



Peace United Church of Christ

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The Tidings

April 2022

Pastor Eric will be on Sabbatical from February 7, 2022, through June 4, 2022.

From June 5 through June 11, Pastor Eric will be helping to lead the High School Habitat Trip. He will return to the pulpit on June 12, 2022.

While Pastor Eric is gone, if you have an emergency and need to reach a pastor, please call either the church office at 262-626-4011, or Rev. Sharon Stier at 414-531-0837.

Worship Schedule for April 2022

Sunday, April 3 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. – COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Rev. Julie Mavity-Maddelena preaching
Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 10 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday & Confirmation
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Luke 19:28-40

Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 p.m. – Rev. Russ Knoth preaching

Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 15 – 1:00 p.m. – Rev. Russ Knoth preaching

Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25
Or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 17 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. – Rev. Russ Knoth preaching

Easter Sunday
*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Luke 24

Sunday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. – Rev. James Schleif preaching

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31

Holden Prayer Services will take place on Wednesdays from March 2nd through April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Vocals: Greg Ogi, Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann. Piano: Sherry McElhatton, Guitar: Tom Ogi, Flute: Ellie Baldus

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

April 2 Joshua Weinreich
April 10 Brooks Martin
April 13 Madison Strom
April 16 Kenady Kivell
April 17 Hudson Gitter
April 18 Kolton Hauch
April 19 Tore Schemelin
April 29 Luke Pendowski

Birthdays (80 years plus)

April 1 Shirley Reinders (85)
April 5 Ronald Rusch (87)
April 9 Don Redgwick (91)
April 13 Shirley Schlice (84)
April 15 Robert Schrader (83)
April 25 James Reigle (96)
 John Wood (85)
 Cheri Hron (90)

Anniversaries

April 3 Zak & Katie Pendowski (18)
April 7 William & Jessica Loser (21), Jason & Jamie Piittmann (21)
April 12 Scott & Cathy Stern (14)
April 14 Jacob & Jessica Manogue (4)
April 23 Tim & Kathy Danielson (45)
April 28 Joshua & Arielle Guillaume (4)
April 29 Ashley & Randy Thull (16)
April 30 Susan & Daniel Chesak (34)

We hold in our prayers the family and friends of those who have entered eternal life:

Jean Kochanski – March 4, 2022, Louis Halderson – March 10, 2022

“O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.”

Events and Activities

Peace Church Book Group

The Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday morning, April 6th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The group will be discussing "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabell Wilkerson. Books for the remaining months of the 2021 - 2022 Book Group year are:

May 4: "Infinite Country" by Patricia Engel

June 1: "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall

For more information on the Peace Church Book Group please contact Lynn Rusch (262-306-4025) or lynnrusch@yahoo.com.

Easter Flowers We will not be having a huge Easter flower sale, but will order some spring flower plants for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the plants, please send a check to Peace Church re: Easter Flowers. Thank you.

Peace Church Kitchen Remodeling Project Update

The down payment checks and contracts have been signed and delivered to the General Contractor, Cabinet Maker, Appliance Store and Hood Company.

We have a buyer for the old stove and the kitchen cabinets. We are in the process of selling the cabinets in fellowship hall. We will be selling the 2 refrigerators and all the dishes in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to purchase anything or knows someone that would be interested, please contact Karen Kletti.

The plumber has sent in for the plumbing permit. As soon as we are approved and the appliances and hood are delivered, construction will start. There will be plastic sheeting that encloses the area that's under construction to keep the dust down.

If you have any questions, the committee consists of Mary Billman, Kathy Mertz, Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Clark Pearson, Shirley Ogi, and Karen Kletti.

2022 High School Youth Habitat Trip – June 5th-10th

This year we are headed to Frankfort, Indiana

Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed 9th Grade.

The Cost: \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members

Please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the parking lot entrance to let us know you plan to participate or contact the office by email: office@peace-ucc.org.

Peace Church Scholarships

This year the Scholarship Committee awarded fourteen \$750 scholarships. Contributions to the committee are always welcome. You can use your birthday envelope in the giving packet or use the scholarship section of the regular giving envelope. Of course, you can send your contribution to the church office, too. The committee always appreciates your support for their cookie sales, car washes, and other sponsored events.

Family Promise needs the following items:

- ~Toilet paper ~Paper towel ~Heavy Duty Clamps ~Twin/TwinXL bed sheets
- ~Garbage Bags (13 gallon) ~Shower Curtains/Liners ~White-out ~Scotch tape
- ~Cases of water ~4 Shower caddy's ~command hooks ~Industrial Mop ~ Dish soap
- ~Disinfectant Spray ~Bleach Tablets (for toilet use) ~6 hampers ~Rags for cleaning

Keep your eyes open for the Family Promise "Giving Tree". Take a tag off the tree, purchased that item and bring the item and tag back to church.

Pet Pantry – Free pet supplies and more! The Washington County Human Society understands the financial burden of having pets, especially during these unpredictable times and they are here to help! Come by their shelter during business hours and take what you need. Please pass the word on to those that may be in need. Washington County Humane Society: 3650 State Badger Rd 60, Slinger

Lenten Service and Holy Week Calendar

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship

7:00 p.m. April 6th - Holden Evening Prayers with reflections by this year's 9th grade
Confirmation Class - Music by Greg Ogi, Tom Ogi, Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, and Ellie Baldus

Palm Sunday, April 10th - Confirmation

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

7:00 p.m. Worship with communion remembering the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 15th

1:00 p.m. Service of the Word

Easter Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

Peace Church's Lenten/Easter Offerings will go to the following organizations: Kewaskum community food pantry shared with Full Shelf West Bend, Albrecht Clinic, UCC Disaster Relief, Malawi (Africa)

Financial Report

Financial Report February 2022

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of January 31, 2022	\$ (23,571)
Receipts	19,582
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$32,221)
Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022	<u>(\$36,210)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Pantry	165.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	50.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	100.00
Easter	35.00

 Total Benevolence Receipts 315.00

Church Kitchen Remodeling Project \$124,730.25

Consistory Meeting Minutes
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February 8, 2022

Present: Kathy Charland, Paul Behring, Lisa Atwater, Martha Huhges, Melissa Polzin, Tom Kolb, Marnie Winninghoff, Becky Manthei, Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, Mark Bocher, Brad Preder

Also Present: Vance Reif

6:36 (5 min) **Call to Order** (Kathy) Timekeeper: Mark Bocher

Opening Prayer offered by Kathy Charland

Approval of Agenda (a) Motion: Karen Kletti, Second: Lisa Atwater, Approved? Yes

Agenda Changes: n/a

Approval of Minutes from prior month - Motion: Marnie Winninghoff, Second: Tom Kolb, Approved? Yes, with changes. Changes to minutes: Kathy has tracked the changes

President message received via a pdf document to view separately. No questions posed.

Actions:

Reviewed how the Consistory may operate future state if we led via the 5 pillars listed below. Some Consistory members have chosen which segment(s) they may be interested in.

1. Members chose team coordinators:

Hospitality/Welcome: Kathy Charland

Faith Formation/Worship: Mark Bocher, Becky Manthei

Mission: Martha Hughes, Lisa Atwater, Marnie Winninghoff, Mark Bocher

Financial: John Lemke, Tom Kolb

Building: Vance Reif, Clark Pearson, Karen Kletti, Paul Behring

4. results from voting at Congregational meeting 1/30/22 – see meeting minutes

5. Guest speaker checklist for Sunday Mornings – Roger Lindgren to meet at 7:30 am with each guest speaker and Rev. Sharon will also be participating to make them feel welcomed.

6. search for 1 more consistory member – Vance Reif has accepted to be on Consistory

7. moving to 1 service? Discussion took place and then Karen Kletti posed to close the question, and all voted yes to close the discussion.

7:40 pm Financial Report Tom K – Mark Steinhardt, Bonnie Rindt, and Tom Kolb will be auditing 2 years' worth of financial records. Financial statement summary to be published in the Tidings.

Motion to approve financials and place on file for audit came from Clark Pearson and second from Melissa Polzin. All approved.

Motion from Endowment committee to move the Endowment fund dividends of \$15,088.25 to the General fund. All voted yes to move the funds.

Marnie, Clark, and Kathy to meet and recommend designations for where the Lenten holiday offerings should be distributed.

8:07 pm Adjournment/Lord's Prayer -

Next Meeting: March 8 – 6:30 p.m. Full Consistory

Pulpit Supply Profiles – Pastor Eric Sabbatical 2022

Rev. Franz Rigert served as pastor to Pilgrim UCC in Grafton for nearly 20 years until he was called by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ to serve as Conference Minister. (2/13)

Rev. Sharon Stier is a recently retired pastor who served congregations in Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin. Worship leadership, Christian Education, Youth, Family Life, Pastoral Care and Mission ministries were included in her work with these churches. She also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Washington and Dodge Counties. (2/20, 3/2, 4/10)

Rev. Julie Jennings is the current Vice President of Spiritual Care and Wellbeing at Cedar Community in West Bend. Rev. Jennings previously served as the Chaplain at Every Child's Hope in St. Louis, MO, which is dedicated to preventing child abuse, treating emotional trauma and mental health issues, and providing aftercare and follow-up services. (2/27)

Rev. Kim Henning served as the beloved head pastor at Grace Congregational UCC in Two Rivers for over 33 years until his retirement in August 2021. (3/13, 5/1)

Rev. Jim Schleif served in the Navy and had a 28-year career in commercial nuclear power before pursuing a true sense of calling to ministry. He served as pastor at St. John's UCC in Hartford and Slinger. Rev. Schleif currently serves at the UCCI (United Church Camps Inc.) Director of Ministry and Site Operations. (3/20, 4/24, 5/22)

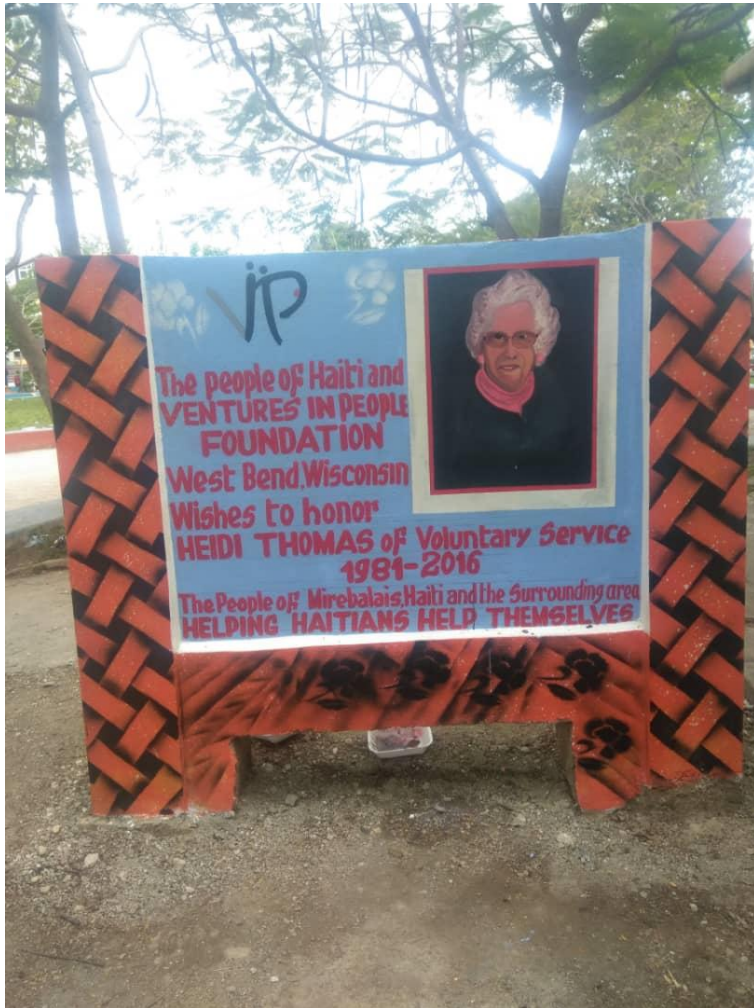
Rev. Andrew Warner serves as Director of Development for the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC. Before joining the conference staff in 2019, Andrew served for 22 years as pastor of Plymouth UCC of Milwaukee. Andrew also serves as a Generosity Outreach Officer of the national setting of the UCC. (3/27)

Rev. Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena, is the Chaplain at Lakeland University in Sheboygan County. Dr. Mavity Maddalena also serves as the Ethicist in Residence, Director of the Ulrich Center and is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Lakeland. (4/3, 5/15)

Rev. Russ Knoth is a retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Knoth also serves as the volunteer Police Chaplain to the Menomonee Police and Fire Department since 1989. Rev. Knoth, a member of Peace Church, serves as a frequent visiting minister to Peace UCC. (4/14, 4/15, 4/17, 6/5)

Chaplain, Rev. Emma Landowski-Sancomb, a former Kewaskum resident, served as the Resident Chaplain at SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital until she recently accepted the position of Chaplain at Ascension. (5/8, 5/29)

Mirebalais, Haiti Honors Heidi Thomas



Heidi Thomas, Peace Church member who passed away in November of 2020, has been honored in the town of Mirebalais, Haiti with a memorial in the town square. This was funded by donations to VIP (Ventures in People) for use in building this memorial.

Heidi was involved in Haiti with Ventures In People Foundation Inc., for 32 years. She and her husband Roland, were among the group of people who went to Haiti in 1981, saw the need, and were instrumental in laying the groundwork for what we know today as the Ventures In People Foundation. In those early days, health care was a primary need in the central plateau of Haiti and Heidi with her nursing degree was a natural and her skills were a plus. Through the years Heidi was a strong advocate for the Haitians and the work of the VIP board, and has given countless presentations presenting the needs and programs based on the needs of the Haitians. She was successful in soliciting grants from service organizations for the VIP board's work. She was the leader of many work groups to Haiti often going more than once a year. If she found

someone interested in Haiti, she would immediately organize a group and go South. There was no task that was too difficult for Heidi. She saw the focus of the board's growth from a sole concern to an organization that today includes 4-H Clubs, a Goat Project, and Education Project and a Clean Water Project.