



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

Peace UMC Mission

Peace in our Communities,
offering healing and
wholeness to all in life's
journey.

The Methodist Messenger

November 2019

Church Office

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Summer: Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792

Note: Communion is the
1st Sunday of the month

Our Staff

Pastor	Rev. Mickey Olson
Youth Coordinator	McKenzie Fossell
PORCH Director	Rachel Bodas
Administrative Assistant	Joan Schriber
Music Director	Jeanene Hagberg
Choir Accompanist	Char Cremers
Nursery Attendant	
Custodian	

Thought for the month:

Give thanks in every situation because this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18



From the Pastor

I have been intentional about thanking God for the blessings in my life during my nightly prayers instead of my list of challenges or problems. I find I go to sleep more easily in a state of relaxed gratitude. Lately I have noticed that what at first appears to be a big problem often becomes a blessing in the way it is resolved.

This does however, require me to step back and not try to fix every problem. God is at work in all these things and God moves at the pace of God. Which is not always in my time frame. This is my personality and the way I operate. God is trying to teach me to let go and let God.

The church can learn this lesson also. Recently we were challenged when two of our musicians were out with health problems, both their own and their families. We had Laity Sunday all planned with their participation. We decided to not do some of the things we planned. It all worked out and Laity Sunday was still awesome. Everyday there are challenges here, decisions to be made, and problems that frustrate. If we let go and let God, the result is always more than we can imagine and better than any human solution.

October was a great month, we were very busy. We were also blessed in so many ways. I give thanks for each and every one of you in your seeking to be the hands and feet of Christ, in your dedication to this church and the family within it, in your reaching out and welcoming those who find their way to us, in your support through, time, talents and gifts.

This was pastor appreciation month and I want you to know how loved I feel as your pastor. Thank you for the gifts and the words of care. I hope you know what a blessing you are.

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.

Pastoral Calls: 218-343-6849
218-744-1515

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DISCIPLESHIP

“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

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Did you know we have Greeters each Sunday greeting and welcoming everyone as they arrive for Worship? Did you also know you are a Greeter as well? We want to be a church that is genuinely interested in people and has the desire to help them know and love Jesus Christ. We are encouraging everyone to build relationships and friendships. Try the following practices to help all feel welcomed!

CIRCLE OF 10

Greet and engage in conversation with everyone who comes within 10 feet of you. Make a special effort to greet our guests and the people you don't know.

RULE OF 3

It only takes three minutes for people to exit the church. The loneliest time for a guest is after the service when everyone turns to talk with their friends. Seek out our guests; Introduce them to Pastor Mickey and other congregation members; Invite them to join you for Coffee 'an; Thank them for being with us on Sunday morning.

WORSHIP SERVICE – Edgewood Vista

November 13th – (2nd Wednesday of the month) A worship service led by Pastor Mickey is held at Edgewood Vista at 10:30 am. The congregation is invited to worship and visit with the residents.

PORCH

November 6, 2019-Hannah from AEOA Youth Foyer will be joining us to tell us about the Youth Foyer. Come find out more about this great program.

November 13, 2019-Card games of all kinds will be available. Uno, Scrabble Slam, Pictureka!, ASAP, plus just regular decks of cards. Come join the fun as we shuffle through a few hands.

November 20, 2019-Devan from Green Corps will be here to tell us about Rutabaga Project, a new Gleaning Program, and ways to reduce food waste. Did you know Virginia has a community forest? Fruit trees ripe for the picking. Join us to find out more.

November 27, 2019-Thanksgiving, no PORCH

MENUS (Milk, coffee, and water are served during the meals)

November 6, 2019 Mason's Pasties and gravy, coleslaw, and bars

November 13, 2019-Boiled ham dinner, rolls, poke jello cake

November 20, 2019-Pork noodle casserole, pretzel salad, roll, pumpkin bars

MINISTRY-METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS

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November 13th (2nd Wednesday of the month): The Moonlighters serve dinner at the Salvation Army from 3:30 – 5:30.

Methodist Moonlighters was originally started many years ago as a circle for the women of the church who were unable to attend a daytime circle. We look forward to our meetings as a time of fellowship with our church friends. We serve at the Salvation Army for their suppers and ring bells for donations at Christmas time. We also help where needed at the church. We also sponsor the Spring Banquet, which we've enjoyed doing for many years.

MISSION TRIP

Red Bird Mission Update

The Red Bird team completed another successful trip to Beverly, Kentucky in September. We had a wonderful week repairing the trailer home of Angela, daughter Michelle and her fiancé Mitchell. They worked right alongside us every day, enabling us to get a lot accomplished. As is often the case in old trailers, what starts out as replacing flooring evolves into a need to first rebuild the floor from the supporting structure up. We were able to get those repairs done as well as replace a number of windows, finish work on another bedroom, trim windows, and even got to give the living room a coat of paint. We really connected with the family and also our crew leader, Pino. It was a sad Friday afternoon when we had to say our farewells. We have pictures we think you'd enjoy seeing that we plan to show at PORCH one evening.

We thank you for supporting our team through our bake sales and our bazaar and white elephant sale. We each pay part of our \$375 per person cost for the week. Our church fundraising activities plus working the concession stand at a number of Virginia hockey games, covered the balance of our costs. As it is such a long trip to Kentucky, we are considering possibly finding another mission project closer to home. We are aware of one opportunity in North Dakota and will do research into other options. It's possible one or more of you might wish to join the team, if the trip was of shorter duration. We'll let you know when we have plans for next year. We hope you'll think about it: it's an awesome, rewarding experience with the added benefit of developing close friendships with your fellow parishioners.

Wild blessings,

Betsy, Connie, Craig, Terry, Mark and Pam

OUTREACH MINISTRY-YOUTH FOYER

We will again be having our Youth Foyer outreach this Christmas. Our church has always been so generous, and the Youth Foyer residents so appreciative. We will have a tree in the lobby beginning Sunday the 24th, where you can select a tag. There will also be a box for small gifts, such as gift cards, personal care items, etc., if you prefer. Gifts will need to be returned to church by Sunday, December 15. The Sunday School children will again make cards to attach before we bring them to the Foyer. It's a great way to get all of us involved in sharing the Christmas spirit.

The Outreach Ministry committee is always looking for new members. Come check us out at our next meeting on November 4 at one pm in the library.

WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday will be celebrated on November 24th. In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new church year that begins on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation. We will be using both scripture and songs to provide an overview of the journey of the life of Christ.

SERENITY CIRCLE

Serenity Circle will be meeting four times yearly from now on. Our months will be in September, December, April and June. The decision to cut back on meetings was voted on by members at our October 10, 2019 meeting. We will no longer hold our annual Christmas Cookie sale voted on by members at our October 10, 2019 meeting also. Callers will continue to notify members of our meeting dates, time and location. Our next meeting will be held on December 12, 2019, at Park Place. This is our Christmas potluck gathering.

Thank you.
Val Wier, Secretary

THANK YOU

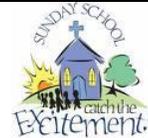
Many thanks church family for your prayers and concerns during my recent hospital stay. Your cards, texts, phone calls and visits were so appreciated!!
Blessings to all of you!

Sincerely,
Val Wier

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Highlights and Happenings



The Sunday School students have had a busy start to the school year. All students celebrated their return to Sunday School with a fun “Camp-In” event on September 15th, complete with s’mores and fun activities.

This fall, the K-5 students are learning about some of the most popular stories from the Old Testament. October’s lessons focused on the story of Moses and his journey to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Students learned about the burning bush, the parting of the Red Sea, the community in the wilderness, and the Ten Commandments.

November’s lessons will be equally exciting ones as the students learn about Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, Daniel and the Lion, and Jonah and the Fish.

Also, in mid-November, we will begin our practice/preparation for the annual Sunday School Christmas presentation, which is scheduled for December 15th during the service. The students will be performing Christmas music using the bells, something that was well received by the students and the congregation last year. Our students' attendance during the second half of November and early December for practice is very important in helping them to be prepared for the program.

Our 6th-8th grade group has increased in numbers. The students alternate with Sunday School and church attendance every other week. In mid-November, those students will also begin preparing for the Christmas presentation.

We look forward to an exciting month of activities with our great group of students!

The Sunday School Leaders

Sunday School Mission-Kids Helping Kids

"I will faithfully participate in the ministry of the Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."

These are the vows we take when we join the Methodist Church, and what we strive to teach our Sunday School students when we talk about Stewardship.

This year in Sunday School, we are encouraging our students to bring a weekly offering that is to be used for Sunday School Missions.

As our Fall/Winter Mission Project, we will be working on UMCOR School kits. UMCOR is the: United Methodist Committee on Relief," and their Midwest Mission Distribution Center sends kits free of charge to children in need in the United States.

Our goal is to complete 12 kits. Each kit will include basic classroom supplies, placed in a 2 gallon resealable plastic bag, along with \$1.00 to cover the cost of shipping. The cost of a kit is \$11.00.

Please support our Sunday School as we work towards this goal. They will be learning a valuable Stewardship lesson, as well as the joy we receive when we share our time and gifts with others!

Wild Blessings!

Ann Voss and Chris Johnson