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The Tidings

November 2020

From the Pastor's Study • November 2020

The other day I cringed as I read an email encouraging clergy to maintain a non-anxious presence as we continue through these challenging times. It was hard to read those words knowing that I have been feeling emotionally as strained as any of those around me. The other day I heard a difficult word about a friend and could only describe my emotional state as brittle. I keep hearing those same sentiments from so many as we navigate a moment in time where politics, economics, and pandemic get overlaid on all the normal rhythm of life. These are times when it is easy to feel anxious, exhausted, even brittle... but they are also times when we can allow those same emotions to center us down into the depths of our faith.

I was reading a description of two very different theologians, N.T. Wright and Walter Brueggemann, writing about the pandemic and both turning to the language of lament that appears in scripture as the starting point for turning to God. Of course, what scripture does with the language of lament is to name and unload in our plea before God the burdens that we are carrying. In that cry the people remember their trust in a God who has always chosen to be at work with them amid the brokenness. We hear this in the cry of the Psalmist: "how long O Lord?" and Jesus' cry from the cross: "my God, why have thou forsaken me?" and the grief of the women at the tomb: "they have taken my Lord and I don't know where they've put him." Throughout scripture the lament is offered, but the story never ends there. Instead, this plea lays the groundwork for the faithful to turn attentively back to God and remember that they are not on this journey alone even when they feel most brittle.

An article that I was reading spoke of N.T. Wright focusing on Romans 8:28: "all things work together for good to those who love God." But he highlighted the Greek word *synergeo* as God working with humanity rather than unilaterally for humanity. He suggests that we might translate that same verse: "God works all things toward ultimate good *with and through* those who love him." (*Christian Century*, Oct. 21, 2020, pg. 31) When we find ourselves feeling most distant from God, we are reminded that God is right there and together we can find a way forward.

We are nearing All Saints Day when we celebrate those who have gone before us. Many of these examples of faith shine brightest in the ways that they persevered amid struggle. I often recall the witness of those who shaped our local congregation through their faithful living. The most powerful among them were not those who just did everything by themselves, but rather those who partnered with God and with those around them to trust that there was a way forward when others were unconvinced. Our journey of faith almost always requires us to travel beyond where we can see, believing that God travels with us. It is hard in this moment of time to see clearly how God is calling us to care for one another and all of creation. We are surrounded by anxieties and fears that are exacerbated by all that the news has to offer: pandemics, elections, economic woes, and civil rights struggles. While the world seems addicted to the fear and anxiety... our faith offers a different path. Perhaps just after we let out the plea to God about all that is burdening us, we need to look around and discern all the people and opportunities around us. And then, with the love of God and one another as our guide, we move forward trusting that God is working with us and through us.

The months ahead are going to continue to be strange and trying. Holidays will hold a different character than they have in the past. Our world will continue to ride a roller-coaster on which we are not in control. But together, together, we can be the blessing that we seek. I pray for God's shalom, that deep peace with all of creation, for each of us!

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for Fall 2020

We continue regathered for worship in our church building at a very limited capacity. Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Reservations are required: Please click on either the 8:00 worship link (first link below) or the 10:00 worship link (second link below) to reserve your spot at worship. Or call the church office 626-4011. While the risk level is "Very High" we will be limiting attendance to 20 people per service, in addition to the worship leadership.

8:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com>

10:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc10amworship.eventbrite.com>

We are recording services and posting them 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. The Church building primarily remains closed with staff working remotely, but please contact us and we will we try to meet any needs you may have.

Sunday, November 1 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church - COMMUNION**

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 ● Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43 ● 1
Thessalonians 2:9-13 ● Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, November 8- 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7 ● Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-
24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70 ● 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ●
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123 ● Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 ● 1
Thessalonians 5:1-11 ● Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**

REIGN OF CHRIST

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100 ● Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a ●
Ephesians 1:15-23 ● Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 29 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1-9 ● Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ● 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ● Mark 13:24-37

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

November 1 Nova Smith (5)
November 5 Emma Klahn (13)
November 6 Alex Bayer (13),
Rachel Mielke (18)
November 10 Megan Roehrig (16)
November 12 Lia Piittmann (12)
November 13 Emmett Staffin (9)
November 18 Samantha Staffin (15)
November 19 Cole Lemke (13), Claire Lemke (13)
November 26 Auden Walker (9), Lorelei Walker (12)
November 27 Quin Dornacker (11)
November 28 Ashlyn Thull (12), Mason Vey (10)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

Nov. 4 Marlene Domasky (86)
Nov. 5 Donna Ogi (92)
Nov. 6 Paul Reinders (98)
Nov. 18 Gerald Stern (82)
Nov. 21 Lenore Resch (83)
Nov. 27 Joyce Meinberg (85)

Anniversaries

November 1 Steven & DeAnna Schiefelbein (17)
November 9 Alec & Karen Taylor (52)
November 13 Michael & Kelly McCurdy (27)
November 16 Brad & Jennifer Preder (24)
November 22 Eileen & Harold Ramthun (45)
November 24 Brenda & John Gitter (36)
November 27 Karen & John Grundahl (49), Dean & Colleen Roe (66)

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

John Waskiewicz, who passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Our prayers are with John's family and friends.

To the family and friends of Dr. Richard Gibson, who passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

We lift up a special prayer of celebration: The news this last month shared that the World Food Program won the Nobel Peace Prize. What many of you may not know is how closely this is tied to our own family of faith. Not only is this an affirmation of our faith's command to care for and feed our neighbor, but it is also a celebration of the work that has been being done by John and Karen Grundahl's daughter Sarah Kohnstamm. For many years Sarah has worked to care for the most vulnerable in our world. Most recently, she, her husband Adam, and son Ezra have been living in Malawi while Sarah works for the Nobel Prize winning World Food Program. We celebrate Sarah and all her colleagues and hold them in our prayers.

Feeling Lonely? If you or someone you know is struggling with loneliness, it is important to reach out to find help. Start with your friends, family, neighbors or **Peace UCC. We are here to help...call us at 262-626-4011.**

Events and Activities

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the church office. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux Resumes:

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - We will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9th grade confirmands.

Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:

Eric Kirkegaard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

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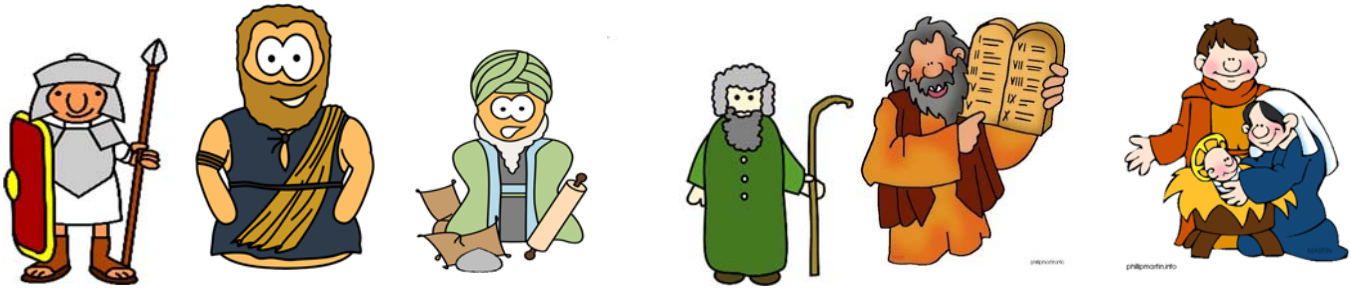
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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to our students and families for your patience, and for your continued faithfulness in sharing Bible stories and lessons together on your own schedule in your homes! May your conversations and time together be a rich blessing!

Because of the continued rise in coronavirus cases and following the guidance of the WI Council of Churches, the Board of Christian Education has decided to offer Pre-K to 4th Grade lessons in a virtual format through January.

Introductory videos will be available each week on the Peace UCC YouTube channel to compliment your printed lessons and discussion at home.

Materials will be delivered to you during the last week of October.

5th and 6th Grade students will continue to meet weekly via Zoom with Mr. Lemke.

We are looking forward to the day we can all gather in the Sunday School classrooms for our lessons and fellowship! Until then, may God bless each of you with good health and strong faith! We love you!



Financial Reports

Financial Report September 2020

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of August 31, 2020	\$ (45,006)
Receipts	25,797
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$27,030)
Ending Balance as of 9/30/2020	<u>(\$46,240)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Kewaskum Food Pantry	40.00
Neighbors in Need	100.00
Family Promise	350.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>490.00</u>

Book Reading List for 2020 – 2021

The Peace Church Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday, November 3, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall to discuss "Disappearing Earth" by Julia Phillips. All participants must wear a mask and social distance while in the church to prevent the spread of Covid. The discussion lasts about an hour led by Mary Billman. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion. The book for December is "The Girl From Venice" by Martin Cruz Smith.

For more information, contact Lynn Rusch at lynnrusch@yahoo.com or by phone (262-306-4025).

<i>Month</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Author</i>
Nov 4	Disappearing Earth	Julia Phillips
Dec 2	The Girl From Venice	Martin Cruz Smith
Jan 6	The Lying Game	Ruth Ware
Feb 3	The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead
Mar 3	We Were the Lucky Ones	By Georgia Hunter
Apr 7	Educated	Tara Westover
May 5	Ask Again, Yes	Mary Beth Keane
Jun 2	Finding Chika	Mitch Albom

Youth Ministry Intern Position

PURPOSE

For the intern, this is an opportunity to gain practical ministry experience, to work in an atmosphere of personal and professional guidance and support, to test their gifts and call to vocational ministry, and to develop spiritually and theologically. For the church, the intern brings practical help and energy to the youth ministry, provides additional relational ministry to the youth of our congregation and provides a role model to the youth of this church.

ACCOUNTABLE TO

The youth intern will be accountable to the Pastor, Personnel Committee, Faith Formation Coordinator, and the Christian Education Committee (CE).

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

- The overall objective is to present and show by example the gospel of Jesus Christ to young people and to encourage them in their growth through the study of scripture, prayer, service, and fellowship.

Specific activities may include:

- Plan and carry out activities with youth, including opportunities for urban outreach and ministry.
- Develop relationships with youth, parents and volunteer staff through individual and group contact, mail, e-mail, phone, social media and in the community.
- Meet regularly with both the Ministry and CE teams for planning, communication and evaluation.
- Assist the CE committee in planning and executing ministry programs. These may include Bible studies, youth groups, special events, retreats, urban projects and travel ministries.
- Lead youth meetings.
- Maintain personal, spiritual and professional growth.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Growing commitment to the Christian faith, the body of Christ, and God's work in the world.
- Ability to work effectively with youth, exhibiting creativity, understanding and patience.
- Ability to verbally articulate personal faith and a Christian world view.

TIME and TRAVEL COMMITMENT

The internship will require approximately 10 hours per week, which will be on a flexible schedule.

STIPEND

\$12-\$15 an hour

If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please pass it on to them and have them contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org.

Peace UCC Brat Fry



Peace UCC will be hosting a drive through brat fry to support the Peace Pantry on:

Saturday, Nov 7th 9am-2pm

You may drive in and order OR call ahead and we will have your order ready to go!

**text or call: 262-483-7811 (Kathy Charland) Remember to add your name and time of pick up!

Mark 1 sandwich per line please

Meat Hamburger cheeseburger brat, hot dog	ketchup	mustard	onion	sauerkraut	\$ HB: 3.00 Brat: 3.00 CH B: 3.50 Hot dog: 2.00

Chips: \$1.00 Fritos, Cheetos, nacho, ranch Dorito, potato chips	#
Soda: \$1.00 Coke, diet coke, sprite,	#
Water \$1.00	#

Name _____ time _____