



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



# The Methodist Messenger

## November 2017

### Church Office

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

Pastor  
Youth Coordinator  
Administrative Assistant  
Music 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 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Virginia, MN 55792

**Note:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is  
Communion Sunday

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

### Thought for the month:

Jesus isn't looking for you to be like other Christians,  
He is looking for you to be like him.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10	John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
5	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
12	Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
19	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
23	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

## 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

5	Chris/Jessica Clark
12	Kathy Krog/Virginia Askew
19	Wayne/Fay Siers
26	Mark/Ellen Hedlund

### USHERS

Bill/Lois Robillard
Nancy Wright/Tracy Gasperlin
Roger/Jean Rosandich
Chris Hagberg/John Malovrh

### LITURGIST

Diane Hawley
Marshall Bergerson
Holly Lundgren
Sheila Colosimo

### COFFEE AN'

5	Holly Lundgren/Doris/Louis Knoll
12	Kathy Oliver/Judy Venaas
19	John/Mary Bratt/Carol Thomas
26	Pam Omersa/Prue Wirtz

### COMMUNION

November	Diana Wallert/Jack Haugen
December	Kathy Rice/Kelly Dahl
January	Jean/Roger Rosandich
February	Sandy/Jack LaBarre

**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

1 – Peggy Arjavec	1 – Gail Woodward	3 – Nicholas Robillard
8 – Peggy Krasaway	10 – Scott Crain	10 – David Kellner
18 – Sheila Colosimo	20 – Roger Rosandich	20 – Wendy Summers
22 – Chloe Intihar	27 – Jeanette Walters	29 – Michelle Maki
30 – Janet Stanaway		

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



## From the Pastor

I was reflecting on my time here the other day and thought about all we have done together. Within a week of my arrival, we had rain leaking into the building from the roof in six places. So, we did research, took bids and replaced the roof. As I came to learn about the three church buildings and their needs as well as deferred maintenance, I was overwhelmed. Now I have only one building and the trustees

have been diligent in seeing to the immediate needs, as well as, checking off those projects which have been tabled for so long. The failing floor tiles on the lower two levels had been an issue for many years. When it was found they contained asbestos, their replacement became a more involved and costly project. This fall the trustees had Barr Engineering come in to assess the possibility of replacing the existing steam heat with a natural gas system. I am told there has been talk about this for twenty years. The costs are favorable with a less than 10-year recovery of the investment. At the recommendation of the Trustees, the Ad-Council has agreed to pursue this.

I believe completing these tasks prepares our church for the future and frees us to focus on mission and ministry. Some of these projects are costly, and they are undertaken thoughtfully and prayerfully by the Trustees, Finance, and Administrative Council. Yes, we are spending a lot of money, but I believe we are forward thinking in our planning and maintenance. I hope you are supportive of this and if you have questions, we are always prepared to answer them.

This planning and maintenance could apply to our faith lives as well. Are we just skimming along on the surface and not digging in? Have we been putting off the task of learning, praying, and committing ourselves to God at a future date? Are we waiting for a crisis to wake us up to God's presence or are we intentionally seeking God every day? One of the signs of a healthy mature faith is the trust to pledge to God your resources. We will be searching out what the Bible says about this very important aspect of faith throughout November as we tell our faith stories. The week of Thanksgiving, we will give thanks to God through our pledge. I ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge this year as we seek to grow this church and plan for a bright future for Peace Church's presence in these communities of the Iron Range.

We have much to be thankful for and I give thanks to God for allowing me to be your pastor. If we say we can, we will. If we are bold in our individual faith journeys and in our church, God will bless us even more than we could ever hope for. The Spirit is here.

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](mailto: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.

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone you wish to include on our prayer chain, please contact one of the following:

Gail Johnson: 741-0972

Mary Bratt: 744-2754

Office (Holly): 741-7739

## FROM STEWARDSHIP TO GENEROSITY

Jesus talked about money 250 times in the scriptures. This is more than he talked about prayer! So as followers of Jesus, we need to talk about money also. Now I know that talking about money frustrates some of us, but I also know, if we are to have our lives centered in Jesus that we must look at our resources through a lens of faith. Each and every part of our lives is to be examined in the light of Jesus Christ. He said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

I am asking you to prayerfully consider where your treasure is and what you wish to do with it. I don't want our decision to come from guilt. I pray you will think about money from a position of faith. This commitment is a response in gratitude for God's blessings in our lives.

I have often asked myself why congregations are afraid to pledge. This is between God and you and you will not be judged here for what you decide to pledge. If you give only when you attend worship, perhaps you could pledge to give even when you are not here. Perhaps you could pledge a tithe of 1% of your net. Or even take a leap of faith and try to pledge 10%. Perhaps you could try to tithe for ninety days just to get a sense of what that means. Perhaps you give to many charities and causes but could consider your giving to the church first.

I am always available for conversations around these aspects of faith. May you be blessed as you bless others in your life and faith.

*~Pastor Mickey*

## SAFE SANCTUARIES

Peace is committed to making our congregation a safe place where children, youth, and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of Faith. Peace will be implementing a policy and covenant to do everything in our power to prevent physical, emotional or sexual abuse against children, youth, and adults from vulnerable populations involved in any ministry sponsored by our local church.

Safe Gatherings is an abuse prevention and boundary awareness program developed to certify applicants to work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Peace UMC will require all those who serve in a role of leadership with children, youth, and adults from vulnerable populations to complete the ©Safe Gatherings abuse prevention and boundary awareness on-line training program through The Minnesota Annual Conference.

The Minnesota Annual Conference contracts with Safe Gatherings to provide access to an online program that enables churches to meet their screening and training responsibilities for those who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Training may be completed anytime, anywhere using the online system. Applicants may complete the training modules at their own pace. The training typically takes about 1.5 hours to complete. These practices pertain to those serving consistently in direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. .

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Peace UMC Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Come to learn what Peace has done this past year; Come to meet the church leaders; Come for fellowship; come to learn what Peace has to offer you and where you may become involved in the ministries of the church. Come to share a meal after the conference.

## NEW HEATING SYSTEM

Barr Engineering has conducted a Preliminary Heating System Evaluation that included an estimation for: the potential savings for switching the primary heating system from public utility steam to a natural-gas-fired circulating hot-water system; and the potential savings for improving the building insulation to retain heat. The potential savings for switching was evaluated by reviewing the monthly consumption and cost data PUMC provided (May 2106 – May 2017). This data was compiled and the total and average energy consumption for the building was determined. The annual steam cost was determined to be \$14,548. The estimated annual cost for heating with gas was determined to be \$6,878. The potential annual savings for switching to natural gas are \$7,022. (The full report is available in the Office)

A proposal from Bob Hecimovich Mechanical Contracting Inc to install a natural gas boiler has been approved by the Administrative Council at its October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project was quoted at a price not to exceed \$55,000.00. Included in this price are two high efficiency Natural Gas Fire Tube Boilers, with full warranty and a full maintenance warranty for the first year.

The work to start the conversion will not start until the spring of 2018. An advance from the Endowments to purchase the two natural gas boilers at a cost of \$15,000 was approved by the Administrative Council. There will be further discussion to conduct a Capital Campaign in 2018.

## CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY FOR SPRING 2018

The Membership Committee is working on a picture Directory for Peace United Methodist Church. Our goal is to have it available for the spring of 2018.

Mark and Ellen Hedlund have generously offered to take the pictures of congregation members. We have set aside the following dates for photo sessions:

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 9:50 am

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 11:10 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:10 am – 1:00 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the library or call the Office to slot you in. Please sign-up as early as possible. The sessions are scheduled in 10 minute increments. Please be prompt and ready to have your photo taken at the designated time.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Hartline at 780-8971 or Kathy Rice at 749-6898.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the continuation of one's faith journey and the beginning of one's covenant relationship with the church - not the end. Confirmands will be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service, small groups, and involvement in other ministries. Our hope is these people will emerge from their confirmation experience prepared for a life of Christian Discipleship.

Classes will a bi-weekly, one hour Wednesday evening class at 4:00 pm beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## PORCH

### 5:00 PM - Dinner

Nov 1	Pasties, Coleslaw, Pumpkin Bars (Served by the Masons)
Nov 8	Chili (sour cream/cheese), Corn Bread & Honey Butter, Veggies & Dip, pudding & wafer
Nov 15	Tuna Casserole, Waldorf Salad, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Blondie Bars & Ice Cream
Nov 22	NO PORCH
Nov 29	Chicken Alfredo, Jell-O (carrots & celery), Green Beans, Bread

### 6:00 PM

#### Adult Groups

Nov 1	Book Study, "Why?" by Adam Hamilton	Yoga
Nov 8	Book Study, "Why?" by Adam Hamilton	Yoga
Nov 15	Book Study, "Why?" by Adam Hamilton	Yoga
Nov 22	NO PORCH	
Nov 29	MUSIC	Yoga

### 6:00 PM

#### Children (5-11)

#### Youth (12-18)

Nov 1	Baking – Cookie Dough Pizza	Halloween Party
Nov 8	Activity – Parachutes and Ladders	Practice – Bell Ringing
Nov 15	Craft – "Let's Say Thanks"	Bell Ringing @ TBD
Nov 22	NO PORCH	
Nov 29	Movie – <i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Movie – <i>Charlotte's Web</i>

## WORSHIP

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 5<sup>th</sup>

On All Saints Day, we will be honoring and remembering those who have passed with a special candle lighting and blessing as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us .

### HANGING OF THE GREENS – December 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 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 BAKE SALES

The Red Bird Mission Team is back fundraising for their 2018 mission trip! The Group will be selling their baked goods on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and possibly November 19<sup>th</sup> downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

### CHOIR APPRECIATION DINNER

We are honoring and celebrating the choir and musicians of Peace UMC with dinner following Worship on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome! The menu will be ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole and salad. There will be a pie table for dessert and we are asking all who are able to contribute a pie.

## **POTICA**

Just in time for Christmas! Sandy LaBarre and all her helpers will be making Potica on Thursday, November 30th and Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All are invited to join in the making and the baking. Do what you can; come for the fellowship! Sign Up (to help) and Order sheets will be in the Library. \$12.00 for an 8" and \$20 for a 13"

## **HEIFER PROJECT**

The Mission Project for the Sunday School Class is the Heifer Project. Their goal is to raise \$240.00 to purchase two sheep.

## **BLOOD DRIVE - at Peace UMC, Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Thank you to Peace UMC volunteers and the community for a super successful blood drive with the American Red Cross! We made our goal of 20 units saving up to 60 lives! I appreciate the chance to develop the Red Cross blood drive program in your community. We can't do what we need to do to save lives for our hospitals and patients. I thank you. I bless you all and I hope we can do this again in the next months ahead.

Thank you! Amy Kronig, Account Manager, Donor Recruitment

# **OUTREACH**

## **COMMUNITY CONNECT**

The Outreach Ministry Committee took part in our local Community Connect on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a great time reaching out, and visiting with people of all ages. Around one hundred people visited the PUMC table. We gave away granola bars and juice boxes, and shared information about PORCH. Thank you to all who donated jackets for this event. They were well received. We had a very positive response at Community Connect, and we are looking forward to participating next year.

## **HOMELESS SHELTER FUNDRAISER PANCAKE FEED**

AEOA is sponsoring a pancake fundraiser on Black Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Mt. Iron Community Center. All proceeds will go to AEOA's homeless shelters on the Iron Range. Let us (AEOA) feed you while you support families in need.

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

We will be asking the Congregation to take part in the Giving Tree for the Youth Foyer this year. More information will be given in the December newsletter.

## **FOOD SHELF BOX**

Thank you for your continued support of our Church Food Shelf. We have people in need of food coming in weekly. Presently, we are low on: soups with flip top lids, Pasta Meals with flip top lids, and Tuna/cracker packages (can be found at Menard's or Dollar Tree).

## **PRAYER SHAWLS**

Have you seen our beautiful display of prayer shawls in the Narthex? Connie Rabideaux and Lorraine Mattson are overseeing this caring ministry. Could you or someone you know use the comfort of a prayer shawl? Please feel free to help yourself. Contact Connie or Lorraine if you'd like to make/donate shawls.

## **UMCOR EARLY RESPONSE TEAMS (ERT)**

Pam Omersa and Diana Wallert attended the Duluth Mission Summit in September. They learned UMCOR ERTs are desperately needed. We are scheduled to do an ERT Training at Peace UMC on Saturday, December 2nd. We will give more information on this as soon as we receive it.

## CHURCH STUFF

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

A new Church Directory is available for pick up on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

### **CHURCH DOORS AND LIGHTS**

To Everyone, please be sure the outside doors are locked and tightly shut and the lights are turned off when leaving the building.

### **MULTI-USE FACILITY**

As a reminder to everyone, we are a multi-use facility. We have many people using all of the rooms of the church building. Please be welcoming and gracious as we share our space with each other. Please remember to write your event on the church calendar (in the Library) to prevent double booking rooms.

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

	September	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
<b>Cash balance @ Begin of Month</b>	<b>1,146.43</b>	1,760.96	5,939.53
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Congregation Offering	13,812.32	109,597.81	108,809.14
Building Usage	200.00	845.00	776.00
Capital Project Funds	-	4,784.00	5,000.00
Church Groups	-	953.00	404.00
Benevolent Giving Income	(471.38)	5,715.87	5,980.15
Fundraiser Income	-	3,442.21	4,043.40
Memorial Funds	830.00	45,837.00	211,710.00
New Ministry Funds	-	13,200.00	20,000.00
Other Income	-	200.00	-
	<b>14,370.94</b>	<b>184,574.89</b>	<b>356,722.69</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Apportionments/Other Askings	2,007.48	17,178.80	12,103.36
Capital Project Expenditures	-	41,355.30	20,804.08
Church Operations	1,325.64	35,380.40	30,222.66
Church Programs	2,756.71	11,808.04	8,185.31
Benevolent Giving Expenses	(1,095.96)	4,000.63	5,893.71
Administrative Expenses	354.79	4,453.86	6,427.14
Staff Expenses	9,138.69	93,345.16	90,787.95
	<b>(14,487.35)</b>	<b>(207,522.19)</b>	<b>(174,424.21)</b>
<b>Other (Receivables)/Payables</b>			
Payroll Withholdings	<b>(57.03)</b>	<b>139.56</b>	<b>(298.16)</b>
<b>Funds transferred from (to) savings</b>			
Endowment Advances	-	8,770.00	20,000.00
Money Market Savings	1,125.00	9,496.10	2,920.58
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	(2,812.50)	(1,458.50)
New Ministries Savings	442.59	1,074.60	(3,583.69)
Memorials Savings	(820.00)	5,926.66	(204,953.62)
	<b>435.09</b>	<b>22,454.86</b>	<b>(187,075.23)</b>
<b>Cash Balance at End of Month</b>	<b>1,408.08</b>	<b>1,408.08</b>	<b>864.62</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>			
General Checking		1,408.08	864.62
Money Market Savings		7,584.49	19,029.01
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		9,877.69	6,123.75
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		13,638.70	19,994.14
New Ministries Savings		14,843.92	206,140.64
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>47,643.05</b>	<b>252,442.33</b>
<b>Endowment Accounts</b>			
Peac UMC		463,528.56	443,918.87
Aho/Appel		147,076.90	105,739.27
* Parsonage		116,446.23	115,691.41
		<b>727,051.69</b>	<b>665,349.55</b>
** Appel Outreach		134,310.86	-
Change in Market Value		87,338.28	27,281.50
<b>Total Endowments</b>		<b>948,700.83</b>	<b>692,631.05</b>

- \* 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.