



Peace United Methodist Church
Pastor Mickey Olson
303 Ninth Avenue South
Virginia MN 55792



The Methodist Messenger

June/July 2018

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:

I know God has a plan.
I pray for direction to follow it, patience to wait on it,
and knowledge to know when it comes.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 3	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10	1 Samuel 8:4-20(11:14-15)	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 24	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49	Psalm 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
July 1	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 8	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22	2 Samuel 7:1-14	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 29	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Monday - 1:00 AM
Friday - 5:30 PM

Tuesday - 10:00 AM
Sunday - 9:30 AM

Thursday - 10:00 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	USHERS	LITURGIST
June 3	Kay Chapik/Connie Rabideaux	Mark/Ellen Hedlund	Fay Siers
June 10	Ken/Shirley Wellman	Tracy Gasperlin/Betsy Erickson	Ann Voss
June 17	Mark/Ellen Hedlund	Jack Haugen/Diana Wallert	Kathy Rice
June 24	Wayne/Fay Siers	Chris Hagberg/John Malovrh	Jerry Pfremmer
July 1	Ken/Shirley Wellman	Iris Teasck/Joanne Foster	Pam Omersa
July 8	Virginia Peterson/Virginia Askew	Joy Stanaway/Sue Carle	Terry Hilar
July 15	Pam Omersa/Betsy Erickson	Betty Culbert/Pam Hartline	Lynda Alar
July 22	Diane Walz/Carol Thomas	Jerry Bodas/Roger Summers	Val Wier
July 29	Jerry/Paulette Pfremmer	Prue Wirtz/Pat Sklors	Sheila Colosimo
	COFFEE AN'	COMMUNION	
June 3	Sheila Colosimo/Paul/Val Wier	June 3 rd – Kathy and Dale Krog	
June 10	Virginia Peterson/Kathy Rice	July 1 st – Kay Chapik and Pat Sklors	
June 17	Ken/Shirley Wellman/Kay Chapik	August 5 th – Paulette and Jerry Pfremmer	
June 24	Cathy Woods/Betsy Erickson	September 2 nd – Shirley and Ken Wellman	
July 1	Chris/Jeanene Hagberg/Kelly Dahl	October 7 th – Mary and Al Williams	
July 8	John/Shannon Malovrh/Diane Hansen	November	
July 15	Joy Stanaway/Mary Stanaway		
July 22	Iris Teasck/Terry Hilar		
July 29	Wayne/Fay Siers/Betty Culbert		

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE REGULARLY
THE OFFICE DOES MAKE MISTAKES



From the Pastor

It is hard to believe six years have passed since I first came here. Some of it seems like a blur. I am so grateful for this congregation. We have much to celebrate and I know God is celebrating with us. As the church year comes to an end and we wrap up our activities for the summer, I am aware we cannot just coast along. The world is changing, there is much need, and the Spirit is urging us to reach out to the lost and the least. I am also aware of whom I am, and I am a person who does not coast or sit still. I want to lead us to new things, new ideas, and new ways to reach our neighbors. I want to continue to do this together. Our leadership recently read a book called *Synergy* which talks about the changing mission of the church and urgently tells us we need to be moving forward together in common mission. It is even more important for leadership, laity, and pastor to be in sync. So let us work together in what Jesus calls for us to do: "Make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world."

As we enter our seventh year together let us all focus on who we are and whose we are. And let's do some awesome ministry in Jesus' name. Let us do it together.

I hope you know how blessed I feel to be your pastor. I pray you have a wonderful summer and that you pray for your church and pastor this summer as I will pray for you.

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.

HEATING SYSTEM

The heating system is almost done! Last fall the Trustees had developed a plan to switch our heating system from steam to gas and the plan was moving forward. Then the City of Virginia informed us they would be taking us off of the steam system. Fortunately, we were ready and had done a good deal of the preliminary work with plans and estimates. Because of this, we were placed early on the list so that we could do the work during the warmer season. Of course, the weather changed and was cold outside and in the church, but we managed. The estimates had to be revised because we need a different method to heat our hot water and the inspectors required some changes to the utility room, doors, and the wall between the furnace room and the women's bathroom. Estimated costs are approximately \$60,000.00 and are still fairly close to the budget. We will have the final figures when the project is completed. Preliminary estimates show us being able to recoup this cost within ten years from annual heating savings.

The Trustees met with Vertex Roofing Company regarding the continual problem with ice-dams and leaking of the roof. One of the problems is the recessed "can lighting" we have. Heat escapes up under the roof, causing snow melt and refreezing which makes the ice dams. An energy efficiency company, DBS Residential Solutions analyzed this and is replacing the fixtures and placing an insulating cap over the top of the lights. We have over thirty of these and Trustees decided to do the replacement at a cost of \$2,246.00.

The parking lot is in need of maintenance, sealing and striping which we put off for a time due to the cost of replacing the asbestos tiles in the two lower levels.

All of this deferred maintenance has been costly but needed. We thank the Trustees for all of their hard work and the Administrative Council for their commitment to financial responsibility in the needs of this church.

OUR PEACE FAMILY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 – Courtney Kallio
11 – Duane Cremers
23 – Joann Martinson

5 – Jonathan Benz
13 – Amy Teasck
27 – Chris Hagberg

6 – Darwin Alar
23 – Jonathan Crain
29 – Mark Hedlund

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Kenneth Evenson
7 – Becky Hanson
10 – Brad Bennett
16 – Mary Stanaway
20 – Mary Williams

6 – Olin Lundgren
7 – Jordanna Newman
11 – Connie Rabideaux
17 – Betty Nygard
24 – Jean Stanaway

7 – Rachel Gasperlin
9 – Fay Siers
15 – Kathleen Krog
19 – Kathryn Oliver
25 – Tristin Blaisdell

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

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

TRAVELING JESUS

Are you traveling this summer? Are you living at the lake? Take Jesus with you! We will have our traveling Jesus stand up (on the Welcome Table) for you to take with you and take pictures of the places you go this summer. We can share them in the fall. I know many will be missing church here this summer as you travel and roam, take Jesus along wherever you go.

THANK YOU

Dear Peace UMC,

Thank you, again, for your continued support of Mobile Ministry. It is with your help we are able to show God's Love in the North Country. I still look forward to being able to share, with you, about ministry here.

Thank you, again! Peace, **Pastor Barb McKewin**

BAPTISMS

We will be celebrating the baptisms of Lily and Layla Moller on Sunday, June 24th. Their parents are Miranda Beise and Ryan Moller; Grandmother, Annette Beise; and Great Grandmother, Byrl Norlander

NOISY OFFERING

The April Noisy Offering collected \$315.47 Thank you for your generosity! We have collected \$2,252 through April, just over the half way mark to reaching our \$4,000.00 commitment to Reach*Renew*Rejoice. (We are currently on our fourth year of a five year commitment.) Through RRR, United Methodist Churches are reaching new people to come on the journey with us, to come with questions, to come with doubts, to come and find the wonderful life that can be had in service to Jesus Christ; Congregations are growing bold in going outside their church doors to build disciples of Christ and we are rejoicing and celebrating all God is doing with us and through us!

NEW REFRIGERATOR

Peace purchased a new stainless steel, two-door, reach-in refrigerator to accommodate our growing need for additional space for PORCH meals and other events in the Church. Thank you to the Potica Group for their donation of \$2,000.00 and Memorials for \$500.00!

OVERNIGHT STAYS

During the month of June, we have two groups spending a night at Peace. Our first group, On the Rock Ministries Inc. is from Oklahoma and will be staying Friday, June 1st. The group will be biking 300 miles over Minnesota with 25 adults and 35 teens. Our second group, the Mora UMC Youth will be staying Thursday, June 28th. The group has stayed at Peace in the past, as they make their way to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Is anyone interested in welcoming these groups with some warm hospitality? Perhaps we could provide some late night snacks or breakfast items or something you may have an idea to do. If you are being “nudged” please contact the Office.

SERENITY CIRCLE

Serenity Circle will be attending their next meeting, June 14th at 11:30 AM at the Northern Divide (the old Michael’s on the Course). We will start up again in September.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

The Gospel According to Disney: Join McKenzie for the Children’s Moment each Sunday as she delivers a message to the children and then has a “mini” Sunday school session with them in the Library!

June Topics

3rd – The Little Mermaid
10th – Beauty and the Beast
17th – Aladdin
24th – The Lion King

July Topics

1st – Pocahontas
8th – The Hunchback of Notre Dame
15th – Hercules
22nd – Mulan
29th – Tarzan

OUTREACH MISSIONS AND MINISTRY LET’S GO FISHING!

The Outreach Committee is 'fishing for food' to fill our church food shelf. Summertime finds more people coming into our church to receive food and comfort. Together, we can keep our food shelf stocked. Look for our fishing boat in the Narthex throughout the month of June. Read John 6:1-14. A little from each person will go a long way with Jesus' help! Foods always needed are: canned meals, canned meat, chicken/tuna salad with crackers, water, Gatorade type drinks, peanut butter, Jell-O, pudding, and fruit snack packs, pepperoni sticks, and soups (no added water types). Remember to look for cans with flip tops. Other items needed are body wash, shampoo and toilet paper. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. Thanks, Diana Wallert

PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILT GROUP – Helping to care for our Homeless

Our inspiration for this project started three years ago after a presentation by Claudia Skalko, Manager of cases for Wellstone Center at a Serenity Circle meeting. She listed items needed at homeless shelters in our area, and first on the list was quilts, and we love making quilts that are so appreciated.

Our Group consists of seven very faithful quilters, who meet twice a month at the church. They bring their own sewing machines, and we work on making large twin size quilts for the homeless in our local area. We have donated to the following service providers: Bill’s House, the Youth Foyer and the Wellstone Clinic. To date we have sewn approximately sixteen quilts.

The case manager at Bill’s House said they have turned away sixty households a month, because of lack of space. They only have fourteen shelter beds. Those that have been turned away are families, young couples or a father and child. Many become couch hoppers, while looking for a place to stay.

The Merritt House will keep homeless for ninety days for mental health treatment.

The Youth Foyer takes homeless between the ages of eighteen to twenty four. Programs, such as schooling, training, or jobs are provided.

The Wellstone Center provides services for Range Mental Health Crisis, which keeps people just ten days. Pine Mill Court has subsidized units, which house many homeless. Range Transitional Housing takes furniture, dishes, household items needed by many of these people. A Thank You note from The Wellstone Clinic said: "Thank you so much for the beautiful quilts. We put them on the beds and without them it does not feel as homey." When they use the quilts at the center, they own the quilt and take it to their new home.

Thank you to the Serenity Circle for yearly cash donations to buy batting for our quilts. Also, thank you to the many donations of fabric from church members and others. The only items we need to buy are the battings. We can always use another volunteer, whether you sew or not. Call Doris Knoll 741-7635. The Quilt Group is a most rewarding local mission.

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 SUMMER Session will meet on Mondays, June 4th through July 23rd 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.

THE LYDIA PROJECT

Our denomination will gather in 2020 for General Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The Hosts Operations Team is excited about a special hospitality initiative that will make a wonderful impact on our guests: The Team intends to greet every delegate, dignitary, bishop, and spouse with a handmade scarf, to serve not only as a memento of General Conference but also as a practical solution to drafty, air-conditioned rooms. The Host Operations Team is inviting all churches in the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences, to help knit or crochet 10,000 purple scarves! The Lydia Project (in honor of Lydia in Acts 16. The story of Lydia is a great example of God's wisdom and His care for believers. Lydia was a worshiper of God, but had not yet heard the gospel. God rerouted Paul and friends and also ensured that Lydia would be in the right place at the right time to encounter Paul and hear the good news of Jesus. And, as Lydia heard the gospel, God opened her heart so that she received the life-giving message. In this story, we see the immediate bond that a new believer has with other believers in Christ—Lydia showed hospitality to those who brought the good news, and she wouldn't take "no" for an answer.)

A few details about the Project: The scarves can be knitted or crocheted. They need to be solid purple acrylic yarn – ROYAL PURPLE like the Minnesota Vikings or Prince. NO LAVENDER and no variegated yarn. The pattern is creator's choice (Sample patterns are available at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/lydiaproject>.) Finished projects should be 6-7 inches wide and at least 60 inches long. When the scarf is done, package it individually in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. We will store the scarves at the church to be brought to the 2019 Annual Conference.

If you feel you are being "called" or "nudged" to help with this endeavor please contact Pastor Mickey.

ARROWHEAD AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Brenda Shafer-Pellinen, an Information Assistance and Counseling Specialist with the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging and the Senior LinkAge Line® has sent Peace information on services available to older adults and their families.

The Senior LinkAge Line® is a free service — offered by the State of Minnesota — which makes it easy for older adults and their families to find community services or plan for their future. With a single call, you can: Talk with an aging expert; Receive objective help; Get connected to services; Decide what is right for you; Explore housing choices; Learn about your options.

The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging and the Senior LinkAge Line® also offer various types of in-person assistance and educational opportunities in your area.

- 1-TO-1 Medicare Counseling Appointments
- Welcome to Medicare (Medicare A-D) Classes
- Return to Community Initiative
- Health and Wellness Classes
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions
- Living Well with Chronic Pain

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Shafer-Pellinen, Information Assistance and Counseling Specialist, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

221 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Senior LinkAge Line® 1-800-333-2433

Fax: 218.529.7545

Detailed information for these services are available on the counter in the Narthex or can be mailed or emailed to you. Contact the Office.

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

	April	Year-to-Date	
		2018	2017
Cash balance @ Begin of Month	1,299.54	7,554.79	1,760.96
Cash Receipts			
Congregation Offering	17,918.00	55,320.59	56,298.00
Building Usage	45.00	290.00	265.00
Capital Project Funds	-	806.50	4,584.00
Church Groups	100.00	100.00	250.00
Benevolent Giving Income	500.12	2,738.13	3,094.73
Fundraiser Income	3,072.12	3,833.12	3,707.75
Memorial Funds	-	245.00	40,712.00
New Ministry Funds	-	-	6,500.00
	21,635.24	63,333.34	115,411.48
Cash Disbursements			
Apportionments/Other Askings	3,377.54	11,412.07	3,518.84
Capital Project Expenditures	3,623.00	10,211.28	17,511.98
Church Operations	4,667.09	21,384.29	17,890.90
Church Programs	1,902.45	7,082.40	4,895.90
Benevolent Giving Expenses	405.10	1,456.83	2,455.12
Administrative Expenses	537.08	1,879.89	1,565.36
Staff Expenses	10,933.38	41,000.51	46,326.16
	25,445.64	94,427.27	94,164.26
Other (Receivables)/Payables			
Payroll Withholdings	51.04	50.43	226.92
Funds transferred from (to) savings			
Endowment Advances	10,000.00	16,415.48	(21,230.00)
Money Market Savings	(375.52)	4,344.98	4,541.28
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	5,338.28	(1,250.00)
New Ministries Savings	667.18	4,909.31	(626.36)
Memorials Savings	500.00	500.00	3,094.99
	10,479.16	31,508.05	(15,470.09)
Cash Balance at End of Month	8,019.34	8,019.34	7,765.01
Cash Accounts			
General Checking		8,019.34	7,765.01
Money Market Savings		7,585.60	12,535.57
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		5,479.16	8,312.98
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		14,156.55	16,465.27
New Ministries Savings		7,676.25	17,939.89
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
Total Cash		43,207.07	63,308.89
Endowment Accounts			
Peace UMC Endowment		529,397.95	463,528.56
Aho/Appel Endowment		138,689.40	176,157.98
Housing Endowment		109,358.97	116,446.23
Appel Outreach Endowment		149,296.79	133,565.79
Change in Market Value		157.86	45,137.73
Total Endowments		926,900.97	934,836.29

* The Parsonage Endowment Fund is to provide monetary assistance for capital improvements and maintenance to the church and/or parsonage. This fund may also be used to purchase a new parsonage or to provide financial support for the clergy housing allowance.

* The Appel Outreach Endowment Fund is to provide monetary assistance to the following Methodist charities – Bishop’s appeal, UMCOR and World Hunger. The Fund is restricted to use only the income from the trust monies.