



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



The Methodist Messenger

July 2017

Church Office

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (June - August)
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Our Staff

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

Mickey Olson
McKenzie Fossell
Holly Lundgren
Jeanene Hagberg
Char Cremers
David Stanaway
Petra Hagberg

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

Thought for the month:

One of the best gifts we can give ourselves
is time alone with God

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:10-17	Romans 7:15-25	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
16	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
23	Genesis 28:10-19	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

TV WORSHIP TIMES

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

WORSHIP HELPERS

GREETERS

2	Ken/Shirley Wellman
9	Virginia Peterson/Virginia Askew
16	Pam Omersa/Betsy Erickson
23	Diane Walz/Carol Thomas
30	Jerry/Paulette Pfremmer
Aug 6	Betsy Erickson/Kay Chapik

USHERS

Iris Teasck/Joanne Foster
Tracy Gasperlin/Pam Hartline
Prue Wirtz/Pat Sklors
Jerry Bodas/Roger Summers
Betty Culbert/Pat Sklors
Joy Stanaway/Kathy Oliver

LITURGIST

Terri Hilar
Terri Hilar
Lynda Alar
Val Wier
Sheila Colosimo
Kay Ryan

COFFEE AN'

2	Iris Teasck/Terri Hilar/Cathy Woods
9	John/Shannon Malovrh/Diane Hansen
16	Joy Stanaway/Mary Stanaway
23	Chris/Jeanene Hagberg
30	Kathy Oliver/Diane Hawley
Aug 6	Kay Chapik/Mark/Ellen Hedlund

COMMUNION

July 9 th	Kay Ryan/Pat Sklors
August 20 th	Sarah/Jeff Teasck
September	Shirley/Ken Wellman
October	Mary/Al Williams
November	Gail/Shirley Woodward

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, when the service is over.

BIRTHDAYS

2 – Kenneth Evenson	3 – Alexis Gunderson	6 – Olin Lundgren
7 – Rachel Gasperlin	7 – Becky Hanson	9 – Fay Siers
10 – Brad Bennett	11 – Connie Rabideaux	15 – Brent Hanson
15 – Kathy Krog	17 – Dorothy Bergerson	17 – Betty Nygard
18 – Julie Johnson	19 – Kathy Oliver	20 – Mary Williams
24 – Jean Stanaway	25 – Tristin Blaisdell	30 – James Erjavec
30 – Louise Johnson		

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



Back September 1st!

~Pastor Mickey

SUMMER WORSHIP MATTERS!

We made it through our first month with Pastor Mickey away on her Renewal Leave and we did just fine! You are invited to come and experience Worship with us this summer. Yes, Worship is different with someone new at the pulpit each Sunday; yes, there is a different style of message being delivered each week – yet, the messages are calling us to be better Disciples of Christ! We are each on our own individual Spiritual Journey of Discipleship. Discipleship is an intentional way of living, just like making healthy life style choices, or living within your budget. It's about our priorities. Where is God in your life? Come join us on Sunday and let's praise God together!

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. The Office has a list of local pastors available while Pastor Mickey is away on her Renewal Leave.

Emergency Pastoral Calls: 218-780-5721. E-mail: office@peaceumc.us

OUR PEACE FAMILY

Peace United Methodist Congregation,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Senior Sunday Celebration. I also would like to thank you for always being there for me as I grew up in the church.

Always, Brenden (Bennett)

Thank you for allowing us to meet at your church. The space worked great and was conducive to good conversation and learning. – Keith Peterson

Thank you so much for opening up such a beautiful space for our group. We truly appreciate your generosity and hospitality. – Laura Bergman

*I so appreciated the comfort of your "space." You have such a welcoming Community. Thanks for sharing – Joanne
Thank you for the openness from your church for the Sacred Art of Living and Dying. It has been the perfect setting for the circle of trust these past two years.*

Dear Peace UMC,

Thank you for your continued support of Mobile Ministry. Your support helps us to continue to reach out to the "North" country with Bible studies, prayer shawl ministry and VBS.

I look forward to being able to share, with you about our ministry outreach.

Thank you again! Peace, Barb McKewin, Pastor

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

METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS –The group does not hold meetings in June, July or August

The Group serves Dinner at the Salvation Army on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank you for your Love Offering donations (\$511.00), which were sent to the Minnesota Annual Conference. Our next Outreach Ministry meeting is Wednesday, July 26th at 11:00am. Anyone interested in Missions is invited to attend. Blessings, Diana Wallert, Outreach Ministry Chairperson

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!

July Topics:

2nd-Saludos Amigos: Putting God First

9th-Cinderella: Anything Can Happen, So Be Prepared

16th-Peter Pan: The Impact of Your Shadow

23rd-Alice on Wonderland: Size and Status, Do They Really Matter?

30th-Lady & the Tramp: Being Gentle With Your Judgements

CHURCH FLOOR - Jesus walked on water, and Peace is walking on new floors

WE DID IT! We reached our goal of \$5,000.00!! THANK YOU to all who have made a second level of giving to pay for our new floors. The new floors look wonderful. The carpet on the middle level class rooms is warm and inviting, The Fellowship Hall and hallways are polished and clean! **“PEACE UMC IS SMILING BECAUSE YOU DONATED TO A TILE.”**

NOISY OFFERING

Our Noisy Offering is a special collection taken on the fifth Sunday of the month. This occurs five times per year; for 2017 it will be January, April, July, October and December. The “noisy” is your coins being dropped into a coffee can - (your paper money works too – it’s just not as noisy!)

July 30th is our next noisy offering and this special offering will go to support our commitment to the REACH*RENEW*REJOICE Initiative of the Minnesota Annual Conference.

“Through Reach*Renew*Rejoice, we are equipping ourselves to reach our children, grandchildren, and future generations. We are renewing our spirits, empowering passionate leadership, and reviving our ministries to and with God’s people. We are rejoicing in the breakthroughs of God’s Holy Spirit in our lives and churches as we continue to increase the number of vital congregations.” Bishop Bruce R. Ough

SIX WEEK GRIEF GROUP (sponsored by Essentia Health St Mary’s East Range Hospice)

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. This grief support is open to anyone in the area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Groups will meet on Mondays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm; July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7,14 here at Peace; There is no cost for these groups. The groups are facilitated by Catherine Burt, LSW, East Range Hospice Family Grief Support, Kristen Simensen, LSW, Virginia Care Center. Please call to register 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975.

Annual Conference 2017 - Recap



The theme of this year's Annual Conference was "Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly!" We focused on what it means to be an Acts 2 church and to fully claim our identity as people of Pentecost—filled with the Holy Spirit and called out into the world to share our faith and be the presence of Christ to others. We explored the importance of being evangelistic disciples and sharing our stories with others—and just like the earliest followers of Jesus in Acts 2, we came together for teaching, breaking bread, fellowship, and prayer.

The following are just a few of the highlights from this year's Conference. For all the highlights go to the Minnesota Annual Conference website at:

www.minnesotaumc.org;

Acts 2 Talks share bold visions for the church

Rev. David E. Brown, Mount Bethel UMC (Inver Grove Heights) and STORM Faith Community:

- "A fundamental problem in our life together is disciple making...We have equated 'church' with worship...and worship with being a disciple of Jesus."
- "I am convinced that if we want to do the mission of the United Methodist Church, if we want to experience the vision, if we want to become disciples in order to make disciples, it is imperative that we sit at the table with our friends, with scripture in hand, reading and applying God's word, with bread and cup, acknowledging the presence of Jesus, with hands open, praying for one another and sharing deeply from our lives."

Steve Fredlund, Common Ground: A United Methodist Community (Cambridge):

- "We had been leaders in the conservative evangelical movement for many, many years and now were doing one of the most radical things we could do...become members of a Methodist church."
- "People like me are looking for a place...with a grounded perspective of God and faith—but where questions are not only allowed but welcomed and celebrated...where the primary goal is not to convince everyone to think the same way but instead to hear and share different perspectives from each person's own journey...where everyone is invited to participate in this redemptive movement."

Junius B. Dotson to Minnesota Conference: Focus on the 'why'

In his Wednesday morning teaching session on next-level discipleship, Rev. Junius B. Dotson focused on giving church leaders a way to take the inspiration from Annual Conference home in practical ways—beginning with the "why."

"I believe God deserves our best at all times," said Dotson, general secretary of Discipleship Ministries. "Churches that are good at discipleship are pursuing the right thing. They have a core process that leads people to Christ, equips people with the skills they need for ministry, and empowers people to share their faith with others...They have not lost sight of their 'why.'"

But many churches have lost focus and mistaken activity for accomplishment, Dotson said. Most churches lose the memory of why their systems were put in place to begin with. Discipleship begins when churches and church leaders reconnect with the "why" of their processes, and as a result develop mature disciples that can repeat the processes with others.

To counteract this mistake, churches need to focus on the key mission—the "why" of their work. Drawing from Simon Sinek's popular Start with Why, Rev. Dotson reminded Annual Conference attendees that disciple-making is the reason churches exist.

"Can you clearly articulate your why?" Dotson asked those gathered. "Our why isn't so that we are able to fill pews. Filling pews might be a result or byproduct, but it has absolutely nothing to do with our why...When you know your 'why,' your 'what' has meaning."

If churches are to refocus around the “why” of their work, it will begin with the simple practice of being intentional. Discipleship, Dotson insisted, is something done on purpose. Every church that succeeds in making disciples has both a process and an ability to articulate that process.

He gave an example of a growing church with effective discipleship processes. The church encourages members to invite their friends and coworkers to Bible study instead of lunch—and then to take them to lunch a few days later so they can unpack what they learned and discussed, and continue the conversation. The church describes its process as teaching people “how to strategically hang out.”

“Any effective discipleship system is going to have to teach people how to strategically hang out...leverage influence as they build relationship,” he said.

The key to successful ministry in the 21st century does not lie with programs but with people, Dotson explained. “It’s going to take movements of ordinary believers who learn how to strategically hang out, who leverage gifts of laity, who are willing to be the presence of Jesus in the hard places,” he said. “People are not a means to an end. They are not how we reach our goals. They are the why of our goals.”

Churches must also learn to be innovative, looking to the future in order to see what to do in the present. In particular, missional engagement means being authentic in relationships, allowing them to develop organically so that discipleship emerges from natural contexts. Every disciple is strategically located among people God is calling them to reach, and opportunities to share stories of God’s work arise from those relationships.

As a way to think about natural relationships, Dotson pointed to “See All the People,” an ethos championed by Discipleship Ministries that encourages congregations to connect with real people in their local communities. To build disciples, he said, congregations must stop trying to fix the church and instead focus on the individuals God is calling to discipleship.

He also encouraged churches to be relentless in their pursuit of the “why” of discipleship. The path to successful discipleship does not involve pursuing many ends at the same time, but in developing and practicing one unifying idea.

“We should always be asking: What role does this activity, event, or program have in helping us make disciples?” he said.

Finally, Dotson urged those who would be next-level church leaders to remain hopeful, despite the narrative of decline so often told in relation to The United Methodist Church. “Our best days are yet ahead of us,” Dotson said. “Our best days are not our yesterdays but are ahead of us...My prayer is that you will offer leadership that is future-focused, mission-driven and filled with hope...Let’s inspire a new passion for making disciples for the transformation of the world. I believe in Jesus’ name that our future shall be blessed.”

CAN I GET AN AMEN!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

The Virginia Police Department is hosting the National Night Out celebration on Tuesday August 1st 2017 at Olcott Park from 4PM-7PM

The Eveleth Police Department is hosting the National Night Out celebration on Tuesday August 1, 2017 at the Leonidas Community Center and the Eveleth Veterans Park Pavilion in the Town of Fayal. Times will be available after July 4th.

What a great way to reach out and meet our neighbors and others in our Community

United Methodist Day: Minnesota Twins Game

Thursday, August 3rd at 7:10 pm, The Twins vs the Texas Rangers

United Methodist Day will be coming back to Target Field again this season! Here's your chance to join family, friends, and other United Methodists across Minnesota for a night of big-league action and fun! Bishop Bruce Ough will be in attendance! Support UMCOR International Disaster Response with every ticket you order! The cost is The Deck - \$31; Home Run Porch View - \$16; (\$3 from every ticket will benefit UMCOR International Disaster Response)

Place orders by Thursday, July 20th. Due to high demand for seats to this special promotion, all orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis only. This event is expected to sell out.

How to Order:

- 1) Call 1-800-33-TWINS (hit "0" to speak to an attendant) phone lines are open during business hours and most evenings/weekends during Twins games.
- 2) **At the START of your call**, be sure to reference the United Methodist Day Promotion. (Demand for seats to this outing is very high and tickets will likely go fast)
- 3) VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, and AMERICAN EXPRESS are accepted. A \$5 service/handling fee will be added to each order.
- 4) The attendant will discuss ticket-delivery methods with you.

**Peace United Methodist Church
Treasurer's Report 2017**

	May	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
Cash balance @ Begin of Month	7,765.01	1,760.96	5,939.53
Cash Receipts			
Congregation Offering	7,689.00	63,987.00	62,844.46
Building Usage	100.00	365.00	526.00
Capital Project Funds	100.00	4,684.00	-
Church Groups	203.00	453.00	204.00
Benevolent Giving Income	1,354.00	4,448.73	9,061.18
Fundraiser Income	10.00	3,717.75	3,875.40
Memorial Funds	50.00	40,762.00	1,175.00
New Ministry Funds	-	6,500.00	10,000.00
Other Income	-	1,400.00	-
	9,506.00	126,317.48	87,686.04
Cash Disbursements			
Apportionments/Other Askings	6,374.22	9,893.06	7,564.60
Capital Project Expenditures	22,118.08	39,630.06	8,877.77
Church Operations	7,401.43	25,292.33	23,131.77
Church Programs	1,889.17	6,785.07	3,285.22
Benevolent Giving Expenses	1,874.00	4,329.12	3,961.37
Administrative Expenses	535.15	2,100.51	3,011.50
Staff Expenses	11,133.10	57,459.26	48,747.75
	(51,325.15)	(145,489.41)	(98,579.98)
Other (Receivables)/Payables			
Payroll Withholdings	30.25	257.17	(507.58)
Funds transferred from (to) savings			
Endowment Advances	10,000.00	(11,230.00)	20,000.00
Money Market Savings	7,629.82	12,171.10	(3,535.56)
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	(1,562.50)	(1,562.50)
New Ministries Savings	14,358.37	12,332.01	(8,537.50)
Memorials Savings	6,500.00	9,594.99	1,940.00
	38,175.69	21,305.60	8,304.44
Cash Balance at End of Month	4,151.80	4,151.80	2,842.45
Cash Accounts			
General Checking		4,151.80	2,842.45
Money Market Savings		4,906.94	12,480.87
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		8,625.48	6,226.19
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		9,966.65	18,542.62
New Ministries Savings		3,583.00	8,613.22
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
Total Cash		31,524.04	48,995.52
Endowment Accounts			
Peac UMC		463,528.56	439,246.36
* Parsonage		106,446.23	113,722.25
Aho/Appel		176,416.63	115,321.42
* Appel Outreach		133,760.28	-
Change in Market Value		57,137.66	13,571.59
Total Endowments		937,289.36	681,861.62

* 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.