



Peace United Methodist Church
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The Methodist Messenger

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Church Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792

Note: 1st Sunday of each month is
Communion Sunday

The Nursery is staffed each Sunday
from 9:30 – 11:30 am

Our Staff

Pastor
Youth Coordinator
Administrative Assistant
Music Director
Choir Accompanist
Custodian
Nursery Attendant

Mickey Olson
McKenzie Fossell
Holly Lundgren
Jeanene Hagberg
Char Cremers
Rene Hultman
Petra Hagberg

Thought for the month:

God is not looking for people to work for him,
but people who let him work mightily in
and through them!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
8	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
15	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-48
22	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
29	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Peace United Methodist Church services are aired on Mediacom Cable TV Channel 5

Monday - 1:00 AM

Tuesday - 10:00 AM

Thursday - 10:00 AM

Friday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 9:30 AM

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WWW.PEACEUMC.US to watch our Sunday Worship Services; the 4 most recent services are there to view. Find this under the WORSHIP Tab – View Worship Service.

WORSHIP HELPERS

GREETERS

1	Holly Lundgren/Carol Thomas
8	Roger/Carole Summers
15	Kay Ryan/Kathy Rice
22	Kelly Dahl/Kathy Krog
29	Mark/Ellen Hedlund

USHERS

Bill/Lois Robillard
Jack/Sandy LaBarre
Dale/Kathy Krog
Marshall Bergerson/Gary Picek
Jack Haugen/Diana Wallert

LITURGIST

Kay Ryan
Shirley Woodward
Kathy Rice
Val Wier
Holly Lundgren

COFFEE AN'

1	Jerry/Paulette Pfremer/Pam Omersa
8	Jack/Sandy LaBarre/Cloie Intihar
15	Char Cremers/Cathy O'Malley
22	Sue Carle/Mark/Ellen Hedlund
29	Jim/Betsy Nelson/Louis/Doris Knoll

COMMUNION

April 8 th – Val and Paul Wier
May 6 th – Nancy Wright and Marshall Bergerson
June 3 rd – Kathy and Dale Krog
July 1 st – Kay Chapik and Pat Sklors
August 5 th – Paulette and Jerry Pfremer

A NOTE TO ALL: In the event, someone comes in during the Sunday Worship Service in need of help, invite them to join us for worship and Pastor Mickey or someone will meet with them AFTER the service.

BIRTHDAYS

2 – Bruce Lundgren	4 – Henrik Branville	4 – Suvi Branville
5 – Kelly Dahl	7 – Joy Stanaway	12 – Jerry Pfremer
12 – Vera Tapani	13 – Brooke Dahl	13 – Hayley Lundgren
16 – Mary Hooper	16 – Diane Koepke	18 – Elizabeth Biondich
21 – Cade Hagberg	21 – Ed Hill	21 – Timothy McCarty
22 – Abigail O'Malley	23 – Lynda Alar	23 – Gail Johnson
24 – Shirley Woodward	26 – Lois Robillard	27 – Cathy Woods
29 – Annie Grierson	29 – William Robillard	

If you or a family member's birthday is not listed or is incorrect, Please let the Office know (741-7739).



From the Pastor

Lent started on Valentine’s Day, and Easter is on April Fool’s Day this year. So, we start with love and end with the biggest surprise of all; Jesus is alive! Despite all of the evidence to the contrary, Jesus is not dead but has been resurrected and promises eternal life. We are saved because of Jesus’ self-giving love and obedience.

This Lent, the book study was on Embracing the Uncertain – A Lenten Study for Uncertain Times. I think we are living in uncertain times. The daily news is enough to make us feel anxious and uncertain about the future. We looked at the uncertainty of faith, forgiveness, worry, mortality, surrender and obedience and we will finish the Wednesday after Easter with resurrection.

The discussion questions were probing and at times difficult to answer but they made us consider where we are in our faith journey and who we want to become. I decided to ask the participants to write their own obituary. What an interesting thing to do! You begin to ask yourself what impact you have had and what you want to be remembered for. I know I had a difficult time writing my own. If we truly want to be disciples of Jesus, I think we need to examine our lives.

Lent is a good time to do this and even though Lent will be over when you read this, it is still a good practice to think about what you will be remembered for. Many of us will be doing our spring cleaning and perhaps we can also clean out the clutter of our souls, dig into the neglected corners, and shine ourselves up so we can be the light of Christ for the world. May you have a blessed Easter and may God surprise you with all the love, grace and blessings Jesus offers.

Wild Blessings,

~Pastor Mickey

PASTORAL CARE

Please notify the Church Office (218-741-7739) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

Emergency Pastoral Calls: 218-343-6849

E-mail: office@peaceumc.us

Pastor’s Phone Number - Please put my cell phone number in your cell phone directory for emergencies. If I don’t answer, please, please, please, leave a message. Please do not give my cell phone number out to strangers asking for help. I pray you will call me when you need me.

REMINDER:

Communion will be Sunday, April 8th this month.

Please remember if you are the last to leave the building, check that lights have been shut off (the Bubble Lights at the Entrances remain ON) and the doors are locked!

BOOK STUDY – *The Anatomy of Peace*

What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work, and conflicts in the world stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that cause? And what if, as a result, we systematically perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? EVERY DAY. Through a moving story of parents who are struggling with their own children and with problems that have come to consume their lives, we learn from once-bitter enemies the way to transform personal, professional, and global conflicts even when war is upon us. *The Anatomy of Peace* is a bestseller that instills hope and inspires reconciliation. Join us Wednesdays, April 11th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th at 6:00 PM or Thursdays, April 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 10:00 AM. Books are available in the Library. If you are interested in purchasing the book, the cost is \$10, please pay at the first Book Study meeting.

OUR PEACE FAMILY

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – Vera Tapani

The Tapani Family is inviting all of us to celebrate Vera's 90th birthday on Sunday, April 15th following the worship service!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for everything. We are very grateful; everything helps; Can't wait for everyone to meet Baby Maynard. Courtney Kallio and Evan Kortkamp.

NEW BABY

Layla Grace Mollar was born to Miranda Beise & Ryan Mollar on Monday March 19th at the Virginia hospital. Grandmother Annette Beise, Uncle Dane Beise, Great Grandmother Byrl Norlander, Great Uncle & Aunt Brad & Sandy Bennett, & cousin Brenden. Sisters Aleigha Piper & Lily Ann. Both are healthy & well!

NEW BABY

Maynard Ivan Kortkamp was born to Courtney Kallio and Evan Kortkamp on Wednesday, March 21st at the Virginia Regional Medical Center. 6lb 3oz; 18.5 in; Everyone is doing great!

FROM THE NOMADS – Gary and Avis Norton

We signed up for three Nomad projects in Texas this winter that were community outreach. That means work in communities in low income houses. We have done three handicapped ramps, a couple of siding jobs and other tasks. You would be surprised how many families in humid areas have floors so rotten that there is a real danger of falling through. A few years ago a NOMADS friend did fall through a floor they were fixing. Structural damage can also be caused by termites.

This project we hung Sheetrock, finished and painted in a home. Avis went the extra mile and bought material and sewed curtains. We even replaced a toilet seat held together by a rope. Rick is the homeowner. He was very depressed with an attitude of hopelessness when we started. The positive emotional changes in Rick were the most dramatic we have seen in a family we helped. Sunday Rick took another step and came to church. He stood up and said the NOMADS gave him hope and he now believes he will survive.

There are an increasing number of churches doing community outreach. Community outreach is also increasing for NOMADS. Some churches both coordinate and fund community outreach. Many of our community outreach projects are funded by the NOMADS organization which raises its funds primarily through membership fees, members who provide additional support, and local churches. We would welcome your support of NOMADS, but direct involvement in your community is even better.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY

“As a member of this congregation I will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”
Membership Vows - UMC

RED BIRD – Spring Luncheon - Bazaar

Planning is ongoing for our fundraiser bazaar to be held from 11 am - 2pm on Saturday, April 21. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. Bake, RADA knives, and white elephant sales will be part of the day, along with our traditional sandwich loaf luncheon. Your help with the bazaar would be greatly appreciated. Check the library for sign-up sheets, and don't be surprised to receive a call to see if you can take part.

As Easter is the first Sunday in April, our bake sale will be held on the 8th instead.

There is still room for a few more people to join our Kentucky trip.

Contact Pam Omersa at 259-2615 if you would like more information.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Ministry Committee is planning a service retreat, and church members 18 years of age or older can participate. This retreat is a way for us to experience the many issues that contribute to poverty, and to bring back what we've learned to address the issues in our community.

The retreat is Minneapolis. We'll be leaving on Friday, May 4th and returning Sunday May 6th. The Retreat Center is a secure dormitory style building. We will be taking part in meaningful service projects at various locations out in the community; and we will be exploring the complexities of poverty, and how they relate to faith.

We are asking each person attending to pay \$25.00 and the church will pay the remainder of the fee. We have retreat information sheets and sign-up sheets in the Library. The deadline to sign up is April 8th. Anyone with questions can call or email Diana Wallert at 218-404-6232 or dlwallert@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our March FoodShare coin drive and for your generous contributions during our Pack-the-Pews Event!

METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS

The group is meeting Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm. The Spring Banquet is Tuesday, May 8th. Contact Pat Sklors or Ellen Hedlund for reservations.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – May 30th – June 1st at St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center

The theme will be "Discover Joy: Live Deeply!" and the Bible verse will be John 15.

The Love Offering for Missions is gathered within Minnesota United Methodist churches and delivered to annual conference session. It benefits international, national, and Minnesota missions. The conference Missions Promotion Team determines the annual recipients.

The recipients of 2018's Love Offering for Missions are:

Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65 percent), in response to Hurricane Maria, Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips from the Minnesota Annual Conference to Puerto Rico will commence in the fall. As teams are formed and team leaders are trained, most of the funds will be used for construction supplies bought and used on the island. Some of the funds will cover the purchase of hygiene kit and cleaning bucket supplies. Additional funds will be used for scholarships for first-time VIM participants.

Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20 percent), the Freedom Schools Program is a six-week summer day camp experience for children. Its mission is to ensure that every child receives "a healthy start, a head start, a fair start, a safe start, and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities." Each year, about 50 scholars are part of Park Avenue UMC's program, which aims to address the "summer slide" and to close the achievement gap. Mornings are spent improving reading skills. In the afternoons, children participate in enrichment activities, including art, cooking, gardening, music/dance, and physical education. Love Offering funds will cover expenses for reading curriculum materials and for young adult mentors.

NUMAS Haus (15 percent) NUMAS Haus provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm and surrounding Brown County. Adjacent and connected to First UMC in New Ulm, clients are able to live there for up to 90 days as they complete a program that includes counseling, health and financial management, parenting and food preparation skills, and obtaining access to county social services and vocational training. Upon completion, participants are encouraged to secure permanent housing but may not immediately be able to pay market-rate rent. Love Offering funds will be used to help families with transitional rent assistance for six to 12 months.

ESSENTIA ST. MARY'S EAST RANGE HOSPICE 8-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Discussing common themes and experiences about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider participating in our grief groups. They are available to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The 8-Week Spring Session continues to meet on Mondays April 9th through April 30th from 6:00 PM – to 8:00 PM at Peace UMC in the Library. The groups are facilitated by Catherine Burt, Coordinator of Bereavement Services,

St. Mary's Hospice East Range Team and Kris Simensen, LSW, Social Worker Virginia Care Center. For more information, please call 218-749-7975.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospice

Are you looking for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity? Come Join the team at East Range Hospice and make a difference in your community one family at a time. Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospice East Range Team is seeking volunteers within a 60-mile radius of Virginia. The volunteer opportunities are varied: Visiting in the home; Office Support; Veteran Peer-to-Peer support; 11th Hour; Bereavement Follow-up. A training will be Wednesday, April 18th from 8:30 AM – 4:30 pm at McMillan Auditorium – Essentia Health Hospital, 901 North 9th Street. For more information call Katie Bird at 742-8665.

PORCH

People Offering Relationships, Community and Hope

5:00 PM - Dinner

4	Potato Bar, Jell-O Salad, Cake, Roll
11	Tacos, Soft /Hard Shell, Fruit Salad, Cookie
18	Pizza Casserole, Lettuce Salad, Bar, Garlic Bread
25	Chicken Noodle Casserole, Apple Cole Slaw, Fresh Veggies/Dip, Bread

All meals are served with milk, coffee, and water

6:00 PM - Adult Groups

4	Book Study – <i>Embracing the Uncertain</i>	
11	Book Study – <i>Anatomy of Peace</i>	Yoga (begins at 5:45 PM)
18	Becky Crain Presentation – <i>India</i>	Yoga (begins at 5:45 PM)
25	Music	Yoga (begins at 5:45 PM)

6:00 PM – Children (5-11)

4	Craft/Baking/Fun Activities
11	Craft/Baking/Fun Activities
18	Craft/Baking/Fun Activities
25	Movie Night: Never Ending Story

6:00 PM – Youth (12-18)

4	Arts & Crafts: May Day Baskets
11	Game Night: Wii Games
18	STEM Night: Build a City
25	Movie Night: Never Ending Story

A TRIP THROUGH INDIA

Becky Crain who is attending seminary at United Theological Seminary (UTS), spent 10 days in India experiencing the faith traditions of the country. The group studied five of these faith traditions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and Baha'i. Join us for PORCH on April 18th to hear about her experiences, what she learned from this trip and how it has helped her to grow in her faith journey.

YOGA

Lynn Solomon is back leading Yoga on Wednesdays, beginning April 11th! Join her and the class at 5:45 PM for Gentle Yoga. All levels are welcome!

**Peace United Methodist Church
Treasurer's Report**

	February	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
Cash balance @ Begin of Month	2,002.49	7,554.79	1,760.96
Cash Receipts			
Congregation Offering	13,806.22	25,097.59	24,473.00
Building Usage	50.00	245.00	100.00
Capital Project Funds	806.50	806.50	100.00
Church Groups	-	-	100.00
Benevolent Giving Income	515.00	795.54	831.62
Fundraiser Income	490.00	711.00	100.00
Memorial Funds	-	245.00	40,337.00
New Ministry Funds	-	-	6,500.00
	15,667.72	27,900.63	72,541.62
Cash Disbursements			
Apportionments/Other Askings	1,415.48	3,466.83	3,518.84
Capital Project Expenditures	6,588.28	6,588.28	246.00
Church Operations	4,029.26	10,816.15	6,921.25
Church Programs	2,051.16	3,503.41	3,569.80
Benevolent Giving Expenses	210.54	1,031.73	380.00
Administrative Expenses	474.48	688.22	755.58
Staff Expenses	9,293.78	19,861.96	23,560.00
	24,062.98	45,956.58	38,951.47
Other (Receivables)/Payables			
Payroll Withholdings	(97.70)	(7.61)	24.07
Funds transferred from (to) savings			
Endowment Advances	1,415.48	(3,584.52)	10,000.00
Money Market Savings	(1,427.50)	4,420.50	-
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	6,138.28	6,275.78	(625.00)
New Ministries Savings	683.72	3,716.52	(42,250.38)
Memorials Savings	-	-	-
	6,809.98	10,828.28	(32,875.38)
Cash Balance at End of Month	319.51	319.51	2,499.80
Cash Accounts			
General Checking		319.51	2,499.80
Money Market Savings		7,508.95	17,074.86
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		4,540.70	7,687.07
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		14,654.53	19,557.27
New Ministries Savings		8,867.61	58,157.54
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
Total Cash		36,181.47	105,266.71
Endowment Accounts			
Hadden Endowment		529,397.95	463,528.56
Housing Endowment		158,383.82	175,849.26
MN UM Foundation Endowment		109,358.97	106,446.23
MN UM Foundation Endowment - Appel		148,999.28	112,135.64
Change in Market Value		9,976.62	31,728.77
Total Endowments		956,116.64	889,688.46

* The PUMC Parsonage Endowment Funds are only to be used for capital improvement expenditures on the church or parsonage.

* The Appel Outreach Endowment Funds are designated for missions and ministries sponsored by the United Methodist Church; This Fund is a permanent endowment with only the income to be spent for charitable giving; The Fund is administered by the United Methodist Foundation. These funds are not available to Peace UMC.