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PEACE
CHURCH



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UPDATE:
In-Person Worship
DELAYED until
Sunday, Aug 2

OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

PEACE  CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR WINSTON JANUSZ!!

We are so pleased and blessed to announce that Winston Janusz has been called as our new Associate Pastor at Peace United Church of Christ. Winston was officially called at our July 5 congregational meeting. Pastor Winston will officially begin his ministry on July 12. We welcome Winston, Jessica, and their three children (Jonah, Connor, and Sage) with open arms. He is excited and ready to begin his ministry with us!

We give great thanks to the diligent and faithful work of the Search Team members (Tonia Ely-Chair, Bob Werner-Vice Chair, Jenny Ludemann, Dave Paul, Chad Ramaker, Will Sunnock, Anna Thompson, Tracy Walton, and Ben Wieland). Special thanks, too, to the Church Council and Peace Church staff for their amazing support and direction.

Please feel free to reach out to Winston via email at ypastor@peacechurchucc.org, call the church at 507-282-6117, or if comfortable having an "in-person" visit, please schedule a time to do so. We continue to practice personal distancing and masks are required within the building.

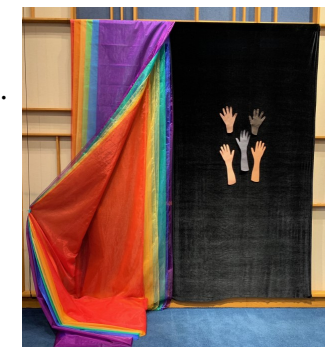


CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FEATURED EVENTS
FINANCIAL UPDATE /
BIRTHDAYS

July 2020

JULY BRINGS US TO THE MID POINT OF OUR YEAR...AND WHAT A UNIQUE YEAR IT HAS BEEN. AS WE PREPARE TO PROVIDE LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP, WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU ALL - EITHER VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON. PRAYING FOR EVERYONE'S CONTINUED SAFETY.

At Peace, we believe that accompanying one another on life's journey is what community is all about. While each person's life takes its own unique and beautiful path, community is about caring for each other through the ups and downs so we never truly travel alone.



Special thanks to Marie Neher for helping to decorate our Sanctuary to celebrate Pride Month and show our support of Black Lives Matter

CALENDAR

July Events

WEDNESDAY 8: Black Lives Matter Vigil 6p

SUNDAY 12: ~~In-Person Worship Begins~~ (also live streamed), 9a; Orpington Acres Vegetable Stand - parking lot, 10a

SUNDAY 19: ~~In-Person Worship~~ (also live streamed), 9a; Orpington Acres Vegetable Stand - parking lot, 10a

WEDNESDAY 22: Teen Wellbeing Gathering, 5p;

SUNDAY 26: ~~In-Person Worship~~ (also live streamed), 9a; Orpington Acres Vegetable Stand - parking lot, 10a

MONTH OF JULY: Children and Youth Peace Bingo

See inside for BINGO CARD!



Peace United Church of Christ is proud to stand with the honorable community of people who supported the Black Lives Matter protests in June. We are especially proud of the youth that made it out ~ You are amazing!

JULY REOCCURRING EVENTS

MEN OF PEACE
Every Tuesday, 7a
(ZOOM)

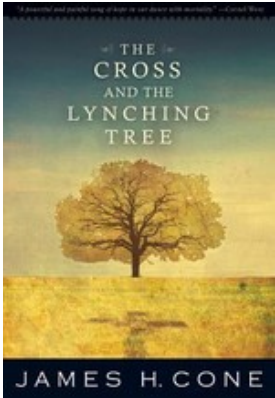
BEVERAGE AND BIBLE
Every Tuesday, 5p
(ZOOM)

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

COMING IN AUGUST

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/icHYMPJ> Details will be sent out late in July.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we shared last month, we are grateful for your continued support to the ministry of Peace United Church of Christ. Our giving for May was down ~~-\$6,086~~ from our budget of \$33,250. We still continue to see a decrease in our building-use income; however, some of our smaller groups are beginning to come back. Although the giving isn't where we were hoping, we're proud to report that our expenses remain under budget at \$27,352 vs a budget of \$44,451. Much of this savings is not having to pay anything toward our Associate Pastor Position.

We continue to look to the future. It remains important for us all to maintain our pledges as we move forward to hire a full-time Associate Pastor and experience the blessings that will come.

	MAY 2020	YEAR-TO-DATE	MAY 2019
Pledges budgeted	\$33,250	\$166,250	\$36,958
Pledges received	\$27,164	\$161,354	\$29,159
Difference	- \$6,086	- \$4,896	- \$7,799

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Jul 5	Council Member(s) in Charge
9a	Will Sunnock / Jenny Ludemann
Special Congregational Meeting, 10a; please RSVP if you wish to attend in person	
July 12	Council Member(s) in Charge
9a	Will Sunnock / Jenny Ludemann
First In-Person Worship; please RSVP if you plan to attend ; service will be live streamed as well	

July 19	Council Member(s) in Charge
9a	Will Sunnock / Jenny Ludemann
In-Person Worship; please RSVP if you plan to attend; service will be live streamed as well	
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July Birthdays

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

- 01 Collin Winters
- 02 Lou Anne Meyer
- 04 Bev Farlow, Daniel Karau, Dez Siewert, Bruce Tointon
- 05 Meg McCamish
- 06 Nicholas Giere, Don Sagdalen
- 07 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, Diane Pollock
- 21 Clair Ewert, Ann Lennington, Jenna Schroeder, Emma Theuer
- 22 Dawn Bradley, Betty Meyer
- 23 Ione Kloempken
- 24 Morgan Soto
- 25 Rudy Ramaker, Brenndan Walton, Christopher Kohler, Mary Peterson, Kendra Trachsel
- 28 Nancy Knoepke
- 31 Adele Bauch, Megan Page

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

Black Lives Matter Vigil

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8: 6p— In collaboration with Rev. Larone Shepard from Christway Full Gospel Church (who also meets here) we will be celebrating the lives of all those affected with the recent situations stemming from racism. Moments of prayer and silence will be the main purpose. The event will be held outside around our Peace Pole (weather permitting).



In-Person Worship Begins

SUNDAY, JULY 12 9p — In accordance with the guidelines from the CDC and our UCC MN Conference, we will begin holding in-person worship on Sunday, July 12. As was stated in our Olive Branch from June, you will see some changes in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. In-person attendance is limited to only 70 people and you must register in advance (call the church office at 282.6117 or register here: <https://signup.com/go/spbtjBv>). Our services will continue to be live streamed (via our web site and facebook).

Everyone must wear a mask and seating will be assigned to ensure we meet the 6-foot physical distancing (families can sit together).

As a reminder, here are other changes you will notice to the worship services;

- There will be no choir and no singing of hymns within the congregation
- ONEVOICE will perform as long as social distancing can be accommodated
- There will be no communion or passing of the peace
- There will be no fellowship time or meals
- Children's messages will continue with children staying in their seats
- An offering box will be placed in the Narthex near the Sanctuary doors
- The children's prayer area has been removed as well as the busy bags

If there is a resurgence of COVID-19 infections or warning signs, we may have to alter these plans, including cancelling in-person worship again. We look forward to seeing you all again even if it is at a distance. Stay safe!

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.

Peace Compassion Bingo

In keeping with the times, we have a children and teen Compassion Bingo game that begins now through August 23 (outdoor worship). Children and teens are encouraged to fill it out. 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!



Top Photo: Winton is greeted with a standing ovation

Bottom Photo: Clare and Bob present local gifts from our Peace family



Samaritan Bethany Employee Food Shelf



While COVID put a pause on many things, we are proud to share that we are providing much-needed help to the employees at Samaritan Bethany. These care givers have been on the front line since the beginning. It's a small way that we can thank them for their special care to the residents. Donations are still being taken. A list of items needed can be found on the donation box. *Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact John Franks (jef322@yahoo.com) or Dale Ely (dely419@gmail.com).*



YOU CAN HELP— With the growing demand for food, our LITTLE FREE PANTY is greatly utilized by those in our community who are in need. Your continuing support to keep our pantry stocked is very much appreciated. And a special thanks to Richard Lehman who offered his time and talents to fix the box after weathering the elements outside. Donations can still be dropped off in the bin located in the coat hallway. For a list of 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).

Memorial Scholarships

Peace is happy to announce the winners of this year's Memorial Scholarships:

- **Allan Carl Schroedel Memorial Scholarship**
- **Jonathan David Trachsel Memorial Scholarship**

Peter Haug

- **Don & Virginia Penz Memorial Scholarship**

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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 	Video chat a loved one or friend
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 	Learn a joke and tell it to three different people
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 	