



# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## How Shall We Gather? A Congregational Covenant Update

As we embark on this new season in the life of Peace Church, we are seeking your feedback on our covenant: the agreements we make with one another about how we want to engage with each other to foster the healthiest, most resilient community. Stay tuned for more information.

## Summer Schedule: One Service at 9:30

We are taking it easy this summer and moving to one service at 9:30am. We will worship outdoors under the tent, weather permitting, on **July 14<sup>th</sup>** and **August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Livestream will be available on all Sundays except the two outdoor worship services. Coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and you can always bring your cup of coffee outside if you'd like to socialize under the tent.

### Sundays at a glance

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis  
Scripture Focus: Queen Vashti

(Esther 1:1-2:17)

Special Music: Deb Rausch, horn; Lian Ojakangas, violin

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

July 14<sup>th</sup>

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis  
Scripture Focus: Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego (Daniel 3)

Special Music: The Tent Show Band

8:30am New Member Welcome

9:30am Outdoor Worship with Baptism of Christopher Wark & New Members Joining

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

10:45am Congregational Covenant Discussion under the tent

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis  
Scripture Focus: Anna (Luke 2:21-38)

Special Music: Byron Klimek

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion and Liturgical Dance by Annette Strom & Susan Ranfranz

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis  
Scripture Focus: Mary Magdalene

(Mark 16:1-11)

Special Music: Jazz Quintet

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall



Foy Scholarship Recipients

## From Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

I was sent a compelling editorial by several church members and colleagues, and with this set of recommenders, I had to read it. "[What does it mean to be an inclusive church?](#)" comes from *The Christian Century*, one of our mainline Protestant publications. It was written by Samuel Wells, an Anglican priest serving as vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Though Rev. Dr. Wells comes from a different tradition and a different part of the world than Peace UCC, his words resonated with me for our context and shared life.

Wells writes about the congregation he pastors, where they try to hold up a wide tent where people can bring their differences and seek a respectful, community-focused way forward. He shares as an example that the Anglican Church does not officially recognize same-sex marriage, only blessings. Some people, understandably, find this stance insufficient and discriminatory and therefore decide to reject the church entirely. Wells argues that in order to have an Anglican Church which recognizes same-sex marriage, we have to stay in community with one another, sharing stories and life and trust. It is through those relationships that change is possible.

On that particular issue, Peace Church has taken a stand for 30 years: we became Open and Affirming in 1994. But there are many other divisive issues in our world, city, and congregation today. Fifteen years ago, Wells's story would have enraged me. I was all about ideological purity and had no interest in engaging with people who I felt had "wrong" opinions or beliefs. But over a decade of ministry with a wide range of people, some fantastic organizing training, and experiencing the last eight or so years of our political atmosphere, I've come to see where Wells is coming from.

With divisions only growing deeper in our broader culture, we as the church have an opportunity to reimagine justice and community. We can build authentic relationships and share our stories – isn't that what brought us to marriage equality here in Minnesota? We can be honest with one another and share our pain and struggles – isn't that what won us paid family and medical leave? We can build community around a shared vision – isn't that what Jesus was doing thousands of years ago when he was healing and teaching and living an example of a different way?

Here at Peace UCC, we share a mission statement: "Praising God, Living the Way of Jesus, & Building the Beloved Community." And we share a history, a web of relationships, and a tapestry of stories. Our work as the church is not to demand moral purity (or to even define it), but to co-create a world, together and with God, where there is more love, more dignity, and more human flourishing. Even in our divided world, I believe it's possible. I hope we can continue this conversation as we begin the next phase of our congregational covenant work.

With Faith & Hope, Pastor Corinne

## From the Moderator



I bring you greetings and an update from the coordinating council. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your newly elected moderator and I look forward to working with an amazing group of people. My spouse Diane and I are longtime members of Peace and we feel so fortunate to be part of the blessed community that is Peace Church.

The coordinating council met on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We received, reviewed, and approved reports from committees and Pastor Corinne. The slate of current and new members of standing committees was approved. We welcomed Mike Schrage as coordinating council vice moderator. Mike is a long time member of Peace and has served on a number of boards and committees including the coordinating council in the past.

A recommendation from the property committee to hire Jamar for necessary roof repair was approved. The council voted to accept the Stepping On Up working group's recommendation that Peace Church work with Chum and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to cover the increased cost of the project related to asbestos abatement.

The council welcomes and appreciates any feedback you may have for us and appreciate you keeping us in your prayers. I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council

## Stepping On Up Update

After the incredible demo work done by members of Peace Church, Stepping On Up's Another Door project kicked into gear on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A few days later, we learned there was asbestos in the flooring which required abatement. After discussion with Peace Church staff, program leaders, and our contractors, we decided to go forward with the abatement to rid the rental wing of the dangerous material. Stepping On Up, Lutheran Social Service and Peace Church agreed to find ways to share the cost of the abatement in a beautiful display of collaboration and determination. Please stay tuned for future opportunities for fundraising to help ease this additional cost. Abatement is expected to be concluded by June 21<sup>st</sup> and full-fledged construction is slated for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Despite two weeks of delays, our partners at Donald Holm Construction have worked on other areas of the timeline to keep the project on track. Thank you, Donald Holm Construction!

Lutheran Social Service will be placing an order for their furnishings to make sure everything arrives on time for their opening. Furniture will likely arrive before our general contractors are ready. If you happen to have or know of, storage space, please contact Bud Trnka at [bud@steppingonupduluth.org](mailto:bud@steppingonupduluth.org)

## Bill Hardesty's Memorial Service

We grieve the loss of longtime Peace Church member Bill Hardesty. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am for Bill's service. There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. We hold Georgette and their family in prayer in this difficult time.

## Meal Train for Georgette Sarkela

Support Georgette as she grieves the loss of her husband, Bill Hardesty, who died on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Georgette does not have dietary restrictions and lives near Peace Church. You can get in touch with her directly to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your loving care! <https://mealtrain.com/9qrvgl>

## The Gift of Volunteering

There are many ways to give to Peace UCC and our community partners, beyond our financial contributions. Finding the right place for us to lend our skills and talents is a process. Learning about the opportunities is a good place to start; the joy will soon follow.

Volunteering is a great way to learn more about Peace Church. You will meet new people, get to know other members better, feel a part of the whole, and actively contribute to the activities that make Peace UCC the wonderful church that it is.

We recently held a Time and Talent Fair after church and I am sure many learned about the various internal committees and possibly about our community partners, where we can be of service too.

Peace is still in the process of resurgence since the pandemic; as well as, beginning a new journey with the gift of our new Pastor Corinne. Through all of this the need for volunteers remains.

I hope that you will think about where you can get involved, and give of yourself; whether it be ushering on Sunday, helping in the office (when needed), assisting in the kitchen for special events or funerals, working in the gardens. There are additional opportunities with our external partners, of which there is great need, preparing food and/or serving at Damiano, Loaves and Fishes, or being a CHUM delegate.

The more the merrier is key when organizing and working as volunteers. It helps with bringing our church community together, sharing the load, contributing to the ministry within Peace UCC and the broader community.

For more information about getting involved with volunteering, see Bri in the office. She will either provide the information you seek or direct you to who can be of assistance.

Thank you all who currently volunteer and to all of you who are interested and want to get involved. It is much appreciated.

Respectfully written by Laurie Berner

Peace Bell articles for July are due Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Send articles to [bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org)

## Peace Activities and Groups

### **Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy**

**Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm**

If you or a loved one have had cancer (in the past or currently) and would like to connect with others, you are invited to join our Making Meaning Out of Malignancy group. The group meets monthly in a "Room and Zoom" and in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, [monimliddle@gmail.com](mailto:monimliddle@gmail.com).

### **Welcome to Wednesday Night Bible study! Wednesdays, 6:00pm**

Did you know that Peace Church has an ongoing Bible study every Wednesday evening, and we welcome anyone who is interested to join us? We welcome a wide variety of questions and comments. The group decides what we will study each week, and cover a variety of both Old and New Testament readings. Please, come join us in the Fireside room or on Zoom.

### **Tea and Talk**

Tea & Talk will not be meeting in July.

### **PALS**

The July gathering (no activity planned in August) will be our annual picnic and planning session. It will be held Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Goese home, 4730 London Road. Let's start at 5:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and your choice of beverage. Brats with their fixings will be provided. To help with planning please let us know if you plan to attend by texting 218-340-6246 or emailing [lrgoese@gmail.com](mailto:lrgoese@gmail.com).

This is the gathering where we accumulate ideas for programs for the coming year so spend some time thinking about this. We continue to come up with some amazing programs and want to continue this tradition.

Parking is on the even side of the street so you can park on the lake side of the street to access our home.

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Choir will be taking a break during the summer!

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Every other Thursday, 8:00am**

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at Perkins on London Rd. We will meet Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Monday Book Group**

Peace Church Monday Book group will be taking a summer break.

### **The Bake Sale is back!**

Calling all Peace Church bakers! We are planning to have a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have a special baked item, one handed down in your family or is the most requested by your loved ones, we invite you to donate it to the sale. If you don't bake and want to assist with making Peach, Cherry and Apple Cobblers, let us know. We plan to sell cobbler and coffee during the Rummage Sale. Please contact [bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org) and let her know what you might contribute and if you would like to volunteer. It's going to be lots of fun!

### **Looking for Bread for Communion**



Are you a bread maker? We are looking for volunteers to sign up to bring 2 ROUND loaves of bread for Communion the first Sundays of the month. If you don't bake bread, you could sign up to bring a loaf from Great Harvest or another bread outlet. These loaves will be the ones that Pastor Corinne and the celebrant will break during the Words of Institution. You can sign up with Bri in the office. If you have any questions, email Gudrun Witrak at [gwitrak@gmail.com](mailto:gwitrak@gmail.com).

Thanks so much!

## Peace Teams and Committees

Are you interested in joining a team or committee? Maybe just want to check one out? Well summer is a great time for you to think about what kind of group you would like to be a part of. If you're not sure what you want to be a part of, then think about your own gifts. Are you good with numbers? Do you really enjoy being outside and working with gardens? Or are you a planner? Here at Peace Church we have many different groups, teams, and committees to match the different interests and skills that our members have. Scan the QR code below to get more information on a team or group. You can also grab a Shared Ministry Opportunity booklet in the narthex to see what we all have.

### Seeking new members!

- Do you enjoy meeting new people?
- Do you like to share with others what it means to be a part of our Peace Church community?
- Would you like to help people become more involved in all the wonderful opportunities we have for serving, learning, maintaining, ministering, and building our beloved community?

Peace Shared Ministry team is currently seeking new members and we invite you to attend a meeting and see if it's a good fit for you. We have monthly meetings, currently on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 (happy to adjust our meeting schedule to fit your availability). We will not be meeting in July so next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Garden Team

We are trying to form a Youth Garden Crew to help tend the raised bed that the Peace Gardeners designated for youth this Spring. Do you love to garden and help things to grow? In April, middle school youth group planted some stuff and we still have plants growing in this raised bed! We need your help to water, weed and harvest. Please contact Amanda and we will find a time that we can gather each week to connect with nature in the garden!



Scan here to sign up!

### Finance Committee Highlight

Are you one of those exceptional but unusual people who love balancing your checkbook when your monthly statement arrives? Do you relish poring over spreadsheets with more numbers than you can count? Perhaps not. But there are a number of such people here at Peace who fit that description – your church Finance Committee. This committee is one of several standing committees which tackle various responsibilities. These people are not elected at the June meeting like our officers and council members. They are chosen, or they volunteer, and then are confirmed by the council to serve in this role. According to the Peace Church Bylaws, “the Finance Committee shall plan, monitor and evaluate the financial affairs and financial well-being of the congregation, and will perform such other duties as are assigned”. If you fit this description let us know. We're always looking for new members.

The committee meets monthly. Our bookkeeper prepares monthly reports of budget, giving, accounts, etc., and the committee reviews these and ponders deep questions as to how we are doing financially, and if and how we need to address any pressing concerns. If and when you have a chance to take a look at these reports (they're available at congregational meetings but also any time on request), take note of the various budget and account data that goes into ensuring a smooth running and fiscally responsible organization. With an annual budget of over \$600,000, we rely on our bookkeeper and Finance Committee to keep us on track. It may seem like a daunting task at times, but the team enjoys doing it.

Current members of the Finance Committee are Kirby Wood (Treasurer), Mike Schrage (Vice-Moderator), Jessica Olson (Past Moderator), Betty Greene, Tom Hystead, and Nathan Langer.

# Children, Youth and Families

Hello Families,

I hope your summer is swimming right along!

I am writing this letter a few days after a fantastic and fun week of Compassion Camp! Children, youth and adult volunteers from three local congregations – Peace, Pilgrim Congregational and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth – gathered together to grow our Compassion muscles and practice building community. I am so grateful to have been in partnership with these communities and their leaders, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon (Pilgrim) and Deb Johnson (UUCD) in organizing and leading Compassion Camp this year!

In camp we learned that every living thing needs shelter, food, water, clean air and community to live and thrive. We sang songs, played games, learned all about the science of bees, painted a giant mural, did daily yoga and meditation, and learned about all sorts of stories (Bible stories too!). As a service project throughout the week, we collected lots of food, needed supplies and monetary donations for CHUM.

I am so thankful for our Peace adult and youth volunteers who helped us with Compassion Camp this year – Diane Swanoski, Annette Strom, Aanders Dommer, Pat Nelson, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Elise Westbrook, Colin Westbrook, Grace Ryan, Silvee Romberg, Scarlett Romberg, Anna Wangerin, Lilly Russell, Siggy Hunter and Kieran Hunter. We could not have run this Camp without you!

This month, in addition to catching up on rest (lol), we are making plans for our Fall programming. I am super excited to share those plans with you soon!

In the meantime, here's what's happening this month in the life of our children and youth ministries at Peace! Please reach out to [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org) with any questions, feedback, or ideas, or if you want to become more involved with children and youth ministry! Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

## Nursery

Nursery staff are on break for the summer, but parents please feel free to use the nursery on Sunday mornings as needed. The Nursery is now located downstairs in the Sun Room, by the elevator.

## Children's Church

During the Summer, Children's Church (CC) will be available during 9:30 am worship on July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>. On these Sundays, worship will be in the tent (weather permitting) and CC will be in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sundays when we do not have CC, we will have self-guided activities available to you and your children in our Pray-Ground spaces, located in the Sanctuary and just outside of the Sanctuary near the Fireside Room. These spaces offer quiet activities where parents and kiddos can engage in play and creativity while still participating in worship.

## Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Calling all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Now that you are entering middle school, we want to welcome you to our middle school youth group. If you're an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader and want to join any of our middle school youth activities in the summer, we would love to have you.

## Service Trip in Our Own Backyard!

### Look for emails with more details!

July 28-31, Peace Youth are partnering with visiting youth from New Brighton UCC. We will be doing a two-day service project at the St. Mark Giving Garden. Touring Ecolibrium3's Urban Garden program and learning about projects for sustainability and some eco-justice initiatives that are happening in Duluth and how we can support them. We will also be tourists in our own city, accompanying our friends from New Brighton to see some of the sites we all know and love so well. **Please reach out to [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org) if your youth member is interested in participating or if you want to be an adult volunteer!**

## Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Weekly Wednesday night meetings are on break until the Fall. We hope you will join us for the Service Trip this month, there will also be a meet-up next month – details to come!

## OWL (for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is our amazing comprehensive sexuality curriculum that starts in the fall. There's nothing that parents need to do this summer, but one of our leaders will be reaching out in the future to make sure you know about the program and to answer any initial questions you have about it. Looking forward to another great year of quality education for our

# Compassion Camp



**Thank you to the following people who helped with supplies for Compassion Camp!**

Cathy Ameel, Mary Adams, Julie Mackenzie, Cyndi Brown, Cindy Macaulay and Tom and Christine Day



CHUM is “People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.”

### 50 Days Of Giving

As we approach the close of our fiscal year, we confront a funding gap stemming from the heightened needs within our community. More individuals are relying on our food shelves for sustenance, seeking refuge in our shelter beds, and permanent supportive housing at our two housing programs.

Together, we're embarking on a new approach to tackle homelessness, but it requires a collective effort to succeed. "Fifty Days of Giving" marks the beginning of a transformative journey toward a brighter future. Whether your donation is five, fifty, five hundred, or five thousand dollars, every contribution during this period will propel us forward.

Please use the link below

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign\\_id=JWCP94QCRJGF2](https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=JWCP94QCRJGF2)

Thank you for your food donations. You can put them in the basket outside the church office.

### Employment Opportunities!

CHUM is looking to fill multiple positions. Now is your chance to start a job in Duluth, MN that makes a real difference in the community.

<https://www.chumduluth.org/employment>



### Welcome Samar Gul!

Peace's Afghan Resettlement has resumed with the arrival of Samar Gul Merzayee on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. In Afghanistan, before the Taliban take-over, Samar Gul worked with Amena Haidari and Halima Akbari. She was not able to leave Afghanistan when they did. She recently received refugee status and began to make plans for resettlement in the United States. Amena asked whether the Welcome Circle and Peace Church might help her.



A new Welcome Circle quickly formed and began preliminary work while they awaited news of her travels. Dave Updegraff and Amena made a road trip to Omaha to personally welcome Samar Gul and bring her to Duluth.

Samar Gul grew up in a large family and lived in Kabal most of her teen years. She is currently enrolled in the ELL class offered through the Duluth Adult Learning Center. As a part of resettlement, Peace will assist with her finances - and your contributions will be much appreciated! Checks or online donations can be made to Peace Church with Afghan Resettlement Fund in the memo line. Watch for the announcement of a special offering during July.

Check in with Amena, Lyle Shannon, Gayle Kelly or Charlotte Frantz if you'd like to be in touch - welcome Samar Gul into your home, meet up for coffee, invite her to a community event, or otherwise help introduce her to Duluth.

### Looking for Donations for Annie's House

Annie's House, a shared living home for homeless mothers in Duluth is looking for 5 bikes for their moms in residence. Women's bikes in good repair or new would be most appreciated. If the bikes have a child's seat that would be ideal. Please bring any donations to the Peace Church Office identified for "Annie's House". If you have questions, call Gayle Kelly 218-340-0483.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Join your friends from Peace for two great volunteer opportunities at Damiano Center and Loaves and Fishes (Dorothy Day House)

**Provide weekly supper to 12-15 clients of Dorothy Day on Mondays.** The Dorothy Day house is located at 1712 Jefferson St. The clients of the home can stay there for up to 6 months as they sort out their lives regarding housing, jobs and other social services. They are most appreciative of a warm home cooked meal. If you need help with ideas for meals or the numbers that will be there, it always helps to call for what they have had so far that month. Call when you arrive at **218-724-2054** as sometimes they may not hear the knock. You can also let Anne S know when you will arrive or if you have any questions. **218-341-2223**. They appreciate the meal arriving at 5pm. One family can prepare or if you like, you can buddy up to coordinate and share the work!

This is a great opportunity to explore a great community resource and be a part of supporting changing lives.

**Peace Volunteers also help feed the clients of Damiano Center.** Damiano Center is located 206 West 4<sup>th</sup> St. (enter on west side adjacent to the parking lot). Damiano has many services to support our unhoused members of the community and those experiencing food insecurity and other social service issues.

Peace church has signed up to help the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (afternoons only) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays (all day) of the each month.

You can sign up on line (Sign Up Genius) to prepare food (cutting meat or washing/cutting vegetables, bagging cold breakfasts etc.) or to serve food (passing out meats, potatoes, bread, veggies, dessert, etc from a hot table. **Each shift can accommodate 3 people.**

#### Saturday Shifts

8:30am - 10:30am food prep  
11:00am - 1:00pm serving  
1:30pm - 3:30pm food prep  
4:30pm - 6:30pm serving

#### Sunday Shifts

1:30pm-3:30pm food prep  
4:30pm-6:30pm serving

The door adjacent to the parking lot is locked on weekends until food is served. You will need to knock on the door or call the kitchen **218-221-2244** to get someone to let you in. Flora W is the manager of the kitchen and a delightful human being and prepares some very wonderful meals.

### Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. Each shift needs 2-3 volunteers, bring a friend or a youth, 16 and up! To sign up email the office at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** 1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots open**  
4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>** 8:30-10:30am - **3 Spots open**  
11:00-1:00pm - **3 Spots open**  
1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots open**  
4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots open**

### Monday Meals for Loaves and Fishes

Peace volunteers make and deliver meals for **Loaves and Fishes Dorothy Day House** on Monday evenings. Usually meals need to serve 10-15 persons. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, email [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers."

July 1<sup>st</sup> - **Open**                      July 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Open**  
July 8<sup>th</sup> - **Open**                      July 29<sup>th</sup> - **Open**  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - **Open**

### Help with Accessibility

- Do you need some assistance getting from your car into the church?
- Do you need help with a walker or wheelchair?
- Do you need transportation to come to worship?

Give a call to the office (218-724-3637) if help is needed when you get to church. Bri will send someone out to your car. If help is needed after church, contact one of the ushers to assist you. If transportation is needed, contact the church office and a ride or a cab can be arranged! Please let the office know if there are any other accommodations that would enhance your worship experience.

# Thank You!

# Volunteers

## Sunday Service Opportunities

Have you noticed some very familiar faces ushering every Sunday? We've begun to rely on the same loyal volunteers ushering and greeting, and we don't want to wear them out! We know there are many of you who would be willing to help out occasionally (or very regularly), and we need you now. Look for an old fashioned sign-up sheet, in the narthex - remember signing up with an actual pen? Or follow the link in our weekly emails for a quick and easy sign up online.

We had many more volunteers before covid interrupted things. We hope some of you will return, and we especially welcome any who are new! There is always a head usher who can guide both ushers and greeters if you are unsure of your duties. If you are not interested in ushering and greeting, maybe you could give lay reading a try! And we hope you are all signed up for a monthly coffee hour team. *Thanks to all our faithful Sunday volunteers!*

## Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

### July 7<sup>th</sup> Communion Sunday

Greeter - Cindy Macaulay  
Usher - 4 Open spots  
Lay Reader - 1 Open spot

### July 14<sup>th</sup> Tent Service

Greeter - 2 Spots Open  
Usher - Tom & Monica Liddle  
2 Open spots  
Lay Reader - 1 Open spot

### July 21<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday

Greeter - Cindy Macaulay  
Ushers - 4 Open spots  
Lay Reader - 1 Open spot

### July 28<sup>th</sup>

Greeter - 2 Open spots  
Usher - Cyndi Brown  
3 Open spots  
Lay Reader - 1 Open spot

***Many thanks to all our volunteers!***

## Peace Prayer Chain



Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns. You can let us know whether or not to share your concern with the pastor for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Contact Lynn Devlin or Linda Goese!

## Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point, Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home, Steve Coll at St. Anne's, Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods, and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Pat Nelson, Sam Peterson and others.

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers. Starting on June 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having one service at 9:30 and coffee hour will be at 10:30.

### July 7<sup>th</sup>

Cindy Macaulay, Cindy & Jim McLean

### July 14<sup>th</sup>

Pam Kramer

### July 21<sup>st</sup>

Kirby & Cathy Wood

### July 28<sup>th</sup>

Cathy Ameel and Pam Kramer

## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

We ask every member of Peace to volunteer to help with coffee hour at least once during the calendar year. We're happy to have you choose the month in which you'd be willing to help out!

On that one Sunday, we ask you to bring treats (2 - 3 dozen), set up coffee hour items, serve and clean up.

Coffee Hour is a vital part of Sunday Morning Hospitality. If you are not assigned to a month you can contact Bri at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

# June Events



*Congratulations to Iggy Hamel and Everett Midge. Iggy was baptized on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Everett was baptized on June 16<sup>th</sup>.*





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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am

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