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The Tidings

October 2022



From the Pastor's Study

*"Look there she goes, the girl is so peculiar
I wonder if she's feeling well
With a dreamy, far-off look
And her nose stuck in a book
What a puzzle to the rest of us is Belle"*

For the last month and a half these have been some of the lines from "Beauty and the Beast" that I have sung over and over again. As fall is whispering of its arrival, I am once again spending lots of time rehearsing with the community theater company that I've been a part of for the last dozen years. Each year as I learn the show I can't help but see all of the ways that nearly every story offers a reflection of our sacred story. Perhaps it's because most stories include themes of good conquering evil, or people learning to see beyond their preconceived notions, or people growing in their understanding of themselves. Each of these themes that you'll find in nearly every novel, movie, play, or work of art, have the capacity to offer glimmers of humanity's journey with the divine.

This year I find myself enthralled in a fairytale that offers the same insights. In this story there once was a prince — or as the gospels would say, "a rich man" — who refused to see a beggar who came looking for aid. His failure to see with eyes of compassion caused him to suffer the curse of turning into a beast externally which may have mirrored the inner ugliness that his wealth had nurtured. The rest of the story emphasizes everyone needing to look beyond the obvious, to look at beauty and value within instead of merely judging a book by its cover. That's the very journey that Jesus invites us into again and again. We are invited to see the power of love to transform our lives and the world. We are invited to see the world through God's eyes instead of the limits of the world. Mother Teresa said: "Only in heaven will we learn how much we owe the poor for helping us to love God." That's not merely a fairytale, that's a window into the way that God works with us by breaking open our vision of what beauty and love and grace look like.

God keeps calling us to look at the world through new eyes and imagine what is possible. I would be thrilled if the reputation that we had within our community and the world was that we were a little odd, peculiar even, in the ways that we live out our faith and share God's love. I've loved the UCC's use of the word "extravagant" when we talk of how we are to live our faith: extravagant welcome, extravagant love, extravagant grace. There's something about that which suggests that we should always love a little more, go a little farther, live a little more generously, and to do all of that because that's how Jesus loved the world and teaches us to do the same. My hope is that as the seasons change and the church year continues to ramp up in its activities, we are inspired to notice all of the wondrous stories around us speaking of God's abundance and our invitation to see and share.

This last Sunday, the children were starting to return to a revamped Sunday School program that holds great promise (though it will also be a work in progress for a bit). During the week I heard the choir returning to practice and lots of workers getting our kitchen closer and closer to being ready to be a renewed tool for mission and hospitality. There are exciting things happening all around us; let's craft them into stories of great opportunity to be servants of grace.

Shalom,

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for October 2022

Sunday, October 2 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 • Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9 • 2 Timothy 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9 – 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12 • 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111
• 2 Timothy 2:8-15 • Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New Members Info Meeting @10:30 a.m.

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104 • Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121
• 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65 • Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7
• 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of New Members

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144 • Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7
• 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 • Luke 19:1-10

Events and Activities

Peace UCC Grief Group - Led by Chris Rode, this group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. For more information, please contact the Peace Church office.

Book Club - The September Peace Church Book Club was a huge success! The group is looking forward to read and discuss "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult at the October 5th meeting. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month September through June at 9:30 a.m. in the music room across from the church office. For more information, please contact Lynn Rusch at 262-306-4025 or lynnrusch@yahoo.com.

9th Grade Confirmation Classes – have changed to Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-629-4011.

Stained Glass Windows Available: Our church has some old stained-glass windows from the narthex doors that were replaced several years ago. Would anyone have any interest in them? If so, please contact Karen Kletti 262-224-2212

Art Sale: Take a look at the tables near both entrances at church to find hand crafted items for sale! Items will change monthly, and proceeds will go towards a designated fund at church. If you are interested in being one of the 'vendors', talk to Karla Spaits, Nancy Stoffel, or Sandi Radeztsky.

Band Together for Banned Books – Peace Church will be starting a monthly “Banned Book Club” in January of 2023. Once a month we will meet to discuss classic and contemporary titles that have been banned by various school districts around the country. Titles such as “To Kill a Mockingbird”, “The Outsiders”, “The Hate U Give”, “Maus”, and many more. Dates and time TBD. If you have an interest in joining, please contact either Chris Rode at rustypeaches1966@gmail.com or the church office at office@peace-ucc.org. Watch the upcoming Tidings and bulletins for more information.



Annual Congregational Meeting October 23, 2022 – Our annual meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service.

Mitten Ministry News: We are collecting mittens for those in need on October 23rd. We will have the dedication/blessing on October 30, and plan to distribute to the schools and pantries the first week of November. If you are taking part in this ministry, I would love to hear from you. If you would like to learn how to knit, I would love to hear from you too - the more the merrier!! You can reach me (Heidi Rodenkirch) at 920-602-1184.

Youth Group - Calling all 6th through 9th graders!! Youth group is happening every week starting NOW! Pay attention to the announcements at church to hear about our next activity. Text messages will also be sent out before each youth group event. If you are not on the messaging list talk to Josh or Karla Spaits.

Some of our outings this year include: visiting a pumpkin patch/corn maze, making homemade apple cider with Tim Stoffel, model trains with Rev. Russ Knoth, Halloween party, and an overnight housing Insecurity/service project with Plymouth Church in Milwaukee. Can't wait to see you at Youth Group!!

Prayer Shawl Group – will meet the first Thursday of every month starting September 1, 2022. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the library



Spotlight Productions Presents *Beauty & the Beast* on October 6, 7, 8, & 9– Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m./Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Show performed at the Silver Linings Art Center (WB High School). To reserve tickets: wbspotlight.com. Those from Peace UCC involved in the production are Pastor Eric and Sherry McElhatton.

Parking lot sign - Our Peace Church sign in the parking lot was starting to deteriorate on one of the legs. Emil Radeztsky and John Kletti were able to dig out the sign. Bob Sopinski lifted the sign out with a digger derrick truck and emptied the dirt from the planter. They took the sign over to Radeztsky's house for safekeeping prior to it being repaired and re-installed. The planter wall surrounding the sign is also bowing out due to frost. The blocks will have to be taken apart and rebuilt. The sign can be re-installed (after it is repaired) prior to the planter wall repair being completed. We are hoping to have the sign repaired and re-installed in the next two weeks. The planter wall repair may take a month or more to complete.

Kitchen Remodeling Report as of September 12, 2022

The new floor has been installed in both the kitchen and in Fellowship Hall. The track lights in Fellowship Hall and in the hallway have been replaced with can lights. The lights outside the elevator have been replaced with updated lights. one in the Narthex. All of the appliances have been installed and all the cabinets have been installed in kitchen, Fellowship Hall and hallway, along with shelving and hardware (wood shoe needs to be installed along the bases of cabinets, one drawer face has to be redone, board over microwave needs to be made, door frames need to be installed).

A new furnace room door has been installed (we're working on getting the threshold made smaller). The deck in furnace room was built along with railing. A new microwave was purchased by Kathy Mertz along with two new stainless garbage cans.

Countertops have been measured and ordered and hopefully will be installed in three weeks. The new coffee maker should be delivered the first week in October. The hood will be finished and tested this month. The refrigerator that was in Fellowship Hall has been sold and money will be put towards kitchen project. The Kitchen Committee is also looking into getting quotes for a fence to surround the air handling equipment outside.

We are always looking for cash donations to help pay for our church kitchen project. Any amount is appreciated! Thank you for all your support and patience!

Young Adult Habitat trip - is scheduled for January 1, 2023, to January 9, 2023. Any young adult is welcome to come along. They don't have to be a member of our church. Pastor Eric and Sheri Rehn will be the chaperones. They will be going to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The cost is \$200.00 per person for the week, and this includes staying at the Volunteer Lodge, breakfast, lunch and dinners. Meals and lodging on the

way there and back are not included in the cost. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please let Robin in the church office at 262-262-4011. If you have any questions, please call Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212.

Church Clean up – On Saturday, September 10th, several church members helped to clean up our church. Paul Behring brought his sidewalk edger and blower and cleaned up our sidewalks on the front side of church. Cheryl Ammel trimmed several branches on the trees along with trimming the many bushes surrounding our church. Clark Pearson, Joe Billman, Kathy Mertz, John and Karen Kletti also helped with the trimming and cleaning up the gardens. Mary Billman did some clean up in the furnace room and Vance Reif did a little maintenance on the gazebo and the power washed it both inside and out. John Kletti was working on the parking lot planter by digging out the gravel. Tim and Nancy Stoffel have been weeding the gardens all through the summer. Thanks to all who lent a helping hand. It's much appreciated!

Grief Books Library – Peace Church has added a section of Grief Books to the library located on second floor by the offices. Please feel free to browse and borrow!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

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

Anniversaries

Oct 1 James & Joyce Meinberg (67)
Oct 2 Scott & Terry Buss (23)
Oct 6 Brian & Debbie Keller (32)
Oct 7 Dale & Jennifer Scannell (22)
Oct 10 Doug & Judy Christensen (58)
Oct 11 Jessica & Kevin Klahn (19)
Oct 13 Nicole & David Brei (10)
Oct 17 John & Arlene Lemke (58)
Oct 20 Tim & Nancy Stoffel (38)
Oct 21 Todd & Kris Schmidt (16)
Oct 23 Eric & Laura Kirkegaard (29)
Oct 24 Amanda & Jon Herbst (13), Gary & Kathy Panzer (42)
Oct 26 Olivia & Beau Backhaus (4), Jori & Steve Schmeling (37)

Birthdays (80 years plus)


Oct 2 Gary Fisher (83)
Oct 2 Howard Zemlicka
Oct 7 William Wiederanders (88)
Oct 8 Kathy Roesel (80)
Oct 9 Char Keller (83)
Oct 21 Terry Koch (80)


Thank You!

A Grateful Heart from Moon Beach

Dear Peace Church members,

How do I thank you for the scholarship to attend the Rainbow Retreat at Moon Beach this August?! The camp location, St Germain, is pristine and a beautiful place to rejuvenate. Moon Lake is clear to 22 feet deep - AMAZING! The lake is home to a loon family as well as an eagle family-two adults and an adolescent. In addition to the stunning surroundings, I had the amazing opportunity to meet many LGBTQI campers. It was very heartwarming to see these individuals/ couples be free to express who they are without fear of rejection or worse. We frequently sat around a huge bonfire and talked about our spirituality and how/if we felt accepted in our faith communities. I was so pleased to say that Peace UCC Church has been more than accepting of me and any individual who identifies as LGBTQI. I was proud to say that Peace UCC Church is an opening and affirming faith community!

I thank you all for the opportunity to attend the Moon Beach Rainbow  Retreat AND for being an incredibly loving and accepting congregation!

Peace  to each of you, Chris Rode

Dear Peace Church – Thank you and Janel and Jared Gassner for the delivery of the beautiful altar flower bouquet. They are beautiful – a bright spot on the dreary rainy day we were having! Blessings, Judy Price

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the Peace Church Brat Fry on Sept. 3rd. The profit of \$877 will benefit the Peace Church Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to purchase some food!

Financial Report

Financial Report August 2022

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2022	\$ (47,185)
Receipts	24,896
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$25,581)
Ending Balance as of 8/31/2022	<u>(\$47,870)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Pantry	310.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	40.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>350.00</u>

Church Kitchen Remodeling Project (\$23,606.78)

Peace Church Book Club 2022 - 2023

Meeting Date	Book	Author
Oct. 5	Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult
Nov.2	The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Woman Changes the Word	Melinda Fench
Dec. 7	The Children's Blizzard	Melanie Benjamin
Jan.3	Westering Women	Sandra Dallas
Feb. 1	The Secrets We Kept	Lara Prescott
Mar. 1	News of the World	Paulette Jiles
Apr. 5	The Song of Achilles	Madeline Miller
May3	The Four Winds	Kristen Hannah
Jun, 7	The Stranger in the Lifeboat	Mitch Alborn

Other books recommended by the book group members but not enough copies for our group

Eva's Story by Eva Schloss

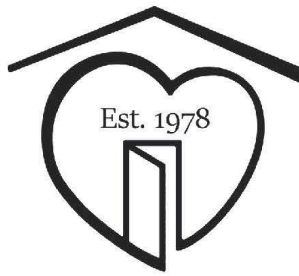
The Secret of Clouds by Alyson Richman A Tangled

Mercy of Joy by Jordon Lake If I Were You by Lynn Austin

The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara DAVIS

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty by Peter Singer The Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi



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Mission Statement: To empower those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault by offering safety, support, and community awareness.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence

Is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate manner.

Types of Domestic Violence:

- **Verbal / Emotional:** name calling, threats, yelling, intimidation, isolation, and silent treatment.
- **Financial:** direct or indirect domination of finances.
- **Physical:** restraint, slapping, pushing, forcing consumption of or withholding medication, aggravated assault, and intentional damage to property.
- **Sexual:** forced sexual activity, demeaning sexual names, grabbing, threats of infidelity, and coerced sexual contact.
- **Technological:** can be used in all forms of abuse

The Cycle of Abuse

There is one constant in abusive relationships: the Cycle of Abuse. Phases of the cycle vary in length of time and severity but continue to follow the same pattern. These phases include:

- the calm phase
- building tension through yelling or criticizing
- exploding with attacks (physical, emotional, or sexual)
- the honeymoon phase (apologizing, buying gifts, etc.).

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October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Communion Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30		LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB BOOK CLUB	Prayer Shawl Group – 1 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30		LECTIONARY 10 AM CONSISTORY 6:30 PM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB	Grief Group 1 pm	Tidings Deadline	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 New Member Orientation 10:30 am		LECTIONARY 10 AM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5 Annual Church Meeting 10:30 am		LECTIONARY 10 AM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB	GRIEF GROUP 1 PM		
30	31					
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 Blessing of the Mittens Celebration of New Members						