

"The Tidings"

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Worship Schedule for February 2012

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

UCC WOMEN'S WEEK – FEBRUARY 5-11

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Confirmation

Sunday, February 12 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – ERIC OGI PREACHING

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Confirmation
Youth Choir sings

Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany/ Transfiguration

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Confirmation

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10,

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service with Communion

Sunday, February 26 – First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Susan Kolb preaching

8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY – FEBRUARY 2012

Mugs McFadden recently shared an article from her Grinnell alumni magazine. In it there was a series of stories about taking down social barriers. "You can't open a flower with a hammer," Rabbi Melissa Weintraub says, quoting her colleague, Rabbi Benjamin Barnett. "A flower opens on its own," she adds. "It just needs the right conditions."

For the last several years at this time of year I have travelled south with a group of college students to work with Habitat for Humanity. We have passed the exits on the highway for Birmingham, Selma, Jackson, Memphis, Stone Mountain... the names for me evoke Dr Martin Luther King's preaching and a history of conflict between peoples who were fixed in their perceptions of right and wrong, of who was human and who was less than human. Of course we have been travelling those roads in order to go work with Habitat for Humanity. And while Habitat serves people of every race and religion, its mission is to reach out to the working poor, a group who continues to be largely invisible and profoundly marginalized.

Two weeks ago our group of eight was working to build a home from the footings up. The first day we learned how to lay concrete block. The second day we began doing prep work for the walls and laid the main support beams for the floor. Day three and four we lay floor joists and then the floor... all of our work was about coaxing this house out of the ground one little bit at a time. At the beginning of the week we thought that we would have more people on the job site and we would have seen walls going up by the end of the week. But the progress wasn't that fast, and the other groups of volunteers that were in New Orleans for the week were spread around finishing other projects. We couldn't make the work go any faster than it did. But what we could do was to focus at every step along the way at doing the best job that we could and to see that we were setting the conditions for this house to rise out of the ground. Of course, the reason that we work with Habitat for Humanity is not merely measured by the number of houses that we get a chance to work on. Rather it's about how we manage to steadily (if slowly) change the way that our world relates to our neighbors. This year it was our bold strong women setting a tone that quietly made the male chauvinist volunteer on the job site change his tune. It was our group, male and female, that once again reached out to everyone on the job site, worked easily with them, and helped to make a few days of swinging a hammer into an experience of breaking down barriers and building hope. No, you can't use a hammer to open a flower... but using a hammer may indeed establish the right conditions for hope and promise to bloom. The gospel of Mark begins: *Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "the time has come," he said, "the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"* It begins with a sense of great urgency that continues right through to the end of the gospel. But here at the beginning the good news is that God's kingdom has come near... it's not some abstract tomorrow, but rather creating those right conditions for the kingdom to keep revealing itself to us in the here and now. I often think that our journeys of faith are deeply rooted in our willingness to dismantle barriers, to nurture conditions for God's grace to open like a flower in the midst of an often resistant world. Of course those barriers are both external and internal. They are all the things that divide people: prejudice, stereotypes, perhaps differences of thought or belief... But the barriers are also internal to us. We often hold onto the ways that we've always thought, or the ways we've always done things, we even hold onto both our successes and our pains as if these parts of our past should define our present.

Next month we will be entering Lent. It always seems a little strange to say that with Christmas just past. But here we go again, invited into a very different kind of journey than all of the Christmas/New Year's activity. Instead Lent reminds us to think of Jesus' time in the wilderness for forty days. I can imagine that after that much time fasting and praying, Jesus would have let go of nearly all that was extraneous. I can imagine that he would have been forced to make his peace with any demons from his past. And I can also imagine that he would have ended up dismantling both the interior and the exterior barriers to the good news of God's kingdom.

Interestingly, Jesus' disciples generally have a hard time understanding what Jesus is saying, especially in the Gospel of Mark. And this shouldn't be much of a surprise, Jesus' talk about a love that transcends all the ways of the world continues to frustrate everyone who is comfortable with the ways things are.

I'd like to think that as people of God we understand our challenge as constantly preparing the conditions for barriers to fall and grace to bloom.

May God bless us!

Pastor ERIC

Souper Bowl of Caring
Tackle Hunger --- Every Dollar Counts
February 5, 2012

In 1990 a simple prayer, **"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat"**, inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

This prayer delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy?

Inspired to create a fun way to reach out to those in need on Super Bowl weekend, the youth at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church invited their friends at twenty-one other area churches to join them in collecting donations in soup pots. The collaborative effort raised \$5,700 and every penny of that was donated directly to local charities.

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for hunger-relief charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world, as they collect food, raise money, and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need.

Peace Church will be joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots and non-perishable food items on Sunday, February 5th. Our collection at Peace Church will go to the Kewaskum Community Pantry and to the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to report that the Consistory is filled with persons eager to serve God in the unfolding of God's plan for Peace Church and the world. We ask for your prayers, that God might guide our thoughts, words and actions in 2012!

As is stated in the Peace UCC Constitution, "The avowed purpose of this Church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this Church and the Church universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and, to strive for righteousness, justice and peace."

Together, our vows of service include faithful administration of the business of the Church, and covenantal support of the faith of the congregation. Over the coming months, I encourage you to get to know your Consistory members:

Elders: Rev. Susan Kolb, Mugs McFadden (VP), Clark Pearson

"...(Elders) shall assist and support the Pastor in the spiritual affairs of the Church. An Elder shall be an example unto others, serve faithfully all the spiritual interests of the congregation and minister according to his/her ability, to the benefit and comfort of all members"

Deacons: Jason Piittmann, Bonnie Rindt, Bill Stangl, Gayle Van Ess (P),
Barb Wenzlaff, John Wood

"...(Deacons) shall aid in securing the funds necessary for the support of the Church in its various activities, foster the principles of stewardship, and dispense the charities of the Church. He/she shall maintain order in the House of God."

Trustees: John Kletti (RC), Becky Manthei, Jim Meinberg, Dennis Novotny,
Dave Roehrig, Kevin Stautz

"...(Trustees) shall have the care and supervision of the property of the congregation, whether real or personal, as a sacred trust, purchase supplies and represent the Church in business transactions."

I am curious where God will lead Peace Church in 2012. Together, let us walk the faithful journey God unfolds for us!

Gayle Van Ess
Consistory President

13 LARGE BAGS OF HATS & MITTENS were dedicated November 13th – read on:



Dear Peace Church,

Once again, we extend a huge thank you to the talented hands that knit hats and mittens for our school children. Times are tough for many families, and your generosity and time is much appreciated. Not only will they have warm heads and hands, but their hearts may be warmed as well! Blessings to you all,

Kewaskum Elementary School Staff

Dear Peace UCC Congregation,

The Board of Directors and staff of Big Brother Big Sisters of Washington County would like to thank you for your donation of hats and mittens. What a wonderful way to share your talents with the Little Brothers and Sisters in our program. The agency continues to grow each year, and we see children who grow in self-confidence and self-sufficiency as a result. Thank you again for thinking of us.

Imagine . . . if every child was started on the right path

stayed in school - graduated college - got a job - gave back to their community - fulfilled their potential

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely, Vicki Kania, Office Manager, Big Brother Big Sisters of Washington County

Dear Peace United Church:

On behalf of those we serve, the staff, and the board of directors, thank you for your recent donation to Friends of Abused Families. Your contribution will help to provide emergency shelter and support services for those experiencing violence in their homes or relationships.

Serving Washington County for over 30 years Friends is the only providers of domestic and sexual violence services in the county. Services include emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis line, counseling, support groups, art therapy, legal assistance and a transitional living program.

During 2010 Friends experienced a minimum 11% increase in all areas of service. The number of calls to the crisis line increased by 40% compared to 2009. The number of shelter nights provided increased by 32% from 2009. Our individual art therapy sessions for children affected by domestic or sexual violence increased by over 80% compared to 2009.

Your generous gift helps Friends continue to provide a safe place and support services so our neighbors in Washington County can live a life free from fear and intimidation.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely, Lisa Krenke, Executive Director

The Full Shelf Food Pantry wishes to express its deep appreciation for your continuing support and the current donation of \$300 from your Pignic and the bags and bags of beautiful knitted items. No goods or services were provided to your organization in consideration of this contribution.

This past month, just under 600 families were provided with food and grocery items through The Full Shelf Food Pantry and we continue at the highest levels ever experienced at Full Shelf. Children under age 18 comprise 43% of those served. Over one million pounds of grocery items are distributed annually throughout the Washington County area. We are a United Way agency and the designated commodity distribution center for the county through the Department of Health and Family Services of Wisconsin.

It is only through the generous support of organizations such as yours that we are able to continue our work.

With Warmest Regards, Diane Schaejbe, Treasurer

Dear Friend,

Please accept my thanks for your generous donation to the 2011 Gingerbread House Christmas Program. As you know, the Gingerbread House Christmas Program provides holiday-time support to many Washington County families who would otherwise have none. This year alone, we were able to match six-hundred need families with an equal number of sponsoring families, groups, and organizations. This is quite an accomplishment, but only attainable with your help!

Thank you again for supporting our efforts! Sincerely, Linda White, Program Coordinator

WOMEN AT PEACE – ANNUAL BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 19TH

Bazaar numbers – Granny's Attic \$342.91, Bake Sale \$386.00, Café \$494.82, Crafts \$441.00

This was \$1300.00 less than last year.

Dear Women's Guild of Peace United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your \$150 donation to the Kewaskum Community Pantry. Your donation is very much appreciated. It takes a community to feed a family. In the spirit of community,

The Kewaskum Community Pantry

Dear Ones,

With warm thoughts of you and wishes for a bright and beautiful Christmas.

Thank you very much for your gift to me of money. I used it to buy myself a winter jacket. Hope you all have a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Much Love, Betty Bettin

Women's Guild/Karen Kletti and Peace United Church of Christ:

Happy Holidays and warm wishes to you and your families!

The Board and Staff of the Albrecht Free Clinic would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your generous sustaining support donation.

The critical funding you have provided will help many of our friends and neighbors in the community. In 2011, we have assisted approximately 1200 individuals with their medical care, many of them seeking services because they are chronically ill. In 2012, we are expecting to see an increased demand for services. Your support will continue to help raise the bar on healthiness in Washington County.

These kindnesses are truly appreciated, especially during these difficult economic times which have resulted in increased patient visits. You can be assured that we will do everything possible to prudently use our resources.

Our non-profit agency could not continue to carry out our mission without staff and volunteers. But the most important part of keeping our doors open is due to the generosity of people like you. Your valued contribution means much to our patients and as they cannot thank you personally, we want to be sure to thank you on their behalf.

Thank you for your contributions of \$225.00 and \$500.00.

Sincerely, Jenny Zaskowski, Executive Director and Mark Baumgartner, President, Board of Directors

Dear Women At Peace,

I have always appreciated the privilege of selling Haiti Crafts at the Bazaar. It gives me the opportunity to "tell the story" of our work and the church's connection through the SEWAUCC-CONASPEH Partnership. It is my pleasure to share the results of my sales. As always, Heidi Thomas

Dear CWU Friend,

On behalf of *Church Women United*, we thank you for your continued support of our programs and special projects. We greatly appreciate your gift of \$25.00 received on December 9, 2011. With sincere thanks and blessings, the Officers & National Board, Church Women United, Inc.

Dear Members of Peace Church,

Thank you so much for your contributions of \$150.00, \$325.00, \$113.50, and 523.14. Your help will ensure children and their families will have shelter, meals and support during this challenging time in their lives.

As you know the mission of Family Promise is to provide shelter, hospitality and case management to families in Washington County moving them to self-sufficiency. In our first year of service we have provided over 3,000 nights of shelter to 23 families, 45 children.

Family Promise of Washington County is a 501c3 and part of a National Affiliate with over 160 Networks across the county. With over 20 churches in the local network we are able to provide 5100 nights of shelter annually.

Thank you so much for your support of our mission.

With Appreciation, Kathleen Christenson, Executive Director

Dear Peace United Church of Christ Congregation,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Washington County's Board of Directors we wish to thank you for the generous donation of \$325.00 from your "Annual Pignic".

Your gift could not have come a more opportune time as our affiliate has finished construction on a side-by-side condominium on Second Avenue South in West Bend. Our two partner families received the keys to their new homes on Saturday, December 18th, at our home dedication and open house ceremonies and will spend their first Christmas as a new home owner.

Christ commanded that "...*from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.*"

Thanks so much for responding to his message by continuing to serve the Kingdom generously.

In Christ, Sincerely yours, Rex Melius, Director of Development

Thanks to the Women of Peace and the deliverers Harvey & Nancy Brodzeller for my Birthday Fruit Basket. Had a wonderful visit with Harvey & Nancy. It was also their 47th Anniversary. Luckily I was able to share my birthday cake with them. There are benefits to getting older. God Bless all of you.

Betty Hallen

Thank You to Pastor Eric for his visits and prayers. Thanks to Rev. Bill for his visit and prayers.

Thanks for the beautiful shawl. Thanks to Mary Tessar for delivering the shawl. I was here alone so she stayed and visited with me. Good old time talk. Thanks to everyone for their prayers.

Evelyn Gatzke

Dear Friends:

So many of you have prayed for our son, and expressed your concerns and sympathies to us following his very serious mountain climbing accident in Alaska in May of this year. We can't thank you enough for everything. We are writing to share our joy that he has now been released from hospitalization and will shortly be returning to his United States Marine Unit at Camp Pendleton, California where he serves as a Captain. Although his brain injuries will continue to heal for at least the next year or two, it is our observation that he appears to have fully recovered, from outward appearances, and the expectation is that he will be returning to full active duty. We rejoice every day in this miracle of healing and in God's grace. Thank you for your prayers on his behalf.

With sincerest appreciation, Jim and Doreen Mohr

Dear Peace Members,

Thank you for the delicious fruit basket for my birthday. It was delivered by Cheri Hron and Betty Graff and we enjoyed a delightful visit. Thanks again, LaVerne Fehrer

Dear Pignic Committee,

Thanks so much for thinking of me when you were designating Mission donations from the Pignic. This \$ will be used for my trip to Haiti. Haiti has been a place where my spirit feels renewed and where, 10 years ago, I heard my call to ministry. I'm excited to return, I haven't been back since the earthquake. I'll be traveling to the Island of LaGonare to help an Atlanta based mission set up a water project in their partner community. I'll be sure to send the church an update after I return.

Thanks again! Gretchen

Greetings from Mexico City!

We would like to briefly share about what has been happening in this new season of our lives as a married couple. During this time God has shown Himself to us as our Father and the One who provides all things. Although we had been reading about this aspect of His character in Hebrews 13:5-6, we have been able to experience Him in a way that we hadn't before. It has been incredible to be able to participate in God's work as a couple, whether it be in the House of Prayer, serving on the worship team, or doing other projects at church.

The House of Prayer is a physical place of fellowship with Him where we worship and lift up prayer requests together as a church, through music and song. We believe that if we persevere in prayer God will bring justice as it says in Luke 18:7: "And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night?"

Thank you for the support you have given during the past years! We appreciate you and would love to hear from you.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you for the gift you sent. Many blessings to all of you!

With love, Hugo & Molly

Friends,

Thank you so much for remembering me this Christmas season, and for your prayers.

Mickey Petermann

To Peace Church,

Thank you Nancy and Harvey Brodzeller for the fruit basket from our church family. It was such a good visit! Harvey "saw to it" that Walter got in the conversation too. It is heartwarming to have one's birthday remembered by caring people.

We do appreciate the lovely poinsettia plant, also, that Barb Wenzlaff brought to Walter. He recognized her and had a chat with her. The plant still brightens our room after the tree and Christmas decorations are put away.

Cherrie and Larry Ammel brought Walter the altar flowers in the fall and that was another good visit – probably some about school. My memory isn't what it was.

In closing, I would like to thank friends from church who have taken me to appointments, church, and helped me in other ways. They know who they are and if I name them, I may forget someone! God bless them!

Phyllis and Walter Bade

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant delivered by Barb Wenzlaff during the holidays. We had such a nice visit together. The plant's beautiful flowers continue to remind me of the kind and loving family found at Peace Church. Your loving cards, calls and visits over the past year are gratefully appreciated.

Reuben Schmahl

Dear Women's Guild,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, I wish to thank you for your recent and generous donation of \$125.00 to Habitat for Humanity, Washington County.

All of this year's donations have helped to ensure our continuing efforts in providing low-income families a "hand-up" rather than a "hand-out".

On behalf of all our deserving partner families, we thank you for your on-going support as we enter our 13th year of building homes in Washington County. Sincerely yours, Rex Melius, Dir. of Dev

Dear Congregation and Friends of Habitat,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, we wish to thank you for your recent and generous donation of \$634.79 from your "Nickels-4-Nails" promotion. Your previous collection of \$86.64 brings a grand total of \$721.43 that will cover the cost of nails for our two homes being built at our 2012 Second Avenue build, West Bend. Sincerely yours, Rex Melius, Director of Development

Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts or money for the Giving Tree! We were able to help 6 families this year. The families consisted of 14 children and 11 adults. We also were able to help one of the families with a cash gift for an unexpected car repair. Your generous spirit is very much appreciated! Watch for details of 2012's Giving Tree in November.

Samaritan Health Center

Thank you so much for the gifts given to our resident Christmas project this year! We had lots of lists to fill and you helped us do just that! We plan a joyful holiday for our residents and we send wishes to you for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. May you receive in return all the happiness and love that you have so plentifully shared with us! Mary Thiemer, Activity Director

Save the Date!

Liberty Tax Service of Hartford and West Bend are once again offering you a great opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity-Washington County.

Liberty Tax Service will complete your taxes for FREE, when you make a \$50.00 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Washington County.

Liberty Tax Service has designated Saturday, February 25, 2012 as Habitat for Humanity day at Liberty Tax Service locations in Hartford and West Bend.

If you cannot schedule an appointment for February 25th, you may schedule an earlier appointment. *Liberty Tax Service will donate \$20.00 to Habitat for Humanity and give each client a \$20.00 discount.*

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, WI.

The Peace Church Annual Report is:

A faithful communication to the congregation, recalling the church's response to God's call to action in the world.

Uplifting to read, as we tangibly see God's plan continuing to unfold through Peace Church.

Affirmation of the congregation's members, whose ministry blesses many throughout the year.

Watch for your Peace Church 2011 Annual Report in February!

(All reports are due in the church office by January 31st. Thank You!)

"Come, Share the Spirit"

Simple Supper of Soup and Bread

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd 5:30 PM

Sign-up at the south entrance bulletin board.

Donations of soup and bread are welcome.

There is no cost for the Simple Supper. All are Welcome

February Fun Fines



It's time for February Fun Fines. You will find the fun fine calendar on page 15 of the "Tidings." This fund-raising project, sponsored by Women at Peace, raises funds for special church needs. At the end of the month, please put your fine money in a plain envelope marked "Women at Peace – Fun Fine Money" and place in special baskets that will be located in church early in March. You may also drop this designated envelope in the regular church offering plate. Please do not use your regular offering envelope for this project.

Fruit Baskets

The Women @ Peace met to discuss our birthday gifts of fruit baskets to church members who are 75 and older. It was decided to change the age to 80 and above due to the fact that there are so many members over the age of 75 and its getting harder to find people to deliver them. Even though this has been a great ministry for our senior members, its time for a change. We'd like to apologize to those who are just reaching 75.




Peace Church Garden Gazebo Project

I, Josh Guillaume, a member of Peace UCC, have been planning to do my Eagle Scout Service Project for Peace UCC! This project has now been accepted in its final stage! The project is an 12' X 12' octagon shaped Victorian Gazebo, and it will be place in the front of church off of First Street. The gazebo will have many uses to the church including, but not limited to: Bible studies, coffee hour, baptisms, confirmation, Vacation Bible School, and weddings.

I am looking forward to your support in this project in the form of money, materials, or your time. If you would like to make a donation through the church offering, please mark the donation to the Gazebo Fund. You can contact me at home at 262-306-0152 if you have any questions. The tentative date to start construction will be mid April depending on weather.

Thank you, Josh Guillaume

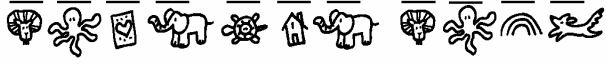


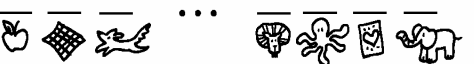
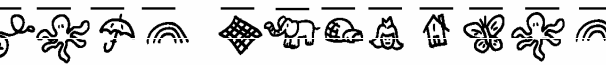

The Good News (Just for Kids)

Love is the greatest commandment!

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.

Mark 12:30-31

February Birthdays

(Ages 1-18)

- February 2 - Ellie Berres (2)
- February 5 - Joshua Guillaume (16)
- February 6 - Kathrynne Singer (5)
- February 8 - Holly Henk (9)
- February 8 - Ethan Singer (7)
- February 10 - Maddie Dumproff (10)
- February 16 - Owen Horning (17)
- February 17 - Lauren Chamberlain (10)
- February 17 - Gavin Schneider (6)
- February 20 - Cole Loser (4)
- February 20 - Lily Van Beek (6)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pease note the following changes in your Church Directory:

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:

Brian (Deborah) Butzlaff now use cell phones – Brian: 262-483-4947
Deborah: 262-483-7683

Karen Fellenz has dropped her land line. Her new phone number is 262-388-8168.

Kathleen Franke can now be reached by calling 920-948-2697.

Sheryl Lehman has moved to 1044 Fond du Lac Avenue in Kewaskum.

Bill and Janet Meyer have moved to 4300 Badger Road in Kewaskum.

Greg and Julie Ogi have dropped their land line. Greg can be reached at 414-333-5653 and Julie can be reached at 262-483-0673.

Jason and Jamie Piittmann can also be reached by cell phone – Jason: 262-685-7623
Jamie: 920-948-4450.

Evelyn Rauch now resides at 1038 Fond du Lac Avenue #108 in Kewaskum.

Craig and Brandee Reichard now use cell phones – Craig: 414-202-3093
Brandee: 262-339-4935

Bonnie Rindt can also be reached by cell phone 262-483-0074.

Steven Rundquist's correct phone number is 262-339-0833.

Matt and Rachel Schemelin can now be reached by cell phone – Matt: 262-385-5025 and Rachel: 262-338-9163.

Kevin Stautz can also be reached by cell phone – 262-483-4421.

Laurie, Amber, and Meagan Struck's address is P. O. Box 5, Kewaskum, WI 53040.

Do we have your correct address and phone number? Many of you have dropped your land lines and now have cell phones only. You can contact us but, we cannot contact you. Please call (626-4011) or email the church office with your updated information (office@peace-ucc.org). Thank you.

BIRTHS:

Emmett Patrick Staffin, son of Jason and Kelly Staffin, was born on November 13, 2011 at Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls. Proud big sister is Samantha.

Auden Jerome Walker, son of Eric and Tricia Walker, was born on November 26, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and as 18.5 inches long. Auden was born on big sister Loreli's 3rd birthday.

BAPTISMS:

Trygve Paul Schemelin, son of Matthew and Rachel Schemelin, and grandson of Karen and John Grundahl, was baptized at Peace Church of Sunday, January 1st.

Coralee Evelyn Kivell, daughter of Matt and Jenny Kivell, was baptized at Peace Church on Sunday, January 22nd.

Emmett Paul Staffin, son of Jason and Kelly Staffin, will be baptized at Peace Church on Sunday, January 29th.

Layne Aaron Dumproff, son of Mark and Holly Dumproff, will be baptized at Peace Church on Sunday, February 5th.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

We officially received **Kandy Lindgren** and her children Chase and Lily as new members on Sunday, November 20th. The Lindgrens' reside at 4405 W. Moraine Drive in Kewaskum. Their phone number is 262-626-2978. Welcome!

Diana Radomski is moving to Michigan and has been released from membership at Peace Church. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her on return visits to Kewaskum.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

GENERAL FUND

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2011	(13,126)
Receipts	27,119
Expenses	(26,813)
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2011 Balance	(12,820)

BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

Full Shelf Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Kewaskum Community Pantry	250.00
Dr. Albrecht's Free Clinic	40.00
Giving Tree	90.00
Thanksgiving	32.00
Christmas	3114.84
Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross)	1111.00
Nickels for Nails	499.81
Deacons Fund	90.00
Thanksgiving	68.00
Eric Ogi – Kenya Trip	80.00
Haiti	25.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS	\$5368.65

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Project Balances as of December 31, 2011	
Air Conditioning Fund Balance	\$ 5,582
Kitchen Remodeling Project	\$1,673
Defibulator	(\$10)
Gazebo	\$45
Former Dreher Property Account	\$742
Narthex Project Fund Balance	\$23,032
South Entrance Project	\$1,951



SCHOLARSHIP FUND COOKIE SALE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Cookie Sale by baking, packaging, and purchasing the goodies. We made \$286.00 to add to our Scholarship fund!
The Scholarship Committee

REMINDER: 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients – Your first semester grades need to be in the church office no later than **February 1st**. You can mail to P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040, email to office@peace-ucc.org, or put them in the church office mail box (across from the office).

LENTEN/EASTER OFFERING

The Lenten/Easter Offering this year will be divided between Albrecht Free Clinic, CONASPEH, Full Shelf Food Pantry, Kewaskum Community Pantry, Gretchen Van Ess, Peace Church Habitat Groups (2 shares), Eric Ogi (Kenya Trip), and Family Promise.

Dear Peace UCC Church family,

First of all, THANK YOU for all of your support both prayerfully and financially as I recently embarked on a journey to and through Kenya with a group of college students from UW-Madison through my ministry internship with The Crossing (our UCC and ecumenical partners' campus ministry at UW-Madison)! It has been such an incredible blessing to have a church family so committed to supporting me as I continue to discern God's call on my life.

I would also like to take a moment to inform and invite you to something Pastor Eric and I have been talking about for the past few months. On Sunday, February 12, I will be returning home to join all of you in church, to give the sermon, and to share with you the work of my ministry here at The Crossing. In particular, I will have the chance to speak to a topic that has been on my heart for the past year and I feel is incredibly important for the church to be engaging today: Christians' and Christianity's relationship to and understanding of those in the LGBTQ community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer and Questioning). While it is perhaps a taboo subject in many churches, it is an important and relevant issue about which churches need to have an honest conversation. So, following the 9:30 service on February 12, Pastor Eric and I have arranged a time for me to gather with any of you who are interested in dialoguing further about this subject.

Thanks again for all you have done and all you continue to do in supporting me. I look forward to worshipping with you in a few weeks! Blessings, Eric Ogi, Ministry Intern, The Crossing

CELEBRATE FAMILIES



All families are invited to attend our 21st annual Celebrate Families Kick-Off. The event will be held on February 12, 2012 at Washington County Fair Park on Hwy PV at Hwy. 45, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be entertainment for all ages, from 2 years to 90 years. Activities will include games, model train display, animals, shooting sports, a rock wall for climbing and more. Teens can participate in the electronic game room and get autographs from local sport teams. Again this year there will be a display or race cars from Slinger Speedway, and drivers will be signing autographs.

Other activities for families with teenagers include the teen "Celebrate Talent" show, and a teen raffle. There will be a Family Resource Fair, clowns, a Scavenger Hunt, Treasure Chest, archery, bingo and more. This is a free family event. Don't forget a non-perishable food items to donate to local food pantries. For more information go to

<http://washington.uwex.edu/family-living/celebrate-families/>

Annual Pasta Challenge to benefit Friends of Abused Families

Friday, March 16, 2012 5:00-8:30 p.m.

West Bend Insurance Prairie Center

Limited number of tickets available!

Email info@fafinc.org or call (262) 334-5598 to reserve yours today!

Adults \$15 - Children (5-12 years) \$7

Sample delicious dishes from local restaurants and enjoy the All You Can Eat Lasagna and Spaghetti Buffet

**Peace United Church of Christ
Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Consistory Meeting
November 8, 2011**

Present: Pastor Eric, Harry Fine, Rollie Glass, Char Keller, John Kletti, Mugs McFadden, Jim Meinberg, Jason Piittmann, David Roehrig, Steve Spoerl, Bill Stangl, Kevin Stautz, Darlene Tessar, Gayle Van Ess, and John Wood. **Also Attending:** Cathy Stern, Treasurer. **Absent:** Rev. Susan Kolb.

President Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. We welcomed deacon Bill Stangl filling Harvey Brodzeller's vacancy. Mugs lead devotions. She referred to Rev. Dave Moyer's November message recalling 2 Timothy 4 which speaks of Paul's time of departure. "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, come before winter." She compared this to our time of anticipation of Advent when we wait for God to send His son. Jesus came and we no longer have to face winter; we have salvation through His grace. Mugs closed with a prayer.

The agenda was amended and approved on a Tessar/Van Ess motion. Carried.

The minutes of October 11, 2011, were approved on a McFadden/Spoerl motion. Carried with one abstention.

Financial Report

The general fund made a nice gain (over \$8,600) but is still quite negative at minus \$17,380.71. The Cornerstone loan on the parking lot is nearly unmoved at \$42,468.57. Motion to place on file for audit by Wood/Roehrig. Carried.

Pastor's Report

Because Pastor Eric's voice was reduced to a whisper, he had a written report on which Kevin led discussion.

- We are about to host another week of Family Promise.
- Adult Bible studies continue to be well received.
- The church will again be distributing Thanksgiving turkeys thanks to the generous donation of the Wild Turkey Federation.
- Mission 1 is well underway with lots of food and money coming in for the food pantry. Kathy Danielson has been doing a wonderful job of coordinating these efforts.
- On November 23 at 7 p.m. we will meet at Holy Trinity to participate in community worship for Thanksgiving. Offering will be split between Family Promise and Kewaskum Food Pantry.
- Pastor is pleased with the confirmation classes. A number of students attended Jesus Christ Superstar and participated in discussion.
- Family Promise Box City had a wonderful and bold turnout. A big thank you to Kim Bocher, Karen Kletti, and Judy Lehman for their willingness to spend the night with the youth and share in worship.
- The Young Adult Habitat Trip is to New Orleans on New Years' Day and returns on January 8.
- Pastor has been coordinating the SE Wisconsin Confirmation Retreat at Pilgrim Center Nov. 11-13. We expect 11 congregations with 66 confirmation students participating.
- Pastor wrote about his service on Church and Ministry. He will lead our association's Members in the Discernment sub-committee. Pastor participated in the ordination of a gifted young minister, Eliza Stoddard Leatherberry.
- On October 30 we were the first congregation in Wisconsin to welcome our new associate conference minister, Rev. Kent Ulery to preach for us.
- During Advent the Sunday School will pass metal cans at services to raise money for Nickels for Nails, a Habitat fundraiser.

- We will continue to talk about communion policies.
- Pastor's report concluded in outlining December activities. Details next month.

President's Report

- The trustees have approved a location for the Eagle Scout project coming next year. A \$35 building permit is the only village approval required.
- Future CPR classes are scheduled. Six have graduated to date. The \$25 fee will be paid by our church for our employees on a motion by Fine/Van Ess. The motion carried.
- Inventory of church property resumes next Wednesday, November 16, at 9 a.m.
- We are close to filling a couple of consistory and board vacancies for 2012. Two board positions and three committee positions were still open.

New Business

Darlene Tessar brought up for discussion the difficulty of filling the greeter schedules. Various ideas were talked about including having ushers who are not busy greet if those assigned are not present.

Committee Reports

- Pignic—The committee met November 6 and reports proceeds of about \$6,000 will result in \$3,000 for benevolent projects. Emil Radeztsky has completed constructing a unique pickup truck that we plan to enter in the village's Christmas parade December 4. Raffle tickets for the truck will be available at the bazaar also.
- Elders—Mugs spoke of upcoming giving opportunities. A Christmas Giving Tree will be located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall beginning with Advent November 27. Also, the Women at Peace have a list of Samaritan Health Center residents who would appreciate receiving a gift at Christmas.
- Deacons—Worship talks and skits by deacons this stewardship campaign have been awesome and well received.
- Trustees—A welcome finishing touch to the massive sanctuary carpeting/floor refinishing project has been the inclusion of carpeting the landing at the sanctuary exit to the classrooms/offices. The results are beautiful. Volunteers include Emil Radeztsky, Howard Zemlicka, Dennis Novotny, Karen Kletti, and Clark Pearson. Thank you for your expertise and time. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased, and Lori likes it very much—a vast improvement. It cost about \$400, and a back-up unit was kept that still vacuums reasonably well. Ron Will volunteered to repair the water softener at the parsonage. Kevin replaced the bulb in the parking lot light. Dave Roehrig will purchase replacement pads (\$50) for the defibrillator.
- Pastoral Relations—Meet December 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Christian Education—The Nickels for Nails project described in Eric's report is the current giving project.
- New Members—A class was held Nov. 6, and new members, Kandy Lindgren and her children, Chase and Lily, will be received on Nov. 20. Welcome!
- Safe Sanctuaries—Meet Nov. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Atty. Jim Mohr will do a final review.
- Worship—Mugs spoke of the choir concert Dec. 4 at the 9:30 a.m. service, and our member in discernment, Gretchen Van Ess, will preach at both services on Dec. 11.
- Scholarship—A cookie sale is scheduled for Dec. 11.
- No Committee Report—Personnel, Endowment, and Fund Raising.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Glass, Secretary

“One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it is worth watching.”

**Peace United Church of Christ
Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Consistory Meeting
December 13, 2011**

Present: Pastor Eric, Rollie Glass, John Kletti, Rev. Susan Kolb, Mugs McFadden, Jason Piittmann, David Roehrig, Steve Spoerl, Bill Stangl, Kevin Stautz, Darlene Tessar, Gayle Van Ess, and John Wood. **Also Attending:** Barb Wenzlaff, Dennis Novotny, and Cathy Stern, Treasurer. **Absent:** Harry Fine, Char Keller, and Jim Meinberg.

President Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Kevin led devotions reading from I Samuel, a prophet, who heard God's voice call "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said "Here I am" and ran to Eli, the judge-priest of Israel. Eli said he did not call; lie down again. This happened three times before Samuel perceived that the Lord was calling. Kevin related this experience to his own life where he felt the Lord had called him to also serve God. Pastor Eric closed devotions with a prayer.

The agenda was approved on a Tessar/McFadden motion. Carried.

The minutes of the November 8, 2011, meeting were approved on a McFadden/Wood motion. Carried.

Financial Report

Cathy pointed out the general fund made a nice gain again with a \$4,255 increase. This reduces the negative balance to \$13,125.72. The Cornerstone loan is relatively unchanged at \$42,390.75. Motion to place on file for audit by McFadden/Wood. Carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Eric provided a 5 1/2 page study on communion. It contained Bible references from Matthew, Mark, Luke and I Corinthians. We approached this study from three perspectives: what does the Bible say, how do our historic traditions guide our practice, and how do our current theology and values influence our practice. We discussed our study with a look at the role of children in communion. The study will be on-going.

President's Report

- The CPR classes have been rescheduled for January 12. There are two openings at present for the next class.
- The church inventory has taken a sudden turn. The insurance company has decided that videotaping will meet their requirements. We can suspend counting each item/book, fixture, etc.
- The 2011 annual reports are due on December 31.

Old Business

Updates on nominations for open positions were discussed. Harry Fine's deacon position is open. We thank Harry for his contributions and leadership as deacon. Clark Pearson has accepted the open elder position. Further updates on pastoral relations and Christian education next month.

New Business

We studied a Church Mutual Insurance renewal handout. It gave current and renewal value comparisons and possible options. It was decided that Mugs McFadden and Bill Stangl would study the report and give their opinion.

Committee Reports

- Pignic—Gayle distributed copies of the Pignic committee's recommendations for the disbursement of profit from the 2011 event. Donations totaling \$3,000 go to mission and ministry outside the local church. Mission and ministry to inside projects total \$2,750 including \$1,300 to reduce our property debt. The full report will be published in the Tidings. Motion to approve this action by Kletti/Tessar. One abstention. Motion carried.
- Elders—Mugs read two thank-you notes. One was from Friends of Abused Families for mittens and caps. Samaritan Health Center thanked us for gifts donated to residents.
- Deacons—Gayle reports 104 pledges have been turned in totaling \$166, 203. Also, 55 units of time and talents were received.
- Trustees—The ceiling light bulbs over the chancel were replaced. Some of the siding on the educational wing has been reattached. John Kletti will have a roofer inspect the parsonage roof. Extra pads were purchased for the defibrillator.
- Pastoral Relations—Meet December 12 at 6 p.m.
- Christian Education—Students have been writing Advent prayers used each Sunday during Advent season.
- Safe Sanctuaries—Posters and signs will be made and our website will be updated. Discussion is continuing on nursery safety. Karen Kletti agreed to do background checks.
- Worship—Two classes participated in worship with gospel readings.
- Scholarship—The cookie sale was successful.
- No Committee Report—New members, personnel, endowment, and fund raising.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Glass, Secretary

Church yard sign: "No God; No Peace. Know God; Know Peace."

Serving Peace Church February 2012

Sunday, February 5

Greeters: (8) Vicki Fenrick (9:30) Markus & Rosemary Frank
Litanists: UCC Women's Sunday
Ushers: (8) Darlene Tessar, Lorna Schwingle-Glass, Barb Wenzlaff, Karen Kletti
(9:30) Heidi Leithold, Julia Leithold, Karen Grundahl
Altar Flower Distribution: John & Mary Tessar, Jeanne Becker

Sunday, February 12

Greeters: (8) John & Jan Hubbell (9:30) Lloyd & Marian Herriges
Litanists: (9:30) Kelly McCurdy
Ushers: (8) Bill & Lori Becker, Paul Behring, Gary Fisher
(9:30) Scott Augustin, Mark & Kim Bocher, Kathy Charland, Sheri Rehn
Altar Flower Distribution: Karen Grundahl

Sunday, February 19

Greeters: (8) Betty Graff & Cheri Hron (9:30) Betty Graff & Cheri Hron
Litanists: (9:30) Jinny Michaels
Ushers: *Same as February 12*
Altar Flower Distribution: Karen Lewandowski

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Ushers: John Kletti, Mugs McFadden, Kevin Stautz, Kathy Danielson

Sunday, February 26 – Communion - Intinction

Greeters: (8) Robert Neumann (9:30) Robert Neumann
Litanists: (9:30) Joan Adler
Ushers: (8) Clark Pearson, Shirley Miller, John Kletti, Rollie/Lorna Glass
(9:30) Bill Stangl, Becky Manthei, John Wood, Dave Roehrig
Altar Flower Distribution: DeAnna and Steve Schiefelbein

Coffee Hour Chairpersons: Cheryl Ammel and Nancy Brodzeller

Consistory Counters: Dave Roehrig and Jason Piittmann

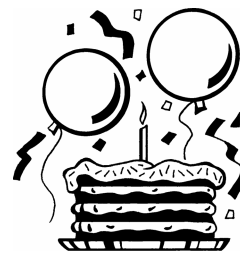
Visitation: Delivering Fruit Baskets this month are Bob & JoAnn Manthei and Dennis & Cheryl Novotny

Birthdays (Almost 80 years & plus – 80 is the new 75)

February 5, 1933 – John Coulter
February 22, 1928 – Jane Reigle
February 22, 1912 – Martha Wille
February 26, 1920 – Doris Fisher
February 26, 1932 – Carole Kavanaugh

Anniversaries (5 year intervals)

February 10 – Donald & Judy Price (50)
February 13 – William & Janet Meyer (55)
February 28 – Jeff & Julann Zemlicka-Retzlaff (25)



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10 a.m. Book Discussion 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir	2 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry and "Uppity Women" Bible Study	4 Pastor Eric's day off	5 Pastor Eric's day off
5 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Baptism Sunday School, 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION	6	7 Noon – Lectionary 7 p.m. Bible Study	8 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30-8 p.m. 9 th Gr. Confirm. 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir	9 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study	10 Pastor Eric's day off	11 Pastor Eric's day off
12 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Eric Ogi preaching 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a. m. Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation (7&8 gr.) 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir	13	14 Noon – Lectionary 7 p.m. Consistory VALENTINE'S DAY	15 "Tidings" Deadline 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30-8 p.m. 9 th Gr. Confirm. 7:30 p.m. Tone Chime Choir	16 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study	17 Pastor Eric's day off	18 Pastor Eric's day off
19 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Noon – Lectionary 7 p.m. Bible Study	22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. "Come Share the Spirit" Simple Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Worship w/Comm.	23 1 p.m. "Uppity Women" Bible Study	24 Pastor Eric's day off	25 Pastor Eric-Atlanta officiating @ Gretchen Van Ess' & Dane Martin's Wedding
26 8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School Rev. Susan Kolb preaching 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Noon – Lectionary	29 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship			

February Fun Fines

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pay 25 cents if your birthday is in February. If not, be generous and pay anyway.	2 Put all the dimes in your wallet into the Fun Fines today.	3 Pay 25 cents if you went out for a fish fry.	4 Pay 1 cent per year for your age.
5 Add the Super Bowl final score and pay the sum. (Ex. 24-21= 45 cent.)	6 Pay 5 cents for each plant in your house. Yes, pay for the artificial ones too!	7 Pay 10 cents for each of your magazine subscriptions.	8 Add your phone number and pay the total. (Ex.262-626-4011: 2+6+2+6+2+6+4+0+1+1= 30 cents).	9 Pay 50 cents if your drinking water is safe. Many of the people in the world do not have safe water.	10 Pay 25 cents if you cannot name the president of Peace Church.	11 Pay \$35—actually 35 cents will be enough—if you forwarded an e-mail joke since the beginning of February.
12 Pay 15 cents for each treat you ate at coffee hour.	13 Pay \$1 if you don't feed birds in the winter.	♥ Happy Valentine's Day! Do a random act of kindness—all fun/no fine!	15 Pay 50 cents if you didn't read the Bible today.	16 Pay 25 cents for every TV show you watched today.	17 Pay 10 cents for each of your children, grandchildren, and pets.	18 Pay \$1 if you have ever made a phone call while driving.
19 Pay 25 cents if you ate out after church today	20 Pay 50 cents if you checked your e-mail more than once today.	21 Pay 50 cents if you have not been sick this month; thank God for good health.	22 Pay 20 cents if you did not attend Ash Wednesday services.	23 Pay 10 cents for each piece of mail you received today.	24 Pay 15 cents for each day this month that you did not need to pay a fine.	25 Pay 50 cents if you have a Facebook account.
26 Pay 10 cents if you were in church today. Pay 50 cents if you were not.	27 Pay 50 cents if you did not contribute to the food pantry this month.	28 Pay \$1 if you have not read the Tidings this month.	29 Pay 29 cents in honor of leap year.			

