The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

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January 26th

One Service Only

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

10:30am Worship with Holy Communion11:30am Coffee Hour11:45am Annual Budget Meeting



January Forums

January 5th - Communion 101

You've probably experienced communion here at Peace Church and you may have experienced it in other congregations, too. But do you know why we celebrate this sacrament? Where the words we use come from? Why we use bread and juice? Come for a time of learning and connection as we grow in faith together. This is Part 1 of a 4part worship forums series.

January 12th - Baptism 101

Baptisms are some of the most exciting days in worship. But have you ever wondered: how did we get from Jesus baptized in the Jordan River to babies sprinkled with water? How do we understand baptism in the UCC? Why do we usually baptize in the context of a Sunday worship service? How do I know if I'm ready to be baptized, or if this is a choice I want to make for my child? Come for deep conversation about the second sacrament of our faith. This is Part 2 of a 4-part worship forums series.

January 19th - 2025 Budget Review

In advance of our Annual Meeting on January 26th, the Finance Committee will review the proposed budget, answer questions, and receive feedback. We aim to be transparent with you in this meeting so there are no surprises at the Annual Meeting. Bring your questions!

January 26th - No Forum

Annual Budget Meeting!! Sunday, January 26th

Come join us after the 10:30 service on the 26th for our Annual Budget Meeting. This meeting for us to bring updates and vote on the 2025 budget. Everyone is welcome to attend but only members are allowed to vote.

From Pastor Corinne



Dear Peace Church,

It's hard to believe that I'm celebrating a full year of ministry with you all! In some ways, it feels like I just got here, and in other ways, it feels like we've been in ministry together much longer. As I write this, we will soon observe one of our last "firsts" together: Christmas Eve! Then, Epiphany. Then, we'll do it all again.

The church year has endlessly fascinated me and while I sometimes tire of the same readings and holidays and events year after year, there is a deep, ancient, resonant gift in repetition. Every year, Jesus is born. Every year, Jesus rises. Every year, we wait. Every year, we have an annual budget meeting to vote on our spending for the year! Okay, that one is less ancient, but it's still pretty important.

Common wisdom says not to change anything during your first year serving a

church. But so much has already changed this past year: we welcomed two new staff members (shout -out to Carrie and Laurie!), received 20 new households as congregation members, moved the Nursery, added two pray-grounds to our Sanctuary, restarted Wednesday night dinners, and so much more. To be clear, very few of these things have anything, directly, to do with me coming to Peace, but they are developments that have changed the fabric of who we are. All this is to say, even if you don't intend to make changes, change is inevitable!

This month will bring a few changes: a big move into the rental wing, a change to our door security (more to come when everything is officially installed), a new budget, and more, I am certain. We will take next steps on our congregational covenant and start revising our bylaws. There is always newness unfolding, even as we go through the same cycles year after year.

My prayer for us in this second year of ministry is that we can continue to grow in living courageously and faithfully in a world that needs the bold love of Christ, holding together while not being afraid to shake things up. New Year's blessings!

With love, Pastor Corinne

From the Moderator

Dear members and friends of Peace Church,

As we begin the new year it is worth reflecting a bit on 2024 at Peace. The year saw important events of which significantly included the welcoming Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis as our Lead Pastor in January. Work began and was completed on the Emergency Youth Shelter. 2024 at Peace was filled with meaningful church services, Wednesday night activities, youth programing, and amazing music. We welcomed new members, including recently, 8 families, total of 19 individuals, to Peace Church. It was an incredible year for Peace Church due in no small part to our wonderful staff, our members and friends, and last but certainly not least, Pastor Corinne.

Now on to a bit of business. The Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024. We received, reviewed, and approved reports from committees and Pastor Corinne. Of great significance, it was reported that Peace Church will end the year with our budget in the black thanks to our generous members and friends. On behalf of the Coordinating Council, thank you!

The Council will finalize our budget for 2025 on January 16th and the congregation will vote on the budget at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th. If you plan to pledge or have changed the amount of your pledge and have not notified the office, I ask that you please do this so the council has accurate numbers when finalizing our budget for 2025.

On behalf of the Coordinating Council, all the best to you and your loved ones in 2025.

As always, the Council welcomes and appreciates any feedback you may have for us and appreciate you keeping us in your prayers.

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council



Cabaret! Saturday, January 25th at 7:00pm.

Please join us for a lovely evening of various musical acts in a fund

raiser for the Foy Scholarship. Treats provided by the Food Hospitality Team.

Rev. Laurie Crelly Wants to Meet You!

Rev. Laurie Crelly, our Peace Church Pastoral Care Chaplain, is available for visits or to meet for coffee afternoons Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays. Pastor Laurie is usually at Peace church on Wednesday evenings and services on 1st and 3rd Sundays. To schedule a visit or reach Laurie with an urgent need please call, text or email her - 218-461-8172 or Laurie@peaceucc.org.

Coming Soon - New Security System

This winter we will be installing a new security system at the church. There will be security cameras at the entrances and a door access intercom system at both the exterior front door and exterior kitchen door. This means that the doors to the building will be locked during the day, even during office hours, as an added layer of security for our staff and people in the building. Our building is in use seven days a week, at all times of the day, by both church and community groups. We hope that this new system will both protect our space and make it easier to let groups in the building outside of regular office hours.

During office hours there will be easy access to the building through the intercom system, and groups using the building after hours will be given code access as well. The doors will continue to be unlocked for Sunday worship and Wednesday evening programming. Staff will manage the security system and update you through weekly emails once the system is installed and ready to use.

Stepping On Up Update

With great jubilation, project construction has just about crossed the finish line! While there's much we could write about for the last article for this project, let's let some numbers speak for the work. Upon conclusion, the following statistics emerged from May to December:

- 1. 500 volunteer hours from Peace Church members for demolition and committee work
- 2. 5,000 contractor and staff hours
- 3. Over 200 meetings consisting of at least 3 people (75% in-person).
- 4. Over 25 local business involved
- 5. Over 25 local non-profits impacted by this project completion
- 100% of budget spending was in Minnesota, 95% in southern St. Louis County, and 92.5% of project dollars were spent within Duluth.
- 7. 75' of sub sandwiches and 350 slices of pizza consumed through weekly sponsored contractor lunches. Thank you Geof Witrak!
- 8. 400 pieces of Sheetrock, 180 gallons of paint, and 7 miles of electrical wire were used in the construction. An estimated distance of 26.2 miles of up-and-down ladder work was performed.

At every step of the construction process, Peace Church stepped up to ask, "how can I help"? Through efforts large and small, we were able to build a resilient shelter space that will change the lives of so many. If you had a chance to tour the space, you can feel it. To each of you involved, from staff, to committees, to participants, **thank you**. We have, together, built a better community. We look forward to the future success of this space!





Peace Activities and Groups

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy Monday, January 27th 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, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Welcome to Wednesday Night Bible study! Wednesdays, 5:45pm

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.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will meet to discuss The Small and The Mighty by Sharon McMahon on Monday, January 13th at 3:00pm in the Fireside room and also by Zoom. This book by a historian who grew up in Duluth is an inspiring book about persons who made a difference in our country but are not recognized in the history books. E-mail pcragun01@gmail.com with questions or to be included in group emails. Please join us!



Choir Rehearsals

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. Every skill level is welcome! If you have any questions please contact our Music Director, Jim Pospisil, at jim@peaceucc.org.

Office Furniture Needed

We're happy to say that we're finally back to a full staff with our recent welcoming of Rev. Laurie Crelly as Pastoral Care Chaplain! As we shuffle our office spaces around to accommodate more workspaces, we're looking for donations of gently used office furniture. We're specifically looking for two small desks, office chairs, and lockable drawers/filing cabinets. Please reach out to rachel@peaceucc.org to coordinate.

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, January 9th and 23rd.

Tea and Talk January 29th at 3:00pm



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

SomaYoga is back!



Monday Mornings at 9:00am

Yoga us held at 9:00am on Monday mornings in the Fireside Room.

January schedule is: January 6th - No class January 13th - Zoom class only January 20th - Zoom class only

January 27th - In-person and Zoom

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Robin Davidson know roblee91@msn.com.

PALS

The January PALS gathering will be held on Thursday, the 23rd. At this point a program has not been selected. Watch for details via email when details are set.

Upcoming programs include:

February 20th - Duluth Port Authority - what they are and what they do.

March 20th (tentative) - Duck Pin Bowling

Peace Bell articles for Fevruary are due Wednesday, January 22nd. Send articles to bri@peaceucc.org

Peace Activities and Groups

1:1 Conversation Trainings: Choose Sunday, January 5th or Wednesday, January 8th

A 1:1 conversation is a natural but uncommon conversation with someone you want to know better, about their values, vision, life, and motivations. As we seek to connect in community in a countercultural, depolarized, faithful way, this practice can help us deepen our understanding of one another and guide us in our next steps as a congregation. We invite all who are interested in learning and practicing this skill to attend the training. You'll have an opportunity to sign up to have these conversations with fellow Peace UCC members. If you aren't interested or available for the training but would like someone to reach out to you for a conversation, please get in touch with Bri at office@peaceucc.org. Questions about the training? Get in touch with Monica Liddle at monimliddle@gmail.com or Pastor Corinne at corinne@peaceucc.org.

Listen, Reflect, and Connect Wednesday, January 8th in the Fireside Room

Marilyn Mayry invites you to an ongoing **Listen**, **Reflect and Connect group** that will be offered twice a month on Wednesdays. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Peace Church at 3:30pm except for the month of January. You may attend either or both sessions. They will follow the same format, but each session will stand on its own.

You and your voice matter. We hope you will join us!

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 (<u>bri@peaceucc.org</u>) to be added to the distribution list.



The Peace Church Cookbook is here!

The time has come! The Peace Church Cookbook, "Peace Meals," will be available in the office year round for \$10. Please stop in and see Bri for your copy!



Stepping On Up Shelter Registry

Stepping On Up is looking for welcome basket supplies and kitchenware for their new emergency youth shelter. As the holidays are approaching, this is a great chance for our community to



support the project in a hands-on way. Gifts can be purchased at Target and dropped off at Peace Church during office hours or shipped via the registry. Check out the <u>Target registry here!</u>

John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon

The 40th running of the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon begins at Billy's Bar. The start of the race is open to the public and free to attend. A gate or shuttle donation of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family is suggested.

The Beargrease is the longest sled-dog race in the lower 48 and is a qualifier for the famed "Iditarod" in Alaska. More than a dozen worldclass mushers compete in the 300-mile marathon, which runs along the north shore of Lake Superior, through the Sawtooth Mountains and finishes near the Canadian border in Grand Portage.

Limited handicap parking will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Service dogs are welcome, however, no pets are allowed at any start, finish or checkpoint during the Beargrease.

All finishes are highly dependent on weather and trail conditions. The 40-mile race should finish on January 30th in mid-afternoon. The 120-mile race should finish January 31st in the morning. The 300-mile marathon is expected to finish on February 1st in the afternoon.

Children, Youth and Families

Hello Peace Families,

I hope you each had a restful and rejuvenating holiday with people that you love.

We are starting a new year which is always an unpredictable undertaking.

Investing and participating in our communities of care will be more important than ever. At Peace we aim to be one of those communities for you and your family. If you are feeling hopeful, we want you to show up and let us know. If you are feeling anxious, we want you to show up and let us know. If you are feeling anxious, we want you to show up and let us know. If you are sad, or lonely or motivated to work for justice we want you to show up and let us know.

At Peace we aim to show up for our larger community and for folks that may be vulnerable and need our support. And while we don't know the details just yet of exactly who or what or how will most need that support in 2025 - I have a lot of faith in this community, that we will show up together to help, when the time is at hand.

In my letter last month, I mentioned that the nativity story, like so many stories from the Bible, is ultimately a promise that God takes impossible situations and makes goodness possible; that God pulls miracle and blessing from the worst-case scenario. We carry the promise of that story with us as we enter this new year together. There are many versions of God out there – but 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.

From a programming standpoint, this year we will be supplementing our faith-based curriculums, with a curriculum that helps our children and youth build a growth mindset – characterized by empathy, resilience, self-esteem, overcoming fear and perfectionism, embracing challenges and perseverance. Over the winter we will be incorporating visual art, as one form of creative expression, into many of our spiritual practices with youth and children. We will also be engaging in service projects to help our neighbors and participating in Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations this month. Please keep an eye out for emails with more details in early January.

Please look over our weekly activities below and let me know if 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 <u>amanda@peaceucc.org</u> 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 5th 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.

Nursery restarts January 5th, 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 8th, from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

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

OWL

OWL Classes meet from 5 to 6:30pm at UUCD on January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Questions about Our Whole Lives? Reach out to Amanda!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation 1 (10th grade) and Confirmation 2 (11th grade) classes will meet this month on January 15th and 29th (mentors).

Wednesday Night Programming, beginning January 8th! Let us cook dinner for your family!

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!

High School Youth

High School Youth Group meets January 8th and 15th from 7 - 8pm. We will be finishing up our discussion on the book "How to Be a (Young) Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi and Nic Stone. There will be no required reading outside of the group – all you have to do is show up!

High School Youth Survey

Parents and Students! Please look for a emailed survey coming in early January to comment on what programming would be most valuable to our High School Youth during this busy time of their lives!

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) meet from 6 to 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.









CHUM News



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

CHUM is seeing a dramatic and unprecedented rise in the number of people seeking shelter. Every night, more individuals and families turn to us for a safe place to stay, a warm meal, and the chance to rebuild their lives.

This is a crisis. Duluth is facing an overwhelming need for shelter, and Chum is stepping up to meet it. We are actively expanding our shelter capacity, thoughtfully stretching our resources to ensure that every Duluthian in need has a place to go — whether they are facing mental health or substance use challenges, are part of the nonbinary community, are couples, or are people with disabilities.

Part of the solutions in motion is the opening of the Stepping On Up facility at Peace Church. It will be meeting an important need for the homeless young people in our community.

CHUM will be moving to Damiano soon, as they are gearing up for the renovation project, which should begin this spring.

Give to the Max Day was a success, raising \$45,000 to support Chum's food shelf. CHUM thanks the community for its generosity. This is huge for providing essential groceries to hundreds of families every month.

Thank you to everyone who brings in donations for CHUM to Peace Church. A large amount of food and other personal needs items were recently delivered.

Submitted by, Laurie Berner, CHUM Delegate for Peace UCC

Upcoming events:

January 11th - Advocacy event at Pilgrim Church February 18th - CHUM Assembly February 20th - CHUM's Annual Meeting

Acting For Justice

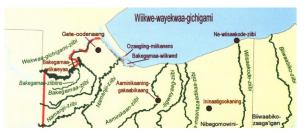
Dismantling Racism Book Study

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER THE HIDDEN ROOTS of WHITE SUPREMACY

and the PATH to a SHARED AMERICAN FUTURE Robert P. Jones The Dismantling Racism Team invites you to participate in a weekly Wednesday night book discussion, January 15th through February 12th, 5:30-6:15. We will explore the book *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* by Robert P Jones.

In order to include avid readers and "I-want-to-read-but-don't-have-time" folks, we will augment the information in most chapters with a video clip to start discussion. The book is in the church library, the Duluth public library or may be purchased for a 15% discount at Zenith Bookstore using the code PEACEBOOKS.

Come to some or all of the weekly sessions. Contact Bri in the church office to let us know you're interested. We will send messages to you with details about each week's readings and focus. Parents of kiddos in kid's club and choir members are welcome to join us.



The River Talks: Chigami-Ziibing: Ojibwe Placenames and Perspectives

January 8th, 2025 at 6:30pm Lake Superior Estuarium 3 Marina Drive Superior, WI 54880

Chigami-ziibing, the St. Louis River, carries many place names that describe its importance to the Anishinaabe. Attendees learn the Ojibwemowin names for favorite spots along the river and practice a bit of the language too.

This River Talk is presented by Naawakwe William Howes III, the Gegaanzikiged (Ojibwemowin Project Manager) at Gegaanzongejig Ji-Aabadak Ojibwemowin, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Language & Culture Program.

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 <u>office@peaceucc.org</u> or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers."

January		
January [•]	13 th	- Open
January 2	20 th	- Open
January 2	27 th	- 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.

January 12th

1:30 - 3:30pm - **3 Spots Open** 4:30 - 6:30pm - **3 Spots Open January 25th** 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**

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.

January 8th

Set up - 2 Spots Open Soup - 5 Spots Open Vegetarian Soup - 2 Spots Open Bread - 4 Spots Open Gluten Free Bread - 1 Spot Open Clean up/ Wash Dishes - 3 Spots Open

January 15th

Set up - 2 Spots Open Soup - 5 Spots Open Vegetarian Soup - 2 Spots Open Bread - 4 Spots Open Gluten Free Bread - 1 Spot Open Clean up/ Wash Dishes - 3 Spots Open

January 22nd

Set up - 2 Spots Open Soup - 5 Spots Open Vegetarian Soup - 2 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 <u>office@peaceucc.org</u>.

8:30 Service

January 5th Ushers - Tom & Monica Liddle Lay Reader - Monica Liddle

January 12th Ushers - Jack & Gayle Kelly Lay Reader - Open January 19th Ushers - Cyndi Brown & Kate Nicoletti Lay Reader - Open January 26th Ushers - Cyndi Brown & Deb McLeod Lay Reader - Open

10:30 Service

January 5th

Greeters - 2 Spots Open Lay Reader - Open Ushers - 3 Spots Open Head Usher - Open

January 12th

Greeters - 2 Spots Open Lay Reader - Open Ushers - 3 Spots Open Head Usher - Open

January 19th Greeters - 2 Spots Open Lay Reader - Open Ushers - 3 Spots Open Head Usher - Open

January 26th

Greeters - 2 Spots Open Lay Reader - Open Ushers - 3 Spots Open Head Usher - Open

Coffee Hour Volunteers

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

Coordinators - Kirby & Cathy Wood

January 5th Mary Adams Amy & Eric Larson

January 19th Gwen Plumb January 26th

January 12th Nina Preheim Jennifer Boyle January 26th Aimee Van Straaten Judy Seliga-Punyko

Bread - **4 Spots Open** Gluten Free Bread - **1 Spot Open** Clean up/ Wash Dishes - **3 Spots Open**

January 29th

Set up - 2 Spots Open Soup - 5 Spots Open Vegetarian Soup - 2 Spots Open Bread - 4 Spots Open Gluten Free Bread - 1 Spot Open Clean up/ Wash Dishes - 3 Spots Open

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 at Aftenro.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Phyllis Cook, and others.

Thank Yous

- We want to say a very grateful THANK YOU to a quiet yet consistent donor at Peace for your generosity in supporting the medical and community development work in East Timor. Your support is deeply appreciated. Tom and Monica Liddle
- Thank you to Burnell Peterson, Ann Carlander, Lorelei Schwensohn, Amy Westbrook, Warren Post, Kelly Buxbaum-Grgas and Veronica Langer for all their help with the Advent Workshop.
- Thank you to the Worship & Arts Team for their hard working decorating the Sanctuary.
- Thank you to Geof & Gudrun Witrak for picking up the poinsettia's that are gracing our Sanctuary.
- Thank you to all performers from the Cantata. And a big THANK YOU to Jim Pospisil for his direction and hard work.
- Thank you to all the families who helped with the Children's Pageant. Everybody was fantastic and we can't wait till next year!

Who, What, Why



Your Welcoming team is pleased to inaugurate a new feature for the Peace Bell called Who What Why highlighting the awesome things volunteers do at Peace. We hope this will encourage others to be involved here.

Who - Cyndi Brown

What - Worship & Arts Team, Afghan Support Circle, Ushering at 8:30 service, and Music-Choir and sometimes Flute.

Why - I would like to focus on why I do music. I get to learn and grow in community with others, I help create beauty for all to enjoy, and I have the opportunity to feel and share God's love and joy for us all.













































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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

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Pastoral Care Chaplain: Rev. Laurie Crelly



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