



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



The Methodist Messenger

October 2017

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
David Stanaway
Petra Hagberg

Thought for the month:

It's a relationship, not a religion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
8	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21:33-46
15	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
22	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

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

1	Doris Knoll/Virginia Peterson
8	Kay Ryan/Diane Walz
15	John/Mary Bratt
22	Kay Chapik/Virginia Askew
29	Holly Lundgren/Carol Thomas

USHERS

John/Mary Bratt
Joy Stanaway/Betty Culbert
Iris Teasck/Joanne Foster
Tom Johnson/John Bratt
Aho Family

LITURGIST

Ann Voss
Marshall Bergerson
Val Wier
Kathy Krog
Shannon Malovrh

COFFEE AN'

1	Byrl Norlander/Sue Gilpin
8	Marshall Bergerson/Jeff/Sarah Teasck
15	Mary Williams/Connie Rabideaux
22	Virginia Peterson/Derek/Shelley Aho
29	Shirley Woodward/Tom/Gail Johnson

COMMUNION

October	Mary/Al Williams
November	Diana Wallert/Jack Haugen
December	Kathy Rice/Kelly Dahl

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 – Jeanne Cornell	1 – Peggy Leoni	4 – Sandy La Barre
4 – Virginia Peterson	5 – Tracy Gasperlin	8 – Ina Williams
10 – Kay Chapik	12 – Scott Smith	14 – Laura Bachschneider
15 – Velura Kellner	15 – Margie Smith	17 – Joseph Gasperlin
18 – Catherine Branville	20 – Sara Smith	22 – Lorraine Mattson
22 – Charlene Wilson	23 – Faith LaBarre	24 – Tom Johnson
24 – Nancy Stanaway	25 – Avis Norton	26 – Eric Venier
29 – Pastor Mickey	30 – Char Cremers	31 – Iris Teasck

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



From the Pastor

What an exciting and busy month it has been. It feels so good to be back. Sunday worship has been energizing. PORCH has begun and we had 76 people sharing a meal. We had great music and the children had a great time in the bouncy house. We are reaching out into our community and I believe this is what Jesus asks us to do. This is our main mission as the church and we need the support of the whole church in order for us to continue this very vital ministry. We have had a good core of volunteers and they are doing a wonderful job. How could you participate? What is holding you back?

I am reminded that we cannot hold still. The world needs the church. The Range needs this church to lead the way in making disciples. So where are we going next? What do we need to do to get there? And how do we take everyone with us to the next stage? What do we need to keep doing and what do we leave behind to get where we are going?

The Spirit is here with us, urging us on and God is smiling as we seek to do God’s will. So let us pray unceasingly for God’s will to be known here, for our mission and ministry to be clear, and for all of us to grow deeper in faith and purpose to change the world and participate in the Kingdom.

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.

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

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Do you know what the Peace UMC Prayer Chain is and what it does? A prayer chain is a specific type of prayer ministry. It consists of a group of people willing to take time to pray when the chain is “activated.” The purpose of the prayer chain is to give each member of the congregation immediate contact to the prayers and the support of the members of the chain.

How does the Prayer Chain work? If you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone you know – call Gaily, Mary or the Church to notify the Prayer Chain. Members of the Prayer Chain are organized into a prearranged order. When someone calls a member of the chain with a prayer need, that member prays and then calls the next member on the list. The second member then prays and notifies the next member. This continues until the entire chain has been activated.

The Prayer Chain Ministry is an opportunity to do something for the Lord and our church. You don’t need any special talents or a lot of time. You won’t be required to teach or prepare a lesson. You won’t need to attend special meetings. All you need to be able to do – is pray – and we can all do that. Have you experienced the power of prayer? Perhaps you may want to be involved in our Prayer Chain ministry?

PORCH

What is PORCH? The Acronym stands for People Offering Relationships Community and Hope. At PORCH, we aren't preaching to the people as to what he or she "needs" to believe or what he or she "needs" to do. We are meeting the people and getting to know them - where they are. People 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.

THIS MONTH AT PORCH

5:00 PM - Dinner

Oct 4	Tater Tot Casserole, Veggie/Dip, Rolls, Jello Salad, Lemon Bars, Beverages
Oct 11	Chicken Patty on Bun, Pasta Salad, Chips/Dip, Fruit Salad, Beverages
Oct 18	Beef Stroganoff, Corn, Veggies/Dip, Roll, Ice Cream, Beverages
Oct 25	Pork Noodle Hot Dish, Pretzel Salad, Rolls, Jello Poke Cake, Beverages

6:00 PM - Adult Groups

Oct 4	EMT – Dusty Erickson	Yoga	
Oct 11	Discussion	Yoga	
Oct 18	Fire Prevention – Chris Clark	Yoga	Book Study, "Why?" by Adam Hamilton
Oct 25	MUSIC	Yoga	Book Study, "Why?" by Adam Hamilton

6:00 PM – Children (5-11)

Oct 4	Baking Pumpkin Pop Tarts
Oct 11	Activity – Jump Ropes/Obstacles
Oct 18	Craft – Fireman Hat
Oct 25	MOVIE – <i>Stuart Little</i>

6:00 PM – Youth (12-18)

Oct 4	Game Night – Ice Breakers
Oct 11	Halloween Party Planning
Oct 18	Kitchen Safety/Halloween Party Planning
Oct 25	MOVIE – <i>Stuart Little</i>

Our goal is to build real, authentic relationships with people. As we grow in our faith as disciples of Jesus, we should become more selfless, having greater concern and care for the world and the people around us. This care and concern should begin to manifest itself in our relationships.

Any healthy relationship requires a consistent investment of time. Consistent means that our interaction is not transactional. We are not simply trying to get others to attend church. We need to have real desire to know them as a person and are committed to being in relationship with them as our neighbor, even if they don't attend our church.

We are inviting everyone from Peace to come to PORCH. Come for dinner; come to meet and get to know others from the congregation as well as the community. Participate in the activities. Come help prepare or serve dinner, come help with the activities. Have an idea for small group discussions, craft projects, or outreach missions, share your ideas with the PORCH Team.

WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Worship Commission would like to implement an added feature to the All Saints Sunday service on November 5, 2017. For those families who have lost a loved one during this past year we ask that, if you wish, to please send/bring in/email a photo of your loved one to the church office by Oct. 27th. Each photo will be displayed on the monitors as his/her name is read and a candle is lit."

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 is 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!)

October 29th 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.

REACH*RENEW*REJOICE INITIATIVE (RRR)

Why do we need to reach out to new people? Why don't they just come to church on their own? Because: they can't; they don't; they tried that once and it didn't work out so well. Why does Peace UMC support R*R*R? Because the Great Commission from Christ does not tell us to sit around and wait for people to come to us; it commands us to GO! So what do we have to do to make our church a place that works with them, that cares for them, that doesn't scare them so they can stay and reap the blessings of God's love? What would our church be like if all of our effectiveness was judged according to the Great Commission?

RRR is a Minnesota conference initiative to fund a 7-year plan for congregational development. Through congregation vitality programs, RRR is helping churches to Reach new people; Renew the church; Rejoice in what God can and will do through us.

RRR is helping churches much like PEACE UMC to revitalize its congregation through worship, leadership, and relational ministries. We are growing in our relationship with God, learning to look outward, outside our walls to reach all people, people who have never gone to church, people who have left a church, people who are looking for something meaningful in their life.

Peace is asking you for a second level of giving to support this vital and important program of the Conference. Peace became a Spiritual Vision Partner with the RRR Initiative in 2015. We made a five year giving commitment of \$4,000.00/year through 2019.

CHURCH STUFF

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new Church Directory will be printed and will be available for pick up at the end of October. Please be sure the Office has your correct address, phone number and email.

CHURCH DOORS AND LIGHTS

To Everyone, please be sure the outside doors are locked and tightly shut and the lights are turned off when you leave 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 to prevent double booking rooms.

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

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Coffee an'

We are excited so many are coming together for coffee an' fellowship on Sunday mornings! At the August Ad Council meeting it was decided to have the Church purchase the doughnuts each week for the servers.

For Coffee an Hosts, Peace has a standing order of donuts at Super One North that will be available for pick up on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. Peace has an account with Super One and you may charge the donut purchase to the church.

BOOK STUDY: *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*, by Adam Hamilton

Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation?

In *Why?*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him.

God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering.

While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy

Pastor Mickey will be holding a five week Book Study on Thursdays, Beginning October, 19th at 10:00 am in the Library; Books will be available in the Library; please sign up to get your copy – cost is \$9.00. The Book Study will also be held during PORCH, beginning October 18th at 6:00 pm!

THE EVENT 2017 – NAMED AND CLAIMED

Inviting all fifth through ninth grade Minnesota United Methodist youth and their friends to a weekend of fun that includes the band Boiling Point, a service project, a film festival, swimming, worship, games, and much more. The theme is "Named and Claimed."

The Event will be held Friday, November 3, 2017 to Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. To Register or if you have questions, contact McKenzie at 218-780-6102 or mckenziefossell@gmail.com. Registration must be into the McKenzie by October 9th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event sponsored by the church, where people gather and park their cars in the parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

The best way to plan your trunk is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume.

Sometimes you pick a theme and throw things together. Can't be a part of the Trunk or Treat, donate some candy for the trunkers!

CHARGE CONFERENCE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 5:00 PM

The Annual Peace UMC Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 pm. More information will be in the November Newsletter.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

Neither the rain nor the darkness of the early morning deterred a group of hearty helpers from serving coffee and donuts to over 60 individuals on September 5th. What started out as an idea to give a cup of coffee and a donut to busy parents bringing their children to school on the first day, grew to inviting people on their way to work or just going about their day.

We set up our supplies in the church parking lot and had people stationed there to deliver coffee and donuts as our guests drove through the parking lot. We also took turns standing at the entrances of the parking lot and on the corner to help direct people and just give a friendly wave to people who passed by. As our church is on a busy corner, there were a lot of cars and buses full of excited kids headed to their first day of the new school year. We waved to everyone and it was heartwarming to have people wave back, smile and often give us a thumbs up.

We even had a couple of cars stop who had the family dog along to help the kids start out on their new adventure. It is rumored that our pastor treated one of the dogs to a donut.

Next year we have plans to do this again with hopes of serving more people and will include treats for our canine visitors. If anyone is looking for a fun, uplifting experience, please keep this in mind for next year and join us!

OUTREACH MINISTRY – Diana Wallert, Outreach Ministry Chairperson

Recently, Pastor Mickey, Holly, Chris Johnson, McKenzie, and I had the pleasure of attending a Renewal Institute at the Hubbard United Methodist Church near Park Rapids. It was an exhilarating experience! We left the 2 day Institute feeling totally inspired and full of positive energy. We each attended general sessions together, and breakout sessions separately. The sessions were hosted by churches that are growing and thriving throughout Minnesota. We all agreed, as we compared what we learned, that every one of these churches shared with us that their success came through PRAYER, OUTREACH- BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH WALLS, LISTENING, and BUILDING STRONG TEAMS WITHIN THE CHURCH. As the Outreach Ministry Chairperson, I feel very strongly about these commitments. We will continue to support East Range Academy of Technology and Science (ERATS), the Youth Foyer, and others in need.

OCTOBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Saturday, October 7, @ 9:00 AM – ERATS 9th Annual Atomic Dash 5K; YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN!! Let's get a group together and share fellowship while helping the school raise scholarship funds. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students if you pre-register. You don't have to get pledges. Registration forms are available on the school website: www.mnerats.org. or contact Diana Wallert at 218-404-6232 or dlwallert@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 19, 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM- Northern St. Louis County Community Connect. This is a free event that serves rural individuals and households that are struggling to make ends meet. This event will provide people with items that meet their immediate needs, such as food, personal care items, and more. Our Outreach Ministry will be at this event. Would you like to help with this outreach through your ideas, time or in another way?

I encourage everyone to participate in any small way you can. Please contact me with any questions. My phone number is 218 404-6232. My email is dlwallert@gmail.com Thank you for your support.

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

OUR PEACE FAMILY

First – Thank you to everyone who remembered our 50th anniversary and sent emails or cards. It was fun hearing from so many!

Our summer has been busy!! We started by working at our UMC Camp Koronis near Paynesville, MN. We were in Alaska July 20 – August 4th, 3 Maritime Provinces August 28th – September 8th, Annual NOMADS meeting in Iowa September 16 – 24, Now Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham IL.

We did a mission trip to Gambell on St Lawrence Island, 30 miles from Russia. My brother from OR organized it. His son from WA and his daughter from ND were along. We had 8 people on the team. We worked on the inside of a new Presbyterian church on the island. It was a wonderful experience. When we got back to Anchorage on the 29th, we rented a car; my brother took us several places – he lived in Alaska for 25 years, visited his other son in AK. Then we were on our own to ‘drive around’, saw the very tip of Denali, glaciers and lots of trees – no moose or bears in the wild. We flew from Minneapolis – Seattle – Anchorage – Kotzebue (north of the Arctic Circle) – Nome – Gambell. It was the trip of a life time. We have a ‘smart’ phone now so have about 1200+ pictures!!

On the 28th we flew to Nova Scotia for a Road Scholar (formerly known as Elderhostel) trip for our 50th anniversary. We went with friends from Ohio who also celebrated their 50th in August! It was a fun trip: lots of history, saw lots of trees and ocean water; ate lots of good food and even some lobster!! We saw parts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward’s Island. We had left our motorhome at their house in Lancaster Ohio.

Then we went to Amana Iowa for our annual NOMADS meeting. Lots of old friends to catch up with. There were 300 people in attendance. We had local tours and seminars. Sunday evening they had a memorial service for the 15 NOMADS who had passed away in the last 12 months.

Now we are in Chatham IL at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We don’t know exactly what work we will be doing but we are guessing it may have something to do with the recent disasters! Keep those supplies coming for the cleaning buckets!!

Wishing you a very nice Fall and Winter coming up!! Hope this finds everyone doing fine. Take care.

Love, Avis and Gary Norton

BLOOD DRIVE - at Peace UMC, Tuesday, October 3rd – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Peace is hosting a Virginia Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, October 3rd from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For this to be a successful Blood Drive, we need donors! If you are a blood donor or are interested in becoming one, you can register by email (office@peaceumc.us) or call the Office. Encourage your family and friends to donate. Appointments are in 15 minute increments beginning at Noon! Giving blood saves lives and it is something that one person can give to another.

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

	August	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
Cash balance @ Begin of Month	4,647.34	1,760.96	5,939.53
Cash Receipts			
Congregation Offering	11,055.40	95,785.49	98,118.37
Building Usage	130.00	645.00	776.00
Capital Project Funds	-	4,784.00	5,000.00
Church Groups	100.00	953.00	404.00
Benevolent Giving Income	160.00	6,187.25	5,890.15
Fundraiser Income	-	3,442.21	4,043.40
Memorial Funds	2,215.00	45,007.00	211,710.00
New Ministry Funds	-	13,200.00	20,000.00
Other Income	(1,200.00)	200.00	-
	12,460.40	170,203.95	345,941.92
Cash Disbursements			
Apportionments/Other Askings	1,759.42	15,171.32	12,103.36
Capital Project Expenditures	943.57	41,355.30	20,804.08
Church Operations	1,780.21	34,054.76	29,664.32
Church Programs	746.25	9,051.33	5,280.16
Benevolent Giving Expenses	263.47	5,096.59	5,863.71
Administrative Expenses	584.59	4,099.07	6,194.40
Staff Expenses	8,219.47	84,206.47	79,364.84
	(14,296.98)	(193,034.84)	(159,274.87)
Other (Receivables)/Payables			
Payroll Withholdings	103.17	196.59	(289.33)
Funds transferred from (to) savings			
Endowment Advances	-	8,770.00	20,000.00
Money Market Savings	400.00	8,371.10	1,608.08
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	(2,500.00)	(1,146.00)
New Ministries Savings	-	632.01	(6,573.75)
Memorials Savings	(1,855.00)	6,746.66	(204,953.62)
	(1,767.50)	22,019.77	(191,065.29)
Cash Balance at End of Month	1,146.43	1,146.43	1,251.96
Cash Accounts			
General Checking		1,146.42	1,251.96
Money Market Savings		8,708.83	20,339.91
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		9,564.02	5,810.45
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		12,817.63	19,992.50
New Ministries Savings		15,285.26	209,113.52
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
Total Cash		47,812.33	256,798.51
Endowment Accounts			
Peac UMC		463,528.56	442,481.23
Aho/Appel		146,912.20	105,634.24
* Parsonage		116,446.23	115,450.05
		726,886.99	663,565.52
** Appel Outreach		134,164.05	-
Change in Market Value		73,616.09	26,410.48
Total Endowments		934,667.13	689,976.00

- * 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.