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The Tidings
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From the Pastor's Study • September 2021

The September Tidings letter has always anticipated the fall program year and that regathering of the body of Christ in a somewhat more regular rhythm than what the summer offers. This year I find myself looking to the fall with the great hope that we will be able to regather in increasingly normal ways after a period of time much greater than just a summertime. As I write this article, I continue to be aware that all of our plans continue to be contingent on factors of which we are not fully in control – namely an ongoing pandemic. Every school is putting out their guidance and their plan for how to navigate this year in a way that will hopefully be more normal than the last year and a half. Churches are navigating the same journey, some guided strictly by fear, some guided by what they are calling faithfulness, but which sometimes looks more like bravado. At Peace UCC we are continuing to try to navigate this journey with the humility of only knowing what we know and trying to continue to lead in love and care for all of our members and our community. And I know that we are not managing to please everyone.

There is a common theme that I hear in conversations and that I feel in my own heart, and that is exhaustion and longing. Our healthcare systems speak of doctors and nurses experiencing PTSD-like symptoms as the health crisis that we had hoped was behind us is once again exerting a strain on the system. I imagine that for teachers and business owners there is that nagging concern that we don't want to go backward... for the church we share that concern, and we share that longing to get back to normal.

Through the last year I have been regularly drawn to the story of the Exodus and of the Exile. Our story of faith holds deep wisdom for those who are frustrated and just want to get back to a more predictable existence. Interestingly, our story at no point simply suggests that God's people get to just go back to the way it was, nor does the story suggest that restoration happens quickly. God's people are always reminded that our journeys unfold in God's time – a euphemism for “get ready to practice patience.”

But the other thing that God keeps challenging the people to practice in the midst of adversity is a different way of living for themselves and in relation to others. This month the word *ubuntu* has been running through my mind. This philosophy that comes out of the Bantu-speaking cultures of Africa captured the imaginations of many people some years ago with definitions of the *ubuntu* as being something like “I am because we are.” At its core, this African philosophical system speaks of all of us being interconnected and finding our humanness in that interconnection. Letseka and Venter speak about how *Ubuntu* refers to the interconnected-ness between human beings which reminds one of the isiXhosa proverb *Intaka yakha ngoboya benye*, “A bird builds its nest with the feathers of other birds.”¹ That sense of interconnection is at the heart of God's narrative for God's people. And in this moment in time, it feels like that interconnection is desperately lacking in our society and in our world. But that's nothing new. In that period of exodus and exile it is a common theme for God's people to whine about what they want, what they need, instead of looking around and claiming the strength of possibility of being woven together into the fabric of God.

In Isaiah 58 the people “Cry with full throat, without restraint” with a lament that they hope will urge God to restore them to the ways things had been. Here are the people at the end of the Babylonian exile, longing for their return to Jerusalem and they just want God to make everything the way that it was. They practice the fasting that had been their way to get God's attention and they just want everything to change. And then they're frustrated: “*Why, when we fasted, did You not see? When we*

¹ Letseka, MM & Venter, E 2012. "How Student Teachers understand African Philosophy", *Koers - Bulletin for Christian Scholarship* 77(1):1-8.

starved our bodies, did You pay no heed?" The people are practicing their faith expecting God to take notice, and what they get in return is God admonishing them for their selfish behavior. The people are crying out to God for relief and return to a past that they remember as glorious while failing to place the needs of others before their own. God calls them to something more like that *ubuntu* philosophy. In Isaiah 58:6 God declares *"No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then when you call, the Lord will answer. 'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply..."*

We are living during an exhausting time, and perhaps most exhausting of all is the deep divisions that are being fueled at every turn. We have had an extraordinary opportunity to come out of a global crisis stronger and more unified as a people who have looked to care for their neighbor, to consider how they might place their neighbor's health and strength and wellbeing as important as their own. I am because we are... We have had that opportunity, but like God's people in the past we desperately struggle to get out of our own way.

My prayer is that this fall we will get to celebrate a choir returning to worship, that we will manage to keep singing and gathering in greater numbers, that our Faith Formation classes (Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Ed.) will be in person, that we will keep sharing fellowship and keep moving forward as a congregation with the strength and care that has been our hallmark. I believe that we can do this if we all work together, if we humbly embrace a little *ubuntu* philosophy, if we hear those words of Isaiah spoken to a people filled with longing to return from so long ago. God has shown us what it looks like to heal the divisions in our world and to hear God's cry "Yes, I am here." It always starts with that simple command to love God and to love one another.

I have great hope for us, and I have faith that God is far from done with shaping us into a glorious tapestry of God's people, but I am also humbled that it looks like we all have a long and arduous journey of healing our hearts and souls ahead of us, rebuilding our relationship with one another and with God.

May God bless us on the journey,

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for September 2021

Worship at Peace Church

Updates 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. Following these guidelines and our County Covid cases **we find ourselves caught between 25% and 50% of capacity! (50-100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number)**. This has not been a problem through the summer, but as we move into the program year, we are reminded to all to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us.

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 September 2021

Sunday, September 5– 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church -
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125 ● Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146 ● James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 ● Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 12 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1 ● Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9 ● James 3:1-12 ● Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, August 19 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1 ● Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54 ● James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a ● Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, August 26 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124 ● Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14 ● James 5:13-20 ● Mark 9:38-50

Events and Activities

Movies and Munchies

Hello Everyone! And welcome back to our Peace Church Friday night “Movies & Munchies”! We last gathered together in February of 2020 when we watched “Tuesdays with Morrie”. It is time to rekindle the great camaraderie we share while enjoying a wide variety of films. We will start up again in September, and usually the 4th Friday of each month. (November and December will vary) Our first, feel-good movie will be “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” starring Tom Hanks. It is the story of how Mr. Roger’s changed a man’s life for the good. 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: September 24-A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, October 22 – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (1985), November 19 – Little Women (2019), December 17 – TBD. “We could all use a little kindness.” ~ Fred Rogers

Scholarship Fund Fundraisers!

In the past, at Peace Church we have all enjoyed coffee from the **Equal Exchange Fair Trade Co-op** at our coffee hour. We have also had some available for purchase at our last cookie sale. We are happy to announce that we will be bringing that coffee back, not only for sipping, but also for sale, with all proceeds to benefit our scholarship fund. We will also be offering a sampling of teas and chocolate bars for sale as well. Those items will be available for purchase at our **cookie sales on September 26th**, and in **December** (TBA), during the Christmas program. Please mark your calendars for these important dates to come support our college students!

Feel free to check out **Equal Exchange’s website: <https://equalexchange.coop>** to learn about them and how your purchase supports alternative trade and small farmer cooperatives around the world.

Friends, Inc.: Washington County’s only shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, Friends, Inc., will be hosting its annual event, Entertainment with FRIENDS: Dueling Pianos, on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Prairie Center. Early bird special through August 15 - \$40 single tickets, \$75 dual tickets. This event includes incredible music, wonderful hors d’oeuvres, fun raffles, and a silent auction, which will help raise awareness for people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. To learn more: <https://friendswi.wixsite.com/friendswi/events> or call 262-334-5598.

Peace Church Book Club 2021 – 2022

The Peace Church Book Group will be starting the 2021 - 2022 book year on Wednesday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs music room. The books selected for this year are as follows:

Meeting Date	Book	Author
Sep. 1	The Pull of the Stars	Emma Donoghue
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

Cedar Valley Part-time Employment: Cedar Valley, UCCI is looking to add a few extra hands to its incredible team. Whether you are interested in housekeeping, adding your talents to the kitchen, or you'd like to help in our office part time... We'd like to get to know you.

This is a perfect opportunity for High School students or anyone looking for part time employment. At Cedar Valley, hours are flexible and may include weekends. Volunteer Opportunities are also available. Contact Michelle Spettel at Email – mspettel@ucci.org
Or phone – 262.629.1852

Thank you Peace Church!

Dear Peace Church,

Thank you for the gift of a camp scholarship. I had so much fun and made many friends. I really appreciated it. This is my seventh year going to camp, and by far this was my favorite year. Sincerely, Mia Dornacker.

Dear Peace Church and Scholarship Committee, Thank you for selecting me as a recipient for this year's scholarship! This scholarship will be very useful towards my tuition as I enter my junior year. Thank you! Emma Preder

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

Sept 1 James Manthei
Sept 3 Charlie Ogi
Sept 7 Emily Butzlaff
Sept 13 Parker Koch
Sept 14 Know Gitter
Sept 18 Ellie O'Brien-Flasch
Sept 22 Samantha Mielke
Sept 23 Grace Loser
Sept 27 Jake Lemke

Birthdays (80 years plus)	
Sept 4	Clark Pearson (83)
Sept 5	Janet Kuehn (87)
Sept 8	Lynn Rusch (81)
Sept 16	Loran Butzlaff (82)
Sept 22	Donna Schmidt (84)

Anniversaries

Sept 1 Greg & Julaine Ogi (43)
Sept 2 Julia & Christopher Beasley (3), Heidi & Matthew Leithold (32),
Greg & Val Vorpahl (21)
Sept 4 Fred & Kathy Krieser (50), Erik & Theresa Rundquist (11)
Sept 5 Tom & Michelle Ogi (11)
Sept 8 Eric & Shrestha Ogi (2)
Sept 11 Bill & Carol Butzlaff (56), Dennis & Cheryl Novotny (56)
Sept 13 Marilyn & David McIntosh (63)
Sept 21 Kevin & Janine Lemke (36), Roger & Kathy Mertz (47)
Sept 22 Bill & Lori Becker (15)
Sept 24 Herman & Nancy Panzer (66)
Sept 29 Nicholas & Brittany Luther (9)

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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 an ongoing thing. You can serve on a rotational basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, then we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Volunteer Focus: Church Decorating

Peace Church needs one, two, or three persons who would be interested in decorating the church. All decorations are supplied. If you don't want to commit to doing this year-round, you can pick a season or special event to decorate. What gets decorated? The sanctuary, mainly the altar and the entrances, wreaths get hung at the north and south entrances. That is about it...not too much of a commitment.

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.

Youth Choir - Attention Youth and Parents/Guardians: We plan to restart Youth Choir outdoors (weather permitting) in September. Our first practice will be Sunday, September 5 after our second Worship service. Plan to gather on the north lawn near the gazebo from about 10:40 to 11:00 a.m. No age limit - all are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sherry at 262-305-7926 or mcelhatton4@gmail.com Thank you! Sherry McElhatton

Come Sing With Us!

New Season, NEW Night! As I reflect back on the last 16 months, I think about all the things I wasn't able to do, among them all the music I was involved in. I was also able to reflect on the things that are still important to me, and the things I found that it was okay not to do.

As we start a new choir year, maybe this is a good time to consider fulfilling your dream of singing with the Peace Church Chancel Choir. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights starting on September 7th. We rehearse from 6:30 to 7:30. As we move forward, the men's choir (Churchmen) will rehearse at 6 and the women's choir (Church Ladies?) following the choir rehearsal.

Haven't sung in a while? No problem. Most of us need to get our pipes back in shape. We rehearse for a reason and while our music will challenge us, the goal is to have fun together, add music to worship, and sing within our abilities.

All voices are welcome. All you need is a love of singing. I hear a lot of great voices singing in church. My recruitment to the choir came when I was leaving church and two of the Churchmen came and escorted me back to the choir room for rehearsal. That was 35 years ago. Just saying. If you have any questions, catch me after church or call me at 262-483-0699. Looking forward to a great choir year! Bill Stangl

Let's Do This Together!!!

Fall... Winter... or Spring!

We're looking for people who love God, love kids, and want to make a difference in their lives as Sunday School (age 4 K – 6th grade) and Confirmation (7th & 8th grade) teachers. The lessons are engaging, and easy to use, with minimal preparation. The year runs on quarters, so you could teach fall, winter, spring, or all three!!! All classrooms accommodate team teaching, which allows you to share the fun and the responsibility. And one Sunday per month, students work on a project for the shut-in members of the congregation!

Curious? Interested? Consider joining the Christian Education Team!

A brief teacher training will be held in late August, before classes start on Rally Day, September 12th, but we'd love to know your interest now, so we can plan ahead. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Gayle Van Ess or a Christian Education Board member: Jamie Piittmann, Becky Manthei, Sheri Rehn, Jessica Manogue or Laura Kirkegaard.

Your investment will pay great dividends in the lives of our young students!

CONNECTING WITH ELDERLY AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS of PEACE CHURCH

Thursday, September 2, 2021

*** New Time 1:00 PM**

Attend in person, via Zoom, or phone!

At one time or another, each of us is called into circumstances of caring for someone else. It is part of our opportunity as Christians to offer compassionate care to one another. We have a unique opportunity as a faith community to reach out to those who, in previous times, have been active and vibrant members of our congregation, but who now find themselves unable to attend on Sunday morning or be actively involved in projects of the church. They are no less engaged in mission and ministry, and quite often support current programs and members of the congregation through faithful prayer. They may read bulletins or newsletters instead of hearing announcements in person, but still desire to be included in the fellowship of believers, and genuinely enjoy visits from other church members.

Peace Church offers a lay visitation ministry program for members who are willing to visit one or more shut-in members on a once-monthly basis (in agreement with COVID protocol), and a vital phone call ministry for those who prefer to make phone calls. Groups meet quarterly (September 2 and December 2 of 2021, and March 3 and June 2 of 2022) to discuss caring relationships and receive education on topics of interest.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities of service, or would like to start contacting shut-in members, please attend on Thursday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at church, or notify the church office (262-626-4011) if you would like the Zoom or phone link. Please join us!!!

“Finding Hope”

Grief and Loss Support Group

2nd Thursday of the Month

Sept. 9, 2021 – April 14, 2022 1:00 – 2:00 pm Youth Room

We will be using a new book as our guide, entitled “Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss” printed in 2021, and written by Michael W. Newman, who draws on more than 30 years of pastoral ministry, assuring readers of God’s presence, love, and compassion. Everyone is invited to attend, whether your loss is recent or happened years ago; whether you struggle with grief every day, are triggered by certain days, experiences, or “just because.”

Together, we can encourage one another, call on God’s abundant compassion and grace, and assist one another in finding hope. Please call the church office (626-4011) to register.

Sunday School and Confirmation News

We are delighted to be back in person for the 2021-2022 school year! Praise God for blessings large and small! Our year will kick off on RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 12th, with a blessing for all students and backpacks, classroom lessons, and a POPCORN PARTY!!! Join us for a great year, and don’t forget to wear your mask to care for and respect yourself, friends, family, our congregation, and all those around you!

Families with Children ages Pre-K through 6th Grade will want to attend the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, September 12th, RALLY DAY for Sunday School, and remind students to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing and bag tag.

All school teachers, administrators, staff and **Peace Church Sunday School and Confirmation teachers and helpers** are also encouraged to participate in the blessing, with or without their backpacks.

Students in 7th-8th grades will be receiving a special gift on RALLY day, when they meet in their classroom in the upstairs Youth Room following the children’s time.

Pastor Eric will have a gift for **9th grade students** at their first confirmation gathering, scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 4:00-5:30 PM in the Youth Room. (Details TBD)

Children in the PreK-Kdg class and 3rd-4th Grade Class will receive their very own Bibles on the following Sunday, September 19th. *The Beginner’s Bible* will be presented to all Pre-K and Kdg students who have not already received one, while *The NIV Adventure Bible* will be given to all 3rd and 4th Grade students who do not already have theirs.

PreK/Kdg – Enduring Faith: Beginnings Getting to know Old/New Testament stories

1st/2nd/3rd/4th – Enduring Faith: Elementary Reviewing stories, going deeper into meanings, and growing in understanding how they relate to us now

5th/6th - The Books of the Bible In-depth look at the books of the Bible, who wrote them, who are they about, what their lessons teach us about world situations today

7th/8th – re:form Ancestors: New Testament An entertaining video-based series that asks questions like... What's in a prophet's backpack? Did you know wool is naturally flame resistant? Who or what helps you when you have doubts?

9th – Engaging lessons with Pastor Eric that talk about major topics of our faith: creation (Parts I and II), sin, forgiveness, Jesus' life and teachings, communion...in preparation for the student's confirmation when they state for themselves that they follow Jesus Christ

*If you haven't replied that your child(ren) will attend in person this year, please call the church office 262-626-4011, or text/email Gayle 262-339-0304 faithformation@peace-ucc.org

Rally Day – First Day of Sunday School

As students, teachers, and staff return
to school, please join us for a
Blessing of
TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS & BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 12, 2021

During 9:30 Worship

Peace Church - Kewaskum

(Bring your backpack!)



Financial Reports

Financial Report July 2021

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ (16061)
Receipts	18391
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	(53)
Expenses	(\$27931)
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2021	<u>(25601)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Strengthen the Church	100.00
Full Shelf Food Pantry	25.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	110.00
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic	25.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>260.00</u>

Additional Information:

Project Balances as of 4/30/2021	
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	13,517.00

Consistory Minutes

Peace UCC Consistory Meeting – July13, 2021

Attendance: Pastor, K. Charland, C. Pearson, J. Lemke Sr, P. Behring, J. Lemke JR,
B. Manthei, New member: Lisa Atwater

- A. Call to order: 6:30 pm JL jr
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Approval of agenda: amendments: 1. table constitution discussion 2. Discuss cemetery theft, 2. Discuss compressor AC for office Approve: Pearson/JLsr carried
- E. Approve minutes: Charland/Behring carried
- F. Financial report: Motion: transfer CD funds to the SE conference funds as they become available Motion: Charland/Pearson *tabled due to lack of quorum. An email vote will be sent out to members, as a quorum is required for motion to pass. Discussion: safety check for money transfers:

- Cathy S will initiate, John L. SR makes the call to transfer, Robin will verify.
 (ask Robin to send email to consistory when memorial funds come in)
 Motion: Approve financial report and file for audit
 Motion: J. Lemke sr second: L. Atwater carried
- G. Pastor's report: what will our new normal look like as we head out of Pandemic
 H. Pres. report: Stolen urn from cemetery. \$300.00 value. File sheriff's report
 I. Old business:
 Faith Formation and connection: (see Gayle's report)
 Regathering: Continue to follow guidelines as in past
 Office remodel: counter tops have been measured; estimate for drawing up design will be put to a vote via electronic survey
 Table the constitution changes talk due to lack of quorum
- J. New business:
 Deacons: We will look at how donors are recognized for the memorial or other large donations.
 Open house?? Should we consider an open house at end of summer
- K. Lord's prayer
 L. Adjournment: 8:45 pm
 M. Next meeting: Sept 14, 6:30 pm

ENDOWMENT FUND

What is an Endowment?

The term endowment has been defined as "to enrich and provide an income." The Endowment Fund is made up of monies in which the principal cannot be spent. The Endowment is pooled with all the cash assets of the church and invested per the church Investment Policy. The earnings from the Endowment Fund are a resource to help ensure continued growth of the vision and ministries of Peace United Church of Christ.

How is an Endowment Funded?

Funding for an endowment is traditionally done through planned giving, though anyone can contribute with a gift of any size at any time.

What is Planned Giving? Planned Giving is a carefully considered way of giving one's accumulated, inherited and/or appreciated resources for support and perpetuation of the church's mission. The gift may be a direct gift or a deferred gift. Direct gifts are given directly to the Endowment Fund usually in the form of cash and/or securities. Deferred gifts are promised during the lifetime of the donor, but receipt of the assets is deferred until a later date through Wills (bequests), Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Charitable Gift Annuities. These gifts can be either designated or undesignated, ie., given with or without a specific purpose. The Endowment Fund encourages undesignated gifts and bequests. Designated gifts will be placed in the Memorial Fund.

What about my regular church giving? Giving to the Endowment Fund should not replace your regular church giving. Annual stewardship supports the current work of the church.

Where is the Endowment Fund invested? The Endowment Fund will be responsibly managed and invested along with the remainder of the church's financial assets by the investment committee in conjunction with a reputable "Wealth Management" company.

Can the Endowment Fund be funded in other ways?

While Planned Giving is the traditional way to fund an endowment, weekly, monthly, annual and one-time gifts to the Endowment Fund are also encouraged.

How do I get started?

If you think a direct or deferred gift is something that is right for you, the first step is to consult your tax or legal representative who has the knowledge and experience to guide you through the process. Or you can call the church office at 262-626-4011 and a representative of the Endowment Committee will contact you.

What are some examples of deferred gifts?

BEQUESTS

Funds left to Peace United Church of Christ via a will.

LIFE INSURANCE

A current cash value policy can be gifted to the Endowment Fund, or the beneficiary of a policy can be changed to the Endowment Fund.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)

A gift is made to the CRT, which purchases an income-producing investment. The donor is paid a monthly income, typically for a set period of time (usual for the life of the donor). At the end of the trust period, the balance of the investment is transferred to the Endowment Fund.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

An asset is donated to the Endowment Fund. In exchange for the gift, the Endowment Fund pays a fixed income to the donor for a specified period of time (usually the life of the donor). A portion of these payments is usually tax-free. At the end of the annuity period, the balance of the annuity is placed in the Endowment Fund

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MOST COMMON METHODS OF FUNDING AN ENDOWMENT. THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE IS BASED ON CURRENT TAX LAW. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TAX PROFESSIONAL FOR NEW INFORMATION REGARDING ANY CHANGES.