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The Tidings

October 2021



From the Pastor's Study • October 2021

A smile filled my insides as I saw a little boy with a backpack as large as he was standing on the street corner waiting for the Monday morning school bus to pick him up. His body language seemed to spark with that eager energy of heading to school on his own. The joy seemed to ripple off his little patient foot-shuffling. Every now and again, his glance confirmed that he knew that just across the street his parent was watching from the garage. It's been a lot of years since Laura and I were watching our children venture off toward those first days of school. It's been so many years of memories since then. We've watched not only our children growing up, but also each of those special exchange students who we were blessed to welcome into our family. The house is quieter this fall, having now entered into the realm of empty-nesters. We're new at the journey, but have been blessed to watch many in our church family survive and even thrive before us in this transition. And like with each change on our life's journey, in those moments when I may feel anxious, or excited, or nervous, I know that God is right there watching like that parent across the street... never far away, encouraging from a safe distance.

Life transitions and children's faces seem like wonderful places to remember a core message of God: that we are beloved, each of us wondrous. The greatest gift that I've found in life are those connections with people along the journey. A moment with a shared smile, or a lifetime of shared love and commitment, each offer the blessing of God inviting us toward seeing the world differently. This fall I am once again involved in a musical, Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, with our community theater group. I entered that process with a certain amount of trepidation with a cast of mostly unvaccinated children, singing and dancing our way through regular rehearsals. I've been grateful that initially most of our rehearsing has been outdoors in the park. I been still more grateful for the role that I was given as *The Doctor*. Each rehearsal I get to sing about how every child, every life, is miraculous – a wonder. Then as I watch the rest of the cast performing their song and dance my proclamation is overwhelmingly confirmed! It hasn't felt the same to be on stage without my daughters or exchange-student daughters. But as the show is coming together, I'm beaming with a reflection of that same pride and love for each of the children present in the production... every child is awesomely and wondrously made (as Psalm 139 says). With the resumption of Sunday School, and the reemergence of a middle school youth group, that same emotion keeps welling up within me as I watch and pray for each person involved. Like so many people, I am aware of how parched my soul has been for the regathering of community. But even more poignantly, I've been longing for experiences of community working together to celebrate and care for one another – understanding that our stories are always interdependent.

Scripture speaks over and over again about that love for one another as intertwined with our love for God. As the Apostle Paul writes to churches struggling with division and all manner of difficulties he invariably turns back to the tool of love as being what will heal them and align them with God's ways. Judgement exists as a thread that runs through those texts as well, but so often the judgement is linked to placing ourselves ahead of the love of others, or the commitment to value every part of the community, every person, as miraculous, a wonder, a reflection of God. We are continuing as a nation, and as a world, in a time when it seems like there are lots of forces trying to produce division. In that chaos I keep praying that we can stop to see the child, see the faces, and take the next small step on the journey knowing that God is right there watching and inviting us to see a different way.

May God guide us in Love,

PASTOR ERIC

Worship Schedule for October 2021

Worship at Peace Church

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.

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.

If you are vaccinated, per CDC guidelines, in order to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission. Currently, Washington County falls into that category.
Masks for children and adults are available at all entrances.

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 October 2021

Sunday, October 3– 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church -
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26 ● Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8 ● Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
● Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 10 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15 ● Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17 ●
Hebrews 4:12-16 ● Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 17 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c ● Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16 ●
Hebrews 5:1-10 ● Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 24 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) ● Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126 ●
Hebrews 7:23-28 ● Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 31 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at **Peace Church**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 ● Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8 ● Hebrews 9:11-14 ● Mark 12:28-34

Events and Activities

Peace Church Coffee Fellowship

A few changes will be taking place at Coffee Fellowship following our worship services.

Coffee will now be self-serve. We are asking for those that attend fellowship and would like to donate sweets (mini-donuts, cookies, mini muffins, bars cut small, etc...) or cheese & crackers, please either bring your treats to the church during the week or on Sunday before service and drop off in the kitchen or church office.

If you aren't up to baking or shopping but would like to contribute, there will be a donation basket available for monetary donations.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 262-626-4011.

Worship at Peace Church.

Annual Congregational Meeting October 24, 2021 – Our annual meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service.

Adult Faith Formation Group will resume on Wednesday, October 20th. **Please note the change of day.** We will be meeting on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. (We changed to accommodate the change in the Chancel Choir schedule).

We will gather with a program by Joan Chittister, OSB for a discussion of "The Ten Commandments: Laws of The Heart" We will explore questions like:

- Are the Ten Commandments antiquated and obsolete?
- Do they have anything useful for us in the 21st century?
- How did they come to be, and what was their original purpose?
- Have the 10 commandments evolved?

In this series, Joan Chittister, OSB, invites us to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth and that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them. “What does it mean to us, to the world, to preserve the Ten Commandments as the bedrock of our civilization?” Sr. Joan offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything else today. The series contains 12 video sessions, each 15 to 18 minutes which we will pace the lessons according to our appetites. A printed discussion guide will be provided. Please let the church office know of your interest.

Middle School Youth Group



Karla and Josh Spaits have been leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! The group meets on Saturday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 5-8 pm. Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

All activities will be held at church from 5-8pm unless otherwise noted.

- Saturday October 2 - Games and movie at church 5 – 8 pm
- Saturday October 9th - Service project - TBD
- Sunday October 10 - KEYS Walk/Run - After the second service Karla and Josh will be running the race in their favorite costumes. All are welcome to join!
- October 16 - Corn maze/pumpkin patch at Spieker's pumpkin Farm Random Lake. This is a day trip. No evening get-together. Times and cost are TBD.
- Friday October 22nd - Pumpkin Carving at church 6 – 8 pm: No Saturday Youth Group
- October 30 - Halloween Party after Kewaskum Trick or Treating

Movies and Munchies

Hello Everyone! Our October movie is “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”. Hope you will come and join in on the fun and bring a friend! We gather 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: October 22 – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (1985), November 19 – Little Women (2019), December 17 – TBD.

Peace Church Book Club 2021 – 2022

The Peace Church Book Groups meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is on October 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the music room across from the Peach Church Office. The group will be discussing "Maid" by Stephanie Land, a non-fiction story of her earlier life. The discussion leader is Connie Zemlicka. The book for November 3 is "Cilka's Journey" by Heather Morris. For more information on the book group, please contact Lynn Rusch at lynnrusch@yahoo.com or 262-306-4025.

Meeting Date	Book	Author
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

Job Opportunity

Interim Part-time Faith Formation Coordinator Position:

Peace Church is hiring a part-time interim Faith Formation Coordinator. This position is approx. 10 hours per week and would need to be available on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like more information. Applications being accepted until 10/3/2021.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

Oct 1 Adam Rahmer
Oct 6 Dane Piittmann
Oct 8 Hunter Rahmer
Oct 12 Piper Fochs, Olivia Herbst
Oct 14 Karlee Herman
Oct 16 Trygve Schemelin

Anniversaries

Oct 1 Jim & Joyce Meinberg (66)
Oct 2 Scott & Terry Buss (22)
Oct 6 Brian & Debbie Keller (31)
Oct 7 Dale & Jennifer Scannell (21)
Oct 10 Doug & Judy Christensen (57)
Oct 11 Jessica & Kevin Klahn (18)
Oct 13 Nicole & David Brei (9)
Oct 17 John & Arlene Lemke (57)
Oct 20 Tim & Nancy Stoffel (37)
Oct 23 Eric & Laura Kirkegaard (28)
Oct 24 Amanda & Jon Herbst (12), Gary & Kathy Panzer (41)
Oct 26 Olivia & Beau Backhaus (3), Jori & Steve Schmeling (36)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

Oct 2 Gary Fisher (82), Markus Frank (93)
Howard Zemlicka (88)
Oct 7 Bill Wiederanders (87)
Oct 9 Char Keller (82)
Oct 16 Nancy Brodzeller (82)
Oct 25 Betty Skaug (85)

Thank you

Thank you, Peace Church!

Dear Peace Church Consistory & Congregation – My deepest thanks to all of you for the surprises, celebrations, and generosity in my last few weeks working at church. I have appreciated all the opportunities for service and ministry, as well as encouragement, support, friendship, and love. Blessings as you continue to live your faith, loving God and neighbors! Gayle Van Ess

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Mittens, Hats, Scarves

Women at Peace Church knit and crochet hats, mittens, and scarves during the year. In November, all completed items are brought to church, dedicated with the prayers of the congregation (November 14), and delivered to organizations for distribution to children in need. **If you knit or crochet, please consider helping with this wonderful mission! We are also in need of yarn, if you have any that you are willing to donate, please call the church office or drop off at the church.** Call Nancy Panzer (626-2817) for more information.



Peace Pantry – by now, many of you may have noticed the food pantry located in Peace Church’s parking lot. What you may not know is how much it is utilized by the surrounding community! The pantry gets stocked weekly, and donations are made to the pantry not only by our church members, but by members of the community as well. It has proven to be a very welcomed addition to the Kewaskum area. We will always accept non-perishable items for the pantry or cash donations to purchase items. The most popular items are toilet paper, pasta and spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, chicken noodle soup, saltine crackers, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, peanut butter and jelly, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, pop-tarts, feminine hygiene items, jarred baby food. We are grateful for the support of Peace Church and the community!

Volunteer! 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 ongoing. You can serve on a rotating basis

and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Coffee Fellowship Snacks
- Church Decorating
- Serving on the Consistory
- Greeter
- Litanist
- Singing in the Choirs
- Teaching Sunday School

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.

WELCOME TO PEACE CHURCH

A warm welcome to the following new Peace Church members:

Steve & Whitney Volm, and their children Madison, Carson, Rosie, and Spencer. Steve is a funeral director at Myhrum Patten and Whitney is a self-employed hairstylist. The Volm's are from Kewaskum.

Jean & Jeffrey Reigle, both of whom are enjoying retirement, come to Peace Church from West Bend. Jean and Jeffrey have three grown sons, Matt, Ryan, and Scott.

Janel Gassner and her son, Jared Gassner-York. Janel is a respiratory therapist and they reside in West Bend. Janel is currently teaching in Peace's Sunday School.

Special Events

The Church Basement Ladies is coming to the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford, WI on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$40.00.

We hope to get enough people interested to carpool from Peace Church.

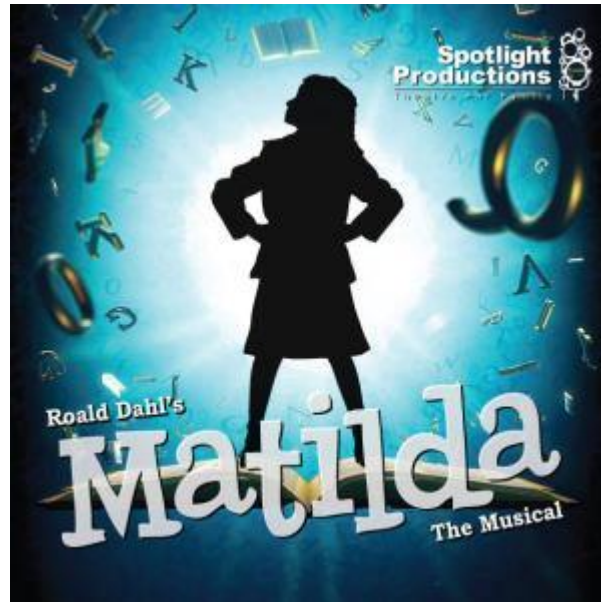
Tickets are being pre-purchased, as the show is expected to sellout very quickly!



Reserve your seat today by signing up on the bulletin board in the church parking lot lobby or by calling or emailing the church office at Office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011. **Tickets will go fast.**

Church Basement Ladies, a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and the problems of a rural Minnesota church. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, the book and music give us a touching, funny look at their lives as we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying, (and tolerating) each other. Funny and down to earth, audiences will recognize these ladies as they begin to see the church year unfold from below the House of God.

Spotlight Productions presents:



The Tony Award-winning *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* is the captivating and imaginative story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, *Matilda* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world. Spotlight Productions is delighted to bring this wonderful show to audiences here in West Bend.

One Weekend Only!

October 7, 8, 9 & 10

at the West Bend High School's beautiful Silver Lining Arts Center
1305 E. Decorah Rd. (Entrance on the East end)

Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm | Sunday at 1:30pm

Tickets available [online](#), or in person at the door, and at Westbury Bank in downtown West Bend.

General admission \$20

Seniors & Students \$12 (in-person ticket purchases only)

See you at the show!

For tickets: <https://wbspotlight.com/>

Financial Reports

Financial Report August 2021

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of July 30, 2021	\$ (25601)
Receipts	27503
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	(53)
Expenses	(\$27175)
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2021	<u>(25273)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Food Pantry	100.00
Full Shelf Food Pantry	25.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	85.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>210.00</u>

Additional Information:

Project Balances as of 8/31/2021	
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	13,527.00