful life for all, sometimes get to face challenges. But despite the risks or challenges, nothing stops ISIAH. Questions? Contact Jerry Locula (jlocula@gmail.com)

Peace Kids—Movie

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 4:30p: We've brought back our favorite monthly movie night. This year we will not be serving pizza, so children can remain masked. November's movie is: "Inside Out." Families will go home with optional talking points to discuss regarding the film. Masks and social distancing required. Questions? Contact Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)

CALENDAR

November Events

- MONDAY 1:** Monthly Mediation, 6:30p; Book Study, 7:00p
- TUESDAY 2:** OneVoice Planning Meeting, 7:00p
- THURSDAY 4:** Enormous Africa (ZOOM), 7:00p & 8:00p
- SATURDAY 6:** Peace Kids Lego Contest, 10:00a
- SUNDAY 7: DST ENDS** Traditional Worship, 8:30a; Faith Formation, 9:45a; Guest Speaker: ISAIAH, 9:45a, Contemporary Worship, 11a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p
- THURSDAY 11:** Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p
- SATURDAY 13:** Peace Kids Movie, 4:30p
- SUNDAY 14:** Traditional Worship, 8:30a; Faith Formation & Fellowship Time, 9:45a; Adult Faith Formation, 10a, Contemporary Worship, 11a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p
- WEDNESDAY 17:** Church Council, 7p
- THURSDAY 18:** Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p
- SUNDAY 21:** Traditional Worship, 8:30a; Faith Formation & Fellowship Time, 9:45a; Adult Faith Formation, 10a, Contemporary Worship, 11a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p
- SUNDAY 28: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Traditional Worship, 8:30a; Contemporary Worship, 11a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; NOTE: No Faith Formation due to Thanksgiving Holiday



Images:
Moments from our October Worship Services

RECURRING

- BOOK STUDY**
Every Monday*, 7p
(Peace Rm)
- MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**
Every Tuesday, 7a (Peace Rm)
- BEVERAGE AND BIBLE**
Every Tuesday, 5p
(Glynner's Pub)
- RACE FORWARD**
Every other Tuesday*, 7p
(ZOOM)
* 11/2, 11/16, 11/30
- WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**
Every Thursday, 8a
(Peace Room)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our September pledged gifts were down from the August gifts by \$2,917 and below budget by \$6,049. However, this is about the same as last year's September so that is good news. We really need to maintain our gift giving through the next quarter to finish the year!!

YTD, our pledged gifts received are down **-\$57,844** from budget. If you combine our pledged and non—pledged gifts, we are down **-\$61,466** from budget.

Our expenses for September were down \$1,030 from budget showing that our expense control for the year is down \$33,371 from budget—which continues to be very good!

Our September budgeted net income was over budget by \$7,002. YTD Net Income is over by \$26,367, but again, not bad with total income down by \$76,571.

As of October 19, our current general operating checking account is at \$62,770.

We are still doing alright, but really need everyone to make their 2021 pledged commitment by year-end in order to not have to borrow any funds.

Questions? Contact Tom DeYoung (ltdeyoung@msn.com).

	SEPT 2021	Budgeted	Diff	SEPT 2020
Pledges	\$29,118	\$35,167	-\$6,049	\$29,122
Total Income	\$37,769	\$40,800	-\$3,031	\$31,691
Total Expenses	\$43,361	\$44,391	\$1,030	\$57,172
Net Income	-\$10,592	-\$3,591	-\$7,001	-\$25,481

Image Right:
Pastor Paul getting a surprise visit from his preaching and worship professor from Eden Theological Seminary, Hale Schroer. Both Hale and his wife attended our church service on Sunday, October 24.



November Birthdays

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

- 01** Bryce Bjork, Jackson Esau, Robert Lee
- 02** Mae Bignell, Chloe Regal, Ramona Trachsel, Trey Peterson
- 03** Diane Shanks
- 04** Killian Bennett, Isabella Bjork, Elena Kesselring, Kaleb Siewert, Erica Stalnaker
- 06** George Oldenburg, Gus Oldenburg
- 07** Zach Basballe, Mary Karlstad, Tim Liebenow, Anna Thompson
- 13** Ann Gerlach, Olivia Regal, Kaylee Wortman
- 14** Dana Molitor
- 16** Zachary Halverson, Ben Jensen
- 17** Thomas McLaurin
- 18** Tracy Doffing
- 19** Harrison Esau
- 23** Kaian Harmon
- 25** Lucas Diekvoss
- 26** Stacy LeQuire, Jane Pfeifer, Christopher Smith
- 27** Matt Knoepke, Aggie Salzwedel
- 28** Caleb Burkhard, David Marcham
- 29** Gerald Bentz, Alex Sunnock



Broadway Avenue Reconstruction Project

This project is intended to begin the transformation of the Broadway Avenue corridor (from Civic Center Drive to 13th Street North) into a significant multi-modal gateway to Downtown Rochester and the DMC Development District.

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



Update as of October 6 (excerpts taken from North Broadway Reconstruction Project web site)

“As we head into fall, the construction continues to progress at the south end of the project. The 13th Street intersection has been established as a three-way stop for a few weeks and will operate as-is until traffic is open on Broadway down to 7th Street. The full corridor is expected to open on November 19th.

“7th Street to Civic Center—Utility work continues in this area, and the concrete will be poured on Broadway the week of 10/18. The pedestrian path is currently on the west side down to 5th Street, and then detouring around the Bryk on Broadway site to Civic Center Drive.”

Peace Church Giving Tree

BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21—Together we will gather gifts to support local organizations that are committed to raising awareness and providing stability to Rochester's homeless youth and adults. Take an ornament from the tree, bring the unwrapped items back to church with the ornament label attached. Drop any gift cards at the Welcome Desk. *Donations accepted until Sunday, December 12.*

