



Peace United Methodist Church
Pastor Mickey Olson
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Peace UMC Mission

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

The Methodist Messenger

March 2020

Church Office

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

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Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
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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:

Psalm 121:8

The Lord will protect you on your journeys-
whether going or coming-
from now until forever from now.



From the Pastor

I was chipping away at the ice on the sidewalk and driveway this weekend. It gives me a satisfying feeling too discover the pavement underneath the accumulated snow. My inner child feels like I am hastening spring. My friends and I used to go down to the creek in the spring to break up the ice jams. Watching the released water gave me that same feeling of helping spring to come.

We know that we have no power to hasten things and yet we try. We try to grow up faster when we are children. We can't wait to become adults when we are teens. We want our first job, our wedding, our baby to come soon. We want the children to become adults. Then we wait to retire. We wait for the children to come visit, for the first grandchild to come. We wait for our ship to come in.

As I thought about Lent, which came faster than I wanted, I asked myself, "What do I want from Lent this year?" (Besides for it to be over???) I think I want Lent to remind me to slow down. To stop trying to hurry things along. To not think about my list of tasks as I am working on one task. To do what I have to and to leave the rest. To give up my hastening and relax into God's time. To feel peaceful in all things.

What do you want from Lent? Do you give something up? Do you fast? Do you read scripture? Do you pray more? Do you add something in like vegetables or exercise? What do you want from Lent?

Though we long for Spring, there is much winter still to come. God will take care of it. God will take care of you. May Lent bless you this year as we wait for the good news of the resurrection.

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

TRUSTEE REPORT

Questions about the roof answered by Timmy the Trustee.

- Why is the roof leaking?
- The roof was expensive why isn't the company responsible?
- What is being done to fix it?

The roof is leaking from the snow melting and refreezing into ice. This causes ice dams which hold the water back from flowing off the roof. The water backs up and finds entrance points above the installed panels that then trickles down and into the church. Water will always find a way to flow downhill. There are several flat areas that hold water on the structure of the roof.

The company assured us the roof wouldn't leak and when it rains it doesn't. The only time it leaks is when we have ice dams.

The church has several challenging structural problems that must be addressed. We have hired our snow removal company to shovel off the roof. (This winter it has been difficult to stay ahead of that snow build-up.) In the spring we may need to install more insulation between the ceiling and the roof. There is a need for ventilation to keep heat from building up in the attic space which melts the snow and create ice dams. Heat tapes are proposed for those areas in which ice dams form. This is a multifaceted challenge. It has been frustrating for everyone. The trustees are working to fix it. Thank you for your patience.

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

March 11, 2020th – (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 any time, 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 am. I look forward to our time together. Pastor Mickey

MISSIONS-UPDATE AND SPRING BAZAAR

Red Bird Update

The Red Bird mission team is not going to be making their annual trip to Kentucky this year. We are looking at mission work possibilities in either North Dakota or Wisconsin. We are hoping with a shorter trip, we may find more people interested and able to go. We will send out more information as soon as we have it available. Even though we will not be going to Kentucky, it doesn't mean that it is not an opportunity for anyone else who may be interested. Contact Pam Omersa if you would like information on Red Bird 2020 opportunities.

Spring Bazaar

The Missions team will again be holding a bazaar to be held on April 25. As you are doing your spring cleaning, collect your valuables to donate to the white elephant sale. Items may be brought to room 14 at any time. Sorry, but we cannot accept clothing, electronics, or large furniture. Plans include a sandwich loaf luncheon with an additional choice of an Italian beef sandwich, the white elephant sale, bake sale, and RADA knives. Check the bulletin for a planning meeting to be held in mid-March. We would love your help.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

The church is looking for a nursery attendant. This would be a paid position for two hours on Sunday morning. If interested pick up an application in the office. Or if you would like to volunteer to be in the nursery on Sunday morning let Pam Omersa know.

OFFICE NOTES

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS: I would like the congregation's input of photos to insert in Sunday Worship power- points. I know .jpeg formats work, if you have another format let me know and we will try it. As always, let me know if you have any questions on this endeavor. Photos may be emailed to office@peaceumc.us.

CAMP MINNESOTA-2020: The office and table in narthex have brochures for this or check out their website www.campminnesota.org

NAME TAGS: I have placed an order for name tags that should be arriving soon, keep watch on the name tag board. If you were missed, please let the office know, thank you.

NORTH DOOR: It has been decided to lock the north door at 10:00 am on Sunday's.

CHURCH INTERNET: The church internet modem was updated last fall; I recently changed the password which is posted in office. Let me know if you need assistance with this.

OUTREACH -FIX IT FELLOWSHIP

Our team is in place and ready to help you with your small project. Pick up an application in the library, fill it out, and leave it in the box marked in the office. The request will be reviewed, and we will let you know if it is something we are able to do. A team would then make arrangements to meet with you. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. We have a great group with a variety of skills who look forward to assisting you. We already have our first satisfied customer, thanks to the team of Al and Connie.

OUTREACH –MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MINTH

“Pay attention to the hungry, both in this country and around the world. Pay attention to the poor. Pay attention to our responsibilities for world peace. We are our brother’s keeper.” George McGovern

The Mission/Outreach committee project for March is to collect for the Quad City Food Shelf. Giving in March is a truly wonderful opportunity, as all donations are matched. If you would like to donate food items, a table will be placed in the old choir section (behind the organ) and will remain there for the month. Sunday the 29th will be your last opportunity to leave donations, as they will be packed up and delivered to the Food Shelf on Monday the 30th.

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, you may write a check to Peace UMC with a notation in your comment line that it is for the Quad City Food shelf, or you may put cash in an envelope addressed as Food Shelf. You may put these in with the Sunday offerings. As March has five Sundays, we will use our noisy offering as a Food Shelf donation.

Thank you for helping feed our community friends and neighbors in need.

FROM FINANCE:

Just a reminder that Peace UMC and its congregation members donate to 3 different food shelf projects, our own Peace UMC Food Pantry, the Salvation Army Food Shelf, and the Quad City Food Shelf. When donating to any of these 3 food shelves, please indicate clearly to which project you are donating. This will insure that your contribution goes to the correct food shelf project.

PORCH

During PORCH in March Pastor Mickey will be leading a book study on a portion of the book "Word by Word a daily spiritual practice" by Marilyn McEntyre. We will be starting the discussion where the Thursday book study group is in the book. The book study will last 4 weeks, The book is in the church library. The chapters we will be covering are Resist, Allow, Be Still, and Follow. I hope you can join the discussion.

I would also like to give a heads up that in May we will be doing a talent night during PORCH. We would love to have you join in on the fun. If you don't want to share a talent please come and enjoy the show. More information will be in the April Methodist Messenger. Don't be surprised if someone asks you to share your talent.

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

March 4, 2020 –tacos, glorified rice, brownies

March 11, 2020 –tator tot hot dish, broccoli salad, rolls, lemon bars

March 18, 2020 –sloppy joes, chips and dip, coleslaw, birthday cake (Caylee birthday party)

March 25, 2020-ham, cheezy potatoes, tossed salad, peas, bread, mile high pie

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings from the PUMC Sunday School staff!

The Sunday School children have been doing a wonderful job at participating in a weekly offering for our various missions.

In February, they collected soup for “Souper Bowl” Sunday to support our local community. They received 135 cans of soup and \$90 to use towards our own Peace UMC food pantry. Thank you for all the donations! They are coming upon completion of another mission for children in need in the United States, in which money collected will be used to make school kits. We hope to have enough to reach our goal of 12 kits by the end of February.

Starting in March, they will be starting a new mission through Heifer International. The children will be raising money to purchase chickens. A flock of chicks is \$20 which can help feed an entire family. Did you know that a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year and can provide a steady source of nutrition and income??

We thank you for all your help in supporting our children and their missions. They are learning a wonderful value in sharing, giving, and caring for all and we are so proud of them!

Blessings,
Kelly McCue

EASTER WORSHIP NOTES

There will soon be a sign up sheet in the library for those who want to bring flowers/plants for the Easter Memorial Garden. The sign up deadline will be Monday, April 6th to have your name in the Easter bulletin. The plants should be here before noon on Good Friday, April 10th and please no Easter lilies.

Palm Sunday Services-April 5, 2020-10:00 am
Maudy Thursday Services-April 9, 2020-6:00 pm
Good Friday Services-April 10, 2020-6:00 pm
Easter Breakfast-April 12, 2020-9:00 am
Easter Services-April 12, 2020-10:00 am

METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS

March 11, 2020-3:30 pm-5:30pm—serve at Salvation Army
March 24, 2020-6:00 pm New China Buffet-Theme:”Spring cleaning in our hearts and home.”