

# OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

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## October

### OCTOBER CELEBRATES THE RHYTHMS OF A NEW PROGRAM YEAR

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.

Together, we engage questions of faith in real life terms with our shared theme, *"Joyful Journey: Life's a Journey. Let's travel together."*

Each week we gather around a shared theme. During Faith Formation (Sundays 9:45a) we break out to explore the theme through active learning opportunities for each age group. During worship (8:30a, 11a), we gather together over the shared theme.



Image top left: Teens make the space their own with a new chalkboard wall. Image bottom left: Children play in a bounce house on Rally Day.



Image top right: Child slides at the bounce house on Rally Day. Image bottom right: Children read a book with Lydia during the Children's Message.

# CALENDAR

## October Events

**TUESDAY 1:** Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30p

**FRIDAY 4:** Game Night 5:30p

**SATURDAY 5:** Women's Shelter Work Day 9a-12p; Peace Quilters 10a

**SUNDAY 6:** Accessing Sacred Guidance: Learning from the Amazon (Adult Ed, guest speaker Marie Neher) 9:45a; Fall Festival Planning Meeting 12:30p

**MONDAY 7:** Social Action Committee 6p

**SATURDAY 12:** Dayton Kruger Memorial Service 2p

**SUNDAY 13:** Deep Listening for Political Change (Adult Ed, guest speaker Kathryn Lozada of Isaiah) 9:45a

**MONDAY 14:** Stephen Ministry Peer Training 7p

**TUESDAY 15:** Senior Canasta Card Players 12:30p

**WEDNESDAY 16:** Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30p; Council 7p

**THURSDAY 17:** Card Sharks 6:30p

**FRIDAY 18:** Last day to Sign up for Tables of 8 or so (see details below)

**SATURDAY 19:** Peace Quilters 4p

**SUNDAY 20:** Quilters Pre-Bazaar Sale 8a; Legal Defense Fund (Adult Ed, guest speakers Gayle and Doug Rock, Mark Weiland); Fellowship Potluck 12p; Confirmation 12:30p; Fall Festival Planning Meeting 12:30p; Pumpkin Decorating and Hayride 1:30p

**WEDNESDAY 23:** Miriam Ministry 10a

**THURSDAY 24:** Channel One Team 9a

**FRIDAY 25:** Austin/Heilskov Wedding Rehearsal 6p

**SATURDAY 26:** Austin/Heilskov Wedding, 3p; Drag Queen Bingo Early Show 6p; Drag Queen Bingo Late Show 9p

**SUNDAY 27:** Fall Festival, 3p; Family Promise Buddy Week Begins

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**TABLES OF 8 OR SO:** Tables of 8 is a small group fellowship opportunity. Groups will meet 3 times during the academic year, November 2nd, February 1st, and April 25th. The groups will be somewhat randomly formed. One couple/person will host and provide the main course and the others provide side dishes and dessert. If you're interested, please sign up at the Welcome Desk by October 18 and let us know if you're willing to host the first dinner. Also please let us know if you want a group that includes kids or not.

### RECURRING EVENTS

**COMMUNION**  
First Sunday of every month

**MEN OF PEACE**  
Every Tuesday, 7a (Peace Room)

**KNITTING GROUP**  
Every Tuesday, 10:30a (Room 105)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Every Tuesday, 10a (Peace Room)

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

**ADULT BELL REHEARSAL**  
Every Wednesday, 6:10p (Room 115); *except 10/16*

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Every Wednesday, 7:10p (Sanctuary); *except 10/16*

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
Every Thursday, 7a (Peace Room)

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**  
Every Sunday, 12p

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# FEATURED EVENTS

## October

### Game Night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5:30-8:30p—All ages are invited to fill a fall night with fun and laughter. Play familiar board games and learn new ones. A board game enthusiast and expert will be present to help teach new games. Kid and family friendly! *Event happens at Peace Church in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack to share and cash to put towards pizza for dinner. Questions? Contact the Welcome Desk (aoffice@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Women's Shelter Workday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: 9a-12p—Support women and children fleeing domestic violence by helping to maintain the Rochester Women's Shelter. *Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed. Signup online or at the Welcome Desk. All volunteers will be asked to provide their full name and birth date.*

### Accessing Sacred Guidance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6—Hear from guest speaker, Marie Neher about her recent journey to Ecuador to spend time in the Amazon and learn about native healing practices. Learn how you can access sacred guidance in your own life. *Event happens in the Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45a.*

### Deep Listening for Political Change

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13—Join guest speaker, Kathryn Lozada, for a training in deep listening, a practice that can move us forward in these challenging political and social times. Kathryn is an organization for Isaiah, a multi-racial, state-wide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.

### Legal Defense Fund for those Fearing Deportation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20-- Learn more about the Rochester nonprofit that is raising funds to support those facing deportation. Guest speakers, Gayle and Doug Rock and Mark Wieland will offer education about the needs of immigrants and those facing deportation in our area.

### Pumpkin Decorating and Hayride

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: 1:30p—Join the Elementary Squad for a day of fun! Gather at the Winters' Farm for a fun afternoon of carving and decorating pumpkins and enjoying a hayride. *Signup is required so that pumpkins can be provided. Signup online or at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Drag Queen Bingo

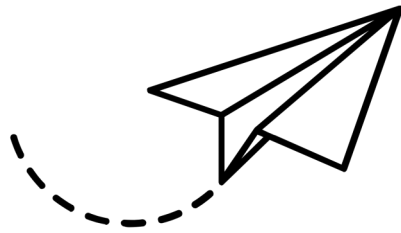
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: 6, 9p—There will be an early show and a late show. Costumes encouraged, prizes will be awarded for the best outfits. Over \$500 in cash prizes (if the bingo playing audience exceeds 150 players) for each show! *Tickets will be sold IN ADVANCE ONLY. Only 210 tickets will be sold for each show. Tickets will be available for purchase at Peace Church or online through Eventbrite and facebook. Be a part of the Drag Queen Bingo team! DQB is currently seeking volunteers and donations. Questions? Contact the Welcome Desk (aoffice@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Fall Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 3-5p—Volunteers are needed to donate supplies and help with setup, game facilitation and cleanup on the day of the event. Click here to sign up online or sign up at the Welcome Desk. *Questions? Contact Stacy Beyer-Groth (sdbeyergroth99@gmail.com).*

# FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 9:45A



## JOYFUL JOURNEY

Life is a journey.  
Let's travel together.

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### October 6: Accessing Sacred Guidance

**Affirmation:** *I feel for inner guidance before I act.*

**Lectionary:** *Free to Grieve.* I can draw on faith and inner wisdom in difficult times.

**PreK:** "A Seed of Faith," *I can do big things with God.*

**Elementary:** "Falling Sky," *I feel for inner guidance before I act.*

**Teen:** Lamentations 1:1-6: I can draw on faith and inner wisdom in difficult times.

**Adult:** *Accessing Sacred Guidance: Learning from the Amazon*, guest speaker Marie Neher

### October 13: What is Success?

**Affirmation:** *My success is measured in happiness and peace within.*

**Lectionary:** *Planting Life.* All people deserve to thrive and grow.

**PreK:** "Ten Men Healed," *We thank God for all good things.*

**Elementary:** "Nothing Fancy," *My success is measured in happiness and peace within.*

**Teen:** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15: *All people deserve to thrive, finding happiness and peace within.*

**Adult:** *Deep Listening for Political Change*, guest speaker Kathryn Lozada of ISAIAH

### October 20: Perseverance

**Affirmation:** *I will keep moving and finish what I start.*

**Lectionary:** *Act Boldly, Live Justly.* Act for justice, God will come alongside you.

**PreK:** "Jacob Wrestles," *God never leaves us.*

**Elementary:** "6,000 Tries!" *I will keep moving and finish what I start.*

**Teen:** Genesis 32:22-31: *I persist in doing the right thing; I can keep moving and finish what I start.*

**Adult:** *Legal Defense Fund*, guest speakers Gayle and Doug Rock, Mark Wieland

### October 27: Practicing Humility

**Affirmation:** *I know that the Spirit of the universe can do great and small things through me.*

**Lectionary:** *Just Worship.* God desires sincerity, humility and truth, not showiness or credit-seeking.

**PreK:** "The Pharisee and Tax Collector," *God hears our prayers.*

**Elementary:** "The Changeless Spirit," *I know the Spirit of the universe can do great and small things through me.*

**Teen:** Luke 18:9-14, *When I am humble and true to myself, the Spirit of the universe can do great and small things through me.*

**Adult:** TBA



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

| OCT 6   | Council Member | Special Music  | Read Aloud        |
|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 8:30a   | Eric Theuer    | Choir of Peace | Deborah Schroeder |
| 11:00 a | David Schmitt  | Joy ONEVOICE   | Deborah Schroeder |

*World Communion Sunday, Neighbors in Need Offering  
Fall Festival Planning Meeting 12:30p*

| OCT 13  | Council Member | Special Music  | Read Aloud        |
|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 8:30a   | Eric Theuer    | Bells of Peace | Deborah Schroeder |
| 11:00 a | David Schmitt  | Peace ONEVOICE | Theresa Diekvoss  |

*Stewardship Campaign Kickoff*

| OCT 20  | Council Member | Special Music | Read Aloud     |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 8:30a   | Eric Theuer    | TBD           | Ellen Rebstock |
| 11:00 a | David Schmitt  | Joy ONEVOICE  | Marie Neher    |

*Pre-Bazaar Quilters Sale 8a  
Fellowship Potluck 12:15p  
Confirmation 12:30p*

| OCT 27  | Council Member | Special Music | Read Aloud     |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 8:30a   | Eric Theuer    | TBD           | Ellen Rebstock |
| 11:00 a | David Schmitt  | Peace         | Lexie Walton   |

*Fall Festival 3-5p*

### BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

## October Birthdays

- 01** Gabrielle Barrows, Emma Giere, Cory Tinton
- 02** Joseph Haack, Vicki Schoonover, Zacary Siewert
- 03** Gina Kesselring, Jennifer Ozcan
- 05** Laura Fierro, William Nevala
- 06** E. Ruth Martin, Achala Springer
- 07** James Siewert
- 08** Cortney Stevens-Bignell
- 09** Kaelyn Carlson, Dean Pollock
- 10** Mary Bennett
- 11** Melina Lopez, Emily Paredes
- 12** Audrey Ewert, Mark Wieland
- 13** Chris Potts
- 14** Craig Johnson
- 15** Shannon Bennett
- 16** Jakob Barrows
- 17** Craig Bentz, LuAnn Rueb, Joleen Sherden
- 18** Theresa Diekvoss
- 19** Ed LeQuire, Theresa Peterson
- 20** Lois Hanenberger
- 23** Paul Keehn, Kellie Lenz
- 24** Beverly Clark, Sara Johnson
- 26** Debby Adams, Dorothy Culbertson, Marie Neher
- 28** Dana Basballe, Danielle Wells
- 30** Josh Morbeck, Abigale Rueb, Ronald Welke

### Fellowship Lunch

OCTOBER 6: Team Incredible!

OCTOBER 13: Team Superstars!

OCTOBER 20: All-Church Potluck

OCTOBER 27: Team Fantastic!

### All-Church Potluck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20—Many hands make light work, and a delicious lunch! Bring something to share and stay to clean up. *Pick up a spoon from the Welcome Desk to sign up for which item you will bring.*



# FEATURED EVENTS

## November

### **Samaritan Bethany Worship Assistance**

MONTH OF NOVEMBER— Help is needed at Samaritan Bethany to move residents to the chapel for their Sunday morning worship time (8:30 & 9:30a) Several volunteers are needed for both shifts. Duties include checking with residents if they'd like to attend worship, escort them, visiting with them before and after worship, and escort them back to their room or floor. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. *Questions? See Debby.*

### **All Saints Sunday**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — At both worship services we will celebrate all those special people from our church family who have left this past year. We'll also celebrate all the new lives which we celebrated through Holy Baptism. There will be a time to lift up others during our services.

### **Fall Highway Clean Up**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 1p— People of all ages are needed to clean up our stretch of adopted highway. Bring your children, your grandchildren, friends, neighbors and community groups. Together, we will make our environment a little bit cleaner. Suggestion to wear gloves and closed-toe shoes; bags and vests will be provided. Meet at the church and carpool, 1p. (Rain date November 10). Sign up at the Welcome Desk. *Questions? Contact Diane Pollock.*

### **Fall Back: Daylight Savings**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3— Remember to set your clocks back an hour in observance of daylight savings!

### **Peace Church Bazaar**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9: 9:00a— This annual bazaar and in-door rummage sale draws large crowds. To prepare, we are needing volunteers to help with set up on Thursday and Friday, November 7 & 8 (starting at 9am), folks to help in the kitchen the day of the bazaar, and donations of dessert bars. Along with attending, we are seeking donations. All items donated must be in clean and in good usable shape. Due to the many fundraising events happening in the Fellowship Hall, donations can be dropped off at Peace Church Fellowship Hall [starting on Sunday, November 3](#) (look for the designated area). Items not accepted are outdoor garden plants, tires, large pieces of furniture, open bottles of perfume or lotions, no electronics or appliances or large exercise equipment. To help, see Welcome Desk. *Questions? Contact Carole Winters or Anne Reick.*

### **All Children Event: Air Insanity**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10: 4:00p—All children (Elementary through High School) are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of jumping! We'll car pool from church. Watch for the signup. *Questions? Contact Tracy Walton*

### **Holiday Giving Tree**

BEGINS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — We will once again have our Giving Tree available for individuals to donate to local agencies support homelessness. Be watching for further details. *Questions? Contact Anna Froehling (amfroehling@gmail.com).*

### **Community Thanksgiving Meal**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual gathering. A special time for all to come together and celebrate all that we are thankful for. Volunteers are needed. Be watching for more details forthcoming.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## This is Our Church, We Make it What it Is

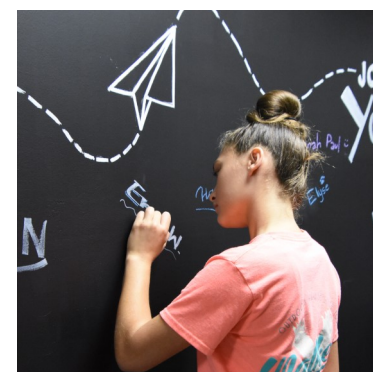
At the Semi-Annual meeting in September, there was quite a bit of discussion concerning our financial status. Be watching for information on our upcoming Stewardship Campaign.

|                  | AUG 2019 | YEAR-TO-DATE | AUG 2018 |
|------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Pledges budgeted | \$36,958 | \$295,667    | \$36,250 |
| Pledges received | \$31,079 | \$278,665    | \$30,999 |
| Difference       | -\$5,879 | -\$17,002    | -\$5,251 |



## Love of Children: Neighbors in Need Offering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This year's theme is "Love of Children." One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. *Neighbors in Need helps make **A Just World for All** possible. However, for this to occur, we need your support.*



**Pictured Above:** Children and teens engage in active learning opportunities tailored to teach healthy spirituality in real-life, age-appropriate terms.

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