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The Tidings

June/July 2023



From the Pastor's Study • June & July 2023

A week ago, Laura and I left the house to visit family in Iowa and there were buds on our trees. As we were out and about, we noted elsewhere that the leaves were already out on the trees along our drive only to return home to find our trees leafed out and shading the yard. I love the changes of spring! Things keep blooming and growing, transforming the world around us in trickles and in bursts. I don't tend to be someone who likes change for change's sake, but nature itself reminds me that life is constantly changing and that when we open our eyes to see and embrace that change, we might just catch a glimpse of wonder.

The other day Steve Garnaas-Holmes shared a story in his daily reflection "unfolding light" that captured my imagination in this season:

"A girl in my high school that I never knew but saw a lot used to go around every corner in the hallway as if she'd never been there before. She'd lean way out to the side to look, almost on one foot, the other stretched behind, as if to see it for the first time, as if to check it out before she committed to making the turn. But she always made the turn. It wasn't fearful, just a pause, a moment of expectation. "Look," she told herself, "I'm turning a corner!" I loved it. Whenever I saw her do it I'd walk into my next classroom with a little bit of anticipation, even under pretense, a little expectation that I might be surprised. Or I might actually turn a corner and actually do something for the first time. And I often surprised myself. I looked as if for the first time, and often saw something for the first time. Or saw somebody I'd seen a thousand times as if for the first time. I still love her for it.

What a beautiful image of engaging every turn in life with curiosity and even excitement. I am humbled to imagine moving forward as a church with that spirit. Everything that we read and learn about the church reminds us that there are changes before us. I heard last week that the church is declining as a percentage of population in every corner of the world. And yet (and yet!), there is always faith that we are a tradition that celebrates resurrection even after what we perceive as death and decay. As I keep sharing, we are in a moment in time when it is unclear what that future might look like. So, I choose to trust, because I'd rather turn every corner with curiosity and anticipation than wring my hands in fear. That's hard to do when finances are challenging, when our world can impose the weary burdens of uncertainty, and when anxiety is used as a tool to push particular agendas. How can we sing a different song in our lives, one that fills pauses with expectation, that looks to celebrate the surprises?

This summer, part of this effort to see anew will be to reclaim some things we've done before. We will once again have a Habitat Trip, but with an even more intergenerational team. We'll return to Canada canoeing, this time sharing the experience with many who have never been with us before. We will look to see through new eyes in each of those settings. At Peace Church, we will be shifting our worship times and services for the summer season. We've talked about trying this for years, so this year we will have one worship service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We may be blessed with fuller feeling services through this little change of pace, and we certainly will lean into a season where we all come together without the question of "what service do you go to?" Maybe, this experience will offer a chance to worship with friends and family who have been at "the other service" for years.

I hope that we can all approach the change with the open spirit of wonder. At the same time, we are working to pull together a midweek service that will take on a very different form from Sunday mornings. The hope is to have a space that engages our journeys of faith a little differently than what we've always done: more interaction, less formality, a gathering to try to listen in one more way that God is leading us. There will be more information about this soon.

We keep trying to pay attention to how our still-speaking God is leading us into a future yet unknown. My prayer is that each of us would tell our story: celebrate the corners of the past where we were surprised with wonder; and peek around the corners ahead trying to imagine what ministry is still unfolding among us.

May God bless us with surprises and insights that feed our souls and inspire us to steward the love of God into the world in ever expanding ways!

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for June & July 2023

PLEASE NOTE: Starting on June 4th there will be only one church service at 9:00 a.m. This will run through Sept. 3, 2023.

Sunday, June 4 – 9:00 a.m. – Communion

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12 • Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15 • Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18, 9:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Sunday, June 25, 9:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 • Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, July 2, 9:00 a.m. - Communion

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13 • Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9, 9:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16, 9:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.

Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30, 9:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

June 3 Ava Polzin
June 12 Kyle Van Beek
June 15 Mackenzie Herbst
June 17 Zach Augustin
June 22 Jared Gassner-York
July 5 Hunter Loser

Anniversaries

June 1 Jason & Kelly Staffin (21)
June 3 Jerry & Kathy Shoemaker (51)
Jeff & Mary Steger (945)
June 5 Kim & Cliff Clark (13)
June 7 Paul & Shirley Reinders (65)
June 8 Chris & Gil DeLaurier (24)
Mike & Sherry McElhatton (38)
June 9 Mark & Kim Bocher (33)
June 10 Howard & Connie Zemlicka (62)
June 11 Joe & Mary Billmann (57)
June 12 Russ & Rose Marie Knoth (53)
Pat & Al Schnepf (25)
June 14 Bill & Lori Hartman (37)
June 20 Bob & Kay Blackburn (42)
Bill & Nancy Wiederanders (28)
June 21 Bill & Diane Stangl (43)
June 22 Becky Manthei & Mathias Dornacker (16)
Wes & Barbara Westra (60)
June 23 David & Marlene Domasky (50)
John & Sara Lemke (22)
Roger & Kandy Lindgren (32)
June 24 Edgar & Janette Loomis (70)
June 25 John & Jeanne Wood (63)
July 3 John & Karen Staehler (58)
July 6 Albert & Sue Hembel (49)
Joshua & Taylor O'Brien-Flasch (11)
July 7 John & Karen Kletti (44)
July 9 Loran & Rozanne Butzlaff (57)
July 10 Todd & Debra Stern (30)
July 11 Pat & Mugs McFadden (59)
July 12 Gary & Joyce Terlinden (54)
July 14 Tom & Joan Schleif (19)
July 23 Chuck & Sandy Atwater (62)
July 27 Karla & Josh Spaits (4)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

June 8 Jackie McCurdy (85)
June 11 Doug Christenson (81)
June 12 John Lemke Sr (80)
June 20 Edgar Loomis (90)
June 24 John Hubbell (85)
June 27 Dave Domasky (84)
June 28 Darrel Nonhof (88)
July 1 Rachel Kluever (85)
Tom Schleif (89)
July 3 Nancy Panzer (86)
July 5 Idelle Breitbach (84)
July 8 Joan Schleif (84)
July 14 Harvey Brodzeller (83)
July 21 Carol Gardner (83)
July 22 Ruth Schmitt (83)
July 23 Jim Meinberg (90)

Events and Activities



Vacation Bible School – Peace Church’s VBS will take place July 31st – August 4th. The theme this year is Stellar!

Summer service time begins Sunday, June 4! Starting on June 4th, we will have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. We will maintain this service time through Labor Day. Come and celebrate being gathered as one family of God.

Midweek worship begins! We are going to try something a little different and create sacred space on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Services will be less formal, more interactive, some different music. We will gather for the first time on June 7th following the community meal. Come and be a part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.

Book Group

The Peace Church Book group will be meeting Wednesday, June 7, at 9:30 am to discuss Mitch Albom's "The Stranger in the Lifeboat". Mitch Albom is the author of "Tuesdays with Morrie" that we read and discussed several years ago. Chris Rode will be leading the discussion. The book group does not meet in July and August but will return September 6 and will be discussing "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. All are welcome at these discussion meetings.



Peace Church Picnic – The Annual Peace Church Picnic will be at River Hill Park in Kewaskum on Sunday, August 6th starting with church service at 9:00 a.m. and followed by lunch, music, games, raffle, and wonderful fellowship!

Band Together for Banned Books - This book club will be held on June 14, 2023, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. The book will be: “Beyond Magenta” by Susan Kuklin. We will take a break for the summer months (July-August). The August Tidings will have more info on the Sept – Dec 2023 chosen books and schedule.

News from the Mittens Ministry - We have had some yarn donations. If you knit or crochet, please consider making children’s mittens and/or hats to be distributed in early November. If you need patterns, help, or would just like a companion while working on your project contact Robin for Heidi Rodenkirch’s number.



Our next **Community Meal** will take place on June 7th, 2023. The menu will be Sloppy Joes, chips, applesauce, and dessert. There will be a break in Community meals for July and August.

Prayer Shawl group will not meet in June, July, and August. The typically meets at 1:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the church library. They will look forward to resuming in the fall. The group makes prayer shawls for shut-ins, people recovering from illness or surgery, and white shawls for baptisms. If you are interested in more information on this group, please call Nancy Panzer at 262-626-2817.

Book Shelves in Fellowship Hall

Some of the books from the Little Free Library in Fellowship Hall have been removed and donated to Kettle Moraine Gardens and the Friends of the Library in West Bend. There is now some space for new titles. If you have books that you think others will enjoy, please shelve them when you bring them in. All books are donations and will not be returned. Happy summer reading!

Peace United Church of Christ Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to give financial aid and recognition to members of this Church who have shown significant academic and other constructive accomplishments in their school career and church participation.

All members of the Church who, in the opinion of the Committee are qualified and worthy recipients based upon the following criteria are eligible to receive a scholarship:

- Academic achievement
- Service to the Church
- Christian character
- Educational aims

Members may re-apply annually. Applicants may request aid toward the education of their choice beyond High School.

Application forms are available in the Church office or on our website. Applications must be received by **AUGUST 1, 2023**.

Notification of scholarship awards will be made by July 1. The amounts will vary annually. Applicants selected to receive a scholarship shall be expected to remain in continuous attendance in school for the entire semester. **Applicants must submit a transcript of their grades ASAP before February 1, 2024,** following the completion of the first semester, in order to receive their scholarship. Applicants must have successfully completed 12 credits, (full-time student) with no less than a 2.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale).

Pastoral Relations Survey - The annual evaluation of Pastor Eric will take place during the month of June. The evaluation was skipped last year because Pastor Eric was away on Sabbatical for 4 months. We will have surveys for church members to fill out anonymously (or signed) at 3 locations in church - the pick-up of blank forms and drop-off of filled out forms will be available in the Narthex, by the Elevator entrance in the Sanctuary, and in the entry area coming in from the Parking Lot. People can pick

them up from one of these 3 locations, take them home and then return them to one of these locations and put their filled-out form in the drop-off slot in the boxes. These boxes and the forms will be in place on Sunday, June 4th and will remain in place throughout the month of June. The Pastoral Relations team will go through the returned forms and tally up the results at our August 21st meeting.

Habitat for Humanity Trip – July 9th-14th This year we are planning an inter-generational Habitat Trip to Red Wing Minnesota. Anyone who has completed their freshman year in high school or beyond (even well beyond) is welcome to come and lend a hand in seeking to provide decent housing for all of God's children. The affiliate is asking for a minimum of 7 people, but we are hoping for many more than that. The cost will be \$75 for members or \$100 for non-members. If you have questions please contact Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, or Pastor Eric. **There will be a meeting for those who are interested in taking this trip on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the trip.**

Financial Report

Financial Report April 2023

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of March 31, 2023	\$ (45,633)
Receipts	20,031
Expenses	(\$30,969)
Ending Balance as of 4/30/2023	<u>(\$56,571)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Pantry	584.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	170.00
Lent	5.00
Easter	720.00
Maundy Thursday	65.00
Good Friday	125.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>166.90</u>

Church Kitchen Remodeling Project \$(54,082.88)

Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023, Consistory Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance: Kathy Charland, Mark Bocher, Clark Pearson, Becky Manthei, Lisa Atwater, Melinda Sargent, Melissa Polzin, Tim Stoffel, Paul Behring, Kathy Mertz, Chris Rode, Ken Singer, Pastor Eric and Vicar Jakob. Those absent: Vance Reif and Brad Preder

Meeting opened by Kathy C with prayer led by Mark B at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda with changes to add Open and Affirming by Chris R, with a second from Kathy C. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathy to approve the March minutes with changes (Melinda S present and Melissa P absent). Second made by Paul B. Motion carried.

Financial report provided by Ken S. Motion made by Clark P to place the report on file for audit, with a second from Mark B. Motion carried.

Pastor's report submitted for review.

Review of further proposed constitution changes that will be presented to the Congregation on May 7th. A question came up regarding whether consistory members should be part of the Pastoral relations committee. Currently members are filling the open positions, and we are trying to engage others to fill those spots in the future.

Clark P made a motion to pay off the remaining balance of the Cornerstone loan (approximately \$53,000) with our current memorial fund investments to avoid paying the increasing interest rate. Second made by Mark B. Motion carried.

Mark B presented the endowment policy updates that were made by the endowment committee. Motion from the endowment committee to approve the updated policy and to present the updated policy to the congregation for formal approval on May 7, 2023. Discussion held along with a review of the old policy and the new proposal. Motion carried.

OCWM giving was talked about and Rev Andrew Warner will speak to those interested in learning more about OCWM giving on June 4.

Kathy presented a Project sheet that could be initiated when suggestions for activities etc are generated.

Kathy spoke to us about the Thank You bulletin board. All are encouraged to please write up a thank you anytime you recognize the opportunity.

Motion by Mark B to update the camp scholarship amounts to \$100 for a partial week camp and \$200 for a full week camp. Second by Clark P. Motion carried. Will review to confirm whether a policy exists. If so, that will be updated.

Kathy is looking for members to be on a stewardship team. Clark P volunteered.

Kathy will reach out to others who may be interested.

Communion by Intinction takes place on April 16 for confirmation. Lisa A, Melinda S, and Chris R will be available to help with communion. Tim S, Paul B, and Kathy C will assist with communion on May 7th at 8. Melissa P, Mark B, Lisa A, Kathy M, Melinda S and Becky M to assist with communion on May 7th at 9:30.

Kathy spoke to what a beautiful week of services were provided by the music and pastoral teams. Many thanks to all those involved. Chris R thanked Rev Jakob and Pastor Eric for working together so beautifully and leading such moving services. The church will be participating in Pridefest this year and standing with other open and affirming churches in Milwaukee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm with the Lord's prayer.

Hello Peace UCC Members & Friends,

PLEASE RESPOND

It is time to begin planning your very helpful donation(s) for the 2023 PIGNIC Raffle.

Please bring YOUR item(s) to the church CHOIR ROOM on or before SUNDAY July 9th.

We need basket donations OR individual item(s).

BIG thanks to those who have already donated!

CONTACT: Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 office@peace-ucc.org THANKS!

UNACCEPTABLE: Adult Clothing, Rummage Sale Items, Furniture, Vintage Dish Sets.

ACCEPTABLE: Re-Gifting of unopened/undamaged gifts.

Cash

Garden or Home Art

Autographed Items

Food, Snack Basket

Theme Basket Child or Adult

Pet items/supplies

Tickets to Events - Attractions

Packer, Brewer, Bucks, Badger Gear

Sweatshirt, Hat, T-Shirt

Bikes, Scooters, Skates

Holiday basket

Tools, Supplies

Handmade Items Wood-Ceramic-Cloth-Painting

Quilted,-Crochet-Cross Stitched Items.

Gift Card: Gas-Store-Credit-Service-Grocery

Electronic equip. or games

Bird house, feeder, seed

Picnic Supplies, Coolers, Utensils.

Make-Up Beauty items

Toys Games-Indoor/Outdoor

Game Equipment Indoor/Outdoor

Golf-Eat-Entertainment-Travel

Company Product Basket

Hunting -Fishing gear/supplies

Car supplies

Cleaning, Kitchen, Bathroom supplies

Scarves-Hats-Mittens

PIGNIC BUCKET RAFFLE DONATED ITEMS

For our 2023 PIGNIC place YOUR donated item(s) in the Choir room.

Attach this tag to YOUR item(s).

Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 office@peace-ucc.org

Donor: _____ Phone: _____

Please PRINT Item(s) or Service(s)

Value (Optional)

THANK YOU!.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 9:00 a.m. Pride Parade Andrew Warner - Preaching		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB Book Club 9:30 am Community Meal Midweek Worship 7 pm	Grief Group 1 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 9:00 a.m. Vikar Jakob Preaching		LECTIONARY 10 AM Church Council 6pm	XYZ CLUB Banned Book Club – 1:30 pm Habitat Mtg 6:30 Make-up Photo Directory 9-1 & 4-7 Midweek Worship 7 pm	Tidings Deadline		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9:00 a.m. Rev. Bob Ullman Preaching Celebrating 25-year Anniversary for Pastor Eric	Deadline for Habitat Sign-Up Paperwork and Payments	LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB Midweek Worship 7 pm	Grief Group 1 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 9:00 a.m.		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ Club Lay Caregiving Mtg 1 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm			

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 9:00 a.m.	Office Closed	HOLIDAY Office Closed	XYZ CLUB Midweek Worship 7 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 9:00 a.m.		LECTIONARY 10 am Church Council 6pm	XYZ CLUB Midweek Worship 7 pm	Grief Group 1 pm	Tidings Deadline	
Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip – Red Wing, MN						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9:00 a.m. – Vikar Jakob preaching		Lectionary 10 am	XYZ Club Midweek Worship 7 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 9:00 a.m. – Vikar Jakob preaching		LECTIONARY 10 am	XYZ Club Midweek Worship 7 pm	Grief Group 1 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm		
30	31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5
Worship 9:00 a.m. – Vikar Jakob preaching		LECTIONARY 10 am	Midweek Worship 7 pm			Picnic Set-up
Vacation Bible School						