



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



# The Methodist Messenger

## September 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 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

### 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:

Alone time with God  
is some of the best time  
we can have

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

3	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
10	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
17	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 15:1-11. 20-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
24	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105:1-6,37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

## 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

3	Betsy Erickson/Kelly Dahl
10	Chris/Jessica Clark
17	Craig/Chris Johnson
24	Roger/Carole Summers
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Doris Knoll/Virginia Peterson</b>

### USHERS

Jack/Sandy LaBarre
Derek/Shelley Aho Family
Jeff/Sarah Teasck Family
Marshall Bergerson/Gary Picek
<b>John/Mary Bratt</b>

### LITURGIST

Terri Hilar
Nancy Wright
Lynda Alar
Kathy Krog
<b>Ann Voss</b>

### COFFEE AN'

3	NO COFFEE AN'
10	Chris/Jessica Clark/Jerry/Paulette Pfremer
17	Ken/Shirley Wellman/Diane Hawley
24	Derek/Shelley Aho/Paul/Val Wier
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Marshall Bergerson/Jeff/Sarah Teasck</b>

### COMMUNION

September	Shirley/Ken Wellman
October	Mary/Al Williams
November	Kathy/Dale Krog
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 – Patsy Kardell	1 – Annabelle Thomas	4 – Byrl Norlander
5 – Keven Rice	6 – Holly Bachschneider	10–Jessica Lyngaas-Clark
11 – Paul Bachschneider	14 – Diane Hansen	15 – Miranda Beise
20 – Joyce Chapman	20 – Gary Norton	21 – Gary Picek
25 – Chris Clark	25 – Ellie Teasck	26 – Sandy Bennett
26 – Anneka Lundgren	30 – Laurel Roen	

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

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## From the Pastor

I am sitting here looking out the cabin window at the lake wondering where the summer went. It took me over a month to relax and sit still. I did finish several projects that had been hanging over my head and was able to do some fun painting. We did have a busy summer with several visits by out of town relatives. It was nice to be with them and not have to worry about work and writing a sermon. I read about forty books; my favorite thing to do. I sat on the dock, swam, kayaked, floated, walked and pondered. I put myself in the presence of God and listened. I watched the birds, loons and a family of geese grow up on the lake. The fresh air helped me to sleep soundly and to awaken refreshed.

It was with deep sadness and grief that I was unable to provide or attend funerals of very dear people, or to tell them goodbye and let them know what a difference they had made in my life. It was hard for me to not stop in and ask how things were going. From what I hear things have gone well and the leadership was strong and healthy without my presence. (I knew they would be)

As I prepare to return, I am thinking about where we are going as a church and how we will get there. I know we need to look to God and submit to God's will for all of our activities. We are making a difference in our community. We have seen that when we work together for a common purpose, we can do miracles. If you haven't experienced PORCH, I hope you will come this year. I pray you may consider a book or Bible study to assist you in your faith journey. There are many opportunities to serve the church and I pray you consider how you may serve.

I am excited to return and I thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul for this gift of time to renew, refresh, and revive. Kim and I have had a great time off together and we are so grateful that I serve a congregation that is so healthy and faithful.

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)

### 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

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.

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.

How does the Prayer Chain work? Members 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.

Have you experienced the power of prayer? Perhaps you may want to be involved in our Prayer Chain ministry?

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**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!**

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Fall is in the air! This season, don't fall into the old, back-to-school, back-to-work routine. Celebrate the season with us and ignite your spiritual life! Join us with warm fellowship on those cool autumn Sundays for meaningful worship with messages that are relevant and inspiring, as well as uplifting music and a loving and educational children's program. Invite someone to join us! Come as you are and leave even better!

**BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS**

We are starting the school year with blessings and prayers for our kids, their teachers and administrators. Kids bring your back packs, teachers bring your briefcase/school bag and anybody else who would like to receive a blessing and prayer for the start of a new school year!

**SUPER HERO SUNDAY IS COMING**

Calling all **SUPER** Sunday School Students! (ages 3-12)  
Come and help us celebrate Jesus as our **SUPERHERO** as we begin our Sunday School year.  
We'll have **SUPER** fun with a variety of **SUPER** activities, and, of course, a **SUPER** snack!  
Wear your **SUPERHERO** costume and be part of the fun. It will be a **SUPER** time!

Love, ~Your **SUPER** Sunday School Leaders

**SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PORCH CARNIVAL KICK-OFF EVENT**  
**COME SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!!**

Join us beginning Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for our sloppy Joe Dinner and Carnival Kick-off Event. We will have Music by the "No Notes," a bounce house, parachute, cotton candy and popcorn to celebrate the start of PORCH's 2<sup>nd</sup> Season!

**What is PORCH?** The Acronym stands for People Offering Relationship 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 them 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.

**What does PORCH look like?** Join on us on Wednesday's for a meal and find out! Share your story and fellowship with folks over dinner, come upstairs for music, join a discussion group, book study, yoga class or art project. There is something for everyone.

**Who comes to PORCH?** All ages; in our first year, we had college students, young parents with kids, grandparents, working age folks, people with special needs, folks looking for support, friendship, a place to get involved, a place to belong, to ask questions and to share ideas, all in a safe environment.

Bring the whole family. There will be a staffed nursery for the little ones, children's activities for elementary ages, and a youth group for the teens!

We will have community talks, and we will ask for YOUR ideas on how we can build better relationships, both in the community and among our own families. There will be opportunities to help others, learn new skills, and explore what faith looks like to me and to you. Come Grow With Us!

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## OUR PEACE FAMILY

❖ *Dear Friends*

*Thank you for partnering with Heifer International. We have received \$400.00 from your group of donors. The end of extreme poverty is within our grasp, and your help matters. Your commitment to helping others gives hope to families who once struggled with hunger and poverty and provides the foundation for strong families.*

*Families in rural places like Peru, India and Ghana have more secure futures to look forward to as well, because of your generosity. Best of all, through Heifer's tradition of Passing on the Gift, your gift will be multiplied for many seasons to come.*

*Thank you for investing in Heifer International to help make a better world – one family at a time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Pierre U. Ferrari*

*President and CEO*

❖ *Thanks everyone for the wonderful shower! We are so blessed to have so many people who love us and these babes (Suvi and Henrik)! Cat and Gary Branville*

❖ *The family of Phyllis Seinola expresses their deep gratitude for the beautiful Memorial Service for our Mother. We especially thank Pastor Mickey for providing her kind words for the service. You have been Mom's church family for more than 65 years and your support and expression of sympathy are appreciated.*

*Jill Seinola and Jean Seinola*

❖ *Happy Anniversary to Gary and Avis (Saxowsky) Norton who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 26<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to wish them a Happy Anniversary their address is: 18902 Highway 63, Hayes, SD 57537*

## 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

### **1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

We are reaching out to the community on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> with coffee and doughnuts! We are providing a quick and easy drive-thru for those dropping off kids on the first day of school, on their way to work or are just out! And for those who are 1<sup>st</sup> time parents with kids going to school or off to college, a place to gather for fellowship and support (or to celebrate)!!

### **Red Bird Mission**

"For it is in giving that we receive." Francis of Assisi

I think you would find all Red Bird volunteers would attest to this truth. After a full day of often very warm and tiring work, we return with a sense of satisfaction from helping someone who really needs our help; a sense of in some small way improving their life/lives. It's a good feeling: one that has kept many volunteers returning year after year after year.

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We are excited to be nearing our trip, being at the site the week of September 17-23. We've let them know our skill set (5 with carpentry skills and a gofer: we can't all be skilled!), and are now waiting to hear our assignment. It's possible we'll be working at the mission site this year, as they have a number of projects to make a building usable year round and another accessible by ramp. We're ready for wherever they need us.

Thank you to all of you who have supported us through our bake sales, luncheon and white elephant sale, to make this trip possible. We would appreciate continued support through your prayers, as we make our Kentucky trip.

Blessings,

Betsy Erickson, Connie Rabideaux, Terry Hilar, Carter Hagen, Mark Knudson, and Pam Omersa

### **Red Bird Mission Team Outreach**

The Red Bird Mission Team will be bringing **gently used** and **freshly washed** clothing (ready to be hung on a hanger) to the Red Bird Thrift Store in Kentucky. These items will be sold to those in need at a minimal cost. Donations will be collected in the Narthex (Lobby) through Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will gladly pick up your items if you are unable to bring them to the church. Contact Pam Omersa (218-259-2615) or Terry Hilar (218-865-5033). Thank you for supporting our United Methodist Mission!!

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

We are fortunate to have meaningful worship services each Sunday! This is made possible by the inspiring messages, uplifting music and fellowship, but it is also because of those who help each week. Peace's Worship Helper Ministry is growing and we have many opportunities for you to participate in. We are encouraging everyone to find a place to share his/her gifts and passions that will help you to grow in your walk with God and to deepen your relationship with Christ.

#### **Choir -Calling all Singers:**

All who love to sing are cordially invited to join the Peace United Methodist Choir for their 2017-18 Season. No auditions are necessary. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights from 7-8:00PM, beginning on September 6, 2017. Our first Sunday service will be September 24. Then for the rest of the year, we will sing on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. (October - April). If you have any questions, contact Jeanene at 290-0790. I'll see you then...

#### **Communion Stewards**

Communion: the sacrament that provides spiritual nourishment. Communion: a family meal; a meal that makes us one. Communion: the Lord's table and all are welcome here. Peace is looking for individuals to team together to help prepare and serve this important meal on Communion Sundays. Each team would serve one Sunday in 2018. There will be an informational meeting and training in October for those who are currently a communion steward and for those who may be interested but need to know what the responsibilities are. Questions, contact Shirley Woodward. (248-8160)

#### **Liturgists**

Pastor Mickey will be at the Pulpit September 3<sup>rd</sup> and with her return, she will begin and lead the worship service! (Liturgists will be responsible for the scripture readings)

#### **Coffee an'**

We are excited so many are coming together for coffee an' fellowship on Sunday mornings! The Ad Council decided to help with the serving each Sunday by purchasing doughnuts each week for the servers. There is no Coffee An' September 3<sup>rd</sup>, this will begin September 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS**

The Group serves Dinner at the Salvation Army on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. The Group is meeting Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Adventures at 6:00 pm. The theme is "Handicraft Idea to Treasure." Bring a friend!

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## **OUTREACH MINISTRY – Diana Wallert, Outreach Ministry Chairperson**

### **Youth Foyer/ERATS/Range Transitional Housing**

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and household need to the Youth Foyer over the summer. Our donations to the Foyer residents are always appreciated. Their needs at this time are: bath towels and wash cloths; twin sheet sets; silverware, and can openers. These items do not need to be new – just in good condition. We will continue to reach out to the Youth Foyer and East Range Academy of Technology and Science (ERATS) as ongoing missions throughout the year. Also, please keep in mind that Range Transitional Housing is in need of used furniture, kitchen items, lamps, and tables of all kinds. Call Sean at 218-735-6325 for further information.

### **Peace Food Shelf Collection**

THANK YOU for the generosity you continue to show with your food and hygiene donations for our food shelf corner! Our food shelf area is full at the present time. Thank you for your overwhelming support! We'll keep you updated on this helping mission

### **Hats, Mittens, and Scarf Collection**

Winter will be here before we know it. The Outreach/Missions is collecting hats, mittens and scarves for Pine Mill Court. All sizes are needed! There is a basket in the Narthex to place your items. Thank you for your generosity – it is greatly appreciated.

### **2017 Mission Summit, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at First UMC, Duluth**

Gather with others who are interested in growing in mission best practices. Learn more about the vast networks and resources the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC has to offer you. Meet new people who want to see God's kingdom grow like you do! Contact Diana Wallert (741-2004) or the Office for more info.

## **REACH • RENEW • REJOICE INITIATIVE**

Why do we need to **REACH** out to new people? Why don't they just come on their own? Why does Peace UMC support this Bishop's Appeal? Because they can't; because they don't; because they tried that once and it didn't work out so well. Because the Great Commission from Christ does not tell us to sit around and wait; it commands us to GO! (Go make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world) So what do we have to do to make our church a place that works for 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?

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

Peace became a Spiritual Vision Partner with the R\*R\*R Initiative in 2015. This is a spiritual journey together that will strengthen our churches and our lives. Our July **Noisy Offering** Collected \$226.52 to go towards our 2017 R\*R\*R Commitment! Our support is starting new churches and revitalizing existing churches much like Peace. Through Reach • Renew • Rejoice, we will equip ourselves and our congregations to reach our children, grandchildren, and future generations. We will renew our spirits, empower passionate leadership, and revive our ministries to and with God's people. We will rejoice in the breakthroughs of God's Holy Spirit in our lives and churches as we continue increasing the number of vital congregations.

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

	July	Year-to-Date	
		2017	2016
<b>Cash balance @ Begin of Month</b>	<b>29,216.12</b>	1,760.96	5,939.53
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Congregation Offering	11,413.09	84,730.09	87,674.38
Building Usage	100.00	515.00	726.00
Capital Project Funds	-	4,784.00	5,000.00
Church Groups	400.00	853.00	404.00
Benevolent Giving Income	996.52	6,027.25	5,560.15
Fundraiser Income	(275.54)	3,442.21	3,990.40
Memorial Funds	1,755.00	42,792.00	2,610.00
New Ministry Funds	6,700.00	13,200.00	10,000.00
Other Income	-	1,400.00	-
	<b>21,089.07</b>	<b>157,743.55</b>	<b>115,964.93</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Apportionments/Other Askings	3,518.84	13,411.90	7,564.60
Capital Project Expenditures	781.67	40,411.73	18,132.11
Church Operations	3,466.32	32,274.55	24,818.95
Church Programs	569.98	8,305.08	3,782.52
Benevolent Giving Expenses	(7.00)	4,833.12	5,631.74
Administrative Expenses	494.11	3,514.48	4,862.07
Staff Expenses	9,257.06	75,987.00	68,575.61
	<b>(18,080.98)</b>	<b>(178,737.86)</b>	<b>(133,367.60)</b>
<b>Other (Receivables)/Payables</b>			
Payroll Withholdings	<b>28.96</b>	<b>93.42</b>	<b>(297.15)</b>
<b>Funds transferred from (to) savings</b>			
Endowment Advances	(10,000.00)	8,770.00	20,000.00
Money Market Savings	(4,600.00)	7,971.10	2,698.44
Parsonage Mntnc Savings	(312.50)	(2,187.50)	(2,187.50)
New Ministries Savings	(11,700.00)	632.01	(6,273.75)
Memorials Savings	(993.33)	8,601.66	795.00
	<b>(27,605.83)</b>	<b>23,787.27</b>	<b>15,032.19</b>
<b>Cash Balance at End of Month</b>	<b>4,647.34</b>	<b>4,647.34</b>	<b>3,271.90</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>			
General Checking		4,647.34	3,271.90
Money Market Savings		9,108.06	6,248.65
Parsonage Maintenance Fund		9,251.52	6,851.96
Memorial Checking		280.17	280.17
Memorial Savings		10,961.69	19,690.82
New Ministries Savings		15,283.96	16,352.25
UMFCFCC Savings		10.00	10.00
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>49,542.74</b>	<b>52,705.75</b>
<b>Endowment Accounts</b>			
Peac UMC		463,528.56	442,224.81
Aho/Appel		146,833.37	105,571.08
* Parsonage		116,446.23	114,489.74
		726,808.16	662,285.63
** Appel Outreach		134,093.66	-
Change in Market Value		74,497.93	26,990.93
<b>Total Endowments</b>		<b>935,399.75</b>	<b>689,276.56</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.

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