



# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Sundays at a Glance

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

**8:30am** Worship with Holy Communion

**9:30am** Self-serve Coffee

**9:30am** Forum: Worship Feedback & Brainstorming

**10:30am** Childcare Available

**10:30am** Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

### February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

**8:30am** Worship with Holy Communion

**9:30am** Self-serve Coffee

**9:30am** Forum: Words for Worship Workshop

**10:30am** Childcare Available

**10:30am** Worship with Children's Church

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**11:45am** New Member Orientation

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

**8:30am** Worship with Holy Communion

**9:30am** Self-serve Coffee

**9:30am** Forum: Border Trip Report

**9:30am** New Member Orientation

**10:30am** Childcare Available

**10:30am** Worship with Children's Church

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

**8:30am** Worship with Holy Communion

**9:30am** Self-serve Coffee

**9:30am** Forum: Property Team Q&A

**10:30am** Childcare Available

**10:30am** Worship with Children's Church

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**11:45am** 1:1 Conversation Follow-up

## February Forums

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Worship Feedback & Brainstorming

The Worship & Arts Team seeks to provide regular opportunities throughout the year for you to share your appreciations, ideas, and feedback on our shared worship. All are welcome in this conversational brainstorming session about what we do in our communal worship services and what we might change or try.

### February 9<sup>th</sup> – Words for Worship Workshop

Have you ever wondered why we use a unison prayer of confession in our worship? Are you curious about the components of a communion service? Have you always wanted to write your own prayers of the people? This is a workshop designed for total beginners AND avid writers and liturgy nerds. Liturgy means “the work of the people” – come be part of the creative work that shapes our worship!

### February 16<sup>th</sup> – Border Trip Report

Eli Beech-Brown, April Knight, and Rev. Charlotte Frantz all traveled to Good Shepherd UCC in Sahuarita, AZ for their annual Common Ground on the Border conference. This year's theme was “From Border to Belonging: A celebration of commitment, compassion, and community across the US/Mexico borderlands.” All three participants will share stories and action steps with our congregation at the forum that day.

### February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Property Team Q&A

We operate a huge building that serves as a worship space, a 7-days-a-week community center, a gathering place for folks in recovery, and so much more. The Property Team keeps things in good working order. They plan to share about the projects they've tackled over the last year and their hopes for our building this year. Bring your questions and energy!

## From Pastor Corinne

Dear Peace Church,

Though my spouse and I are not parenting purists in any philosophy, we are fascinated by Montessori parenting resources lately. The overarching philosophy, quoting from the American Montessori Society's website, is to "view children as naturally eager and capable of initiating and pursuing learning, guided by their own interests." The language of "work" permeates Montessori materials, as everything children do is part of their work of becoming relational, capable people with learning to do and gifts to share.

I find myself falling back on Montessori ideas in this moment we are facing as a country. It can feel overwhelming to watch or read the news, see the litany of executive orders, or scroll through a social media feed. If ever I start to feel this way, I remember the way a colleague of mine described her Montessori parenting style: "These are your shoes. You are responsible for tying them." Inherent in this statement are two assumptions: the first is that we all have work we are called to do, and the second is that *all* work is not ours to do. We cannot abdicate our shoe-tying with the assumption that someone else will do it for us. Nor should we be tying everyone else's shoes for them. That's a quick route to burnout and resentment.

I am compelled by the words of Paul to the church in Corinth, here quoted in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are called to be the body of Christ, always and in all times! And that means that some of us are eyes, and some are toes, and some are beating hearts, and some are breathing lungs. Our shared future depends on each one of us thriving. We tie our own shoes. We ensure our neighbors have what they need to tie theirs. We seek to be the body of Christ not just with those we agree with, but with everyone, because though many, we are strengthened when we become one. Looking forward to our becoming this month as we continue our 1:1 conversations, move church processes forward, and prepare for Lent, starting in March.

Pastor Corinne Freedman Ellis

## From the Moderator

Dear members and friends of Peace Church

The Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We received, reviewed, and approved reports from committees and Pastor Corinne. The Council will present the budget for 2025 during the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> which Peace Church members will vote on.

We welcome and appreciate any feedback you may have for us and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council

The logo for "Imagine Together" features the word "Imagine" in a large, bold, orange sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Together" is written in a smaller, blue sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed within a blue rectangular border.

### Mark Your Calendars!

We are planning an evening **Silent Auction Fundraiser** in May. All proceeds will go to Peace Church programming. Co-Chairs Marsha Hystead and Leanne Ventrella are looking for fun, creative folks to join with the Stewardship Committee to plan this exciting event. The more the merrier!

Plus, please start thinking of ways to donate to the auction. We are looking for theme baskets, gourmet dinners, musical offerings, excursions and adventures, artwork and donations of your time and expertise - you name it! We will have more details in the next Peace Bell.

### Full of Gratitude

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who made a financial commitment for 2025. We are budgeting \$526,000 of income which is a \$70,000 increase over last year. We received commitments from 138 households, and 55% of you increased your pledge. Also many thanks to our bookkeeper, Mali, for all of her work and diligence during the campaign. We are so grateful to be part of such a generous community, Thank you all!

Your Stewardship Committee includes co-chairs Leanne Ventrella and Marsha Hystead, Geof Witrak, Cathy Ameal, Diane Swanoski, Kirby Wood and Pastor Corinne.

# Peace News!

## Property Team News

Members of the Peace Property Team will lead the Forum on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. Come to learn about what was accomplished in 2024 and what we are working on now! Here are some topics we will address, bring your own questions too!

- What are the building maintenance priorities at this time?
- How are we addressing our energy impact?
- What are the plans for the playground and garden?
- What is on the long term plan?
- What are some example projects that need volunteers in 2025?

## New Security System

Duluth Technology Systems is finished the installation of our new security cameras and door access keypads. **Starting January 28<sup>th</sup>, the entrances to the church will be locked** as often as possible for the safety of our staff and people in the building. We understand this is a big change and may feel like a change in attitude from our usual open-door policy. The Coordinating Council and staff made this decision because:

- Our building is heavily used and we need to standardize access for members, outside groups, and church groups.
- We have welcomed vulnerable young people next door and this system protects their safety and privacy.
- Our staff demographics and schedules risk unsafe situations when, as is often the case, we only have one staff person in the office.
- We are proud to be out front about our Christian values of love, compassion, and justice, which has at times drawn protest and controversy to our doors.

**The doors will continue to be open as normal on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, as well as for large events.** However, if you're visiting the church during the week, you will need to use a code or ring the doorbell to be let in.

What does this entail? Electronic locks with touchpads and video/sound are installed at the lower-level exterior door near the kitchen and the main front door inside the vestibule. All church members and small group members regularly using the building will be able to enter a 4-digit code to unlock the door for themselves.

**This code will be active Mondays-Thursdays 9am-8pm.** Press the 'PIN Unlock' icon at the very bottom of the keypad, enter the code, and open the door or use the automatic door opener.

Having trouble or forget the code? You can also press and hold the doorbell icon on the keypad and our office staff will remotely unlock the door for you (during office hours only). The code will be published in the regular weekly emails and will be sent out in group meeting email reminders. Don't hesitate to ask us to show you in-person as well!

Do you need access to the church outside of these hours? Reach out to the office and we will give you a unique code for after-hours access.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [rachel@peaceucc.org](mailto:rachel@peaceucc.org) or call the office. We appreciate your patience as we all get used to this new system and hope that this upgrade brings an added sense of security to our building.

## New Member Orientation

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 and February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

We welcome all who are interested in learning more about Peace, what we believe, how we engage the community, and how we're structured, to join us for one of these orientation sessions.

We'll provide child care and a light lunch (February 9<sup>th</sup>) and childcare and snacks (February 16<sup>th</sup>).

Please RSVP to Bri in the church office know via email, phone ([office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) or 218-724-3637). Just popping in is great too. Looking forward to meeting with you!

New members will be received into the church on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Save the date if you are interested in joining Peace.



## Peace Activities

### **Monday Book Group** **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm** **Fireside Room and Zoom**

The book selection for February is *The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora*, written by Wendy Pearlman and published by Liveright.

War forced millions of Syrians from their homes. It also forced them to rethink the meaning of home itself. In 2011, Syrians took to the streets demanding freedom. Brutal government repression transformed peaceful protests into one of the most devastating conflicts of our times, killing hundreds of thousands and displacing millions. *The Home I Worked to Make* takes Syria's refugee outflow as its point of departure. Based on hundreds of interviews conducted across more than a decade, it probes a question as intimate as it is universal: What is home?

We will meet on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm in the Fireside Room and by Zoom. We welcome you to participate even if you have not read the entire book. Email [pcragun01@gmail.com](mailto:pcragun01@gmail.com) with questions or to receive the Zoom link.

The selection for March is *The War on Normal People: the Truth about America's Disappearing Jobs and Why Universal Income Is Our Future* by Andrew Yang. Get the book now!

### **Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy** **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

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, [monimiddle@gmail.com](mailto:monimiddle@gmail.com).

### **Tea and Talk**

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Tea & Talk will be back on at 3:00pm in the Fireside Room. Join our Pastoral Care Chaplain Rev. Laurie Crelly for conversation and reflection. If you have any questions please email Laurie at [laurie@peaceucc.org](mailto:laurie@peaceucc.org)

Peace Bell folding at 2:00pm and Tea and Talk at 3:00pm. Come for one or the other or both!



### **PALS**

#### **(Peace Adults Learning and Socializing)**

The February PALS gathering will feature Deb DeLuca, the retiring executive director of the Duluth Port Authority, who will talk to us on just what the Authority is and what it does. The event will take place Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Do North Pizza, 5116 Miller Trunk Highway. Come at 5:00 to place drink and food orders. The presentation will be from 5:30 to 6:30 (or so) with food to be served then.

Let us know if you plan to attend. Text 218-340-6246 or email [lrqoesse@gmail.com](mailto:lrqoesse@gmail.com).

#### **Upcoming Events**

March 20<sup>th</sup> — Duck Pin Bowling

April — remains a work in progress

May — fraud avoidance, date to be determined

June — Huskies baseball game, date being contemplated

July — picnic and planning

### **Bible Study**

#### **Wednesdays at 5:45pm in the Fireside Room and Zoom**

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.

### **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, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Choir Rehearsals**

#### **Wednesdays at 6:15pm**

No auditions, just a willingness to sing! Newcomers welcome!

### **Weekly E-mail Reminders**

Do you receive our weekly emails? Bri sends them from the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays. They are an important way to receive the latest, most up-to-date information about life at Peace. Contact Bri ([bri@peaceucc.org](mailto:bri@peaceucc.org)) to be added to the distribution list.

## Community Events

**Coffee & Guitar  
with Darin  
Bergsven  
Every Saturday  
at 9:00am**



On YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy810FRxbrv5kJ6ShcTzOD>)

Jazz guitarist Darin Bergsven performs a livestream show every Saturday morning on his YouTube channel, sometimes with guest musicians.



**A Band Called  
Truman!  
Saturday,  
February 15<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30pm at Earth  
Rider Brewery  
Cedar Lounge  
Taproom**

A Band Called Truman! is Leon Rohrbaugh's horn-fueled seven-piece band featuring Jim Pospisil on keys, Ian Connell on drums, John Erickson on bass, with the powerhouse horn section of Dale Shimmin, Jessica Lilja Olson and Kelli Hallsten Erickson.

**Picnic in Winter!  
February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

On February 26<sup>th</sup> the Wednesday night meal will be Picnic in Winter! We will feast on hot dogs (vegan options also), potato salad, and dessert. Join us from 5:00-5:30pm and wear your summertime picnic clothes!



**Our Climate  
Futures  
Conference 2025  
Tuesday,  
February 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am - 5:00pm  
UMD Kirby  
Rafters**

The topic of this year's Our Climate Futures Conference is *Participatory Science on a Great Lake*. The conference runs February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

As climate change intensifies, there is an urgent need to expand environmental monitoring to track trends and extreme events. This work is typically conducted by national agencies and universities. Yet citizens in our region's rural, urban, and tribal lands also care deeply about climate change and its affects. Researchers can tap into this energy through participatory science projects that are mutually beneficial, especially if there is equitable representation of local communities in terms of age, socioeconomic status, and racial identity. The goal of this conference is to facilitate community conversations that lead to equitable participatory science projects and produce impactful adaptation and mitigation action.

Register at [d.umn.edu](https://d.umn.edu).



**Freedom Fund Dinner  
Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Freedom Fund Dinner is the Duluth NAACP's biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the DECC Harborside Ballroom. This year's Keynote Speaker is Taifa Butler of Demos and our emcee is local legend Carl Crawford. It is an opportunity to bring the community together, to celebrate each other, and to recognize social justice advocates. Our major goal this year will be to raise funds for Ignite Empower Transform's Economic Empowerment Center operating in the Twin Ports. Our secondary goal will be funding for the Duluth NAACP operating expenses.

## Children, Youth and Families

Hello Peace Families,

Well, what a week! Norovirus and extreme low temperatures! The cognitive dissonance of hopeful festivities for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day and ominous threats during the Inauguration. The relief of an Israel-Hamas ceasefire, the anxiety over whether it will last and the grief over the destruction and enormous loss of Palestinian civilian life. News of wildfires in CA and the US exit from the Paris Climate Agreement. Numerous executive orders that endanger immigrants, Trans folks, DEI, prescription drug costs, end the US relationship with WHO, and pardoned insurrectionists. A plea for Mercy from a national pulpit and a rebuff. How is everyone holding up?

Of course, I am writing to you this third week of January, which if we are honest with ourselves, we knew would look bleak. Here's the good news, we got through this week, and now the job is to look ahead. As I do, I'm asking myself the question that I imagine many of you are asking yourselves, what do we do next?

In Middle School Youth this week, we were finishing up a growth mindset tool, a "2025 Idea Lab" journal to reflect on our last year and imagine what we want this next year to look like. There was a discussion about one page called "My Natural Talents and True Passions." On this page many activities are listed, and you check statements that describe you like "I am a good listener," "I'm great with animals," or "I enjoy solving puzzles." One of the statements was "I love dancing," and a couple of students said they are not "good" dancers. "But do you enjoy dancing?" I asked. I shared with the youth that I am also not a "good" dancer, but that pretty often I still put in earbuds, turn on a favorite music mix, and dance in my kitchen like nobody's watching. Except for the dog, lol, he's always watching.

And why do I do that? Because it brings me joy! It's a mind-body-somatic release. It's a way to create a Glimmer – a small moment of peace and joy that reminds me that life is good, that sparks positive feelings and cues my nervous system to relax. It is a way to build resilience. I have quoted the poet, Toi Derricotte before who has said, "Joy is an act of resistance." And our God is big on joy.

One thing we talk about a lot in Children's Church, Kid's Club, Youth Group, and Confirmation Classes – we worship a God who takes the impossible stuff in life and makes goodness possible. I think to keep going when things seem impossible, you have to be big on joy. You have to be committed to embracing and celebrating moments of joy when they find you, and also to create moments of joy when it's nowhere to be found.

So, what do we do next? Retired Episcopal bishop and citizen of the Choctaw nation of Oklahoma, Steven Charleston, said recently "When things feel like they are happening too fast, the elders suggest slowing down your reactions to them. Leaping forward to respond to every new reality can wear you out. Practice mindfulness. You will know when and how to act when your response will have an impact. Do not lose your sense of balance. Choose your own time and place."

The work of justice and creating a world of love – the very work of God – is a for-the-long-haul type of deal. We were already doing this kind of work; it is no surprise that it continues. Each day, as Gwen Walz suggests, we will do the work that is in front of us. We will practice mindfulness, we will look for Glimmers, and we will create Glimmers for our young people.

We worship a God who takes the impossible stuff and makes goodness possible. With a God like that all things are possible! We know that our God loves justice, mercy and kindness. And we walk into this new year, as we have every other year - praising God, living the Way of Jesus, and building the Beloved Community.

In the meantime, our staff is beginning to put together a resource list to give out that will help our Peace community to know how to help, and to know which community organizations can help, when you encounter vulnerable folks in our community who are in direct need.

One major way that you can help young people, as a volunteer at Peace, is to be trained as a Facilitator to lead OWL classes for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This work is more relevant than ever. Every young person who goes through OWL also becomes a resource for their peers for accurate information about consent, bodily autonomy, reproductive health, empathy and equity. We particularly need male-identifying facilitators. If you would like to volunteer to be a facilitator for OWL please let me know and we will find training for you!

## Cont...

Please look over our weekly activities below and let me know if you would like to volunteer to work with our children and youth. We are always happy to see you whenever you can be here! I encourage you to reach out to me at [amanda@peaceucc.org](mailto:amanda@peaceucc.org) with any questions, feedback, or ideas.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

### Children's Church on Sunday mornings, during the 10:30am service.

After the "Story for All Ages," children pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for Children's Church in the Fireside Room. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers who want to help during Children's Church are always welcome too!

If your child would prefer to remain with you in worship, we 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.

### Acolyte training, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

Any kiddo Grade 3 through 8 can be trained to be an acolyte! This is a great way for your kiddo to have a role with some responsibility within the service. Please let Amanda know if your child is interested in being a part of this meaningful tradition within the larger history of the church!

### Children's Promise Card

Don't forget to turn in your promise cards!

If you have promised to donate part of your allowance please stop in the office to grab your own personal offering envelopes. If you are promising to draw pictures come and pick up your artwork booklet.

If you are promising a service project with your family, please contact Amanda to see what service project. If you are promising to be a church helper please talk to Bri in the office about different opportunities.

Thank you!

Artwork Promise Card	
We are so grateful for the gift of our children at Peace UCC. At Peace, we are a family where adults offer their resources, talent, and time to our larger community. We know our children have gifts, talents, and generous hearts. They want to share with their communities too, and this is one way to do that!	
Choose an option (or more than one if you'd like):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create artwork for the Sunday bulletin cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Create artwork for the Sunday bulletin cover
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate a portion of my allowance: \$ _____ (weekly) (monthly) (total)	<input type="checkbox"/> Donate a portion of my allowance: \$ _____ (weekly) (monthly) (total)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for a service project with my family	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for a service project with my family
<input type="checkbox"/> Be a church helper (greeter) (acolyte) (reader) (coffee hour helper) (Wednesday night dinner helper)	<input type="checkbox"/> Be a church helper (greeter) (acolyte) (reader) (coffee hour helper) (Wednesday night dinner helper)
Name: _____	Parent's Name: _____
Age: _____	
School: _____	

### Nursery available for babies through Children aged 5.

Childcare is available in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 10:30am service. We are also offering childcare in the nursery on Wednesday nights, beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

The Nursery is now located downstairs in the Sun Room, by the elevator.

### OWL

**OWL Classes meet from 5 - 6:30pm at UUCD on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Questions about Our Whole Lives? Reach out to Amanda!

### Wednesday Night Programming - Let us cook dinner for your family!

**There will be no Wednesday Night Programming on February 19<sup>th</sup> due to ISD 709 Winter Recess.**

Please join us for a simple supper at 5pm.

**Hungry Hippos Kids' Club (grades K-2)** and the **Garfield's Lasagna Kids' Club (grades 3-5)** meet from 5:30 - 6:15pm in the East Timor Room. Our Winter theme in Kids Club will be exploring stories through Visual Art making!

**Middle School Youth (grades 6-8)** meet from 6 - 7pm. Even if it is your youth member's first time attending, don't worry, they will be able to jump right in! Meetings this month will be a time for your youth to share about their week, build friendships, have fun, learn about the Bible, engage in spiritual practices and engage in service to our community.

**Confirmation 1 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Confirmation 2 (11<sup>th</sup> grade)** classes will meet this month on **February 12<sup>th</sup> (no mentors during our February meeting).**

**High School Youth Group** meets **February 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 8pm.



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

### Expansion Extravaganza

The Expansion Extravaganza is coming soon, and we couldn't be more excited! This Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser will help us raise critical funds for Chum's operating budget and expansion.

Event Details:

- When: Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm
- Where: Clyde Iron Works, 2920 W Michigan St, Duluth, MN 55806

What to Expect: Live music, delicious food, a silent auction, and the vibrant energy of Mardi Gras. Come dressed in your best festive attire to enjoy an unforgettable evening!

For more information:

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

### Accomplishments to Celebrate:

- Your giving of time and resources enabled our team of dedicated staff members to serve over a thousand people experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and isolation.
- The celebration of the third anniversary of the St Francis Apartments, and the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Steve O'Neil Apartments.
- Our new team of managers - Sarah, Abigail, April, Drew, and LeVar - passionate in providing for the well-being of all in their care.
- The blossoming of our newly created Mission Advancement Department working hard to sustain our life-giving safety net services in this northern region.

The fiscal sponsorship and facilitative leadership provided to Stepping On Up which resulted in collaborative gains advancing the cause of people experiencing homelessness. The opening of the new Another Door shelter for youth escaping homelessness.

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm is the next **Assembly at Gloria Dei Church.**

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Berner; Peace UCC CHUM Delegate



**Waging Peace with Diana Oestreich**  
**Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Mitchell Auditorium**

Author, activist and peace-maker Diana Oestreich presents reflections from her book, *Waging Peace: One Soldier's Story of Putting Love First.*

Oestreich served as a combat medic on the battlefield of the Iraq war and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. She is also the founder of Waging Peace Project, a movement activating everyday people to commit small acts of courage right where we live to wage peace because our neighbors Justice and Joy cannot wait.

This is the third event in the 2024-25 series *What is Peace?* brought to you by the Alworth Center for the Study of Peace and Justice.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial March for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives** **February 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, 11am - 5pm**

All are welcome to please come to the event and memorial march for MMIW, MMIWR in support to families, relatives, and community as we collectively march to honor lost loved ones. Families and Community please bring photos of lost loved ones. Our goal of the event & memorial march is to increase visibility of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives of Turtle Island, missing & lost loved ones and to honor them - we request no other actions at the event or march that may takeaway or derail the focus from its intended purpose of honoring lost loved ones.

For more information on the origins of the Women's Memorial March, held annually on valentines day please see <https://womensmemorialmarch>.

Memorial March Downtown Duluth MN - Rain or Shine. Order of events:

- The City of Duluth will Light Enger Tower "Red for MMIW,R" February 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>
- 11:00am Opening Ceremony: Traditional Opening AICHO, Robert Powless Center
- 202 W 2nd Street, Duluth MN 55808 2:30pm MN, Memorial March Downtown Duluth



## Volunteer Opportunities

### 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."

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Tom & Christine Day**

February 10<sup>th</sup> - **Bob & Kay Stevens**

February 17<sup>th</sup> - **Kris Johnson**

February 24<sup>th</sup> - **April Knight**

### Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Open**

February 9<sup>th</sup> - **Open**

February 16<sup>th</sup> - **Open**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Open**

### Wednesday Night Meals

Every Wednesday Peace Church has our Wednesday night meals whether its soup or a special meal. We look for volunteers to help set up, bring soup, or serve and clean up.

#### February 5<sup>th</sup>

Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**

Soup - **5 Spots Open**

Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**

Bread - **4 Spot Open**

GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**

Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

#### February 12<sup>th</sup>

Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**

Soup - **5 Spots Open**

Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**

Bread - **4 Spot Open**

GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**

Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

#### February 26<sup>th</sup>

Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**

Soup - **5 Spots Open**

Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**

Bread - **4 Spot Open**

GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**

Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

### 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).

#### 8:30 Ushering

##### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ushers - Pat &  
Lynn Devlin

Lay Reader - **Open**

##### February 9<sup>th</sup>

Ushers - Tom &  
Monica Liddle

Lay Reader - Monica  
Liddle

##### February 16<sup>th</sup>

Ushers - Gayle &  
Jack Kelly

Lay Reader - **Open**

##### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ushers - Cyndi Brown  
Deb McLeod

Lay Reader - **Open**

#### 10:30 Ushering

##### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Greeters - Cindy Macaulay

**1 Spot Open**

Ushers - Pam Kramer

**2 Spots Open**

Head Usher - Laurie Berner

Lay Reader - **Open**

##### February 9<sup>th</sup>

Greeters - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **3 Spots Open**

Head Usher- Laurie Berner

Lay Reader - **Open**

##### February 16<sup>th</sup>

Greeters **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **3 Spots Open**

Head Usher- Laurie Berner

Lay Reader - **Open**

##### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Greeters - **2 Spots Open**

Ushers - **3 Spots Open**

Head Usher- Laurie Berner

Lay Reader - **Open**

### 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).

#### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

#### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30-10:30am - **3 Spots Open**

11:00-1:00pm - Peggy Skylondz

**1 Spot Open**

1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

## Peace People

### 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, Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest, and Marlis Cran and Ellyn Wiens at Aftenro.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Phyllis Cook, Laura Tonkin, and others.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Bill Mittlefehldt on the passing of his wife, Pamela. Pam's Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Thank You

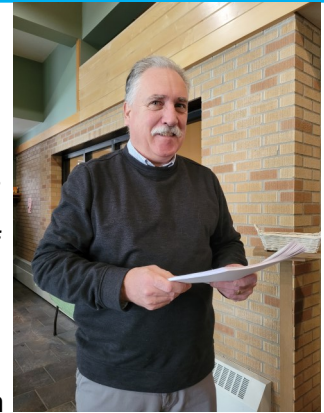
- Thank you to our Cabaret performers; Byron Klimek, Carrie Kelsey, Pastor Corinne Freedman Ellis, Emily Ramsey, Gudrun Witrak, Ian Connell, Jean Leibfried, Lian Ojakangas, Melanie Sever, Ron Deters, Ron Kari, and Simon Little.
- Thank you to Jim Pospisil, Peace Church Music Director, for his ability to gather all these musicians together and put on the amazing performance.
- Thank you to the Food Hospitality Team for providing snacks for the Cabaret.
- Thank you to Bob Stevens for guest preaching on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Betty Greene and John Ameel for taking pictures at Peace Church events.

### Who, What, Why

**Who** - Warren Post

**What** - Ushering

**Why** - Peace Church is a congregation of doers. We take care of each other and our wider community. This church has given so much to me and my family, and I feel if I can pitch in, usher every once in a while and give back in some small way then that's a good thing,



### Did you bring a Pan to Peace?

Have you brought any pans or containers to the church? Have you been looking for any pans or containers at your house and they are missing? Please stop by the table by the office, this Sunday to see if any of those are yours.



### Peace Church Cookbook still Available!



Recipes from the Heart

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If you missed out on your chance to get your copy of the Peace Church Cookbook don't worry we still have plenty available. Please stop by the Church Office on Sunday's 8am - Noon and Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm. The cookbooks are \$10 per book.

# January Events





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

*If you would like to be on our email list to receive notices of church events, please send an email request to the church office: office@peaceucc.org*

**PEACE CHURCH STAFF**

Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis  
 Music Director: Jim Pospisil  
 Children, Youth and Small Group Coordinator: Amanda Hunter  
 Pastoral Care Chaplain: Rev. Laurie Crelly

Office Coordinator: Bri Dornbush  
 Business Manager: Rachel Obed  
 Bookkeeper: Mali Lorenz  
 Custodian: Dan Shepard  
 Pianist: Wendy Durrwachter  
 Worship Tech: Alex Nelson  
 Kitchen Manager: Carrie Kelsey



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