



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



The Methodist Messenger

June 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	Mickey Olson
Youth Coordinator	McKenzie Fossell
Administrative Assistant	Holly Lundgren
Choir Director	Jeanene Hagberg
Accompanist	Char Cremers
	Shannon Gunderson
Custodian	David Stanaway
Nursery Attendant	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:

Pray daily.
God is easier to talk to than most people.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 14:24-34, 35	1 Corinthians 12:3-13	John 7:37-39
11	Genesis 1:1-2:4	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
18	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Psalm 116:1-2,12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-23
25	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-7	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 10:24-39

TV WORSHIP TIMES

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

WORSHIP HELPERS

GREETERS

4	Kelly Dahl/Diane Hawley
11	Roger/Carole Summers
18	Wayne/Fay Siers
25	Jack/Sandy LaBarre
July 2	Ken/Shirley Wellman

USHERS

Mark/Ellen Hedlund
Tracy Gasperlin/Betsy Erickson
Jack/Sandy LaBarre
Chris Hagberg/John Malovrh
Iris Teasck/Joanne Foster

LITURGIST

Kay Ryan
McKenzie Fossell
Shannon Malovrh
Terri Hilar

COFFEE AN'

4	Carole/Wendy Summers
11	Sheila Colosimo/Diane Hawley
18	Ken/Shirley Wellman/Kay Chapik
25	Prue Wirtz/Betsy Erickson
July 2	Iris Teasck/Terri Hilar/Cathy Woods

COMMUNION

June	Iris Teasck/Joanne Foster
July	Kay Chapik/Pat Sklors
August	Sarah/Jeff Teasck
September	

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 – Courtney Kallio	5 – Jonathan Benz	6 – Darwin Alar
8 – Betsy Skerjance	11 – Duane Cremers	13 – Amy Teasck
23 – Jonathan Crain	23 – Joann Martinson	27 – Chris Hagberg
29 – Mark Hedlund		

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



From the Pastor

June is here and I am planning my renewal leave. It is not without some anxiety that I do this. After all, I feel responsible for this church and for all of you. This has me thinking about *why* I am doing this. I remember reading a book on the Vietnam War by Tim O'Brien called "The Things They Carried." The book begins by listing all of the practical supplies the soldiers carried with them in the field. As it went on, the stories of the individuals and their experiences led you to see the people they

carried with them and the memories of what they saw and experienced. It made me think of all the things a pastor carries; the responsibility that the building is in good shape and the heat is working; the many administrative tasks that must be done; the responsibilities to the state conference, continuing education; responsibilities to the community, to the paperwork, e-mails, and phone calls which must be attended to and answered, to the wonderful calling to preach the word and the necessity of doing it well, which take hours of preparation; the responsibility of pastoral care in all of the aspects of life. As I have come to know and love you, the funerals are ever-more difficult to perform. I worry with you when you are having tests and diagnosis. I worry when I see you struggling with life. I pray for all of these things for you. There is pressure at this time to grow the church and to continually adapt to a changing culture. There is the challenge of listening to God in the midst of all of these competing calls on my time. I try to keep us focused on the great commandment; to make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. I grieve for how many do not know the promise of the gospel and how to reach them.

These are just some of the things I carry with me. In the middle of the night when I can't sleep, I find it is because of my concerns with all of these things. This is when I realize I am too driven and not centered in what God would have me do. Pastoring is not a job, but a vocation. It is an answer to a call. It is a life not a career. So I am pausing to re-center and find the energy and focus I need. The call is to find where my deep gladness meets the church and the world's needs. I love being a pastor. I love being your pastor and I look forward to our time together as we seek to follow God's call in our own lives, in the life of the church, and in the world.

As the church lives in this time of pause, I hope you pray for the church, for your pastor and to God in thanks. Remember worship is about giving of yourself to God. It is not about you, the pastor, or the congregation. It is about God. I pray that you will give of yourself to God, you will give one hour to worship each week and you will support the ministries of this church every week. As I go to rest, renew, and rejoice in God's presence in my life, I know that God is with you. Have a blessed summer and I will see you this fall.

~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: 218-780-5721.

E-mail: office@peaceumc.us

OUR PEACE FAMILY

Congratulations to Catherine and Gary Branville on the birth of their son and daughter Henrik and Suvi. The twins were born April 4th. Grandparents are Shannon and John Malovrh and Linda and Gary Branville.

Dear Peace United Methodist Church Members,

There is no way I can thank you for all your prayers, support and gifts. May God bless you as you have blessed me in this my final trip. I am looking forward to meeting our Lord and all of our heavenly friends.

May Jesus bless you all with his everlasting Love, Joy and Peace as he has blessed me!

With so much love and respect!! Dorothy Bergerson (I am at the Solvay House in Duluth)

Dane W. Beise of Britt graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth, on May 6th. He earned a Liberal Arts Degree in Political Science and Philosophy. He is the son of Annette Beise, and the grandson of Byrl Norlander; sister Miranda Beise; nieces Aleigha and Lily Ann; aunt and uncle, Sandy and Brad Bennett; Cousin Brenden Bennett. Dane plans to attend grad school at a later date.

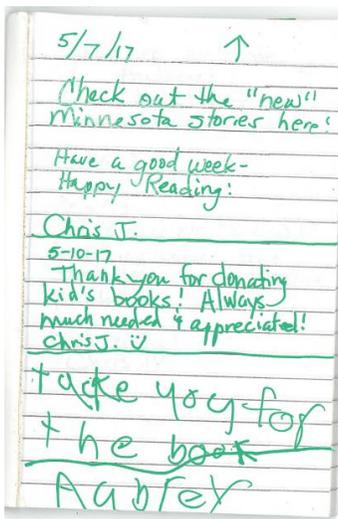
DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY

“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

SUMMER WORSHIP MATTERS!

Worship is an encounter with Christ, and an encounter with Christ is worship. Sunday morning worship is a microcosm of a lifelong disciple: Meeting Christ, experiencing Christ, growing in Christ, walking with Christ, living like Christ. We hope with the slower pace of summer, we can have more time and energy for church, not less. By God’s design, summer is a season of growth and fruitfulness. Summer can be a time of tremendous creativity and growth in our church, if we are all willing to make the effort. So as we plan for vacations and family gatherings, we ask you to give of yourself to God, give one hour each week to worship and to support the ministries of Peace UMC every week this summer.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

I can’t say it enough! The outpouring of support for the Little Free Library (LFL) house has been wonderful. Every week, I place 20 -30 new books in the library and I wouldn’t have those books without help from our congregation!

Every week, I put twelve kid’s books (age-toddler to early elementary) and every week they are gone. This means children who perhaps did not have any books at home, now do, and are learning to read, and being read to!

Every week I try to put a “theme” depending on what I have in stock. The week that I put out gardening books, I tucked a packet of seeds in each one – that was a big hit! This is a wonderful way to connect with our neighbors, and I thank you (again!) so much for your continued support.

(Some other popular categories of books: Elementary to early teen, gardening, cooking, local stories/true stories, nature, autobiographies and self-help)

Blessings, Chris Johnson

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

Volunteers received recognition from the Salvation Army in May; Plaques were given to Betsy Skerjance, Joanne Foster and Kathy Frank for their extra service. As was said by the Salvation Army, “The brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others.” What a true saying for any volunteer who helps in so many ways in our church as well. *(Submitted by Ellen Hedlund)*

Salvation Army

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL – will resume in September

OUTREACH MINISTRY

I feel so very blessed to be included in a church family that supports our outreach ministry with such enthusiasm and generosity. You continuously show your love for your fellow human beings with your thoughtful donations. Our June outreach ministry focus is the Love Offering, which will be sent down to the annual conference. We have the opportunity to not just improve- but, to actually save people's lives through the Love Offering. That's an awesome thought!

June is here- you may find yourself cleaning out things in your house you no longer use or need. Please keep in mind that the Youth Foyer or Range Transitional Housing may be able to use those items. The Youth Foyer is in need of small appliances, kitchen utensils, twin sheet sets, and comforters. Range Transitional Housing needs used furniture, kitchen items, lamps, and tables of all kinds. For further information you can call Sean at (218) 735-6325. Leave a message, he'll return your call ASAP.

Peace and Blessings to all, Diana Wallert, Outreach Ministry Chairperson

RED BIRD

Red Bird Mission Trip to Beverly, Kentucky, September 15th – 25th

The Red Bird Team will not have a bake sale June – September, but will be back in October!

Labels for Education

The Peace Red Bird Group is asking for your help to collect Campbell's Labels for Education. If you are using these products or services and are not donating them to your local school, consider sending them to Red Bird Mission. The Red Bird Christian School is collecting labels to purchase a mini-van.

East Range Development Achievement Center

The Peace Red Bird Group is asking for your help to collect candles, wine corks and aluminum can tabs for the ERDAC.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY – PORCH will resume in September

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

Thank you to all who have made a second level of giving to support our new floors. **“GOD DID SMILE WHEN YOU DONATED TO A TILE.”** We came very close to our Memorial Day goal of \$5,000.00 with a collection of \$4,930.00. The total cost to remove and retiling the floor was over \$32,800.00. We are grateful to those who came before us and gifted us an endowment. Without these funds, this project would not have been completed.

NOISY OFFERING

The April Noisy Offering collected \$337.49! Thank you to all for their generosity! This special offering goes to the Bishop's Appeal: Reach*Renew*Rejoice. We are helping to make Disciples for Christ for the transformation of the world! Our church has benefited from this important Methodist Ministry as we took part in the Healthy Church Initiative.

Annual Conference 2017



The 163rd session of the Minnesota Annual Conference will take place June 20-22, 2017, at the **River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud.**

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. JUNIUS B. DOTSON, former pastor of a 3,500-member multi-campus church in Wichita, Kansas—became general secretary of Discipleship Ministries in April 2016. “We must shift the conversation from fixing churches to reaching people for Christ, not to save or preserve the institution, but because we are committed to living out of the biblical mandate that Jesus gave us, called the Great Commission,” Dotson said when being installed as general secretary. In Minnesota, he’ll deliver talks about the “why” and “how” of evangelism and provide both inspiration and practical ideas for sharing our God stories.

LIVE STREAMING:

Hundreds of Minnesota United Methodists will be in St. Cloud from June 20-22 to experience the 2017 Minnesota Annual Conference session in person. But those who won't be present are invited to watch the worship services and plenary sessions online through live streaming. All you need is your computer (or other electronic device) and an internet connection.

The sessions that will be live streamed are:

Tuesday, June 20th,	11:30 am – 1:30 pm:	Opening worship with communion and Love Offering
Wednesday, June 21st,	8:00 am – 12:00 pm:	Worship with Episcopal Address, teaching session with Rev. Junius B. Dotson, and opening legislation
	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm:	Acts 2 Talk, legislation/budget
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm:	Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service (including ordination, commissioning, recognizing licensed local pastors, celebrating the retirement class, and honoring the recently departed)
Thursday, June 22nd,	8:00 am – 12:00 pm:	Worship with conference preacher Rev. Greg Strunk, Acts 2 Talk, legislation
	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm:	Acts 2 Talk, legislation, closing worship

LOVE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS: Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session – a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state. The theme of the 2017 Session is “Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly” and the funds from this year’s Love Offering will go to three projects. (Please read the Love Offering Insert for how these funds will help the following missions)

UNITED METHODIST UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE – SCHOOL OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (60%)

EMMA NORTON SERVICES (TWIN CITIES BASED NON-PROFIT) (30%)

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS (10%)

Please use the enclosed envelope for your support of the Love Offering. This special gift will be brought to Annual Conference by the lay delegates (McKenzie Fossell, Michael Geer, Holly Lundgren and Pam Omersa) June 20th in St. Cloud.

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.

How much fun would it be to go to a Twins Game?! (A lot of fun!!) Take your family! Ask your friends to go!

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

	April	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
Cash balance @ Begin of Month	(524.71)	1,760.96	5,939.53
Cash Receipts			
Congregation Offering	19,633.00	56,298.00	50,664.46
Building Usage	-	265.00	441.00
Capital Project Funds	1,105.00	4,584.00	-
Church Groups	150.00	250.00	39.00
Benevolent Giving Income	1,093.49	3,094.73	7,136.44
Fundraiser Income	3,055.75	3,707.75	3,221.40
Memorial Funds	155.00	40,712.00	1,175.00
New Ministry Funds	-	6,500.00	10,000.00
Other Income	1,400.00		
	26,592.24	115,411.48	72,677.30
Cash Disbursements			
Apportionments/Other Askings	-	3,518.84	4,538.76
Capital Project Expenditures	-	17,511.98	7,940.00
Church Operations	4,068.98	17,890.90	16,258.66
Church Programs	1,077.36	4,895.90	2,899.89
Benevolent Giving Expenses	1,050.00	2,455.12	2,349.00
Administrative Expenses	504.53	1,565.36	1,684.58
Staff Expenses	11,412.64	46,326.16	39,133.59
	18,113.51	94,164.26	74,804.48
Other (Receivables)/Payables			
Payroll Withholdings	63.81	226.92	(548.25)
Funds transferred from (to) savings			
Endowment Advances	-	(21,230.00)	10,000.00
Money Market Savings	(2,648.10)	4,541.28	(3,404.16)
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	(1,250.00)	(1,250.00)
New Ministries Savings	2,672.79	(2,026.36)	(10,000.00)
Memorials Savings	34.99	3,094.99	1,940.00
	(252.82)	(16,870.09)	(2,714.16)
Cash Balance at End of Month	7,765.01	6,365.01	549.94
Cash Accounts			
General Checking		7,765.01	549.94
Money Market Savings		12,535.57	12,348.32
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		8,312.98	5,913.69
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		16,465.27	18,541.05
New Ministries Savings		17,939.89	20,074.05
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
Total Cash		63,308.89	57,717.22
Endowment Accounts			
Peace UMC Endowment		463,528.56	439,066.75
1 Parsonage Endowment		116,446.23	113,722.25
Aho/Appel Endowment		176,157.98	115,163.23
2 Appel Outreach Endowment		133,565.79	-
Change in Market Value		45,137.73	10,978.74
Total Endowments		934,836.29	678,930.97

- 1 The Parsonage Endowment Funds are available to be used for Capital Improvement expenditures for the church building and parsonage.
- 2 The Appel Outreach Endowment Funds are designated to 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 not Peace UMC.