

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Chantel Nelson
Administrative Assistant: Kate Bernardo
Council President: C.Y. Allen
Church Treasurer: Sue Ollech
Faith Formation: Paula Erickson
Music Coordinator: Melanie Wiltse
Stewardship: Don Minnick
Sunday School Superintendent: Joni Lodzinski



**PEACE MESSENGER
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Letter from the Pastor:

“For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God, YHWH alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is from God.” Psalms 62:5-7

During the past few weeks I have received calls from various friends struggling with the question, “Where is God?” It is a question asked by many persons of faith. We ask it not only during times of trial but during those times in our lives when we are seeking God's direction for the way in which we are to go.

The truth is we often times find it difficult to wait in silence and may even lose hope when the circumstances around us seem too overwhelming. Yet, that is what this Psalm of David encourages us to do – be silent and keep hope alive. We are to lift up our concerns, joys, dreams, hopes, expectations to God and then remain silent so that we may hear what God is speaking to our hearts and our circumstances. We are to be silent and still so that we may see the wondrous works of YHWH in our lives, the lives of others around us and in the work of creation. God is still speaking but we cannot hear YHWH in our constant talking or see YHWH in our constant doing. We must find a way to be comfortable in the silence. Secure that God is our fortress.

One of the things I love to do most is to be outside listening to the birds, feeling the warmth of the sun on my skin, watching the trees and other vegetation bend ever so gently in the wind as if they are bowing in the presence of the One who has created them, and even watching the insects crawling along. The rest of creation knows when



to slumber, when to remain silent basking in the voice and the presence of the Divine God. I am close to God when in nature because in the midst of chaos that human beings create in the world, the rest of creation lives in balance. Other than through the actions of human hands, the natural order is not shaken. It is in walking and/or sitting outside that the rock and refuge who is God is most present to me because it is there that kin-dom order is ever present.

Where are the places in your life that help you most connect to the One who is our rock and our refuge? What voices do you need to shut out and silence in order to hear the still speaking voice of God? When do you devote time to the One who delivers us in our hour of need and who offers us our salvation? When you have done all that you can do, my sisters and brothers, stand knowing the One who promises to be our rock, our fortress, and our refuge is ever present with you. Amen.

Pastor Chantel

COUNCIL MINUTES:
May 17th, 2010

Meeting was called to order by C.Y., Allen at 6:07 p.m., who led the opening prayer.

PASTOR: Rev. Chantel Nelson

MEMBERS PRESENT: C.Y. Allen, Nathan Wodarz, Kyle Alexander, Mark Tolstedt, Kay Aiken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Ollech, Pastor Nelson

GUEST MEMBERS: None

Minutes from the previous meeting: Motion by Kyle Alexander, seconded by Mark Tolstedt to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nelson provided copies of the security assessment done by Complete Control, Inc. No information on costs for recommended changes was provided. C.Y. Allen will ask her to obtain that information. Pastor is also planning to contact Sgt. Piotrowski for a free security assessment. Council will then compare both recommendations prior to any action being taken. Pastor Nelson also reported that the Juniper Art Guild is no longer meeting on Mondays.

Treasurer's Report: No report available. Thank you Kyle for loading the files onto our new office computer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Constitution Update: Gregg Aiken will be given the information Nathan Wodarz has already gathered on recent amendments to our constitution and will begin a review of the document. C.Y. Has looked at the constitutions of other UCC churches and will share his findings with Gregg Aiken.
- Church Records Computerization Update: Kyle Alexander will follow up with Kate Bernardo to see if all of the records have been added to our new computer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Replace Council Member: Kevin Halverson has resigned effective immediately from Council. C.Y. Will announce in church the opening and will ask for volunteers that would like to be considered for that position.
- Replace Building & Grounds Committee Chair / Member Recommendations: Kevin Halverson also resigned as chair of this committee. Gregg Aiken is still willing to be on the committee & plans to ask Tim Trempe if he would like to join. Mark Tolstedt also agreed to be on the committee. Any other interested church members are also welcome to be on this committee.

- Continued Exploration of Action Priorities based on initial council planning data received to date: Results of council survey shared by C.Y. With council for their review.
- Invitation for participation & careful consideration of all Peace member's planning input: Kay Aiken made a motion to have the council sponsor a round table discussion for church members & friends of Peace Church on Wednesday, May 26 for discussion of concerns, suggestions, and ideas. Mark Tolstedt seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Kay will send information to Kate Bernardo for an all church e-mail and bulletins/calendar. C.Y. Will contact Chantel to invite her to attend. C.Y. Will also work on sending a mailing to all members. Kyle volunteered to make phone calls to invite members to attend.
- UWSP Student Organization: Mark Tolstedt has a list of all UWSP UCC students. This fall, eh will contact the students via his home computer through e-mail and will look at setting up a meeting with interested students on campus with possible additional activities to include a spaghetti supper at church, a field trip to the corn mazes in the fall and invitations to participate in church.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mark Tolstedt brought forth a neighborhood concern. There is a group of students from UWSP that want to turn the Emerson block into a community garden. Many of the citizens in this area are against this idea due to the limited amount of green space for children and families to use in this area. They feel that losing that open area would be harmful to the children in this community and are asking the churches in this neighborhood to support their efforts to stop the city from letting the group turn that space into gardens.

Council discussed this and generally supported the need for green space for the kids in the community, but also recognized that community gardens can be a beneficial thing. More information is requested before the council felt they could take an official stance on this request.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mark Tolstedt and seconded by C.Y. Allen. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 21st at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kay Aiken



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010..... AUGUST 8 - 12th:
**SET SAIL with us on our...
HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION**

The theme for this year's Vacation bible School is High Seas Expedition where kids ages 3 and up explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever. High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Arts and crafts, Bible songs, team-building games, and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow into real life. PLUS, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life... something we call God Sightings.

So MARK these dates on your calendar: AUGUST 8-12, 2010. Come join us for worship at 9:30 a.m. And the fun starts with a potluck right after church worship on Sunday until 1:30 p.m. Then, week days, Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served. Bring a friend or two and make some new friends while learning more about God's love. Please call the church office with questions or to Register: 344-7104. For our Mission outreach we are collecting canned goods for food pantries and school supplies for Project Fresh Start.

All hands on deck! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for getting involved are available, donations of supplies, food, time & talent are welcome. Please CALL: Paula Erickson: 457-6973 or Joni Lodzinski: 341-7710 or Marilyn Pederson: 344-4489.



A BIG Thank you for the generous donations to the birthday box mission. On Wednesday, June 16, the air in Fellowship Hall was filled with celebration and joy in our decorating and filling of the bags.

In fact, the bags overflowed! Pastor Chantel blessed the bags on the following Sunday and twelve (12) were delivered to Operation Bootstrap and two (2) were delivered to the Salvation Army Hope Center. Let's join together again in September to make more and use the supplies still available.

THANKS again for everyone's help!

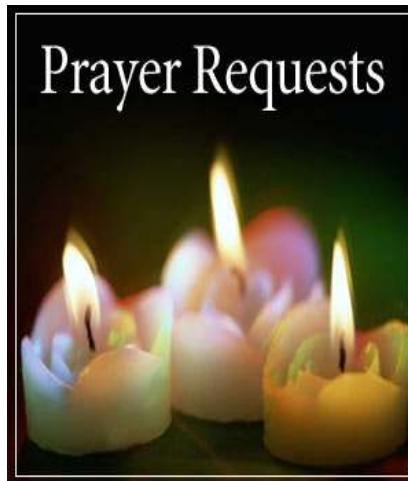


A special thank you to Kyle Alexander for mowing the Parsonage and Church yards and also for trimming the tree next to the garage!

In Our Prayers....

Please keep these five NW Association Churches in your prayers, to support their ministry, general health, growth and welfare of their congregations:

- ***GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Wausau***
- ***ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Wausau***
- ***ST. PAUL-ST. LUKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Alma***
- ***THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Amery***
- ***FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Antigo***



We also ask your continuing prayer support for our member(s):

Al & Betty Wasleske

Al suffered a heart attack in early June and is continuing in his recovery.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Upcoming Peace Church Events



- ***July 8 – 11th: Iola Car Show; Contact Anneliese Sheahan if you wish to volunteer.***
- ***LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, July 15th at 11:30 in Junction City at the Happy Days Cafe. Please join us!***
- ***YOUTH GROUP: Will be gathering at church on July 20th at 1:30. From there we will be going on a “horse outing!” Call Marilyn Pederson for more information – see our YOUTH PAGE in the Newsletter for more information.***
- ***STEWARDSHIP will be hosting a dinner & desert evening on Wednesday July 21st, at 6:00 pm for a Raise the Roof event. Come to church for summer salads, ice cream and games!***
- ***YOUTH GROUP: Will meet after worship On Sunday July 25th***
- ***CHURCH PICNIC: Will be on Sunday August 29th at Iverson Park. Please join us for potluck, and fun and fellowship as we worship outdoors.***

JULY LECTIONARY:

July 4th: 2 Kings 5:1-14 * Ps 30 or Isa 66:10-14 * Ps 66:1-9
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11th: Amos 7:7-17 * Ps 82 or Deut 30:9-14 * Ps 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 18th: Amos 8:1-12 * Ps 52 or Gen 18:1-10A * Ps 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 25th: Hos 1:2-10 * Ps 85 or Gen 18:20-32 * Ps 138
Col 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13



AUGUST LECTIONARY:

August 1st: Hos 11:1-121 * Ps 107:1-11, 43 or Eccl 1:2, 12-14
2:18-23 * Ps 49:1-12
Gen 15:1-6 * Ps 33:12-22
Heb 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:49-56

August 8th: Isa 1:1, 10-20 * Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 or Gen 15:1-6
Ps 33:12-22
Heb 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 15th: Isa 5:1-7 * Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 or Jer 23:23-29 * Ps 82
Heb 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 22nd: Jer 1:4-10 * Ps 71:1-6 or Isa 58:9b-14 * Ps 103:
1-8
Heb 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 29th: Jer 2:4-13 * Ps 81:, 10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18
Ps 112
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

JULY Teams:

ACOLYTES:

4th:
11th:
18th:
25th:

USHERS:

4th: The Wodarz Family & Rae Marie Tim
11th: The Lodzinski Family & Doug Spindler
18th: John & Nancy Dassow & Sue Netzel
25th: Kyle & Cindy Alexander & Paula, Brady & Abby Erickson

SCRIPTURE READERS

4th
11th
18th
25th

FLOWER SPONSORS

4th: Kate Bernardo
11th
18th
25th

BULLETIN SPONSORS:

4th: Henke's in celebration of our Country's Birthday
11: Kate Bernardo in honor of our men & women in the service
18th:
25th:

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/JULY: Mission Team

Our Church History:

Did you know.....

That In June of 1972, Justus Paul, who was then on the Church Board, made the motion to accept the bid from Frank Napiewocki of \$39,240.00 to build the present day Parsonage.

That the stained glass windows we presently have in the sanctuary were installed in July of 1921. They were not officially dedicated until October of that year.



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, WOODEND.

Information provided by Don Werth.

July 1, 2010

Dear Peace Church Family,

I greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ. I, along with the church council, would like to thank those of you who were able to make it to the church-wide meeting of May 26th. Many ideas were shared regarding the current state of the church and for its future. Again, we thank you for your prayerful discernment and mutual visioning for our church in living into our mission. The church council and I will continue to meet and be in prayerful consideration of what was shared as we seek to be a church family engaged in mutual ministry.

We would like to have a follow up meeting for those of you who were present and for those who were not able to attend that meeting to participate in the discussion. Our follow up meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00 pm due to concerns with summer schedules. Please join us at that time. Also as a friendly reminder to each of you, the church council meetings are OPEN meetings. You may find the

dates and meeting times for council on our church calendar provided weekly in your bulletin. Further, as your pastor, I am available to meet with you any time, simply call the church office to schedule an appointment.

Thank you again for your presence, your service and your ongoing prayers on behalf of our Peace Church Family.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chantel

HAPPY JULY 4TH!



Patriotism is not so much protecting the land of our fathers as preserving the land of our children. - Jose Ortega y Gasset

Freedom always carries a burden of proof and throws us back on ourselves. - Shelby Steele

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both. - Dwight D. Eisenhower



JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAY's:

7/01: Ross Aiken
7/08 Monty Flatoff
7/14 Benjamin Feltz
7/19 Jackie Rogers
7/21 Sheila Kessler
7/22 Patti Emons
7/23 Sara Trempe
7/26 Jerry Blanch
7/27 Abby Stupar
7/29 Tim Trempe

8/02: Dominique Hunter
8/03 Jacob Jaborek
8/06 Char Small
8/19 Nellie Clussman
8/25 Ryan Drake
8/30 Kevin Flatoff

PLEASE NOTE: Abby Erickson's Birthday was June 2nd, not June 4th Happy Birthday Abby, we apologize for the error!

JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

7/08: Al & Betty Wasleske
7/15 Don & Sue Netzel
7/16 Richard & Laura Holden
7/17 John & Nancy Dassow
7/23 Mark & Michelle Tolstedt
7/30 Walter & Patty Karl

8/06: Kim & Nathan Wodarz
8/15 Rae Marie Timm & John

Congratulations on MANY wonderful years together!





OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

- UWSP CLUB: Mark Tolstedt agreed to be an adviser IF 5 UCC students wish to form a club.
- NorthCentral Technical College is sponsoring an international hosting opportunity for 19 young men & women from the Caribbean, Latin America and Mexico; arriving in Wausau in August for a 2-year stay. They are participating in the Scholarships for Education & Economic Development (SEED). They are looking for supportive host families for the initial 9 months of their stay. Please contact Christopher Knight at 715-803-1038 if you are interested in hosting. See additional information on bulletin board downstairs.

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving & tolerant with the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these
- Bob Goddard*

PEACE CHURCH WISH LIST.....



...The church office is in need of a new desk for the admin assistant.

HELP NEEDED!

Dear Peace Church Family,
Your help is needed to maintain our building. Jennifer, who had graciously been cleaning for us, is not able to do so during the summer months. If you could please volunteer to clean the bathrooms or vacuum the floors of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall it would be greatly APPRECIATED!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND EVENTS:

nEWS: Our first meeting was on May 23rd; Pentecost Sunday after Worship and held in the Sunday School area. We held a discussion on the word find about the Holy Spirit (having snacks along with it) and played a game, took pictures and completed a service project of planting flowers for the elderly. We also planed flowers outside the front of Peace Church.

On June 27th, we met after to church to assemble " hygiene health kits" as part of the Church World Service for Hope Center. The kits will included a toothbrush, miniature toothpaste, razor, shampoo, body soap & conditioner & miniature deodorant. We accept these items at any time – there is a box in the Fellowship Hall. NOTE: This box will be moved to the Church Mailbox area in July.

nEXT eVENT: Will be on July 20th – we will meet at church at 1:30 and then go on a "horse outing". Any youth interested are invited to attend! Please be sure you have your consent form(s) signed prior to the event as well as bring a bike helmet and sturdy shoes or boots for safety reasons. We will be taking a carriage ride, leading or walking horse(s) and possibly riding horses. Any parents or chaperones who would like to be part of this, please join us!

NEXt mEETING: July 25th after worship services.

ANNUAL SUMMER CHURCH WORSHIP AND PICNIC...

...will Be hELD aT:
IVERSON PARK
BOY SCOUT LODGE

oN:
sUNDAY AUGUST 29TH
NORMAL WORSHIP TIME OF 9:30

THIS IS A POTLUCK, SO BRING YOUR TASTIEST DISH TO PASS
AND PLAN ON HAVING A
MEANINGFUL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN GOD'S ROOM
AS WELL AS FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AFTERWORDS!
SEE YOU THERE

OUR COMMUNITY.....



.....The Dept. of Aging & Disability Resource Center of Portage County is offering a new program of instruction & information on transportation options in Portage Cty. These services include a personalized assessment to determine the needs of the rider. Recommendations are then made regarding appropriate modes of transportation. Individual or group training will be offered. If you want to learn more about the Travel Training process and you can be assisted in "living a more independent life" contact Julie Ann Summers at 715-341-4490. She is also willing to provide an informational presentation and/or travel training at no cost to the group or organization requesting this.

***See bulletin board for more details.**

CONGRATULATIONS....



To Betty and Al Wasleske on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

An after worship celebration on the 4th of July Sunday saw their Peace Church family enjoying cake and punch with Al and Betty and their family, during Fellowship time post worship.

Here are some thoughts our youth provided on the meaning of Freedom....

- Freedom means being able to do a lot.....Portia
- Pray and worship God.....Keith
- Being your true self and not being judged.....Sydney
- Being able to go to school.... Keith

MISSION STATEMENT:

“The Mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to nurture our personal relationship with God and reach out to local and global neighbors as servants of Christ.

We will celebrate and share our faith by welcoming all people to worship and fellowship.

Grounded in rich tradition and prayer, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to plant and nourish the seeds of change.”

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL:

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Members at large:

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