



# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Sundays at a Glance

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sermon by Rev. Laurie Crelly**

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

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

**9:30am** Forum: Reserve Fund Q&A

**10:30am** Childcare Available

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

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**5:00pm** OWL

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

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

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

**9:30am** Forum: Belonging & Community at Peace Church

**10:30am** Childcare Available

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

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**5:00pm** OWL

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

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

**9:30am** Easter Breakfast

**10:00am** Easter Egg Hunter

**10:30am** Childcare Available

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

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sermon by Rev. Oby Ballinger**

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

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

**9:30am** Forum: Prism Organizing Network with Rev. Oby Ballinger

**10:30am** Childcare Available

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

**11:30am** Coffee Hour

**5:00pm** OWL

## April Forums

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Reserve Fund Q&A**

Peace Church has historically spent money as we've received it, keeping only small amounts of money saved in designated funds. The Covid-19 pandemic showed us the necessity for emergency funds, just like a household keeps, to ensure our sustainability through the uncertainty of our changing world. Geof Witrak and Tom Hystead will share the proposal, approved by the Finance Committee and Coordinating Council, for limited funds, invested prudently, to support our building, operations, and mission into the future. Bring your questions!

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Belonging & Community at Peace Church**

The Shared Ministry Team just went through a name change and are now the Belonging & Community Team. Come to share your ideas, energy, and hopes for what it means to build the Beloved Community here at Peace Church.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**No Forum, Easter Sunday**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Prism Organizing Network with Rev. Oby Ballinger**

Prism is a statewide network committed to building power for LGBTQ+ equality by organizing people and resources across Minnesota. Bringing together faith communities, allies, and advocates from diverse traditions, Prism works to advance a shared vision of justice and inclusion for all. Rev. Oby Ballinger is the founder and lead organizer of Prism and is our guest preacher for the morning. He will facilitate a conversation on steps we can take to organize with our statewide allies.

### Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt!

Come eat breakfast with Peace families! Join us for breakfast at **9:30am on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:00am, we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt, also in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have lots of eggs filled with non-food treats!

## Notes from Pastor Corinne

Dear Peace Church,

The world is feeling difficult and scary for many of us right now. We need spiritual grounding when the ground beneath our feet is constantly shifting. For some, we also need ways to be connected and effective.

I recently committed to ISIAH's Clergy Organizing Cohort, running from June through November of this year. Pastors and imams from across the state will come together for two in-person and four virtual sessions, where we will learn basic organizing skills like building strong teams, power analysis, and developing leaders within our congregations. We are hoping to have at least five Duluth clergy joining the cohort so we can build connections and resilience here in Duluth.

Organizing, in its simplest definition, is connecting people to build power. It's something that every one of us can do. Our 1:1 in-reach was part of that - and we will be holding another one of these 1:1 trainings on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm. If you are curious about how to connect deeply with people and build solidarity through our shared stories and values, we'd love to see you there. If you went through the first training, we still invite you to this second one: the more practice, the better, in my experience! If childcare would be helpful for you to attend, please let us know and we will make those arrangements.

And if you're feeling hopeless, broken, and afraid, as I have heard from many of you that you are, please know that you are not alone. You are loved. You are held by this community and by God. We will remember on Easter Sunday the proclamation by Mary Magdalene, downtrodden and dismissed by society, who proclaims, "I have seen the Lord." Your witness to God's presence - or God's absence, if that is. your current experience - is more than enough.

With Love, Pastor Corinne

## Moderator's Report

Dear members and friends of Peace Church,

The Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We received, reviewed, and approved reports from committees and Pastor Corinne.

Pastor Corinne reported that the Gabriel Fund is out of money due in large part to the financial needs incurred during the COVID epidemic. The Gabriel Fund is a collaboration of six congregations in the Hillside area, the collective goal is to help support families and to work for social and economic justice by providing information, referral, and financial assistance to people in need. A call is going out to the other congregations who contribute to help replenish the fund and Peace members and friends are encouraged to consider contributing.

Jessica Olson reported that a grant application has been submitted to the Duluth Community Foundation to improve the grounds around Peace church for our members and the community to enjoy.

Wonderful news was shared by Pastor Corinne regarding Another Door. The waitlist for homeless youth in St. Louis County is almost empty. With six youth in residence currently, and many more already transitioned to permanent housing, the expanded shelter is meeting a clear need.

The council ended our meeting with a meaningful conversation lead by Pastor Corinne regarding: experiences and feelings we and are loved ones are having at this moment, where we find hope, and Peace church needs and hope.

I end with thoughts of Stephen Dando who recently passed away. Stephen was an important member of the council. He was an amazing person who will be greatly missed by many. His gentle demeanor, thoughtful insight, and spiritual presence on the council will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Stephen's wife Lori, his family, and to all those who Stephen was an important part of their life.

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council

## Peace News



### Meet the New Kids' Club Facilitator

April Knight is the new Kids' Club facilitator for Wednesday nights. Her first visit to Peace church was on a memorable Palm Sunday on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and she quickly became acquainted with the women of Peace through an overnight women's conference held soon after. She became a member two years later due to her skill at procrastination. Formally a pediatric occupational therapist, she is excited to work with children in such a relaxed and playful environment! She currently works as a camp RN for an all boys adventure camp in the summers in Western NC. She is often joined in church activities by her supportive spouse, Brad Davis, when she asks him nicely.

### Uplifting Peace – Mission Possible!



A Silent Auction for Mission and Justice

Mark your calendar for the **Silent Auction for Mission and Justice**, Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to cast a bid for an amazing array of talent and treasure. Proceeds go to our

mission and justice work.

We have donations of Lake Superior cruises, cabin weekends, gourmet dinners, beautiful crafts, artwork, garden supplies, organic farm products, baked goods, etc. We hope you will consider donating as well. Be sure to check out the window display in the Narthex for all current donations.

If you would like to donate, please email the information to [PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com). Or fill out the green sheet on the table in the Narthex, drop it in the office or take it home as a reminder.

Watch for your invitation and be sure to bring friends!

### A Message from our Food Hospitality Team

With many upcoming food-related events, Melissa Boyle of Food Hospitality would like to get a better sense of the number of people with special diets and how well we are doing making sure everyone feels included. If that's you or someone in your family, please send a quick email to Bri at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org). Share your allergies, dietary restrictions, and needs. We want everyone to feel welcome and safe at our food-related events.

### The Peace Church Memorial Prairie

The memorial prairie garden is more than just a picturesque spot. It is a sacred space - a living testament to loss, love, and the enduring promise of renewal. The prairie has a long history and serves as an example of endurance and regeneration. Initiated in 1997 by Doug and Holly Bowen-Bailey, the garden emerged from their profound grief after the loss of two pregnancies. They envisioned a sanctuary to honor the memory of their children and others from the community. With the church's support, the hillside was transformed into a prairie. Currently a plaque within the church lists 38 children who have been memorialized. Also, a paper birch was planted in 2008 in memory of Leigh McMullen who died tragically in a car accident. This space provides a quiet place for all of us to share in our collective grief.

Mary Martin, a long-time Peace member who died in 2015 was a key advocate for the prairie's maintenance and growth. As part of the prairie's care, Peace began conducting controlled burns in 1999 and has been doing so intermittently for the past 25 years. Starting this spring, prescribed burns will be conducted every 3-5 years. The prairie now flourishes with various native plants, including Big Bluestem, Golden Alexander, False Sunflower, Black-eyed Susan, and Wild Bergamot and in 2015 was designated as an official Monarch Waystation.

In the coming weeks stay tuned to the weekly announcements for updates on this spring's burn date. We hope to know a week in advance so everyone interested can witness the transformation.

### New Addition to the Bathrooms!

We have added drawers in each bathroom with hygiene products including diapers, wipes, period products, hair ties, lint rollers, and Tide stain sticks. Please use what you need! If you notice we are running low, please let Bri know in the office.

## Peace Activities

### PALS

The program for the April PALS gathering has changed. The previously announced game night was not working out. Instead Makenzie Henk, a biologist with the Fond du Lac Resource Management Division, will talk about the effort to bring elk back to this area. We will gather at the Green Mill restaurant April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to order food and drink with the presentation from 5:30 - 6:30. Supper will follow at 6:30pm. The restaurant wants to know how many to expect so please RSVP by texting 218-340-6246 or emailing [lrgoese@gmail.com](mailto:lrgoese@gmail.com) by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Save the Date:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Avoiding Scams & Fraud: Smart Financial Safety Online

**June** - Baseball game

**July** - Picnic and planning session

### Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

**Monday, April 28<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).

### Therapeutic SomaYoga

**Mondays 9:00-10:15am**

**Fireside Room**



Therapeutic SomaYoga for healthy aging. Taught by Robin Davidson, PT, RYT, yoga therapist in training. This 75 minute class focuses on different aspects of the body, mind, and spirit that will support you in increased wellness as you age. It is very gentle and offers modifications for all levels of participants. Free will donations for the class (suggested \$10) will be given to the church. Come in person or contact Robin at [roblee91@msn.com](mailto:roblee91@msn.com) for the Zoom link.

### April is Belonging and Community Month!

Formerly known as Shared Ministry Month, we will highlight teams, committees, and ways to get involved every Sunday. Booklets and forms to sign up will be available, and you're invited to bring your questions to the Belonging and Community Forum on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Choir Rehearsals

**6:15pm**

**Wednesdays**

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

### 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, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Tea and Talk

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</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!

### 1:1 Training: Round 2

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm**

Our first round of 1:1s was so successful, we're going again! If you are curious about how to connect deeply with folks you don't know, or go deeper with those you do, you're invited to this training. We'll practice asking good questions and making powerful invitations, and we'll ground ourselves in why these kinds of uncommon conversations are so important right now. All are welcome, including folks who attended a training the first time around!

## Community Events

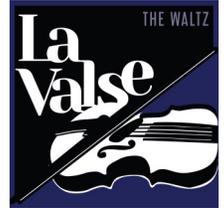
**Dr. Kevin Taber: Global Grassroots**  
**Friday, April 4th at 3:30pm**  
**College of St. Scholastica**



Taber's talk will explore how and why African migrant organizations in the Midwestern U.S. build and utilize transnational networks to promote grassroots economic development and local political change in their places of origin, while also helping explain variations in their levels of commitment to -- and efficacy in -- these efforts. This event is a School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) Colloquium. Raven Room, St. Scholastica Library.

**DSSO: *La Valse***  
**Saturday, April 5th at 7:00pm**  
**DECC Symphony Hall**

The Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra brings its Masterworks season to a close with a celebration of Maurice Ravel's 150th birthday, featuring his virtuosic *La Valse* that shows the orchestra in all its splendor. Concertmaster Erin Aldridge will then take the stage with Ravel's *Tzigane* for violin and orchestra, as well as the beautiful *Poème* by French composer Ernest Chausson. After two Latin American dances by American composer Gabriella Lena Frank, the DSSO Chorus sings Johannes Brahms' serene *Schicksalslied* and the rousing *Time and Again Barelás* choral suite by American/Uruguayan composer Miguel del Aguila.



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**Douglas Wood**  
 presents a  
**Community Earth Day Concert**

**Sunday, April 6 3:00pm**

**First United Methodist Church**  
 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

Admission free: freewill donation accepted

**As Earth Day approaches, enjoy Doug's songs about nurturing your soul and connecting to the earth.**

Perhaps best known as the author of *Old Turtle*, Doug Wood has written forty books and recorded nine albums. His music evokes the beauty and mystery of the Northwoods wilderness, capturing the wild spirit of the north and our connection to it.



**Saturday, April 12th**  
 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



*Help us celebrate*  
**Agate and Ore's**  
**12th Birthday!**



*Special programming*  
 all day long!

### A Refugee Journey

**Tuesday, April 22nd, 1:00 or 2:30pm**

This interactive exhibit takes participants on the journey of a refugee from Afghanistan to Germany. During the exhibit attendees will learn about: the legal definition of refugees; the reasons refugees leave their countries and why they want to go to certain countries; the rights governments are legally obligated to offer refugees; the nature of the refugee's journey; and resettlement. Rafters in Kirby Student Center at UMD.

All Peace Bell articles for May need to be submitted by April 16th to [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org).

## Children, Youth and Families

Hello Peace Families,

We are just around the corner from the Resurrection. I don't know about you, but sometimes in my own life, full of responsibilities and the worries of the day-to-day – that's what I want to jump to – the happy ending of the story. The part where everything works out okay. The part where things that were uncertain get figured out.

Our Lenten series has been challenging me to take the time to exist in the messy in-between of the story, where most of life happens. A location that is defined by nuance and mystery. A location where the answers to questions are in process.

There are two artefacts that I stumbled across last week that are floating in my mind as I ponder that process.

One was a quote by Barry Taylor, the once road manager of the band AC/DC who became a (somewhat controversial) pastor who said: "God is the name of the blanket we put over the mystery to give it a shape."

The other is a poem by Francis Bernardone, also known as St. Francis of Assisi, a figure at once beloved and scandalous for his vows of poverty, extreme embrace of joy, and connection to the natural world.

*I once spoke to my friend, an old squirrel, about the Sacraments –  
he got so excited  
and ran into a hollow in his tree and came  
back holding some acorns, an owl feather,  
and a ribbon he had found.  
And I just smiled and said, "Yes, dear, you understand:  
Everything imparts  
God's grace."*

I'm still rolling these artefacts around in my mind, letting them tumble into each other, to see how they connect. But I think it has something to do with challenging myself to peek under the blanket, to find the everyday objects and moments of treasure that connect me to the mystery, to the grace. A mystery and grace we see clearly in the Resurrection but can struggle to find in the process of getting there.

As your family moves through Holy week, my prayer is you will be confronted, implicated, and astounded by moments of grace, of mystery. Perhaps, it's an acorn, feather, and piece of ribbon found in a child's pocket when doing laundry. Perhaps it's a kind word or hug when it is most needed. Perhaps it is a glimmer of justice in a world that can be cruelly unjust.

As for Resurrection, we will celebrate that together, knowing that it's both an end and a beginning to these stories that we shape over and over again, year after year, to explore the mystery of God and of our life in community together.

Below are some activities over the month of April and beyond that will help your family connect at Peace and find joy. Please 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

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

Childcare is available in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 10:30am service. We also offer childcare in the nursery on Wednesday nights, from 5:30-6:30pm.

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

### **Acolyte training, May 18<sup>th</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 child 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!

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### **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 our new Wildwoods Room (behind the office, where the old nursery used to be). 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 and on the resource table by the water fountain. These spaces offer quiet activities where parents and kiddos can engage in play and creativity while still participating in worship.

### **OWL**

#### **Our Whole Lives**

**Current OWL Classes meet from 5-6:30pm at UUCD on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** Questions about Our Whole Lives? Reach out to Amanda!

Do you want to be trained to be an **Our Whole Lives Facilitator**? 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 reach out to Amanda and we will find training for you!

### **Families with Young Children Potluck**

Join us for a potluck style breakfast, Peace will provide bagels/baked goods, coffee and tea and families are encouraged to bring a breakfast potluck item to share (contact Amanda to sign up to bring something). This is a time for families to have fun, visit, network and connect with ministry staff for a check-in. We want to think about what is working for your family at Peace – what are you excited about? We also want feedback as to what can be improved – what does your family need? Is there something new you want to try?

### **Peace Summer Day Camp Save the dates! June 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9-12pm.**

We will be collaborating again with Pilgrim Congregational and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth. More details about the camp are coming this month in an email!

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

There will be **no Wednesday Night Programming on April 2<sup>nd</sup>** due to ISD 709 Spring Recess.

Please join us for a simple supper at 5pm.

**Kids' Club (grades K- 5)** meet from 5:30-6:15pm in the new Wildwood's Room (behind the office). Our Spring theme in Kids Club is exploring stories through Performance based Arts! We are creating a play that will be performed in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. We will be working with puppets, writing a script, creating a new song with Jim Pospisil, and choreographing a dance with Susan Ranfranz.

**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 Classes**

**Confirmation 1 (10<sup>th</sup> grade)** and **Confirmation 2 (11<sup>th</sup> grade)** classes will meet this month on **April 9<sup>th</sup> (with mentors)**. The Confirmation 2 retreat is **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Confirmation Sunday will be **May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Looking ahead**

The **High School Youth Group LOCKIN** has been moved to Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

The first hour will be a Parent and Youth retreat, where we will discuss the results of the High School Youth Group Survey, have some dinner and make plans. Once parents take off, youth and chaperones will be locked-in for fun and fellowship! Families look for emails with more details or reach out to Amanda with any questions.

Check out the Member Resource table in the Narthex, by the couches – there you will find **Community Resource** cards put together by staff. Take one or two to keep at home and in your car, or to share with a friend. The idea is to create agency among Peace members, so that if you find someone needing help while out and about in the Northland, you will have organizations to contact at your fingertips. You can also always reach out to the church office with questions!

Also check out the Arts & Crafts & Social Emotional Learning (SEL) table by the Water Fountain, with resources for children and families.



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

Services that Chum provides are critical to so many northlanders in need. Here is a synopsis of what Chum does and where your donations help. Information is from their website.

### Street Outreach

Chum’s Street Outreach program in Duluth serve’s those who cannot or will not stay in shelter. Chum’s Street Outreach Staff work with people who are living on the street, in the woods, or in other places unfit for human habitation. Chum’s Street Outreach works with about 150-200 people a year. Most are experiencing long-term or chronic homelessness (defined by HUD as homeless with a disability). Chum staff help them meet their basic needs, stabilize their housing, and reduce their contact with the police. We advocate for and with them when they are involved with law enforcement, corrections, health care and other public systems.

### Shelter

When people think of Chum, the Chum center is usually what comes to mind. This is a homeless shelter in Duluth where people can stay and get help. When someone is staying at the shelter they have access to all of the resources Chum has available. Chum provides Emergency Shelter services in Duluth. In this same building, they have a Congregate Shelter that provides dormitory-style shelter for single adults. This is crucial to providing basic needs for survival in the harsh weather in Duluth.

### Food Shelf

The Chum Food Shelf located at 120 N 1st Ave West is open Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 10:00am until 12:00pm or until supplies run out. Individuals can come through our line and receive a food box full of healthy foods.

On Mondays, food is distributed at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Ave, from 10am until 12:00pm or until supplies run out.

In Duluth, our community's need for the Chum food shelf has only been growing. Chum does everything they can to provide for people in need. The community's help is needed as well. It takes a village.

Food Shelves and Banks have been affected by the changes at the federal level. Your donations are more critical than usual. Food donations can be put in the basket outside the Peace UCC office. They are delivered to Chum. Thank you!

### Journey for Justice: A 5-week series for Personal Growth and Reflection

*Journey for Justice*, was a 5-week series broken up into a variety of anti-racism themes including Whiteness, White Privilege, Race and Identity and Stories of the Black Diaspora each with featured podcasts or videos that can be explored at your own pace. If you find small spaces in your day when listening is easier than reading, *Journey for Justice* might fit your lifestyle or provide you and your family with something different to do together this season. Our last session will be:

#### Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Discussion: *Journey for Justice* 5:30-7:00pm,  
Music Room

(This session will be available for in-person or Zoom participation.)

The *Journey for Justice* curated listening and viewing list can be found by scanning the QR code at the end of the article. We encourage you to explore this media and choose the order and selections that are most interesting to you. A list of reflection questions is provided for your consideration and you are encouraged to jot down your thoughts and bring them to the group discussion. **We welcome members of all ages to help us grow this body of media by share your own favorite podcasts or videos to expand our Justice Journey.**



“INJUSTICE ANYWHERE  
IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE  
EVERYWHERE.”

–MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

## Peace People

### Who, What, Why

**Who** - Judy Seliga-Punyko

**What** - Choir

**Why** - I love being part of our Peace Choir for mainly 2 reasons: 1. Our director, Jim, is an amazing musician and has so many connections to the musical community, bringing in talent to inspire and elevate our sound. 2. The other members of choir make a fun, supportive, and positive group of people to hang out with. We always welcome new members.



### 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 pastors for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

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

### Our Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts go out to Lorraine Anderson's Family on her passing on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Peace Church held a time to share memories on March 26<sup>th</sup> during Tea & Talk.

### Kitchen Needs

Do you have a Instant Pot collecting dust in your pantry or basement? Carrie, Peace Church Kitchen Coordinator, is looking for a couple more for soup suppers and other upcoming events. Please leave in the kitchen with a note so we know who to thank.

## Nominations

### Nominations for Church Council

Are you interested in learning more about what goes on "behind the scenes" at Peace Church? Do you like being involved in deep discussions and decision-making? Do you value Peace Church and its mission in our community? If any of these ring true for you, please know that the Coordinating Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2024-2025 council. You can contact any of the council members for more information. Additionally, prospective council members are encouraged to attend a council meeting prior to the June congregational meeting when the new council is elected.

Please email the office at [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) for nomination forms and return them to the office by Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The open positions for the coming year are: Vice Moderator (3-year commitment, as the Vice Moderator moves into the Moderator role, then serves a final year as Past Moderator), Secretary, Christian Education, Christian Service, and At-Large (all 2-year terms) If you wish to nominate someone, please contact them first to confirm they are willing to serve in this way. Note that because there are only 5 positions open, not all nominated names will be elected to the council.

Council members generally sign on for a two-year term, and commit to meeting at least monthly to conduct the business of the church. Monthly meeting agendas include reviews of monthly financials, committee reports, and pastoral reports. The council will also be engaged in the coming year in supporting the transition team and pastoral search committee.



# Volunteer Schedules

## 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."

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Laura Tonkin  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>** - **Open**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>** - **Open**  
**April 28<sup>th</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.

**April 9<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**

**April 16<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**

**April 23<sup>rd</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**

**April 30<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**

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

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

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**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).

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers - Cyndi Brown  
Kate Nicoletti  
Lay Reader - **Open**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers - Pat &  
Lynn Devlin  
Lay Reader - **Open**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers - Tom &  
Monica Liddle  
Lay Reader - Monica Liddle

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers - Gayle &  
Jack Kelly  
Lay Reader - **Open**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Greeter - **2 Spots Open**  
Ushers - **3 Spots Open**  
Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**  
Head Usher - **Open**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Greeter - **2 Spots Open**  
Ushers - **3 Spots Open**  
Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**  
Head Usher - **Open**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Greeter - **2 Spots Open**  
Ushers - **3 Spots Open**  
Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**  
Head Usher - **Open**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Greeter - **2 Spots Open**  
Ushers - **3 Spots Open**  
Lay Reader - **1 Spot Open**  
Head Usher - **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, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots Open**  
4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30-10:30am - Paul O'Brien  
Don Galloway  
**1 Spot Open**  
11:00-1:00pm - Peggy Skylondz  
Laurie Berner  
**1 Spot Open**  
1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots Open**  
4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**

## March Events



## Easter Flowers

### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



*Help us beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.*

If you wish to have a lily placed in memory or honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it in the offering or to the office by Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The price per plant is \$20.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies at a cost of \$20/plant.

Total cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Checks should be made out to Peace Church and marked "Lilies"***

From: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

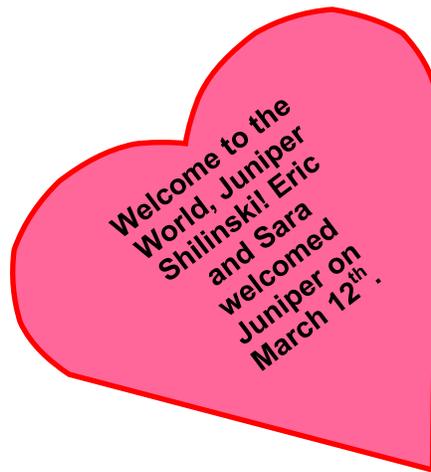
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If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

Welcome to worship with Peace Church, every Sunday 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  
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 Kitchen Manager: Carrie Kelsey



**PEACE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm**

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***Praising God; Living the Way of Jesus; and Building the Beloved Community of God***

Our vision is to be an accessible, open, and affirming community, growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and building the beloved community. We strive to respect and value all of creation, and the diversity of people's sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, class, race, culture, age, and physical and mental abilities.

## Holy Week



### **Palm Sunday:** **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am and 10:30am**

Jesus doesn't instigate his own parade. Instead, just his quiet presence alone inspires the

multitude to shout out and praise God. When the religious leaders try to silence the crowd, Jesus tells them that the noise level isn't the point—even the stones would cry out if they were silent. It takes wisdom to know when our voice is needed and when it's just noise. Join us for a worship service that is both loud and reflective, with palms at both services.



### **Good Friday:** **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** **Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E 4<sup>th</sup> St**

We will celebrate a collaborative Good Friday service with our friends from Pilgrim Congregational Church and Glen Avon Presbyterian Church.

### **Children, Join the Palm Sunday Parade!**

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> meet up in the Narthex at 10:20am to get your palm leaves and handheld instruments. We will process into the 10:30am worship service together to remember and celebrate Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

### **Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt!**

Come eat breakfast with Peace families!

Join us for breakfast at **9:30am on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fellowship Hall.

At 10:00am, we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt (also in the fellowship hall). We'll have lots of eggs filled with goodies - it's always a lot of fun!

### **Easter Raffle**



Peter Rabbit (or maybe Mopsy or Flopsy) is coming to the Easter breakfast. This rabbit will go home with one of our families, or maybe a grandparent or aunt or uncle! Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the church office beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. Drawing will be held at Easter breakfast, April 20<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:30 hour. Soft, pink, and close to 21 inches when seated—this rabbit is looking for a home! Raffle funds will support the PK Fund, funding this year's youth trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.



### **Maundy Thursday:** **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

In his final hours, Jesus redefines power through acts of humility, including sharing a final meal with his closest friends and those who will soon betray him. After breaking bread, the disciples argue about who is the greatest, but Jesus tells them that the greatest must be the least and the leader must be the servant, turning their hierarchy on its head. According to Jesus, humility is powerful, and real power is shown through humility. This service will look a little different than years past, as we gather around tables for handwashing and a more robust communion meal.

### **Beach Vigil:**

### **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5pm** **Park Point**

Come join us for an Easter Eve beach service on Park Point. We'll gather at the Tot Lot beach area at 5:00pm. Enjoy a bonfire - there's usually 15-20 of us, all ages welcome. Singing, scripture, prayer, communion. After the service, we roast



### **Help needed for preparing Easter breakfast**

Youth and older Elementary Families! We need your help on **Saturday Morning, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am** to help our fabulous kitchen crew prep food for the Sunday Easter Breakfast, and to fill and hide Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt! On Sunday Morning, we need Youth to help serve Breakfast too!

### **Easter Sunday:**

### **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am and 10:30am,**



Grief is a healthy response to Jesus' death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning. And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning. The other disciples don't believe the women's message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Grieving doesn't have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief. Celebrate the hope and promise of the resurrection with us on Easter morning.