



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

January 2020

Church Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Phone: 218-741-7739

www.peaceumc.us

E-Mail: pastor@peaceumc.us
office@peaceumc.us

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	Jerry Anderson

Thought for the month:

Ephesians 3:20

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all
that we could ask or imagine by his power at
work within us.



**From the
Pastor**

New Years blessings. I pray you all had a wonderful Christmas. It is time for me to put away last year's calendar and only use the new one. I keep my calendars for a few years so that I can look back if need be. One of my rituals is to glance back through the year before I put it in the file cabinet. What a busy church we are! I give thanks for the busy church I serve. There are many churches throughout our nation that are just hanging on. They have gone into survival mode and can't see the future with hope. We however are growing, serving and thriving. There is a spirit of joy and generosity here.

As I look at 2020 I am unsure what the future of the Methodist denomination will be. It is obvious that there will be a dividing of those who favor the traditional stance on LGBTQ issues and those who favor a more inclusive stance. We will know more after General Conference in May. I am not going to worry about it because I think in the midst of these challenges God is at work. I am asking you all to pray for our denomination and for our church as we seek to be welcoming. What will this mean for us? The one thing guaranteed is that there will always be change and changes to which we must adapt. But it is January and May is many months away.

Thank you for all of the cards and Christmas gifts this season. I am truly blessed by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

My new calendar for 2020 is filling up already and I look forward to our ministry together. May you have a new year filled with blessings.

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

E-mail: office@peaceumc.us

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

January 8th – (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.

BOOK STUDY

I will be leading a book study on the book “Word by Word” a daily spiritual practice by Marilyn McEntyre. This will take us through fifteen weeks of focusing on one word a week. Because you can enter this practice at anytime, you do not have to be there for every session. I think this is a great book that can lead us to a deeper relationship with God. We will meet on Thursdays at 11:30 starting January 16th. I look forward to our time together. Pastor Mickey

BUILDING REPAIRS

The trustees have been working diligently to find a solution to the heat system and the roof ice dam problems. The heat is working well now and we think we have solved the problem. There is still some tweaking with the air -exchange and the hot water system. There is an evaluation of heat buildup in the ceiling space causing the snow on the roof to melt and form ice dams. We are hopeful for a solution.

COFFEE AN'

It has been decided to put a basket out for donations to cover the coffee and donuts during coffee-an. If you are serving please look at the procedures sheet to see what to do with the money. If you enjoy the donuts and fellowship please consider a small donation to cover the cost. Thank you

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Sunday January 5th will be the annual visit of our District Superintendent. I invite you to welcome Laurie Kantonen to worship with us. She will meet with the congregation during coffee-an and then meet with our Staff-Parish commission and with Pastor Mickey. This is a great opportunity to get to know our North Star District Superintendent.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers needed Wednesday, January 8th and Thursday, January 9th for a house in West Eveleth. Sign up sheet in library, contact Connie Rabideaux with questions:
218-735-8800.

MINISTRY-METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS

January 8, 2019-Methodist Moonlighters serve at Salvation Army 3:30 pm-5:30 pm.
January 28, 2019-Meet at Wandering Pines, Gilbert 6:00 pm- Theme: "God amongst the pots and pans"

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.

NOISY OFFERING

The noisy offering has been moved to January 26th due to the weather on the fifth Sunday of December. The offering will be dedicated to youth group.

OFFICE NOTES-THANK YOU

Thank you for the Christmas and New Year's well wishes and allowing me to visit our son. We were blessed with safe travels to and from North Carolina and had an enjoyable time with our son and his family. I would like to thank everyone for their condolences and kind words with my father's recent passing.
Joan

OUTREACH

FIX IT FELLOWSHIP

If you'd like to assist our members with small projects to help them live safely in their homes, come join us on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm for an informational meeting. Projects we might help with could include anything from changing light bulbs and smoke detector batteries, to fixing a railing or repairing a dripping faucet. We would provide the labor only; any costs incurred would be the resident's responsibility. A sign-up sheet is in the library. If you previously expressed interest and are no longer able to help, just cross off your name. Thank you,

The Outreach Committee

PORCH

January 8, 2020 –Game night: We'll have decks of cards and other games available. It'll be a great time to visit, have some fun, and unwind after the Holidays

January 15, 2020 –Let's try this again. Due to bad weather Devan was not able to join us in November. Come listen to Devan from the Green Corps tell us about the Rutabaga Project, a new Gleaning Program, and ways to reduce food waste.

January 22, 2020- Know any good jokes? They say laughter is the best medicine. Come keep the winter blues away with some good clean comedy. (Don't worry I'm not going to ask everyone to tell a joke.) Just sit back and enjoy.

January 29, 2020 -Let's learn about the hidden messages in water. In the book "The Hidden Messages in Water", internationally renowned Japanese scientist Masaru Emoto, has discovered that molecules of water are affected by our thoughts, words, and feelings. Since humans and the earth are composed mostly of water, his message is one of personal health, global environment renewal, and practical plan for peace that starts with each one of us. Come join the discussion as I share what I have learned.

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

January 8, 2020 –Chili, cornbread, broccoli salad, Robert Redford dessert

January 15, 2020 –Chicken, red potatoes, rolls, raw veggie/dip, apple crisp, ice cream

January 22, 2020 –Chicken noodle or wild rice soup, ham spread on roll, crackers, and snickers dessert

January 29, 2020–Stew and dumplings, tossed salad, tastes like éclair dessert

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children had a wonderful Christmas bell performance as they offered praise for Jesus' upcoming birthday as December came to a close. There is a lot of talent in our youth. Well done kids! The students are continuing to show their appreciation for the gifts God grants them as they use their Sunday School offerings for school supplies for children in need through the UMC conference's ministry programs. In class this month, the students will be reading the stories of the New Testament where Jesus and the disciples explore what a call to ministry means in our neighborhood. How are we called by God and Jesus to be neighbors to others?

Coming up in February, the students will be asking for donations from the congregation for "Souper Bowl" Sunday! It was such a huge success last year that they wish to do it again. Please bring soups, stews, etc to worship on **Sunday, Feb. 2** to be collected by the Sunday school classes during children's time. Remember to buy **only** cans with **easy to open, pop-tab lids**. This is a great way to restock our church's food pantry for the cold winter months.

