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The Tidings

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From the Pastor's Study

It's hard to believe that it's been over a month since I returned from sabbatical. I cannot begin to thank all of you enough for the opportunity to recharge and to recenter myself. During our time drinking in the wonders of creation, celebrating the gift of my family, and reconnecting with lots of friends and family from whom we've been disconnected too long, I kept thinking about the admonition in the book of Exodus (31:15) that speaks of death being the penalty for not keeping the sabbath. The command is to let the practice of sabbath reinforce a perpetual covenant between God and God's people. Clearly, we don't read this text as a literal command to stone people for working in the yard on Sunday, or for not tending to their faith practices. Instead, I see ever more boldly the ways that our not setting time aside for our relationship with God can wear us down until the spark of divine life within us threatens to flicker out. In secular settings we hear discussions about work/life balance, the idea is much the same. We need to tend to that which gives us life and sustains us, or something within us dies and we burn out.

I've told many people that I felt guilty for having the opportunity to go and kindle that light for an extended sabbath. It has been clear to me that everyone could benefit from such a block of time for recentering their lives and souls. Since returning, I've also heard from a number of people how grateful they are that I went, that they could see how worn out I had become. That's never a welcome word. But I've heard those comments as kind reminders that the task of sabbath is supposed to be a regular rhythm.

I'm grateful to have returned at the beginning of summer when everything around us beckons for us to slow down and let the season help us to refocus. Longer days and a world full of things that grow and bloom, children whose laughter we can hear through open windows, people coming and going with stories of vacations, all speak to a way of being in the world that can shift our perspective and reconnect us to who we are and whose we are. Those seasonal shifts are wonderful, but there is also a need for the regular rhythm of tending to our souls. I've often told couples preparing to be married that there is no magic to being present in church every Sunday except that it offers that weekly rhythm that happens with scheduled regularity that places that pause for God into our lives. When that time for our relationship with God isn't on the schedule, it too easily gets short changed.

It's good to be back, it's good to see more people returning to worship and to be increasingly made aware of those who are regularly with us online. It's a gift to feel the love and support that this congregation offers to me, and my family – I always hope it is reflected to all who are a part of this church family.

As we continue a journey of emerging from the last couple of years, we're going to need to keep taking care of ourselves and one another. I know that our church life will very likely look different than it did before March of 2020, and that's okay. We need to move forward and not back as we discern how we can be God's light in the world in this time and place.

There is a Psalm which keeps running through my head, Psalm 133. It is a song of ascents. I can imagine it offered while going up to a place where we might have new perspective and we might hear these words: ¹ *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!* ² *It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.* ³ *It is as if the dew of*

Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. Hold that image of the unity that we so desperately need in a weary and divided world. Feel that oil of anointing and consecrating running over our heads in such abundance that it drips from our face and runs down our clothes blessing us and claiming us as God's beloved. Consider how the water and snowfall that falls on mount Hermon flows to the Jordan and out to water the earth and give life. Imagine that life-giving image as flowing from the sacred mountain of God with that abundant proclamation of life forevermore.

My prayer is that we might nurture that new perspective, work toward that unity and find all of our lives ever more richly blessed.

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for August 2022

Sunday, August 7 – Riverhill Park One Service for the Picnic at 9:30 a.m. – COMMUNION

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 ● Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22 ● Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 ● Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 14 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 ● Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82 ● Hebrews 11:29-12:2 ● Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21 – 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6 ● Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8 ● Hebrews 12:18-29 ● Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 28 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16 ● Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112 ● Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 ● Luke 14:1, 7-14

Events and Activities

Vacation Bible School – will take place August 1st – 5th, 2022. “Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness” Ages 3 – 11 are invited. Middle school and high school students can assist with groups. 8:30-11:30. Registration forms available front and back entrance to church or at Peace Church’s website.

Bulletin and The Tidings - The Peace Church Sunday bulletin is printed on **Thursdays**. If there are any notices that you need in the bulletin, please email the church office at office@peace-ucc.org. The deadline for the monthly Tidings newsletter is the **15th of each month**. Please direct those articles to the office as well.

Peace UCC Grief Group - Led by Chris Rode, this group meets the 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** of each month at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. For more information, please contact the Peace Church office.

The Picnic is Coming! Sunday, August 7, 2022 Riverhill Park 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.

As a community event, we need the support of the entire congregation.

Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for:

- Grill hamburgers and chicken breasts
- Make a dessert
- Sell desserts at the Picnic
- Serve food at the Picnic
- Donate watermelon
- Donate snack bags of chips
- Sell meal tickets
- Sell Bucket Raffle tickets
- Move items to park
- Assist with set-up at the park
- Assist with handing out Bucket Raffle prizes
- Supervise children's activity/face painting
- Donate to Dessert-a-Month
- Cleanup afterwards

If you are interested in assisting with the Picnic, please contact the church office at 262-626-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org.

Mitten & Hat Ministry Hi – for those of you who do not know me, I am Heidi Rodenkirch, and I am here to talk mittens/hats. I would like to start with a big shout out to Nancy Panzer who has spearheaded our mitten/hat ministry for many years. In this ministry, parishioners knit or crochet hats/mittens /scarves to be donated to the local schools for children in need. The focus is on youth sizes, but we have also had many adult sizes donated that we distributed to pantries and shelters in Washington and Fond du Lac counties.



When I accepted the challenge of guiding this group, one of the things I felt needed to change is the timing of the donations. Initially the items were collected on Stewardship Sunday to be blessed and distributed. Last year we distributed the items on November 24th. I would like to move the collection date up to mid-October with distribution no later than the first week of November. As we all know living in Wisconsin, the weather is unpredictable and the need for cold weather clothing can come pretty early.

With all that being said I am asking that you please take your needles back out and knit/crochet some of the sun and warmth of this summer into hats/mittens/scarves to keep those in need warm during the colder months. If there is enough interest – we could have a weekly knit/crochet session. If you are please email me: heidirodenkirch@gmail.com

Church Kitchen Remodel Update Corian dishes have been purchased to replace our old dishes. These are much lighter and take up less space than the old ones. The plumbing and electrical have been installed and either drywall or washable wall panels have been put up. The commercial hood has been put in the kitchen and also on the exterior of the church. The utility sink in the furnace room has been installed and a new floor has replaced the old one next to that sink. The grease trap has been installed and the water softener moved. Drywall in Fellowship Hall has been repaired. The kitchen walls and Fellowship Hall walls have been painted. Conduit for sound system microphones has been put in. Track lights in Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen hallway have been taken down and new LED lights will replace them. Insulation of the ceiling will be done by the time you read this, then the ceiling will be installed. Cabinets will be constructed, then the flooring and appliances will be installed.

If you have any questions, please ask anyone on the Kitchen Committee: Kathy Mertz, Mary Billman, Clark Pearson, Tim and Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi and Karen Kletti. Thank you for your patience!

We will be taking a loan out for part of the cost of the remodeling. If you would like to contribute financially, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you Peace Church

Thank you to Karen Grundahl for her visit and the beautiful flower bouquet of altar flowers, as well as a big thank you to Nancy Stoffel for her visit and wonderful plant from the middle school youth group. Thank you also to my amazing church family for their prayers and well wishes. Don Neitzel

Peace Church has been so kind in remembering me. Love the planter from the Middle School Youth group. Last Sunday a sweet little boy and his mom delivered altar flowers (Jared and Janel Gassner). They are really lovely. Thank you! Betty Hallen

Thank you to all of Peace Church for being so thoughtful. Kathy Mertz and other church members for sending cards. Cute things from the Sunday School classes and yesterday a lovely planter and visit from the Middle School Youth group. I'll enjoy the plants! You are all so loving and caring. Thank you. Betty Hallen.

Dear Peace Church and Scholarship Committee, I am honored to have been selected to receive a scholarship from Peace Church. Thank you for your generosity. This scholarship helps me finish school. I am now a college graduate. Thank you for everything you do for me and my family. Alexia Polzin

Dear Middle School Youth Group – thank you for the lovely potted plans you brought to our house. What a clever idea! (and how did you know purple is my favorite color?!) Great job! You are so fortunate to have Karla and Josh Spaits as your group leaders. Blessings, Colleen & Dean Roe

To the Peace UCC Family, I want to extend a very gracious thank you to everyone in Peace Church for providing me with a generous scholarship for this past year. This will greatly help in finishing my last year of school as well as the last bit of flight training. I appreciate it immensely and can't wait to pay it forward in the near future. Thank you and God bless!
Hunter Roehrig

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

August 11 Coralee Kivell (11)
August 17 Elizabeth Schmidt (14)
August 21 Wyatt Herman (10)
August 25 Ben Herbst (8)
August 31 Jackson Brei (7), Nora Brei (7)

Anniversaries

Aug. 3 Vance & Susan Reif (31)
Aug. 4 Ron & Lynn Rusch (60)
Steve & Whitney Volm (4)
Aug. 9 Barry & Bonnie Clark (42)
Aug. 10 Darrel & Judy Nonhof (65)
Aug. 11 Brandon & Lori Zolp (4)
Aug. 13 Eric & Tricia Walker (17)
Aug. 15 Jim & Idelle Breitbach (41)
Bruce & Donna Steinhardt (40)
Aug. 18 Brian & Nicole Weinreich (15)
Aug. 19 Steve & Cheri Falk (27)
Jeff & Deanna Mielke (22)
Tim & Sharon Zolp (33)
Aug. 20 Charlie & Pam Berres (17)
Aug. 21 Jim & Patricia Reigle (75)
Aug. 26 Mandi & Jeff Rahmer (16)
Aug. 30 Dan & Kathy Rundquist (47)
Aug. 31 Scott & Sarah Augustin (20)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

August 2 Connie Zemlicka (80)
August 14 Bill Grahl (80)
August 15 Betty Graff (89)
August 21 Dean Roe (88)
August 23 Janette Loomis (88)
Bev Winninghoff (83)
August 29 Nancy Laguna (82)
August 31 Della Lehmann (82)
Rosemarie Maeder (87)
Jerry O'Connor (87)

Financial Report

Financial Report June 2022

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of May 31, 2022	\$ (41,500)
Receipts	29,982
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$27,023)
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2022	<u>(\$38,541)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Pantry	170.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	40.00
Maundy Thursday	2.00
Good Friday	5.00
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic	100.00
Easter	2.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>319.00</u>
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	\$61,980.16

Peace United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022

Members Present = X

Members Absent = left blank

X	Kathy Charland (President/Deacon)	X	John Lemke (Deacon)	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
X	Paul Behring (Trustee)		Lisa Atwater (Deacon)		Martha Hughes (Elder)
X	Melissa Polzin (Deacon)		Tom Kolb (Deacon)		Marnie Winninghoff (Deacon)
X	Becky Manthei (Trustee)	X	Karen Kletti (Trustee)	X	Clark Pearson (Trustee)
X	Mark Bocher (Elder)	X	Brad Preder	X	Vance Reif (Trustee)

6:33 Meeting called to order by Kathy Charland. Opening prayer: Clark led us in prayer. Approval of Agenda : Addition of the audio/visual position, the refrigerator, mission, and communion. (a) Motion: Clark P Second: Paul B - Motion approved.
Approval of Minutes from prior month Motion: Clark P Second: Mark B - Minutes approved.

Martha Hughes has asked to step down from Consistory.

6:45 (5 min) Grief group proposal: Chris Rode wrote a proposal to broaden our grief support services. Motion made by Karen K and second by Kathy C. Motion approved.

6:50 (15 min) Financial report (Cathy Stern)

Discussion about the general fund, and the concern with the consistent negative balance. Motion by John L to place the financial report on file for audit, with a 2nd coming from Melissa P. Motion approved.

7:05 (1 hr 35 min) Items in motion: updates:

****a donation was made by XYZ club**

1. Associate Pastor update (Becky) search committee is being formed :Marnie, Melissa, Clark, Mark, and Sandi R have agreed to be on the committee. Looking for a youth representative. Plan to have a portion of the Church profile completed by next month.
2. Building use update - Clark Pearson and Paul Behring confirmed that we have building use documents on file. Further discussion to take place to try to make it more open and accessible.
3. Constitution planning meeting – Bill Stangl reported that the group is looking to meet in a few weeks to pick up where the team left off and how the new pillars would be incorporated into the Constitution.
4. Kitchen loan update- John L reported that Cornerstone will provide us with a \$100,000 line of credit with an interest rate of 4.75%. Westbury would provide us with a loan at an interest rate of 4.875% for 5 years. Motion made by Ken S to take a line of credit from Cornerstone for \$100,000. Second from Clark. Motion approved.
5. Bill Stangl spoke to the Consistory with the request to return back to regular Communion. Bill to confirm with Robin if we have supplies and if he can get ushers aligned to serve Communion on Maundy Thurs and Easter with further discussion to happen in May. May agenda to include Communion training for new Consistory members.
6. Kitchen update (include discussion re: funeral meals, coffee hour etc) Karen reported, that we are waiting on the grease trap permit. Stove sold for \$100. Kitchen cabinets sold for \$500. Refrigerator sold for \$2000. Plates are still being sold, as well as the cabinets in Fellowship hall. While kitchen construction is taking place, the area will be closed off to try to keep the dust away. The sink in the upstairs can be used to have coffee hour, funeral meals, etc.
7. Cemetery update: Paul reported that there should be check coming for \$150,000 from the Marion Dom memorial that would be used towards the cemetery update per the request of the family. Driveway needs to be replaced (\$25k), addition of a columbaria with digitized plots to view online (\$50k), updating our sign (\$8.5k), solar flagpole, and updating some bases where the monuments are tilting. Motion out of committee to hold a Congregational meeting set for May 1st for approval to spend no more than \$150,000 toward Cemetery updates that will be funded by the memorial from Marion Dom.
8. Elder update (Mark Bocher) : Need to find another Elder to replace Martha.
9. Personnel: Roger is interested in finding a substitute for when he needs a Sunday off. Need to have a log for audio/visual, for ease of payment. Payment is \$30 per service for audio and \$30 per service for video. If one is doing both jobs, then they receive \$60. If two are here, then they each get \$30. Looking to add a link to our on line videos for donations at the start of each service.
10. Christian ed: Group met on Sunday, and will be meeting again on April 24th. Mark brought up questions from the Youth Group in wanting further direction. CE will reach out to Josh to get together and discuss when new 6th graders will be invited.

8:40 Steward work: Financial: Investment committee update John L advised that there are some minor updates to be made and will update the group next month.

Habitat: Karen K advised that on June 5th-10th will be the Youth Habitat trip going to Frankfurt, Indiana. Looking for youth confirmed and older that are interested. Also looking to see if any adults are interested in going on a trip this year. They could also go to Frankfurt, Indiana.

President's Report - Document sent.

8:47 Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 10 – 6:30 p.m. Full Consistory

Peace United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Members Present = X Members Absent = left blank

X	Kathy Charland (President/Deacon)		John Lemke (Deacon)	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
X	Paul Behring (Trustee)	X	Lisa Atwater (Deacon)		
	Melissa Polzin (Deacon)	X	Tom Kolb (Deacon)		Marnie Winninghoff(Deacon)
X	Becky Manthei (Trustee)	X	Karen Kletti (Trustee)	X	Clark Pearson (Trustee)
X	Mark Bocher (Elder)	X	Brad Preder	X	Vance Reif (Trustee)

6:30 (5 min) Call to Order (Kathy) Timekeeper: Mark Bocher

Opening prayer: Kathy started the meeting at 6:33pm with an opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda with changes that are included in the below report. (a) Motion: Clark P Second: Paul B Motion approved.

Approval of the April minutes. Motion made by Clark P, second by Lisa A. Motion approved.

Financial report: Tom K reported with the following highlights. General fund income is down roughly \$14,000 over the last 4 months. The transfer of \$15,088 from the Endowment income disbursement is the sole reason for the gain this month. Questions around the use of the restricted funds. Tom will be reaching out to Cathy Stern to get confirmation on what these funds entail as well as the intent of the funds. June 26th audit scheduled for review of the 2020 and 2021 financials. Mark Steinhardt and Tom Kolb will handle the audit. Looking for one more person to participate in the audit.

6:45 Motion by Karen K. to place the financial report on file for audit, with a 2nd from Clark P. Motion approved.

Items in motion: updates:

1. Associate Pastor update (Becky) search committee is being formed (Marnie, Melissa, Clark). Member of the congregation has a potential interest. We have confirmation that the role does not need to be an ordained individual. We are keeping our options open at this time, and encouraging all to apply if they are interested.
2. Building use update (update doc was sent to you) - Clark Pearson and Paul Behring - Confirmation from the insurance company that we are indeed covered when others are using the building. They will come back with a proposal on potential updates to the building use policy.
3. Constitution planning meeting – Karen talked with Bill S, who is the main contact. Awaiting information from Bill on this front.
4. Kitchen loan update- John L – Loan papers have been completed. \$100,000 line of credit has been obtained.
5. Kitchen update (include discussion re: funeral meals, coffee hour etc) Karen advised she sold many items, including the dishes, refrigerator, stove, etc. accumulating to \$3300. John K has been removing some of the electrical components in the kitchen. Karen meeting with the contractor tomorrow with potential issues arising from what is now seen with the walls/ceiling being out. Hoping to continue coffee hour. Sun pump in the furnace room is not always functioning properly. Water has been accumulating downstairs. Plumber is being contacted to review.
6. Cemetery update: Paul B reported that the tree cutting/trimming has begun. The first disbursement of \$100,000 from the Doms' memorial fund has arrived. Congregational meeting scheduled for May 22nd to get approval to disburse these funds amongst Cemetery updates.
- 7 Elder update (Mark Bocher) : No update at this time.
- 8 Personnel: Vance Reif has agreed to sub for Roger. Many thanks to Vance for aiding with this aspect.
- 9 Christian ed: (Becky) summer Sunday School being worked on as well as VBS.
10. Pastoral Relations: Clark P reported that they met on Monday, May 2nd. Decision made to not do an annual review due to covid/sabbatical time.
11. Congregational meeting on May 22nd to ask for approval to spend no more than \$150,000 toward Cemetery updates. This includes : driveway replacement (\$25k), addition of a columbaria with digitized plots to view online (\$50k), update of sign (\$8.5k), solar flagpole, and updating some bases where the monuments are tilting. The \$150,000 will be taken from the memorial monies received from the Marion Dom memorial.
12. Trustee Report – Need bids for our garbage/recycling removal as we received a letter from the village that garbage pick up will no longer be funded by the community. Vance

will be getting some bids for this work. Renewal of the grass cutting at the Church and Cemetery has been renewed.

13. Youth Habitat – only 1 youth signed up, so the adult trip will be combined with the youth trip. June 5-10th are the dates, in Indiana.

Steward work:

Discussed options on how future meetings may be scheduled in order to have more time to talk about stewardship. Looking to schedule another meeting to just address this aspect. Looking at increasing involvement and awareness, and what steps need to take place to address these aspects.

- Jake Lemke would like to present at the next meeting to showcase what the videography entails.
- John L reported that from April 2022 we had 1,036 views of our streamed Church services. 5,000 streamed in 2021
- \$10,000 memorial just received.
- Barb and Bonnie Busch have volunteered to set up communion.

8:15 Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 23rd and June 14 – 6:00 p.m. Full Consistory

Peace Church Book Club 2022 – 2023

Meeting Date	Book	Author
Sep 7	Home Front	Kristen Hannah
Oct. 5	Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult
Nov. 2	The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Woman Changes the Word	Melinda Fench
Dec. 7	The Children's Blizzard	Melanie Benjamin
Jan. 3	Westering Women	Sandra Dallas
Feb. 1	The Secrets We Kept	Lara Prescott
Mar. 1	News of the World	Paulette Jiles
Apr. 5	The Song of Achilles	Madeline Miller
May 3	The Four Winds	Kristen Hannah
Jun, 7	The Stranger in the Lifeboat	Mitch Albom

Other books recommended by the book group members but not enough copies for our group

Eva's Story by Eva Schloss

The Secret of Clouds by Alyson Richman

A Tangled Mercy of Joy by Jordon Lake

If I Were You by Lynn Austin

The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara DAVIS

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty by Peter Singer

The Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

As students, teachers, and staff return
to school, please join us for a



Blessing of TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS & BACKPACKS

Rally Day – First Day of Sunday School



Sunday, September 11, 2022
During 9:30 Worship
Peace Church - Kewaskum
(Bring your backpack!)

Peace United Church of Christ

24th Annual

PICNIC

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Riverhill Park – Kewaskum

The public is welcome and invited to attend!

9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Park Pavilion

11:00 am – 1 pm Lunch Served

Hamburgers and Chicken Breasts,
Chips, Baked Beans, Sweet Corn,
Watermelon & Beverage

Carry Outs Available – Advanced Tickets Available

Adults \$10 – Children (4-19) \$5

Children's Activities – Bucket Raffles

Delicious Homemade Desserts

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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	VBS	VBS LECTIONARY 10 AM	VBS	VBS	VBS	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PEACE PICNIC		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB	GRIEF GROUP 1 PM	BLOOD DRIVE @ PEACE 12:30 – 6 PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PASTORAL RELATIONS 6:30 PM	LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB	GRIEF GROUP 1 PM		
28	29	30	31			
		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB			