

# OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST// SEPTEMBER 2019

*A progressive community in the heart of Rochester.*

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## September

**SEPTEMBER IS FILLED WITH  
EXCITEMENT AS WE KICK  
OFF A NEW PROGRAM  
YEAR TOGETHER**

The crispness of autumn is in the air and with it the excitement of a fresh, new program year.

Together, we are about to share another amazing year. We are beginning a shared journey of discovery!

This year's theme is JOYFUL JOURNEY: *Life's a journey. Let's travel together.*

Two worship services resume at 8:30 and 11a. Faith Formation resumes for all ages at 9:45a.

It all kicks off with bang on Rally Day, September 8 when the whole church and the neighborhood are invited to a carnival at 12p. *Learn more inside this issue.*



Image top left: Pastor Paul leads worship. Image bottom left: Liz sings from the heart.

Image top right: Hannah holds her pet turtle for Blessing of the Animals. Image bottom right: Karl preaches.

# CALENDAR

## September Events

**SUNDAY 8:** Rally Day! 8:30 & 11a Worship; Faith Formation, 9:45a; Outside Carnival 12 - 2p

**MONDAY 9:** Social Action & Outreach 6p; Stephen Ministry Peer Training 7p

**TUESDAY 10:** Worship Planning 6:15p

**SUNDAY 15:** Fellowship Potluck, 12p; Family Promise Volunteer Training 1:30p

**TUESDAY 17:** Senior Card Players 12:30p; Confirmation Mentors, 6:15p

**WEDNESDAY 18:** Stewardship Meeting 5:30p, Church Council 7p

**THURSDAY 19:** Connect Card Sharks 6:30p

**FRIDAY 20:** Family Movie Night 6p

**SUNDAY 22:** Semi-Annual Meeting 9:45a, Confirmation Kick-Off 12:30p; Fall Festival Planning Meeting, 12:30p

**WEDNESDAY 25:** Miriam Ministry 10a

**THURSDAY 26:** Channel One Team 9a

**SATURDAY 28:** PrideFest Booth 12 - 5p

**SUNDAY 29:** Confirmation 12:30, Elementary Squad Silver Lake Walk 1p

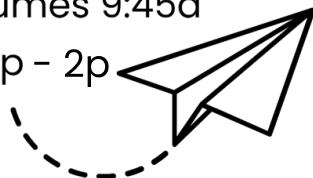
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Rally Day Carnival 12p - 2p



### REOCCURRING 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  
(Glynner's Pub)

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

**ORPINGTON ACRES\***  
Sunday, 9/15 & 22  
Only, 12p  
(South Parking Lot)  
\* limited dates



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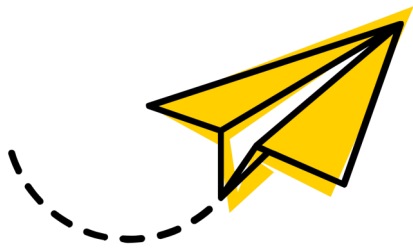
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## JOYFUL JOURNEY

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### This Year's Theme

JOYFUL JOURNEY— Life is a journey. Sometimes we try, sometimes we learn and sometimes, we FLY! Community is all about caring for one another through life's ups and downs and learning together along the way. Join the journey this year as each Sunday shares a theme adapted to each age group and shared by the whole church.

### Rally Day: The Adventure Begins!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—The new program year begins with two worship services (8:30, 11a) and Faith Formation Kickoff (9:45a) **Caregivers and children**, gather in the music room to open in song, then go to classrooms with teachers for registration, orientation and fun! Incoming 2nd Graders will be receiving their personal Bibles.

**9:45a Youth grades 6-12** meet downstairs in The Dwelling to kickoff the year. **Adult Ed** resumes in Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is Joyful Journey. All age groups will share weekly themes with questions about life and faith, so our community and families can learn and grow together!

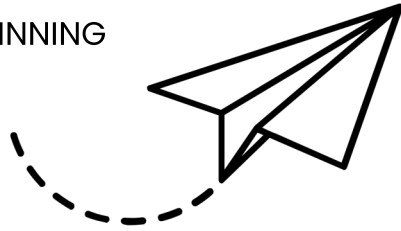
**Neighborhood Carnival 12-2p:** Celebrate the beginning of the school year and a new program year at Peace Church! Jump in bounce houses, play carnival games, get your face painted, win a treat at the cake walk, get to know your neighbors and enjoy a simple hotdog lunch.

**The Rally Day Committee is currently seeking donations!** For the official list of requested items, please see Clare at the Welcome Desk or go to <https://bit.ly/2TaXubC>

# FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 9:45A BEGINNING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



## JOYFUL JOURNEY

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### September 8: Rally Day

**Affirmation:** *We are beginning a shared, joyful journey of discovery.*

**Lectionary:** *A New Identity.* God knows me inside and out, and is everywhere within me and around me.

**All-ages:** Each classroom: Meet teachers and support staff, complete registration forms, getting-to-know-you activities & classroom décor.

### September 15: Inclusion

**Affirmation:** *The Spirit within me is the One Spirit that lives in all.*

**Lectionary:** *Growing in God's Love.* God is present in everyone; therefore, how I treat myself and others matters.

**PreK:** Spark Lectionary; Fall Year C, Week 1, "The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin"

**Elementary:** Joyful Path; Year 1, Lesson 32, "One Love"

**Youth:** Luke 15:1-10

**Adult:** Guest Speaker: Planned Parenthood: Services and Funding

### September 22: Willpower

**Affirmation:** *I find within myself the power to do what is right.*

**Lectionary:** *Prayerful Living.* Be constantly alert, creative, outside of the box thinkers for good, use adversity to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials so you'll live, really live— not just complacently getting by on good behavior.

**PreK:** Spark Lectionary; Fall Year C, Week 2, "Two Masters"

**Elementary:** Joyful Path; Year 1, Lesson 19, "Nineteen Dangerous Trips"

**Youth:** Luke 16:1-13

**Adult:** Semi-Annual Meeting

**Also Happening:** Semi-Annual Meeting

### September 29: Security

**Affirmation:** *Security comes from knowing who we really are. My true self is deathless and changeless. I am secure in unconditional love, light and joy.*

**Lectionary:** *Surprising Investment.* I find fulfillment and security in divine, eternal things, not in wealth, government, power or money.

**PreK:** Spark Lectionary; Fall Year C, Week 23, "The Parable of the Rich Man"

**Elementary:** Joyful Path; Year 1, Lesson 28, "The Changeless Spirit"

**Youth:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19

**Adult:** Identity and Gender, guest speaker Bob Werner

**Also Happening:** Rochester Pride Weekend, special service at 11a.

# FEATURED EVENTS

## September

### Family Promise Volunteer Training

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: 1p— You can help families experiencing homelessness by becoming a certified Family Promise volunteer. Take the training from our very own, Adele Bauch at Peace Church (how convenient!). Event happens in the Fellowship Hall. *Questions? Contact Adele Bauch (abauch@charter.net).*

### Family Movie Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20— Bring your pillow and favorite blanket while we watch the new Aladdin Movie and enjoy some pizza and pop. Cost is \$5 per family. RSVP by September 18. *Questions? Contact Debby (office@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Semi-Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—Your participation is needed as we review our financial status and share our 2020 preliminary budget, as well as approving new council members. The meeting will take place at 9:45a in the Fellowship Hall.

### Confirmation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22— Our 2019-20 confirmation program will kick off on Sunday, September 22 , 12:30p and is open to all youth grades 7 - 9. If you did not receive information about this year's program, please see Debby or Pastor Paul.

### Fellowship Potluck

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15— Following our second worship service, we'll have a fellowship potluck. Look for the 'spoons' at the welcome desk to see what is needed. *Questions? Contact Quintin Dykes (Quintin.Dykes@blackline.com).*

### Channel One

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24— Help prepare boxes of grocery items for recipients at Channel One, 9a. *Questions? Contact Jody Morbeck (jstt4th@aol.com).*

### PrideFest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28— Rochester Pride happens 12-4p at Mayo Park. *Peace will host a Pride Fest service on Sunday, September 29, 11a.*

### Elementary Squad Event

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29— Time to enjoy our fall weather with a walk around Silver Lake. Bring your bikes, trikes, or just walk as we explore nature. *Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Little Free Pantry

YOU CAN HELP— Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this summer. Peace's Little Free Library is doubling as a Little Free Pantry. Find a list of suggested items at the Welcome Desk. *Questions? Contact Dawn Bradley (dgkilian@hotmail.com)*

### Hawthorne Helps Drive

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER— Help others in need feel their best as they head back to school! Hawthorne Helps is a partnership between Rochester Public Schools' Hawthorne Education Center and First Unitarian Universalist Church. Volunteers staff a store, offering items that cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps). Students may select items twice each month, free of charge. The store is currently in need of **deodorant, body wash and hair brushes.** Donations can be dropped at Peace in the coat hallway bin. *Questions? Contact Clare at the Welcome Desk (aoffice@peacechurchucc.org).*



Image: Peace youth share a meal on their recent trip to St. Louis.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

SEPT 1	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
9:00a	Christopher Kohler Laurie Klein	TBD	Tracy Walton

*Communion Sunday*

SEPT 8	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Christopher Kohler	Choir of Peace	Lydia
11:00 a	Laurie Klein	Joy ONEVOICE	Lydia

*Rally Day*

SEPT 15	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Christopher Kohler	TBD	TBD
11:00 a	Laurie Klein	Peace ONEVOICE	Tammy Rider

*Fellowship Potluck @ 12:15p*

*Family Promise Volunteer Training @ 1:30p*

SEPT 22	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Christopher Kohler	TBD	Linda Bradley
11:00 a	Laurie Klein	Joy ONEVOICE	Linda Bradley

*Semi-Annual Meeting 9:45a*

*Confirmation Kick-Off 12:30p*

SEPT 29	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Christopher Kohler	TBD	April Horne
11:00a	Laurie Klein	Peace ONEVOICE	Janet Rois

*Elementary Event: Silver Lake Walk 1p*

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

## September BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Noah Winter
- 02 Riley Melmer
- 03 Dale McCamish,  
William Meinhart, Rose Zerby
- 06 Jerald Barnhart,  
Wendy Nevala,  
April Oelkers
- 07 Evelyn Stiller
- 08 Aubrey Burkhard,  
Kaylene Geiger,
- 09 Nate Barker, Mike Hawkins,  
Erick Rist
- 10 Bethanie Bentz, Ken Fritz,  
Tamara Haack
- 11 Vivien LeQuire,  
Shelley Schmitt
- 14 Margie Barrows, Joel Gordon,  
Drew Holloway
- 15 Anthony Cook, Ernie Roeber
- 16 David Arns, Carlton Swan
- 17 Bryan Winters,  
Thomas Winters
- 18 Joan Bietz, Becca Schliep,  
Anya Theuer
- 21 Jennifer Newton
- 22 Judy Berg
- 23 Ben Bedard, Quintin Dykes,  
Betsy Jorgensen,  
Carrie Wieland
- 24 Sharon Franklin,  
Sarah Gordon
- 25 Grant Bazinet,  
Cassidy Harmon
- 28 Bruce Franklin, Duane Rich
- 29 Karla Hamilton, Kim Tande
- 30 Judi Bjork, Teresa Holloway,  
Trace Madson,  
Melissa McLaurin,  
Carter Wortman



# FEATURED EVENTS

## October

### Family Game Night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: 5:30p — All ages are invited to fill an autumn 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, 5:30-8:30p. Light refreshments provided. Questions? Contact Ed LeQuire (drlequire@gmail.com).*

### Ecuador Presentation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6: 9:45a — Hear from guest speaker, Marie Neher, about her recent visit to Ecuador to learn from native spiritual healers. *Event happens in the Fellowship Hall during Adult Faith Formation.*

### Once and Future Classics Auditions

OCTOBER 7-8: 6:30p — Once and Future Classics, under the direction of Aaron Rocklyn, will be presenting "Little House on the Prairie - The Musical" Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 7 & 8 at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Please be prepared to also sing a song as part of the audition. Questions? see Aaron Rocklyn (aaronlance@hotmail.com). Performance dates will be the first 3 weekends in December (6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21) including a matinee on Saturday December 14.

### Elementary Squad Retreat

OCTOBER 18-19 — Elementary Youth Grades 4-5 will have their fall retreat at Old Town in Good Earth Village. On Saturday morning, we invite Grades K-3 to join us. Details are found on the next page. *Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Cardboard Box City: Youth Event

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 — All youth are invited to participate in this year's Family Promise Cardboard Box City held at Berean Community Church. *Questions? See Adele Bauch (abauch@charter.net).*

### Quilters Pre-Bazaar Sale

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 — The fall bazaar is right around the corner. Here is your chance to purchase the amazing items that our quilters have been busy creating before they are sold at the bazaar in November. Presales will take place before, between and after worship services. *Questions? Contact Marie Wilson (mawilso@charter.net).*

### Pumpkin Carving and Hayride

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: 1:30p — We will gather at the Winters' Farm for a fun afternoon of carving and decorating pumpkins and enjoying a hayride. *Sign up is required so that pumpkins can be provided. Signup at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Drag Queen Bingo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ 7 & 9p — Mark your calendar for this fun show. Due to large demand, there will be two shows. Watch for future details. *Questions? Contact Bob Werner (rjwerner@charter.net).*

### Fall Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27: 3p — This community event brings children and youth together in a safe and fun environment to celebrate Halloween. Wear your costume. Lots of games, prizes, and candy await! *Questions? Contact Stacy Beyer-Groth (sdbeyeragroth99@gmail.com).*

# PEACE UCC RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

**October 18-19, 2019**

Old Town @ Good Earth  
Village



*Limited scholarships available.  
Speak with Debby for details.*

## WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?

*Elementary children (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)*

## EXPECTATIONS:

*This will provide an opportunity for our elementary children to get to know each other in a fun way. This retreat is broken into 2 age groups:*

- 4th & 5th Graders will stay over night
- Kindergarten - 3rd graders will join us for Saturday activities

## VOLUNTEERS:

*We need a minimum of 2 males and 2 female adults to stay overnight as chaperones. We also need to secure enough vehicles to get everyone there and back. If you are interested, please contact Debby. All volunteers will need to pass a background check prior to the retreat.*

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, OCT 18, 2019

**4:15P:** MEET @ CHURCH TO CARPOOL

**5:30P:** DINNER @ GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

**6:30P:** GAMES, SINGING, BONFIRE, SMORES,  
NIGHT HIKE & DEVOTION

**9:30P:** LIGHTS OUT - BEDTIME

### SATURDAY, OCT 19, 2019

**7:45A:** RISE & SHINE, PACK BAGS

**8:30A:** BREAKFAST

**9:30A:** K - 3RD GRADERS ARRIVE  
- ACTIVITIES

**12:30P:** LUNCH

**1:00P:** ENDING DEVOTION & LEAVE FOR  
PEACE

**COST** \$25 Overnight / \$10 for Saturday Only



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

THANK YOU for your continued support of the many ministries of Peace Church. Together, we create a safe, inclusive environment where all people can grow in their spirituality and find the healing power of community.

	JULY 2019	YEAR-TO-DATE	JULY 2018
Pledges budgeted	\$36,958	\$258,708	\$41,325
Pledges received	\$36,196	\$245,415	\$35,007
Difference	+\$762	+\$13,293	-\$6,318

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

### Debt Reduction Capital Funds Campaign: Status

Through your generous pledges, \$303,640 of the \$600,000 debt reduction goal has been met in pledges (as of August 19). Those who have pledged represent a little more than 10% of our congregation. Each Sunday we remind ourselves that "This is OUR church...we make it what it is." Just imagine what can be accomplished if everyone participates, not just the 10%!

One of our existing loans matured in June. Because of that, Merchant's bank was generous to grant us another 3-year loan at 4.75% interest only. This means that our monthly payments will fluctuate as we continue to pay down the principal. When this debt is retired, these funds will be freed to sustain and grow the life and ministry of the unique and inclusive spiritual community that exists at Peace. In any given week, Peace's facilities are not only home to Sunday worship and educational activities, but also to many community groups who find a refuge here.

*Please prayerfully consider how you can help to reduce Peace's construction debt. Questions? Contact Debby.*



**Pictured Above:** A group of 20 went to the Rochester Art Center to encounter the Mind Matters Exhibit about mental health.

# A FEW PHOTOS FROM



July  
AND  
August



**Above:** The children's message read-aloud time gets a visit from Tonia and her puppy.

**Image left:** April shares a song.

**Image right:** Amy and John bring their pup for Blessing of the Animals.



**Image left, below:** In August, 13 youth went on a mission trip to St. Louis. There they learned, explored and worked together.

They even made it to the iconic arch, took a day to play and sang a few Beatles songs along the way.





# A FEW PHOTOS FROM



*July*  
AND  
*August*

**Image left:** Fun at the park.

**Image right:** Youth enjoying the evening at Eden Seminar yin St Louis.



**Images above left & right :** Youth putting in 'sweat equity' during their mission trip in St Louis.

**Below** A relaxing time during a Wednesday night picnic.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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