

OLIVE BRANCH

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*Communion Served the first
Sunday of each month*

8:30am ~ Traditional Service
9:45am ~ Faith Formation
(all ages)
11:00am ~ Contemporary
Service
12:15pm ~ Fellowship Lunch

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At Peace, we strive to be "A safe and inclusive church living God's radical message." Our goal is to be an active congregation, providing many wonderful social and fellowship events, community mission and outreach activities, and diverse engaging worship services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Listos Carnival

SATURDAY, MARCH 2—Join in the fun at Listos Preschool and Childcare's second annual carnival fundraiser, 11a-2p, in the Fellowship Hall. You can also support Listos by donating items for their silent auction and raffle, as well as small toys as prizes for carnival games. *Questions Contact Listos Program Director, Courtney Caron (programdirector@listoskids.org).*

Farewell Reception for Pastor Beth

SUNDAY, MARCH 3—Honor the ministry of Pastor Beth at Peace and wish her well for the next part of her journey. Come for light refreshments and a time of gratitude, 9:45-10:45a.

Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6—Our Lenten journey begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 7p. There will be Communion including the imposition of ashes.



Youth Outing

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 — Cabin fever is real! Time to shake it off with an afternoon at Bowlocity. All youth grades 6-12 are invited enjoy an afternoon out together. The group will eat lunch at church, then carpool from Peace at 12:30p. Cost is \$12 per person. *All youth must RSVP to Debby. Questions? Contact Tracy Walton.*

Family Movie Night

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 @ 5:30p - Bring your pillow and favorite blanket while we watch Ralph Breaks the Internet and enjoy some pizza and pop. Cost: \$5/family. RSVP by March 14 here: <https://peaceucc.aware3.net/form/qtpqvt4> Questions? Contact Debby (office@peacechurchucc.org)

Easter Sharing Basket Donations - Begins

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 — Help us provide needed necessities to the organizations that support homelessness. Pick an egg from the basket, purchase the item and bring the empty egg and the donation back. This will run through April 21.

Connect - Card Sharks

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 — Join us at 6:30p in the Narthex for some fun! Once we all get together we'll figure out what card game we want to play. Questions? See Lynn Alcock

Samaritan Bethany / Rochester '76 Lions Club Pancake Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 30: 8a - 1p All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. Proceeds will support Samaritan Bethany Residents Care and Minnesota Lions Club Projects. Cost: \$10/adults; kids 5 and under free. Tickets available at Welcome Desk, Samaritan Bethany Reception Desk and Gift Shop. Questions: See Marie Wilson (mawilso@charter.net).

UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

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Drag Queen Bingo

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 — It is time for another great night of Drag Queen Bingo! Doors open at 6p; festivities begin at 7p sharp. Play bingo, win prizes and enjoy the musical entertainment of some of our area's most talented drag queens. *Admission: \$10 at the door, cash only. Questions? Contact the Bob Werner (rjwerner@charter.net)*

On-Line Auction

MARCH 30 - April 8 - 24—Help us raise funds for Peace Church ministries. We will be holding another on-line auction (working with Oronoco Online Auctions). Items for the auction can be dropped off now at Oronoco through March 15. (during normal business hours). Refer to the list of specific items acceptable (on our website and at the Welcome Desk). Questions? See Teresa Waldof (twaldof@yahoo.com)

Weekly Community Meals

Get to know your neighbors and enjoy a meal at no cost! Together, we will provide a simple, quality meal to our neighborhood on Wednesday nights. Meals will be served from 5:30-6p. Volunteers are needed to do prep work on Tuesdays (5-6:30p) and to prep, serve and cleanup on Wednesdays. *Signup at the welcome desk, online or through the app. Questions? Contact Ed or Stacy LeQuire (drlequire@gmail.com)*

2019 Lenten Schedule

This year's Lenten theme is: "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith." There will be multiple opportunities for you to engage in a video and discussion format as we explore the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality along with our faith resident scientists from Peace.



Wednesdays (Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10)

Taize Service 5 - 5:45p
Community Meal 5:30 - 6p
Wednesday Painting the Stars Study 6p

Sundays (Mar 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7, 14)

Adult Faith Formation - Painting the Stars 9:45a

Holy Week (Apr 14, 18, 19, 21)

Palm Sunday - April 14 (8:30 & 11a Worship)
Maundy Thursday - April 18 (6p)
Good Friday - April 19 (7P)
Easter Sunday - April 21 (8:30 & 11a Worship w/Communion)

REHEARSALS FOR PIRATES OF PENZANCE!

Once and Future Classics will be performing the well-loved show that lets us be dashing pirates and fair maidens and gives us the license to shout ARRRGGGG! for no apparent reason. Auditions are tentatively set for March 11 & 12, with performances the first 3 weekends in May. You can view the character descriptions at the Welcome Desk. It will be a large cast with many singing roles, and also some speaking parts for the non-soloists among us. This show also has a full age-range.

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SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	SPECIAL MUSIC	Fellowship Lunch
3	8:30am	Bob Werner	TBD	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Amber Carlson's Team
10 Spring Ahead!!	8:30am	Bob Werner	Bells of Peace	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	Team Fantastic!
17	8:30am	Bob Werner	Choir of Peace	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Team Superstars!
24	8:30am	Bob Werner	TBD	
	11:00am		Peace ONEVOICE	Shar Hain's Team
31	8:30am	Bob Werner	Choir of Peace	
	11:00am		Joy ONEVOICE	Team Incredible!

AND BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Schmitt
- 2 Muriel Hawley, Eileen Schroeder
- 3 Chad Ramaker
- 5 Rose Gilbertson
- 6 Semini McLaurin
- 7 Deb Franks
- 8 Al Bushman, Matt Melmer
- 10 Kirby Bakken
- 11 David Allen, Levi Barker, Jason Dahlen
- 12 Anna Haug, Lainey LeQuire
- 13 Ben Winters
- 14 Linda Arns
- 15 Rae Dunn, Deb Guenthner, Eryn Wortman
- 16 Tom Otten
- 17 Annaliesa Diekvoss, Maddie Pavek, Sara Schliep
- 18 Michelle Johnson

- 19 Dylan Allen, Becky Maloney, Bruce Schliep
- 20 Pamela Haase
- 21 Warren Bjork, Kelsie Laughlin, Nancy Manley
- 22 Anne Reick
- 25 Barb Fritz-Davis, Michael Siewert
- 26 Spencer Pfeifer, Elliott Winter
- 27 Joan Leof, Colleen Petit, Susan Tointon, Ed Wagner
- 28 Stacy Goowin, Deanna Servick
- 29 Sondra Bentz, Sara Neher, Amber Davis
- 31 Sheila Franck

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead -
Sunday March 10!



MARCH: Last month we implemented a new model for our elementary youth faith formation (preschool through 5th Grade). Each Sunday will begin with Music from 9:45 - 10a, then each grade will break away for their own lessons until 10:45a.

FAITH FORMATION

9:45a
Sundays

March 3:

Elementary Youth (pre - Grade 5): Expressing Gratitude

Youth: Transformed (Luke 9:28-36)

Adult Faith Formation Enlarging our Table: Homelessness

MARCH 10:

Elementary Youth (pre - Grade 5): Who or What is God?

Youth: Wild Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

Adult Faith Formation: "Painting the Stars" - Science and Faith Series.

MARCH 17:

Elementary Youth (pre - Grade 5): Who Was Jesus

Youth: The Walk (Luke 13:31-35)

Adult Faith Formation: "Painting the Stars" - Science and Faith Series.

MARCH 24: NO FAITH FORMATION (Spring Break)

MARCH 31:

Elementary Youth (pre - Grade 5): Discovering Divine Energy

Youth: Embracing Love (Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32)

Adult Faith Formation: "Painting the Stars" - Science and Faith Series.



**2nd - 3rd grade
Faith Formation
Project: Making
tie blankets**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—We sometimes think that “imagination” means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is essential to God's hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine....” (Ephesians 3:20-21). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed.

You see, when we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision – and work for! – a world where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved; where no one ever fears abuse or violence; where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all; where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors; where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it; where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need, now and for years to come; where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ's name.



Can YOU imagine these things? Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Please give generously on Sunday, March 31! “More Than You Can Imagine...”

Financial Update

We are starting the year on a positive note - even compared to last year at this time. Your gifts are very important. If you have an email on record, you can see real-time what your current giving status is. Questions? Contact Debby

	January	YTD	Jan 2018
Pledges Budgeted	\$36,958	\$36,958	\$36,250
Actual Received	\$37,710	\$37,710	\$36,189
Difference	\$752	\$752	-\$61

Worship Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to provide children's messages during 8:30a and 11a services. Songs leaders and worship leaders are needed for 8:30a services. Song leaders facilitate singing. Worship leaders facilitate readings and prayers. Signup online <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2654076/false#/invitation> or at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul.



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Remember....
Sunday, March 10, 2019

