



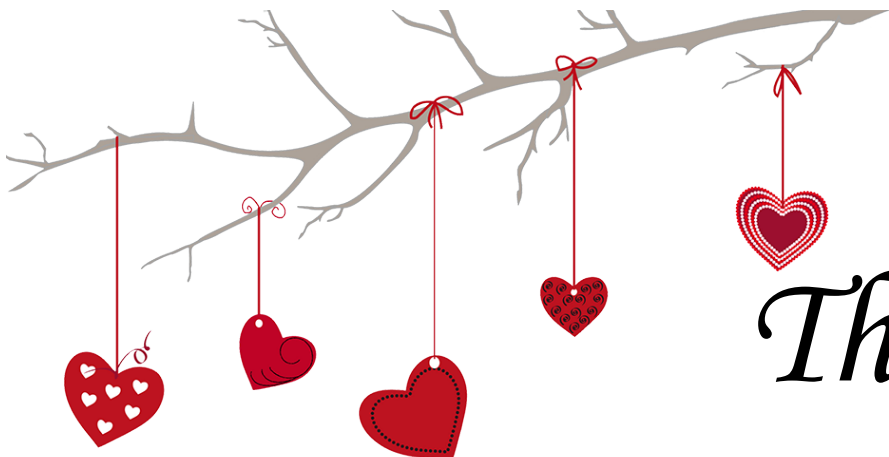
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February 2020



The Tidings

From the Pastor's Study • February 2020

"Love like Jesus" Those were the simple words on the homepage of Faith UCC outside of Indianapolis. That simple phrase encouraged me to reach out to them for a place to stay on the way home from our recent Habitat trip to Mobile, Alabama. Our group of six young adults (and two not quite so young adults) had decided that we wanted to push a little farther north on our first day of driving home, and so we were once again looking for last minute floor space in a church. As has happened so often, the request was greeted with a simple but warm welcome. Each time this happens it becomes the simple affirmation of the kind of welcome that Jesus calls us to offer always. It's easy to talk about Jesus' miracles in ways that overlook the glimmers that we get of his simply offering hospitality, companionship, and teaching, in simple and humble ways at each moment of each day. I've often been challenged by the words of scripture that are offered in Matthew twenty-five when Jesus teaches "when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." A glass of water, a visit, a little food, clothing, or shelter... that simple parable has so often given me pause when I've encountered the needs of the world. It can make the task of loving like Jesus overwhelming, for the needs are always greater than our capacity. But sometimes that simplicity also reminds me that our call to mission finds life in the simple and humble serving in whatever way is needed, with whatever we may be able to offer. This mission trip offered that kind of humble reminder. Only once in our five days of work did we continue a task that we had begun earlier. Instead, our jobs for the week were a variety of things that felt like the local Habitat affiliates' checking off their hadn't-quite-gotten-around-to-it list. We painted some offices one day and then the next day supervised sixty football players painting three homes for a two-hour photo-op. We cleaned up garbage and then finished the last little touch-up on another home that they'd hoped to have a family move into before Christmas. And we did a handful of odd jobs around the affiliate's massive Restore. More typically on these trips we are given a single larger task that we work on for a week and get to see progress, sometimes even miraculous. But this trip we got to celebrate lots of little accomplishments. We felt that it was time well spent and certainly a benefit to the affiliate in their mission to provide decent housing to all of God's children. This trip we got to see the power of mission offered in the accumulation of little tasks. We were reminded again that to love like Jesus is to treat everything that we do as an opportunity to shine with God's light. Humble service and opportunities large and small are the heartbeat of faith.

I often have people comment that we are a strongly mission oriented church. I'm sometimes a little taken aback at that comment because I tend to think that there is lots more that we could be doing. We certainly support three Habitat trips a year, and we steadily support a strong breadth of ministries near and far... but it always feels like we could do more. And yet I also humbly agree that the people of our congregation do a remarkable job of engaging in all kinds of mission in so much of what they do. And when an idea emerges from among us, the church seeks to embrace it. We heard a story not unlike that in the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer which hosted us in Mobile. It was a 9-year-old girl who loved her church and pronounced one day that they needed to use their building and resources more. She proposed a community meal that would welcome in anyone who was looking for a home-cooked meal. One of the adults in the congregation heard her and worked with her to put a proposal together to present to Church leadership. For the last three years that church has served a weekly meal to the lonely, the hungry, those who are food-insecure, and those who just want to gather and be church. That young girl, her friends, and others even wait on everyone who comes and serves them at their tables. We got to experience their hospitality and their gumbo. We have just entered the season of Epiphany when we proclaim that we have come to see the good news that God has offered us in Jesus. We are reminded of God's calling us to shine God's light into the world and to love like Jesus, in simple, humble, inclusive ways. *"Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."* – John 13:34

Pastor ERIC

Message from Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry, Rev. Gretchen Martin

"Happy New Year!" This is likely the most common phrase or greeting shared in January. But, believe it or not, not everyone is having a happy January. For some, the holidays were a very difficult time of year. Whether it was the first holiday without a loved one or has been several years since this loss, emotions of grief, sadness, and regret can stir in us during the holidays. We grieve the things we can't share with our loved one; things like grandpa missing baby's first Christmas or the first holiday photos without the beloved child. We miss having grandma's favorite holiday treats or hearing our uncle's silly stories. And sometimes we regret or lament the fact that divorce has changed the holiday traditions. I think most of us are aware of these feelings and recognize that the holidays can be difficult for those in the wake of loss.

Now that the holidays are over, some folks may be feeling the January blues. The "mandatory cheer, cooking, visitors, glitz, glitter, toys and chores are over."¹ A sense of sadness and loneliness can be unexpected and hit us hard. This is a very common experience as the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over and the darkness and slowness of January sinks in. Linda Walter, a licensed clinical social worker, suggests there are several reasons for the post-holiday or January blues.²

1. A change in your social calendar with a sudden lack of social events to go to can lead to loneliness, boredom, and a feeling of isolation.
2. After being with family and friends over the holiday, we may miss them terribly when they have all gone home.
3. Loss from death, divorce, or distance can make us feel like we're going through the mourning process all over again during the holidays.
4. January is a dark, cold month, where people tend to stay at home.
5. After lots of holiday travel, fatigue can cause us to feel run down and bring on sadness.
6. If you took time off during the holidays to rest and relax, when you return to work you may find a pile of work to get through that can seem overwhelming.
7. You may have overindulged in food and/or drink during the holidays and now, when you get on the scale, you feel guilty or frustrated.
8. Perhaps you're disappointed by the holidays. It wasn't what you had hoped for and now feel let down that they're over.

If this is how you are feeling, you are not alone. I have personally felt some of the January blues this year. My calendar went from packed to "zip" and I'm still caught off-guard since divorce has changed our family traditions. This year I also took a long, rejuvenating break for Christmas and the New Year, but the amount of work I came back to seemed insurmountable. I have found that scheduling a movie and time with friends and making a detailed to-do list is helping me get through January.

What can you implement to shake off the January blues? Take time to talk with friends or family about how you are feeling. Get a few things on the calendar that you can look forward to, lunch with friends, a FaceTime date with your grandchildren, or even joining a book or Bible study. Take care of your health by eating well, exercising, and getting enough sleep. Also give yourself grace and patience as you work through the January blues.

¹ Blow off Post-Holiday Blues by Star Lawrence <https://www.webmd.com/balance/features/blow-off-post-holiday-blues#1>

² The Holidays Are Over; Why Am I So Blue? By Linda Walter; Psychology Today, Jan 12, 2014 <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/life-without-anxiety/201401/the-holidays-are-over-why-am-i-so-blue>

Worship Schedule for February 2020

Peace Church has two worship services Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 2

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 18-31,
Matthew 5:1-12

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Souper Bowl of Caring
Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, February 16

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sir 15:15-20, Psalm
119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sunday School



Sunday, February 9

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1
Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sound of Change – Exodus House

Sunday, February 23

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/TRANSFIGURATION

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-
21, Matthew 17:1-9

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion (PEW)

News and Notes

Scholarship Fund

Reminder to all 2019-2020 Scholarship recipients: Your first semester grades need to be turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020. You can mail your transcripts to Peace Church, P.O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040, email them to office@peace-ucc.org or put them in the church office mailbox (across from the office). Any questions? Contact the church office at 262-626-4011.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

- February 2 Ellie Berries (10)
- February 5 Henry Ogi (8)
- February 6 Kathrynne Singer (13)
- February 8 Holly Henk (17)
- February 8 Ethan Singer (15)
- February 19 Maddie Dumproff (18)
- February 11 Ari Schemelin (6)
- February 12 Nelle Ogi (5)
- February 14 Dylan Meachtle (18)
- February 15 Louis Berres (6)
- February 17 Lauren Chamberlain (18)
- February 17 Aidan Polzin (14)
- February 20 Cole Loser (12)
- February 20 Lily Van Beek (14)
- February 21 Eva Pendowski (11)
- February 25 Angelena Thull (7)
- February 27 Levi Wiedmeyer (3)



Birthdays (80 years plus)

- February 5 John Coulter (87)
- February 8 Colleen Roe (84)
- February 23 Ellen Hembel (93)
- February 26 Doris Fisher (100)

Events and Activities

Friendship Sunday

Friendships offer us the opportunity to share the most important things in our lives, including our faith. Evangelism is as simple as saying to a friend, “Would you like to come to church with me on Sunday?” Studies show that most visitors attend a church for the first time because they are invited by a friend or relative. Do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who does not have a church home?



The Board of Christian Education at Peace Church will be hosting its annual Friendship Sunday on February 9, 2020 – Please join us for ice cream sundaes during Fellowship immediately after both our 8:00 and 9:30 worship services. There will be a ukulele strum-along at 11:00 a.m. for all uke players! See you there!

Book Discussion

On Wednesday, February 5, the Peace Book Group meets to discuss “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hanna. The discussion begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the church library or the music room depending on the number in attendance. All are welcome.

On Wednesday, March 4, the book group meets to discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. This book is substituting for the originally planned book, “Mountains Beyond Mountains,” which will be discussed on June 3 instead.

For more information about the book discussion group, please contact Lynn Rusch (262-306-4025 or lynnrusch@yahoo.com). Each meeting is one hour long.

Women@Peace

February Event: The Women@Peace outing for February 20, 2020, will be a tour of Cedar Ridge and lunch at the Top of the Ridge. Carpool from Peace Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. or you may drive directly to Cedar Ridge. Tour begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. Learn more about what living at Cedar Ridge has to offer. Men are encouraged to attend. See the sign-up sheet on the parking lot entrance bulletin board. Any questions, please contact Kathy Mertz at 262-483-6509.

Movies & Munchies

February Movie: Tuesdays With Morrie-Journalist Mitch Albom reconnects with his mentor, Professor Morrie Schwartz. Morrie shares some powerful wisdom for coping in relationships, careers, and life.



Come and join us on February 28 at 7pm. Hope to see you all soon! For questions, call Diane Stangl at 262-483-5699.



All Aboard! Climb aboard the Rocky Railway!

In this faith-filled VBS adventure, kids aged 3-11 discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Mark your calendar so you don't miss Peace Church's Vacation Bible School, July 27-31, 8:30 am - 11:30 am daily. Adults and youth aged 12 and up are strongly encouraged to get involved! Details to come in future newsletters.

Ash Wednesday – February 26, 2020.

5:30 p.m. – Simple Supper

Soup & Bread – all are welcome – supper is free. If you would like to share a pot of soup or a loaf of bread, please indicate on the sheets being passed during worship or call the office at 262-626-4011.

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holden Evening Prayers.

Worship services with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

February Fun Fines

It's time for February Fun Fines. You will find the fun fine calendar on page 20 of "The Tidings." At the end of the month, please put your fine money in a plain envelope marked "Women@Peace - Fund Fines" and place in special baskets that will be located in church in early March. You may also include this money in the regular church offering plate. All monies will be routed to Women@Peace for mission and ministry projects.

Lakeland University Workshop

The Ulrich Center at Lakeland University presents its annual Lectionary Workshop featuring Rev. Dr. J. Clinton McCann of Eden Seminary on Monday, February 24, 2020: Making the Connections from Lectionary Lessons to Christian Living

Beginning with Ash Wednesday and proceeding to Palm/Passion Sunday, we'll attend first to the Psalm and Old Testament Lesson for each day, using them as points of departure toward the Gospel and Epistle Lessons. Recorded musical versions of the Psalms will be interspersed to provide variety as well as a few moments to meditate on the Psalm for the day.

J. Clinton McCann, Jr. is the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary. Clint's research and writing have focused on the Psalms. A noted biblical scholar, he served as chair of the Psalms Section of the Society of Biblical Literature for ten years. He is the author of numerous articles and essays on the Psalms and other biblical material. He served as Consulting Translator of the Book of Psalms for The Common English Bible, and he wrote the introduction to and annotations on the Psalms for The CEB Study Bible (2013). Dr. McCann is especially interested in the intersection of religion and culture and he frequently uses songs and videos in his teaching.

- Monday, February 24, 2020
- \$35/person
- 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Laun Center, Room 209
- Continental breakfast and lunch included.

Contact Linda Bosman at bosmanlr@lakeland.edu or 920-565-1023 ext. 2151 for more information.

Peace UCC Women's Sunday is Sunday, March 1, 2020, with the theme of "Abundant Grace." Peace Church will highlight the spiritual gifts of the women in our congregation as they guide the congregation in the worship of God at both the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship services.

Souper Bowl of Caring Let's Tackle Hunger February 2, 2020

In Romans 12:13 we read: ***"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*** Our Peace UCC congregation certainly seeks to live this witness.

On **Sunday, February 2nd**, millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others and it is the best way to change the game.

More than 30 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group which inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$153 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

The youth of Peace Church will join in this grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. They will be collecting dollars in soup pots as you leave worship on Sunday, February 2nd. In addition, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items as part of our monthly food pantry collection. All the food and money collected stays in the community to help fight hunger. Our collection at Peace Church will go to the Kewaskum Community Pantry and to the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend.

Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. **Be a game changer!** Please support the youth of Peace Church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by giving generously to the **Souper Bowl of Caring**.



SHARING AND CARING

Giving Tree Sock Collection

The 2019 Giving tree included a collection of socks and undergarments for the Youth and Family Project located in West Bend. The Youth and Family Project Inc provides counseling, youth and support services and family education and support. We would like to express our sincere thanks for supporting this wonderful mission. "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11. Blessings from the Mission Committee



Giving Tree and Gingerbread House Gifts

In 2019 Peace Church helped two families for a total of eight people – three adults and five children. Thank you to Cheryl Dickman for heading this effort!

Samaritan Health Center Gifts

For Christmas 2019, Peace Church members provided 101 gifts for 50 Samaritan residents. We thank everyone who provided a gift. Thanks also to Gayle Van Ess for delivering the gifts.

Christmas and Thanksgiving Offerings

Our Thanksgiving offering totaled \$425.00 to support the needs of Family Promise and the Kewaskum Community Pantry.

Our Christmas offering in the amount of \$3,213.51 was divided equally between UCC Disaster Relief, Pathfinders, Friends Inc. and The Salvation Army of Washington County. Thank you!

Peace Church collected \$787.00 for the Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thank You Peace UCC!

Thank you messages were received from the following organizations:

Dear Peace UCC, Thank you for your generous donation. We appreciate your support and assure you it will be used in advancing our mission to meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Washington County. Sincerely,
Albrecht Free Clinic

"The Tidings"

Peace United Church of Christ

February 2020

Dear 7th & 8th Grade Peace Church Confirmation Class, You were a success again with your food drive at Piggly Wiggly! Because of your efforts the food pantry received 350 food items. That is awesome and will help families during the holiday season. Thanks to all who helped with this drive. You are very special young people! Sincerely,
Kewaskum Community Pantry Volunteer Staff

Also from the Kewaskum Community Pantry: Thanks to the members of Peace Church who knit the beautiful colorful hats, mittens, and scarves for our pantry families. The families love them. Your time and talents are much appreciated.

Dear Peace UCC – Thank you so much for donating to help us serve the homeless families in our program. You helping like this serves them at the most vulnerable time in their lives. With sincere appreciation, Family Promise of Washington County, Inc.

Dear Peace UCC – On behalf of those we serve, the board of directors and staff thank you for your recent contribution to support FRIENDS, Inc. Serving the residents of Washington County for 40 years, FRIENDS empowers and provides safety to those affected by domestic and sexual violence in their homes and relationships. Your contribution will help continue to provide advocacy, empowerment, and prevention so our neighbors in Washington County can live a life free from fear and intimidation. Thank you again for your generosity. Sincerely, FRIENDS, Inc.

Thank you messages were received from the following Peace members:

Many thanks for the Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings from the Peace Church Sunday School. I put your messages on my refrigerator so I could enjoy them through the season. Thank you also for the beautiful poinsettia. It was delivered to me by my friend, Jackie McCurdy. Sincerely, Pauline Jaeger

Thank you for the lovely fruit basket for my birthday. Connie Zemlicka and I had a great visit. I also appreciate the Christmas greetings from the Sunday School. I have the lovely ornament on my tree. Betty Hallen

Thank you to Peace UCC for remembering me on my 80th birthday. A special thanks to Connie and Howard Zemlicka for navigating the delivery of my fruit basket. It's great that Peace UCC remembers folks on significant days! Thanks! Rose Marie Knoth

Peace Congregation, Thank you kindly for the beautiful poinsettia plant. We will enjoy it for many weeks. Sincerely, Patty & Jim Reigle

Dear Peace UCC congregation, Thank you for the beautiful Christmas poinsettia plant which is brightening my room. Thank you also to the Sunday School children for their uplifting messages, and to Pastor Kirkegaard and Pastor Blackburn for the enjoyable visits and conversation. LaVerne Fehrer

Dear Peace Church, Thank you for the Christmas poinsettia and to Mr. & Mrs. McFadden for the delivery and lovely visit. Sincerely, Ruth Whyte

Thank you to Joe & Mary Billmann for the enjoyable visit and the delivery of the beautiful Christmas poinsettia. Thank you also to Pastor Bob for all his visits! Sincerely, Betty Graff

Thank you to all who sent cards and letters to me during my recent hospitalization. I am now back home and feeling well. Betty Skaug

Financial Reports

Financial Report November 2019

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of October 31, 2019		\$ (33,092)
Receipts		25,469
Cemetery Transfer		0
Internal Transfer		0
Incr/Decr from Investments		0
Expenses		<u>(22,959)</u>
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2019	Balance of	<u>\$ (30,582)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Haitian Home		\$ 100.00
Giving Tree		\$ 400.00
Family Promise		\$ 50.00
Kewaskum Comm. Pantry		\$ 130.00
Karl's Place		\$ 245.90
Thanksgiving		\$ 160.00
Christmas		\$ 100.00
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic		<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total Benevolence Receipts		<u>\$1225.90</u>

Additional Information

Project Balances as of 11/30/2019

Church Kitchen Remodeling Project \$ 10,102.00

Financial Report December 2019

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of November 30, 2019	\$ (30,582)	
Receipts	31,055	
Cemetery Transfer		0
Internal Transfer		0
Incr/Decr from Investments		0
Expenses	<u>(31,546)</u>	
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2019	Balance of	<u>\$ (31,074)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

WI Conf-UCC Disaster Relief	\$ 25.00	
WI Conf-Christmas VOC	\$ 787.00	
Interfaith Caregivers	\$ 50.00	
Heifer Int'l	\$ 100.00	
Giving Tree	\$ 70.00	
Full Shelf Food Pantry	\$ 20.00	
Kewaskum Comm. Pantry	\$ 255.00	
Friends	\$ 50.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 160.00	
Christmas	\$3013.51	
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>\$4580.51</u>	

Additional Information

Project Balances as of 12/31/2019
 Church Kitchen Remodeling Project \$ 12,912.00

2019 Sound of Change Collections

January = Peace Habitat \$290.22
 February = Venture in People Water Filtration \$188.96
 March = Deacon Fund \$86.09
 April = Campital Campaign \$169.04
 May = Albrecht Free Clinic \$246.51
 June = Peace Habitat \$240.28
 July = Deacon Fund \$144.96
 August = Friends of Abused Families \$146.78
 September = Campital Campaign \$130.85
 October = Peace Habitat \$128.66
 November = Karl's Place \$195.90
 December = Deacon's Fund = \$212.90

Consistory Meeting Minutes

**Peace United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting Minutes
October 8th 2019**

Members Present = X

Members Absent = left blank

		X	John Lemke (President/Deacon)	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
E	Paul Behring (Trustee)	X	Roger Mertz (Deacon)		
E	Greg Anderson (Deacon)	X	Shirley Miller (Trustee)	E	Don Neitzel (Elder)
E	Elizabeth Bobb (Deacon)	X	Calvin Rauch (Trustee)	X	E. Walker (VP/Deacon)
X	Nancy Horning (Trustee)	X	David Roehrig (Trustee)	X	John Lemke Sr. (Elder)

Also Present: Pastor Eric, Cathy Stern, Rev Andrew Warner, Mugs McFadden

At 7pm Mugs McFadden introduced Rev Andrew Warner, Director of Development –Wisconsin Conference UCC to the consistory board. Rev Warner is President of the UCC Foundation board and was asked to present information on the “Partnering with the UCC Foundation of WI” incentive which has been offered as an opportunity for congregations to handle endowments, and long-term or reserve assets. Rev Warner presented a reading from Acts 2:43-47 which was read by Eric Walker. Discussion followed with the descriptions of the services the UCC Foundation has available and how it may benefit Peace UCC. After discussion and questions the information will be directed to the Investment Committee to determine any follow up with the Foundation. Rev Warner and Mugs were excused at 8pm.

Call to Order: 8:00pm

- A. Opening Prayer –Pastor Eric offered a prayer.
- B. Approval of Agenda – addition to Old Business, motion to accept by N Horning, second by E Walker and carried.
- C. Approval of Minutes from September 10th, 2019, correction in section H #3 wording to as two, motion to approve by J Lemke Sr and second by D Roehrig and carried.
- D. Financial Report- Cathy Stern discussed the financial report and explained the Year over Year General Fund Gain/Loss chart. Discussion on what will be displayed at Annual meeting on October 20th. (Move to accept financial report of September as presented by C Rauch, second by J Lemke Sr and place on file for audit). Audit report had been signed and put on file.
- E. Pastor’s Report-
 - 1. Pastor Eric advised Confirmation classes would begin October 23rd after working around various school schedules.
 - 2. Pastor advised the Adult Bible Study classes on Thursday mornings have been going well and Tuesday evening classes will begin on October 15th from 7-8:30pm discussing the Ten Commandments based on current issues.
 - 3. Pastor has been actively involved in assisting with future services for Cedar Ridge as part of his board duties.
 - 4. School district meetings have resumed discussion at first meeting involved career planning presentation and discussion on the topic of vaping.
 - 5. Pastor Eric will be off on vacation at the end of October; Pastor Bob will provide the service on November 3rd.
- F. President’s Report
 - 1. Information to be discussed in new business.

G. Mission Moment – E Walker gave a reading of Psalm 100.

H. Old Business

1. Annual Meeting- Annual meeting agenda and budget layout were discussed. Reviewed items that will need to be addressed at the meeting. A large number of opening for committees are available for interested members.
2. 911 Memorial brick was approved at September meeting. The statement for the brick was presented as follows: “Let us pursue what makes for Peace and what builds up one another.” – Romans 14:19- Peace Church, United Church of Christ. Consistory approved message as presented.

I. New Business

1. Rev Warner presentation held before business meeting.
2. Mission Statement- J Lemke Jr presented an excerpt of some items from the history of Peace UCC which included a prior mission statement that the Church embraced. Discussion on using some of the verbiage from this statement to development current mission statement.

1. Committee Reports

Deacons –N/R

Elders- discussed letter sent out to Church youth to participate with ushering, also working on a schedule for 7th and 8th grade to assist during communion Sundays.

Trustees- Bid for snowplowing was received, same cost as this year. Request to purchase a new Rug Cleaner, bid price of \$1439 was approved. Motor on compressor in boiler room came to end of life so J&H working on replacement. Semi sign that had been knocked down replaced.

Campital Campaign- N/R

Care & Connection – written report provided by Gayle VanEss.

Evangelism/Marketing – N/R

Faith Formation- written report provided by Gayle VanEss, Christian Ed made a recommendation that Peace Church participates in the Kewaskum Cookie Walk and Christmas Parade this year on December 8th. Consistory approves of this recommendation.

Habitat-Adult Habitat –N/R

Initiative for an All-Inclusive Church – Several members will be speaking at services prior to the vote at the Annual meeting in October. Don read the statement that will be presented.

Investment Committee-NR

Mission – collection for St Joseph’s Mission in Haiti received was \$660.

New Members –N R

Pastoral Relations- N/R

Scholarship – N/R

Women @ Peace- next adventure October 22nd to Fond du Lac.

Worship – Requesting feedback on the change in Bulletin covers, check with members and please pass on responses to the Church office.

J. Lord’s Prayer

K. Adjournment – 9:25 pm

**Peace United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

Member Present = X Members Absent = left Blank

X	John Lemke (President/Deacon)	X	Cal Rauch (Trustee)	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
X	Eric Walker (VP/Deacon)		Shirley Miller (Trustee)	X	Don Neitzel (Elder)
X	Elizabeth Bobb (Deacon)	X	Paul Behring (Trustee)	X	John Lemke Sr. (Elder)
X	Roger Mertz (Deacon)	X	David Roehrig (Trustee)	X	Pastor Eric
	Greg Anderson (Deacon)	X	Nancy Horning (Trustee)		Martha Wilson (Elder)

Also Present: Karen Kletti (Trustee to be), Steve Falk (Trustee to be)

A. Call to Order

B. Opening Prayer – offered by Pastor Eric

C. Approval of Agenda – Since Shirley was not present Nancy was asked to take minutes – motion to accept agenda by E Walker, second J Lemke Sr.

D. Approval of minutes - minutes from October 8 not available

E. Financial Report – reviewed report, discussed how to more effectively communicate to congregation the details of budget and in general. Avenues of communication can include the church website, the Sunday bulletin, the Tidings, and social media. Pastor Eric emphasized that the office/Robin is the hub and most people know what the office manager does. Committees should be reminded to share changes and updates with Robin. Move to accept financial report as presented and place on file for audit by E Walker, seconded by D Roehrig and carried.

F. Pastor’s Report

The adult education class is studying a new perspective on the 10 Commandment and has about 13 or so regular attendees. The confirmation class is off to a late start due to scheduling conflicts. The funeral of Annie Manthei was a “good sendoff” to a lady with a deep faith; Pastor expressed gratitude for the opportunity to spend a wonderful family weekend with his daughter at college and the support he receives for taking time for himself and his family. Peg Cosgrove passed away this morning; she had been transferred to hospice and although the church did not know of that transfer, the family still felt cared for by Peace Church. Pastor encouraged people to make him and/or the office aware of changes/needs of family/ church members. Pastor shared an event that occurred on the day of the annual meeting: the malfunction of the elevator and subsequent brief, un-planned stay of two members in the elevator led to a conversation with a visitor to our church. That person was invited to stay for our annual meeting and contribute to the discussion, which she boldly did. New members will be received next Sunday – Nov 24 – potentially 10 new members. The ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be hosted at Holy Trinity Church. Free Thanksgiving day meal will be served at St. Michaels – members are encouraged to sign up to help with that; there will be an ecumenical service at Cedar Ridge.

G. President’s Report

John Lemke Jr. commented that the results of the vote regarding becoming an O&A congregation is closely tied to the Peace UCC Vision Statement; Mentioned that it would be a good idea to plan for members to vote via absentee ballot on future issues; New officers shared reasons for wanting to join consistory.

H. Mission Moment – based on Acts 4: 18 – 20 particularly how Peace UCC members at annual meeting echo the sentiment that we “cannot help but speak out even in an occupied state.”

I. Old Business

Annual Meeting recap: Could have done a better job with following Robert’s Rules of Order and clearly articulating the slate of members for positions; short discussion regarding specific terms of new and returning deacons, trustees, & elders; Discussion of Stewardship Sunday and when/how to address stewardship; discussion of how to articulate/explain deficit in general fund to congregation and keep it a current topic; Use of stewardship pledge cards discussed

J. New Business

Plan to ask Robin to update list of Consistory members with correct contact information and terms: Kathy Thomas thru 2021(use Heidi’s home phone 232-338-8254), Karen Kletti thru 2022, John Lemke thru 2022

K. Committee Reports

Deacons – already presented/discussed during old business

Elders – Robin sent note to parents of youth regarding ushering and greeting; J. Lemke Sr. will conduct a “class” about how to be an usher after upcoming church services; Instructions on serving Communion via intinction available on the shelf at the back of the sanctuary where the offering plates are stored; one more member is needed on the investment committee

Trustees – A bid from Dan Fischer to handle snow plowing was accepted; a “new” circuit board was installed for the elevator; replacing the very aged carpet in the parsonage was discussed along with bids; option 2 of the bid from Drexel to replace the carpet for all the designated areas for \$5852 was passed unanimously with the funds to come from the building fund

Campital Campaign – the campaign sunsets at the end of 2019, the goal that was pledged on the behalf of Peace UCC was not met

Care & Connection – Please see Gayle’s report

Evangelism/Marketing – J. Lemke Jr. will get roster of members to Robin

Faith Formation – Please see Gayle’s report

Habitat for Humanity – young adult trip is being planned to NOLA, if housing is not found there, the secondary location being considered is Jacksonville FL

Initiative for All-Inclusive Church – Because there is still work to be done, the committee will continue to meet; Looking into –among other things – a banner for the parking lot – “Be the Church”

Investment Committee – Pending information about the fee structure, recommended moving investment funds to USS Foundation when the Foundation has everything in place for the change; Robin will email documents the Foundation shared at a previous meeting to new members

Mission – Recent Sound of Change collected \$195.90 for Karl’s Place

New Members – 10 potential new members attended the recent meeting led by Pastor Eric.

Pastoral Relations – next meeting November 21

Scholarship – no report

Worship – preparations are underway for the Advent Season

L. Lord’s Prayer

M. Adjournment

**Peace United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2019**

Members Present = X

Members Absent = left blank

		X	John Lemke(President/Deacon	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
x	Paul Behring (Trustee)	X	Roger Mertz (Deacon)		
E	Greg Anderson (Deacon)	X	Shirley Miller (Trustee)	E	Don Neitzel (Elder)
x	Elizabeth Bobb (Deacon)	X	Calvin Rauch (Trustee)	X	E. Walker (VP/Deacon)
X	Nancy Horning (Trustee)	X	David Roehrig (Trustee)	X	John Lemke Sr. (Elder)

Also Present: Pastor Eric, Martha Wilson (Elder), Tom Kolb (Deacon), Steve Falk (Trustee)

- L. Call to Order: 7:08 pm
- M. Opening Prayer –Pastor Eric offered a prayer.
- N. Approval of Agenda – addition to Old Business, motion to accept by S Miller, second by C Rauch and carried.
- O. Approval of Minutes from October 8th, 2019 and November 12th motion to approve by E Walker and second by J Lemke Sr and carried.
- P. Financial Report- Discussion on status of several funds, motion to accept financial report for November as presented by N Horning, second by D Roehrig and place on file for audit.
- Q. Pastor’s Report-
 - 1. Pastor Eric advised Ecumenical services at Cedar Ridge and Holy Trinity went well with beautiful performance by the choir.
 - 2. Pastor discussed the hospice care and passing of a number of church members and friends of the Church that have taken their journeys in the past month.
 - 3. Pastor Eric expressed gratitude for the Children’s Christmas program and the volunteers that assisted with planning and presentation.
 - 4. Pastor offered thanks for the wonderful Church staff that go up and above to manage the numerous functions and events of the Christmas season run well.
 - 5. Pastor discussed the upcoming Christmas schedule and the Young Adult Habitat trip from January 1st- 10th to Mobile, Alabama.
- R. President’s Report
 - 2. J Lemke Jr discussed the transition of staff as Kathy Danielson leaves her post at the end of 2019 and expressed gratitude in all of Kathy’s faithful service to Peace Church.
 - 3. J Lemke Jr expressed his thanks for the service of the outgoing consistory members, Don Neitzel, Eric Walker, Cal Rauch and Shirley Miller.
 - 4. J Lemke Jr offered a welcome to our new consistory members as they take over their roles in 2020 to include Martha Wilson, Tom Kolb, Steve Falk, Kathy Charland, Karen Kletti and Kathy Thomas.
 - 5. Paul Behring announced that he will be stepping down from his role as Cemetery Sexton at the end of 2020 so the consistory will need to review replacement opportunities.
- S. Mission Moment – E Walker gave a reading from Psalms.
- T. Old Business
 - 1. Ken Singer discussed the UCC Foundation of Wisconsin fee structure for actively managed funds and the emphasis on Pension Board Leadership that will follow the UCC value and standards for investment. Recommendation made to take the advisement of Investment Committee to move the Baird investment funds to the UCC Foundation of Wisconsin managed funds. Vote was carried.

2. Youth Ministry Update-description of position was updated with schedule and stipend and sent out to area Christian based colleges.
3. Carpet Cleaner- cost to be taken out of the Building fund.
4. Mission Statement- continued review and discussions of Peace UCC Mission Statement will be held on January 13th at 6:30pm.

U. New Business

1. New Members were welcomed on November 17th to include ; Lisa & Blaine Atwater, John Bliese, Jim & Nancy Hovland, Melissa Polzin, Lorie Rechlicz, Chris Rode.
2. Recommendation by Trustees to renew 3 year contract with J&H Heating for 1-15-20-1-14-23, approved.


1. Committee Reports


- Deacons –R Mertz- discussed stewardship messages to connect with congregation.
Elders- Discussion of use of clipboards in Church and how to “FILL” volunteer opportunities.
Trustees- Air Condition Units were enclosed and checked, will need to review replacement in 2020. Bids for carpeting at the parsonage were approved. Discussed providing chairs for greeters to use while serving.
Campital Campaign- closing at end of the year.
Care & Connection – N/R
Evangelism/Marketing – N/R
Faith Formation- N/R
Habitat-Adult Habitat –Pastor discussed previously on Young Adult Trip
Investment Committee-discussed in New Business.
Mission – next meeting January 21st, 2020 at 9:30am.
New Members –N R
Pastoral Relations- Next meeting 2/13/20 at 6:30pm
Scholarship – N/R
Women @ Peace- Working on 2020 schedule of events.
Worship – Upcoming Christmas schedule.

V. Lord’s Prayer

W. Adjournment – 9:10 pm

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Food Pantry Collection 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:50 Youth Choir	3	4 9:30 a.m. – Ministry Mtg	5 9:30 a.m. – Book Group <i>“The Great Alone”</i> 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm	6	7 <i>Pastor Eric’s day off</i>	8
9 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Sound of Change-Exodus House Friendship Sunday Sundaes 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir Deadline for Scholarship Grades	10	11 10:30 a.m.KSD Clergy Mtg 6:30 p.m.-Deacons, Elders, Trustees 7:00 p.m. -Consistory	12 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm	13 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Relations Mtg	14 <i>Pastor Eric’s day off</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	15 <i>Pastor Eric’s day off</i>
16 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir	17	18 9:30 Ministry Mtg March “Tidings” Deadline	19 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm	20 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Women@Peace – Cedar Ridge (carpooling 10 a.m. parking lot)	21 <i>Pastor Eric’s day off</i>	22 <i>Pastor Eric’s day off</i>
23 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School PEW Communion 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper @ 5:30 p.m., Holden Evening Prayers w/Communion @ 7p.m. 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm	27 Community of Practice-Pastor Eric	28 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Movie & Munchies</i> Confirmation Retreat	29 Confirmation Retreat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Fun Fines—2020				1 Pay \$1 if you haven't volunteered at church or for another cause within the last month.
2 Pay 54¢--a penny for each year the Super Bowl has been played,	3 Pay 50¢ for every meal you had today where fish, meat or chicken was served.	4 Pay 20¢ for each box of cereal you have in your cupboard. Grain is a major source of food worldwide.	5 Add your phone number and pay the total. (Ex. 262-626-4011: 2+6+2+6+2+6+4+0+1+1= 30¢).	6 Pay 20¢ for each bag of frozen food in your freezer. In many countries people have no freezers.	7 Donate to a local Food Pantry sometime this month. Many people do not have enough to eat.	8 Pay 5¢ for each letter in your full name.
9 Donate to the Sound of Change.	10 Pay \$1 for each meal and snack you ate today remembering those who go hungry.	11 Pay 10¢ for each glass of water you drank today. Many people in the world do not have clean water.	12 Lincoln's Birthday— Pay 56¢--one year for each year Lincoln lived.	13 Pay \$1 if you spent more than one hour on Facebook today.	♥ Happy Valentine's Day! Do a random act of kindness—all fun/no fine!	15 Pay 20¢ for each of your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren or pets.
16 Pay \$1 if you did not volunteer to usher or greet in the last two months.	17 Presidents' Day Pay 45¢--a penny for each presidential administration.	18 Pay 50¢ for every time you Googled today.	19 Pay whatever your grateful heart desires.	20 Pay \$1 if you have not been sick this month. Thank God for good health.	21 Put all your change into the fun fines.	22 Pay \$1 if you have not read the Tidings this month.
23 Pay \$1 if you haven't been sick this month. Thank God for good health.	24 Pay \$1 if you were absent from church this month.	25 Pay 50¢ for every TV in your home.	26 Pay 10¢ for each day this month that you did not have to pay a fine.	27 Pay 50¢ if your birthday is in February.	28 Pay 50¢ if you cannot name three or more members of the Consistory.	29 Leap Year! Add all your fines and round up to the nearest dollar. Pay your fines. Thank you!