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The Tidings
August 2021



From the Pastor's Study • August 2021

In just a couple of weeks a very small group of us will be heading north for a shortened week of wilderness canoeing. We've begun describing the trip as the "almost Canada" canoe trip – we'll be going into the Boundary Waters, a reminder of yet one more change caused by our world's current challenge of trying to navigate the best path forward in a continuing pandemic. We have been grieving our inability to embark on the trip to Canada due to border restrictions. We are grieving as we encounter the changes in outfitter, and menu, and restrictions for travel. At some point along our journey, we may be almost close enough to see Canada... but we won't get there this year. We are reminded that we are still journeying in that liminal space.

I have found myself repeatedly being drawn to the story of the Exodus as we've navigated the challenges of the last couple of years. The narrative can touch our journey of faith in lots of different ways – the theme that I keep hearing is that of moving from a people who are enslaved to the life-sucking ways of being brick builders for Pharaoh, into being shaped into a people who are freed in order that they might learn to follow and serve God. That call to a different life orientation is at the heart of our story of faith. That call also constantly becomes one of the greatest challenges for any us as we journey with God. Like the Israelites, we are quick to proclaim the vision and value of freedom, but we are slow to embrace a vision that is about freedom for a path in service to something greater than ourselves and not merely freedom from a circumstance that we don't like. It's very easy to grieve change and complain about all the things that we don't like or don't have. It's much harder to turn to God and give thanks for what we do have and to keep our focus on the direction toward which God is leading us.

On that Exodus journey the people keep looking back and they keep grumbling and they keep doubting that they will arrive in the promised land. Indeed, their lack of faith, and their inability to work together with one another and with God at one point leads God to that proclamation in Number 14:11 that reads: *"The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them?"* God wants to wipe the slate clean and start over... but Moses convinces God not to give up on God's people. Perhaps you remember God's compromise, that the people would wander in the wilderness for forty years before arriving in that promised land. The people needed a generation to learn to work together and to trust in God... and even then it was often a struggle.

We are living amid a world that I think God might judge in very similar fashion to that whining, selfish generation in the wilderness. There's a desperate need for us to pull together, to work together, that we might choose to make meaning and strengthen our relationships with one another and with God during our wilderness journey. But that requires choosing a constructive attitude at every step along the way.

We're going to head into the wilderness with our little group, and I'm sure that there will be plenty of opportunities for us to whine about how our experience won't be like what we've had in the past... or, we can choose to encourage one another to celebrate a long awaited chance to engage God's creation with one another. We can choose to let our time and our journey feed our souls and deepen our relationship with God. Every time that we do something as a group we are reminded of how much more fun, powerful, and rewarding it is when we work together.

Around church lots of things are becoming re-energized. We are making plans for things like VBS, Sunday School, a Picnic, the Chancel Choir, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation opportunities, and a Children's Christmas program all to be unfolding in the next few months. Even as we return to soul-feeding opportunities that seem familiar, they will be different. Lots of activities may shift their times in the schedule. One of the things that many of you have noted is that a year ago when we were

worshipping in the park on the first Sunday of each month that Communion shifted to the first Sunday instead of the last. By the end of the summer, we were talking about how much sense it made to align ourselves with most of the rest of our denomination and continue celebrating Communion on the first Sunday of the month. And so, we'll continue with that new schedule for the future.

My deep prayer is that as we continue this journey together, we all remember the power of working together. I also pray that we keep reminding ourselves and one another that our faith is about moving forward, and it is about humbling ourselves in loving God and loving our neighbor first and foremost. We are called to responsibility to all of God's people and creation. As a people of God, I pray that we can keep pulling together to bear witness to that freedom for which God has called us: the freedom to love like Jesus.

PASTOR ERIC

Worship Schedule for August 2021

Worship at Peace Church

Updates from the Regathering Committee:

As a committee we agreed that we will continue following the guidelines of the CDC, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, while using the local data generated by the County Health Department. Following these guidelines and our County Covid cases **we find ourselves going back to 50% of capacity! (100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number)**. While this won't likely impact us during the summer, it is a reminder for us all to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us.

The new **CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated**. For people who are unvaccinated, per CDC guidelines, masks are required over the mouth and nose at all times, and social distancing of 6 feet remains. We will continue streaming all worship services to our YouTube Channel at "Peace UCC Kewaskum" or you can find a link from our website: www.peace-ucc.org or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online.

Lectionary August 2021

Sunday, August 1–PIGNIC - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at River Hill Park -

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12 ● Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29
● Ephesians 4:1-16 ● John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 8 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130 ● 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8 ●
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 ● John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 15 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111 ● Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14 ●
Ephesians 5:15-20 ● John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 22 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84 ● Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm
34:15-22 ● Ephesians 6:10-20 ● John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 29 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 ● Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15
● James 1:17-27 ● Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Events and Activities

Church Decorating Committee

Peace Church is looking for two or more volunteers to help decorate the church during specific seasons of the church year or at special events, please call the church office if you would like to be part of this committee.

Movies and Munchies

Hello Everyone! And welcome back to our Peace Church Friday night “Movies & Munchies”! We last gathered together in in February of 2020 when we watched “Tuesdays with Morrie”. It is time to rekindle the great camaraderie we share while enjoying a wide variety of films. We will start up again in September, and usually the 4th Friday of each month. (November and December will vary) Our first, feel-good movie will be “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” starring Tom Hanks. It is the story of how

Mr. Roger's changed a man's life for the good. Hope you will come and join in on the fun and bring a friend! We father upstairs in the Youth Room with the "big screen" and awesome speaker system! All movies begin at 7:00 p.m. and our upcoming dates are: September 24-A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, October 22 – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (1985), November 19 – Little Women (2019), December 17 – TBD. "We could all use a little kindness." ~ Fred Rogers

Peace Church Book Club 2021 – 2022

The Peace Church Book Group will be starting the 2021 - 2022 book year on Wednesday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs music room. The books selected for this year are as follows:

Meeting Date	Book	Author
Sep. 1	The Pull of the Stars	Emma Donoghue
Oct. 6	Maid	Stephanie Land
Nov. 3	Cilka's Journey	Heather Morris
Dec. 1	Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know	Malcolm Gladwell
Jan. 5	A Woman in the Window	A.J. Finn
Feb. 2	The Book of Lost Names	Kristin Harmel
Mar. 2	In an Instant	Suzanne Redfearn
Apr. 6	Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents	Isabelle Wilkerson
May 4	Infinite Country	Patricia Engel
Jun 1	The Dearly Beloved	Cara Wall

Scholarship Fund Fundraisers!

In the past, at Peace Church we have all enjoyed coffee from the **Equal Exchange Fair Trade Co-op** at our coffee hour. We have also had some available for purchase at our last cookie sale. We are happy to announce that we will be bringing that coffee back, not only for sipping, but also for sale, with all proceeds to benefit our scholarship fund. We will also be offering a sampling of teas and chocolate bars for sale as well. Those items will be available for purchase at our **cookie sales** on September 26th, and in **December** (TBA), during the Christmas program. Please mark your calendars for these important dates to come support our college students!

Feel free to check out **Equal Exchange's website**: <https://equalexchange.coop> to learn about them and how your purchase supports alternative trade and small farmer cooperatives around the world.

Friends, Inc.: Washington County's only shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, Friends, Inc., will be hosting its annual event, Entertainment with FRIENDS: Dueling Pianos, on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Prairie Center. Early bird special through August 15 - \$40 single tickets, \$75 dual tickets. This event includes incredible music, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, fun raffles, and a silent auction, which will help raise awareness for people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. To learn more: <https://friendswi.wixsite.com/friendswi/events> or call 262-334-5598.

Thank you Peace Church!

Thank you to the women of Peace for their uplifting cards and mailings. I appreciate them very much. Betty Skaug

Dear Peace Church, Thank you so much for the generous scholarship and amazing support! This first year of college couldn't have gone better. Flying has been an absolute blast and I'm so excited for more. Blessings to the entire congregation of Peace Church, Hunter Roehrig

Dear Peace Church, I deeply appreciate all of the support I have received from the Peace Church congregation, especially through the church's college scholarship that I am blessed to have received throughout my college journey. I just finished my sophomore year at Northern Michigan University, as an art major. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to further my education in a field that I am very passionate about. Thank you very much for all your support!
Sincerely, Lily Lindgren

Dear Peace UCC Extended Family,
The fruit basket was a wonderful addition to my birthday celebration. We really enjoyed the visit with Craig Rosenthal when he delivered it along with some delicious cookies that his daughter had baked. Sincere thanks, Rosemary Frank

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

August 7 Brianna Augustin
August 14 Coralee Kivell
August 17 Kris Schmidt
August 21 Wyatt Hermann
August 25 Benjamin Herbst
August 31 Jackson Brei, Nora Brei

Anniversaries

August 3 Vance & Susan Reif – 30
August 4 Ron & Lynn Rusch – 59
August 9 Barry & Bonnie Clark – 41
August 10 Darrel & Judy Nonhof – 64
August 11 Brandon & Lori Zolp – 3
August 13 Eric & Tricia Walker – 16
August 15 Jim & Idelle Breitbach – 40, Mark & Katie Evan – 12,
Bruce & Donna Steinhardt – 39
August 18 Brian & Nicole Weinreich – 14
August 19 Steve & Cheri Falk – 26, Jeff & Deanna Mielke – 21,
Tim & Sharon Zolp – 32
August 20 Charlie & Pam Berres – 16
August 21 James & Patricia Reigle – 74
August 22 Kedrick & Corrie Strutz – 13
August 26 Mandi & Jeffrey Rahmer – 15
August 30 Dan & Kathy Rundquist – 46
August 31 Scott & Sarah Augustin – 19

Birthdays (80 years plus)

August 15 Betty Graff – 88
August 21 Dean Roe – 87
August 21 Ruth Whyte – 100
August 23 Bev Winninghoff – 82
August 29 Nancy Laguna – 81
August 31 Della Lehmann – 81
August 31 Rosemarie Maeder – 86
August 31 Jerry O'Connor - 86

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers are a vital part of Peace Church to keep things running smoothly Church volunteerism is the lifeblood of any church. People often think that volunteering in church is a huge time commitment. That is not necessarily true. Your service does not have to be an ongoing thing. You can serve on a rotational basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, then we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Greeter

- Coffee Fellowship
- Litanist
- Church Decorating
- Serving on the Consistory

Please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011 to volunteer or to find out more information on an area that interests you.

To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and our church.

Come Sing With Us!

New Season, NEW Night! As I reflect back on the last 16 months, I think about all the things I wasn't able to do, among them all the music I was involved in. I was also able to reflect on the things that are still important to me, and the things I found that it was okay not to do.

As we start a new choir year, maybe this is a good time to consider fulfilling your dream of singing with the Peace Church Chancel Choir. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights starting on September 7th. We rehearse from 6:30 to 7:30. As we move forward, the men's choir (Churchmen) will rehearse at 6 and the women's choir (Church Ladies?) following the choir rehearsal.

Haven't sung in a while? No problem. Most of us need to get our pipes back in shape. We rehearse for a reason and while our music will challenge us, the goal is to have fun together, add music to worship, and sing within our abilities.

All voices are welcome. All you need is a love of singing. I hear a lot of great voices singing in church. My recruitment to the choir came when I was leaving church and two of the Churchmen came and escorted me back to the choir room for rehearsal. That was 35 years ago. Just saying. If you have any questions, catch me after church or call me at 262-483-0699. Looking forward to a great choir year! Bill Stangl

Let's Do This Together!!!

Fall... Winter... or Spring!

We're looking for people who love God, love kids, and want to make a difference in their lives as Sunday School (age 4 K – 6th grade) and Confirmation (7th & 8th grade) teachers. The lessons are engaging, and easy to use, with minimal preparation. The year runs on quarters, so you could teach fall, winter, spring, or all three!!! All classrooms accommodate team teaching, which allows you to share the fun and the responsibility. And one Sunday per month, students work on a project for the shut-in members of the congregation!

Curious? Interested? Consider joining the Christian Education Team!

A brief teacher training will be held in late August, before classes start on Rally Day, September 12th, but we'd love to know your interest now, so we can plan ahead. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Gayle Van Ess or a Christian Education Board member: Jamie Piittmann, Becky Manthei, Sheri Rehn, Jessica Manogue or Laura Kirkegaard.

Your investment will pay great dividends in the lives of our young students!

CONNECTING WITH ELDERLY AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS of PEACE CHURCH

Thursday, September 2, 2021

* New Time 1:00 PM

Attend in person, via Zoom, or phone!



At one time or another, each of us is called into circumstances of caring for someone else. It is part of our opportunity as Christians to offer compassionate care to one another. We have a unique opportunity as a faith community to reach out to those who, in previous times, have been active and vibrant members of our congregation, but who now find themselves unable to attend on Sunday morning or be actively involved in projects of the church. They are no less engaged in mission and ministry, and quite often support current programs and members of the congregation through faithful prayer. They may read bulletins or newsletters instead of hearing announcements in person, but still desire to be included in the fellowship of believers, and genuinely enjoy visits from other church members.



Peace Church offers a lay visitation ministry program for members who are willing to visit one or more shut-in members on a once-monthly basis (in agreement with COVID protocol), and a vital phone call ministry for those who prefer to make phone calls. Groups meet quarterly (September 2 and December 2 of 2021, and March 3 and June 2 of 2022) to discuss caring relationships and receive education on topics of interest.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities of service, or would like to start contacting shut-in members, please attend on **Thursday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall at church, or notify the church office (262-626-4011) if you would like the Zoom or phone link. Please join us!!!

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

August 15, 2021

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

Ice Cream Sundaes served during Coffee Hour after services



Invite young and old... friends, neighbors, family, co-workers...

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're WELCOME here!

“Finding Hope”

Grief and Loss Support Group
2nd Thursday of the Month
Sept. 9, 2021 – April 14, 2022
1:00 – 2:00 pm Youth Room

We will be using a new book as our guide, entitled “Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss” printed in 2021, and written by Michael W. Newman, who draws on more than 30 years of pastoral ministry, assuring readers of God’s presence, love, and compassion. Everyone is invited to attend, whether your loss is recent or happened years ago; whether you struggle with grief every day, are triggered by certain days, experiences, or “just because.”

Together, we can encourage one another, call on God’s abundant compassion and grace, and assist one another in finding hope.

Please call the church office (626-4011) to register.
We will be ordering books for each participant.

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 12, 2021
During 9:30 Worship
Peace Church - Kewaskum
(Bring your backpack!)

Financial Reports

Financial Report May 2021

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$ (5448)
Receipts	18506
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	(53)
Expenses	(\$27213)
Ending Balance as of 5/31/2021	<u>(14658)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Strengthen the Church	100.00
Full Shelf Food Pantry	20.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	55.00
Good Friday	15.00
Easter	15.00
Maundy Thursday	15.00
WI Conf. CUE	25.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>245.00</u>

Additional Information:

Project Balances as of 4/30/2021	
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	13,497.00

Financial Report June 2021

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of May 31, 2021	\$ (14658)
Receipts	25223
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	(53)
Expenses	(\$26627)
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2021	<u>(16061)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Strengthen the Church	48.47
Full Shelf Food Pantry	25.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	75.00
Audio Honorarium	5000.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>5148.47</u>

Additional Information:

Project Balances as of 4/30/2021	
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	13,507.00

Consistory Minutes

Peace United Church of Christ - Consistory Meeting Agenda - May 11, 2021

Members present: Paul Behring, Kathy Charland (Vice President), Karen Kletti, Tom Kolb, John A. Lemke (President), Becky Manthei, Roger Mertz, Clark Pearson
Also present: Pastor Eric, Cathy Stern (Treasurer)

A. Call to Order 6:35 p.m.

B. Opening Prayer

C. Approval of Agenda (a) : Add to New Business – discussion of how to replace Gayle Van Ess – Care and Connection position. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Charland/Kolb. Carried.

D. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting by Pearson/Wilson. Carried.

E. Financial Report (c1 – c4)

Treasurer Cathy Stern reported General Fund giving was down for the month of April. Motion to accept financial report for April as presented and placed on file for audit by Pearson/Charland. Carried.

F. Pastor's Report (d) – Worship Update: Many members have expressed gratitude for the high-quality worship and music presented in the online services. Those worshipping in person are grateful that we are proceeding to return cautiously, so everyone can feel safe. The Regathering Committee has been making their decisions based on recommendations from guidelines put forth from the CDC, State, or Local Health Departments. Technology: Closed circuit TV set-up in the fellowship hall has been completed. Work is continuing to install video and audio control center in the balcony. Thanksgiving: Pastor Eric would like to thank each and every member who have volunteered their services to further the ministry of Peace Church.

G. President's Report – Guidelines for regathering will be published in the next Tidings and also in the Sunday bulletins in May. Communication is very important in the present fast-changing environment.

H. Old Business- Regathering: The consistory will allow the Regathering Committee to decide what guidelines the church will follow. Any restrictions or removal of restrictions will be directed by the Regathering Committee. Office Remodeling: Trustees are in the process of gathering bids for new countertops in the office. Also, trustees will be getting bids for new carpeting in the office only. Organist/Compensation/Schedule: Over the summer, organists will double-up one Sunday per month and will be compensated accordingly.

I. New Business – 1. Move Money Market funds to UCC Foundation Investments. The consistory directed President John Lemke to dissolve the Westbury Bank Money Market account and deposit those funds in the UCC Investment Pension Board. 2. Pignic – we need a chairperson very soon due to the sudden passing of Kevin Lehmann. Becky Manthei will gather information and report back next consistory meeting. River Hill Park has been reserved for Sunday, August 1, 2021.

J. Committee Reports –

Deacons: met on April 26, 2021, to discuss Memorial Fund Projects.

Faith Formation, Care & Connection, Christian Ed Committees: will be forwarding their recommendations for Faith Formation coordinator to the Personnel committee (moved from New Business to Committee Reports).

Faith Formation: Confirmation will be held on Pentecost, May 23 at an outdoor worship in River Hill Park. Summer Sunday School will be held June 13-August 22. Vacation Bible School dates are July 26 – 30, 2021. Time is 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

K. Lord's Prayer

L. Adjournment 8:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Peace UCC Consistory Meeting – June 8, 2021

Members present: Paul Behring, Karen Kletti, Tom Kolb, John C. Lemke, Becky Manthei, Roger Mertz, Clark Pearson, Martha Wilson

Also present: Pastor Eric, Cathy Stern (Treasurer)

A. Call to Order 6:35 p.m. by Pro-Tem President, Clark Pearson

B. Opening Prayer

C. Approval of Agenda (a): Add Kitchen Remodeling to Old Business. Add Habitat week and Cemetery to New Business. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Lemke/Behring. Carried.

D. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2021, meeting by Lemke/Wilson. Carried.

E. Financial Report (c1 – c4)

Treasurer Cathy Stern reported General Fund giving fell short of monthly expenses in May.

Motion to accept financial report for April as presented and placed on file for audit by Pearson/Wilson. Carried.

F. Pastor's Report (d) – Worship Update: Now that attendance for Sunday Worship has increased, we have a need for Usher/Greeter volunteers. Coffee hour has returned in an outdoor setting to provide opportunity for members to connect with each other. Singing has become a part of the service again.

Technology: Improvements are being continually made to enhance the quality of the online service presentation. Online church will be a part of our ministry offering from now on.

Faith Formation: Five young adults were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. The Tuesday morning lectionary group continues to meet in person.

Benediction: Pastor Eric thanks all members for being bearers of the Good News and the blessing of the unique witness of Peace UCC.

G. President's Report – Pignic Update: We will be going ahead with plans for the Pignic on Sunday, August 1. We are looking for volunteers to help make this a successful event.

Faith Formation Committee: The committee has recommended trying to secure a full-time person to assume the following duties: Faith Formation/Care & Connection/Youth & Adult Education/Visitation.

H. Old Business- Regathering: Restrictions have been eased according to the current guidelines. Office Remodeling: The following bids have been approved by the consistory members present Cabinets \$900, Countertops \$3650, Carpet \$1365. All bids include installation. Kitchen Remodeling: As soon as the final design is approved by the committee, bids will be obtained. Because work will not begin until several months after the contract is awarded.

I. New Business – 1. Consistory terms (2 year or 3 year): A discussion was held about changing the Constitution. Among the suggestions were 2-year terms and decreasing the number of Consistory members. The Consistory is currently several members short. These ideas were presented as a way to remove barriers to making a commitment to serve. 2. AT&T tower: Tabled. Motion by Behring/Lemke. Carried. 3. Habitat: week of August 16-21 – Intergenerational build in West Bend. Members and friends of all ages are welcome to participate. 4. Cemetery: Storage shed has been damaged by a fallen tree branch. Paul Behring will supervise repairs.

J. Committee Reports –

Church Constitution Revision Committee: Hopes to have a draft of revised Constitution proposal to the Consistory by the July meeting.

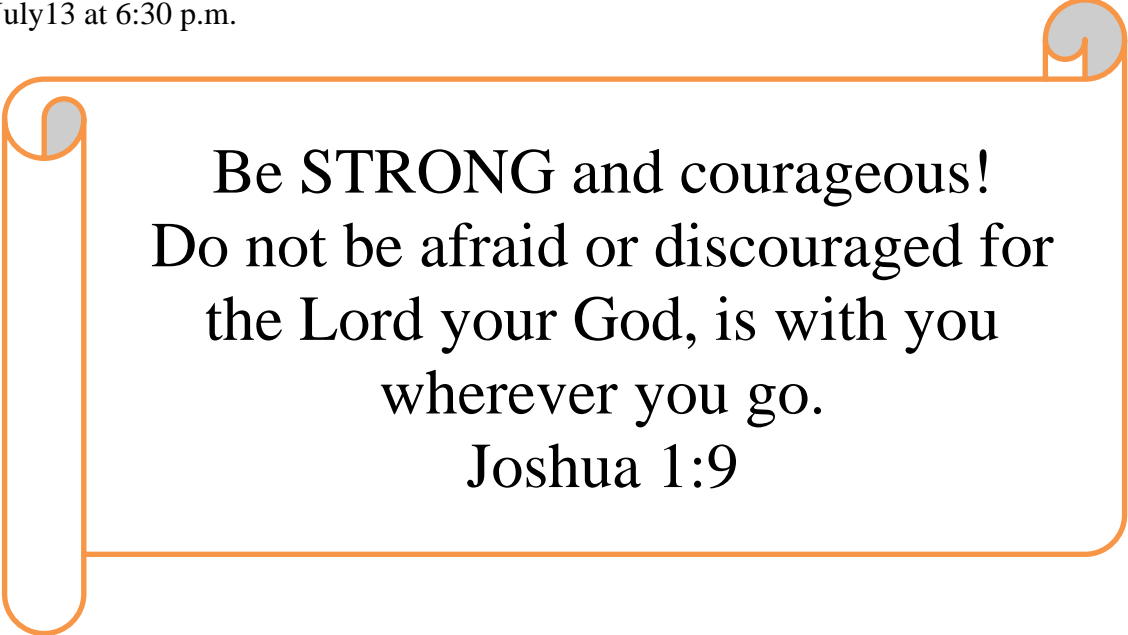
Faith Formation: Recommendations for vacant position (see President's report). Berit Kirkegaard will be interning this summer, working primarily with the Middle School Youth. Summer Sunday School is set for June 13-August 22. VBS is scheduled for July 26-30. Cradle Roll: a new curriculum for newborns to age 3 is being offered to families.

Care & Connection: Lay Visitation group met on June 3. Pastoral visitation continues as Pastor Eric offers support for families when invited. Pastor Bob Blackburn continues to communicate with phone calls and card to the homebound and can now resume in-person visits.

K. Lord's Prayer

L. Adjournment 8:07 P.M.

Next Meeting: July13 at 6:30 p.m.



Be **STRONG** and courageous!
Do not be afraid or discouraged for
the Lord your God, is with you
wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ENDOWMENT FUND
ARTICLES

I. Peace United Church of Christ Endowment Fund:

Peace United Church of Christ, Kewaskum, WI, hereby establishes an Endowment Fund to receive and hold in perpetuity, financial gifts and bequests. The Endowment Fund provides a Christian opportunity for the donor to be forever remembered through the continuing work and efforts of Peace United Church of Christ's expression of love of God and God's Creation.

II. Administration:

A. The Endowment Fund Committee: Under the direction of the Consistory, the Endowment Fund is to be administered by the Endowment Fund Committee.

1. **Membership:** The Endowment Fund Committee shall consist of five (5) members of Peace United Church of Christ, to be appointed by the President of the congregation, with the approval of the Consistory at its organizational meeting.
2. **Terms of Office:** The term of office for committee members shall be three (3) years, except beginning in 2006, when two (2) members shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years, and one (1) member for three (3) years.
3. **Vacancy on the Committee:** In the event of a vacancy on the Committee prior to the expiration of a member's term, the President of the Congregation, with the approval of the Consistory, shall fill the vacancy.
4. **Term Limitations:** A member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. One year shall elapse before being eligible for reappointment.
5. **Officers:** The committee shall elect it's own chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary/treasurer.

a. Duties of the Chairperson:

- (1.) Schedule the meetings of the Endowment Fund Committee semi-annually or as needed, to review the status of The Fund, and in a timely manner, advise the Consistory of the status of the principal balance of the Fund.
- (2.) Preside at all meetings of the Endowment Fund Committee to set goals, policies, and give direction.
- (3.) The chairperson or a designee shall report annually, or at other times, as requested by the Consistory, to the congregation on the status of the Endowment Fund.

b. Duties of the Vice-chairperson: The vice-chairperson shall discharge the duties of the chairperson in the event of the chairperson's absence or disability.

c. Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer:

- (1.) Keep a book of minutes of all meetings of the Endowment Fund Committee, whether regular or special, the names of those present and absent, and the proceedings thereof.
- (2.) Acknowledge all special gifts and bequests to the fund. Instruct the Treasurer of the church invest the gifts according to the Investment Policy of Peace United Church of Christ as adopted in October 2013.
- (3.) Subject to the Endowment Fund Committee approval, instruct the Treasurer of the church, in January of each year, transfer ninety (90) percent of the earnings currently held in the Endowment Fund, to the General Fund of the church. The remaining ten (10) percent of the earnings shall be added to the principal of the Endowment Fund.

6. **Quorum:** Three (3) committee members shall constitute a quorum.

7. **Personal Benefit:** No person serving on the committee shall profit personally, or through any business entity with which they may be involved, as a result of any action made by the committee.

8. **Audits:** On an annual basis the Consistory shall provide for a full audit prepared balance sheet and financial statement of the Endowment Fund, prepared by the chairperson or his/her designee.

9. **Fidelity Bond coverage:** The Consistory shall provide adequate fidelity bond for the activities performed in good faith by individual members of the Endowment Fund Committee, or by the committee as a whole.

B. Duties of the Endowment Fund Committee:

1. To determine, implement, and review procedures and policies for soliciting funds.
2. To continually educate the congregation about the merits of the fund and its proper use.
3. To adopt and implement strategies that promote giving to the fund.
4. To implement guidelines for the acceptance and recognition of gifts and bequests.
5. To meet at least semi-annually to review the percentage of earnings to transfer to the General Fund of the church for dispersal.

III. Use of Principal and Earnings of the Endowment Fund:

A. Objective of the Endowment Fund: The objective of the Endowment Fund is to preserve the principal and use ONLY the earnings from the investment of the principal. Borrowing of principal funds shall NOT BE ALLOWED.

Only in extreme and overwhelming circumstances, bordering on the survival of the church itself, may any or the entire principal be withdrawn.

- B. The principal of the fund shall be defined as the original gift or bequest, any additional gifts or bequests, plus any retained earnings as designated by the Endowment Fund Committee and approved by the Consistory.
- C. Earnings of the fund shall be defined as the portion of the earnings on the pooled investments of the church, assigned to the Endowment Fund balance, as stated in the Investment Policy of Peace United Church of Christ, adopted in October 2013.
- D. **Authorization of allocations:** The Consistory of Peace United Church of Christ shall have final authorization for all allocations for use of the earnings from the Endowment Fund, as recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee.
- E. **Distribution of Earnings:**
 - 1. Earnings from the fund may be distributed for uses that benefit the church and its program provided such use is within the purpose of the Endowment Fund, and in keeping with the social principles of Peace United Church of Christ.
 - 2. Earnings from the Endowment Fund may be distributed by the Consistory as monetary gifts to support the programs of local not for profit organizations or to support the missions and ministry of Peace United Church of Christ.

IV. **Continuance of the perpetuity of Peace United Church of Christ Endowment Fund:**

- A. **Church Merger:** If, in the future, Peace United Church of Christ would merge with one or more churches to form a new congregation, the net assets of Peace United Church of Christ Endowment Fund shall be assigned to the newly merged church, and there it shall continue to exist exclusively for the purpose of benefiting the merged church, and performing the functions of these adopted articles of the Peace United Church of Christ Endowment Fund.
- B. **Dissolving of the Church:** If at any time Peace United Church of Christ should be abandoned or dissolved without a lawful successor thereto, the Consistory shall provide for an orderly assignment of the net assets remaining in the Peace United Church of Christ Endowment Fund to the Endowment Fund of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ.

V. **Amendments of these Articles:**

- A. These articles may be amended by the membership of Peace United Church of Christ, or its successor, provided however, that no amendment shall substantially change the intent and purpose of these articles.
- B. The passage of an amendment shall require an affirmative vote of seventy-five (75) percent majority of the Peace United Church of Christ **members present** at any regular or special meeting of the Congregation, provided that full presentation of such proposed amendments shall have been published in the notice for such meeting, as provided in the Peace United Church of Christ constitution and by-laws.

Definitions:

Principal - The total amount of all gifts and/or bequests, **plus** any retained earnings at the end of each year, designated by the Endowment Committee and approved by the Consistory, to be added to the Principal.

Earnings - The portion of interest, dividends, and realized capital gains or losses from the pooled investments of the church. The portion received is determined by the month end balances of all accounts/funds of the church deemed to share in the investment earnings by vote of the Consistory.

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Article III. A. : The first sentence, changed the word "income" to "earnings". July 2014

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Sunday, August 1, 2021

Riverhill Park - Kewaskum

The public is welcome and invited to attend!

9:30 am Worship Service - Park Pavilion

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Dinner Served

Roast Pork & Chicken, Fruit, Potato Salad, Vegetable & Beverage

Carry Outs Available - Advanced Tickets Available

Adults \$10 - Children (4-10) \$5

Music 11:30 am - 1:00 pm by:

THE KEWASKUM BIG BAND

Children's Games - Bucket Raffles

Delicious Home-Baked Desserts

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