

# May 2022

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Blessed May, Peace UCC!

As we move into this month of continued celebration, remaining in the season of Easter liturgically, and prepare for the wonderful fun that comes with summer weather, I wanted to take this article to celebrate some of the behind-the-scenes people here at the church. For those that don't know, it truly does take a village for all of the services to run smoothly. Often, we remember to thank our volunteers, but I'd like to take this moment to thank all of our staff!

To Luann, thank you for always making sure this building is well cleaned each week! It's a large building and a lot for any one person to manage to keep dusted, vacuumed, scrubbed, sanitized, swept, mopped, and every other form of clean that we like to do around our individual homes. Thank you for taking your time to make sure our communal spaces are always tidy!

To Nathan, thank you for your musical abilities and your flexibility in your role! The choir was absolutely beautiful on Easter and I look forward to hearing them again coming soon. Your voice for Don Dreier's funeral was a wonderful gift to a grieving family. Finally, your willingness to take on many technology roles throughout this pandemic has helped our church develop something it did not have a huge amount of before: an online presence. Thank you for all you do man of many hats!

To William, I have yet to meet anyone as knowledgeable about this building as you. Thank you for all the work you do in preparing our spaces for meetings and gatherings, helping organize and decorate for Sunday mornings, and making sure all the "chores" of the church get taken care of! Our building is a better place for all the love and care you show to it!

To Shelley, I really wish words could adequately state how grateful I am for all you do around here. From keeping me on track with weekly and monthly reminders for things like this newsletter article to our bulletins and worship slides to always having a sense of humor and seeing the bright side of situations. The dedication you have shown this position over the years is truly humbling and we hope to have you for many more! I, of course, write this knowing you'll be the one putting it into our newsletter article, so thank you as well for always putting those together every month!

To all of our non-staff but paid people here at the church such as Vicki, Joel, and Deb, thank you as well! We may not see you as regularly, but your work does not go unnoticed either! On behalf of

the whole congregation here at Peace, thank you to all our staff! And if you get a chance to see them this month, I hope you can send a huge thank you their way in person too!  
Shalom,

*Uriah Williams*

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On April 14-16 Peace Church Missions held a fund raiser at Charlies Little Red Barn. Because we were short of workers, we teamed up with The American Legion for more man power.

Our proceeds were as follows: American Legion \$632, Peace Church Missions \$882. We had tips of \$194, and have given that amount to The Peace Church youth group for a future pizza party.

We thank all who worked, and a special thank you to Richard Lundt, who grilled all 3 days in weather that was not too nice on behalf of the American Legion.

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### Coffee Hour

Coffee hour following has returned following our regular Sunday church services! A sign-up sheet is posted for volunteers to provide snacks.



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### *Greeters!*



As we continue our move into the future of the church post-quarantine, I would like to bring back greeters to the church. I have heard from several people around town and visitors to our church how much they loved their opening conversations with the people who initially met them in their past visits prior to the COVID-19 quarantine. When you are entering a new space for the first time, especially one as community oriented as a church, the initial impressions can have a lasting effect on

your overall memory of the location. If you are interested in fulfilling this ministry of the church, please sign up on the bulletin board or reach out to Shelley!

## Sensory Room!



A huge thank you to Cassandra Whitehouse and Hunter Hokenstad for presenting to the Council what it would take for the church to have a sensory room. For those that may not know, a sensory room is a room designed to help neurodivergent (ADHD and autism are examples of this) children and adults receive stimuli that help calm them

and focus them while preventing sensory overload. The council voted this week that we move forward with converting one of our nursery rooms into a sensory room in an effort to be a more inclusive congregation. No major renovations need to be done to the room, we just need to purchase some equipment to place in the room. The cost to purchase the basic equipment that was recommended totals to \$197 and would include a Pea Pod, Small Trampoline with a safety bar, and a variety of Fidget Tools. The next steps would be hanging a swing or purchasing a swing stand (stand would range from \$190-220), purchasing a crash pad (a decent sized one costs around \$279), and then sensory mats which vary widely in price. The intent with this room is to provide a safe space that families with neurodivergent members can utilize during different events at the church such as Sunday worship and our hopeful future disability groups. In all, the project will likely cost around \$800 total. We will be working on an Amazon registry if you would like to support this project by purchasing any of the equipment yourself or if you would like to mark your offering envelopes specifically for this project, we will make sure your offering is utilized for this purpose.

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## Last Sunday Funday and Senior Sunday!



With the end of the school year quickly approaching it will soon be time to say farewell to some phenomenal graduating seniors as they continue onto their next journeys in life. Sunday, May 15th, we will be holding a special spot in the 9:00 AM service to recognize their accomplishments and hear what their next plans are! We would also like to invite any of our seniors who graduated

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during the COVID-19 quarantine to partake in this event as well if they are interested. Additionally, that Sunday will be our final Sunday Funday for the season! From what I have heard so far, we are looking at playing outdoors with a variety of different outdoor activities such as chalk, bubbles, and a field hockey set as well as holding an ice cream sundae bar! Come on out to have a blast with our youth here at Peace UCC!

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Giving link for the UCC's Humanitarian effort in Ukraine.: [Ukraine Appeal - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](https://www.ucc.org/ukraine)



Mark your calendars for June 5th, 2022! This Pentecost we will be holding a service to install and recognize Pastor Uriah as our new settled pastor with visitors from across the Northeast Association! We will have a luncheon catered by Angie's starting around noon with the service itself

starting at 1:30. So we can provide an accurate count to Angie's, if you could please sign up if you are planning on coming to the luncheon it would be a great help to us! This is an important moment in the life of the church and the covenants that are recognized between the congregation and the pastor publicly, we hope to see many of you there!

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## *New Member Course!*

For any current friends of the church, anyone visiting, or even if you're an old member interested in learning a little bit extra about your church family, I invite you to our New Member Course! This week I was able to make great progress on the initial curriculum and have heard the need to get the ball rolling on it for a couple months now. My goal is to provide this course in early June. If you are interested in attending, please email the church office and let us know or sign up on the sheet and provide an email so we can reach out for scheduling purposes! Thank you to Andrew Warner for bringing this need to my attention and helping me greatly with what a course like this should entail!



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*May 2022 Birthday and Anniversary List*  
*May God Bless You on your Birthday & Anniversary.*



May 1: Laura Naeyaert  
 May 3: Logan Skytta  
 May 8: Kathy Kuse  
 May 9: Kerri-Lu Meyer  
     Hadley Kunschke  
 May 10: Rose Adelbush  
 May 11: Phyllis Webster  
 May 13: Emerson Gruber  
     Pastor Uriah  
 May 14: Hailey Weishoff  
 May 16: Brynn Hannes  
 May 18: Terri Ponschok  
     Harper Anker  
 May 19: Richard Laehn  
 May 21: Bonnie Dickelman-Cannon  
     David Ruehle  
     Kelly Theis  
     Wyatt Theis  
 May 23: Joyce Wockenfus  
 May 24: Mike Dayton  
 May 26: Patricia Anker  
     Larry Wynveen  
 May 28: Clint Sumnicht  
 May 30: Amanda Hannes  
     Skip Robertson  
     Brenda Laehn



*Please remember in prayer*  
*Jana Dreier, Tim Dreier,*  
*Jessica, Jenny and family*  
*and friends of Don who*  
*passed away April 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**Anniversaries**

May 5: Brooke & Joseph Skytta  
 May 10: Roxanne & Joel Dickinson  
 May 12: Ashley & Justin Weishoff  
 May 14: Lee & Merrie Crawford  
 May 20: William & Rita Ecke  
 May 22: Stephen & Lisa Acra  
     Bob & Patti Francis  
 May 31: Don & Jean Olsen



***Electronic Giving - a simple and convenient way to make your offerings.*** Peace United Church of Christ relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. For more information, contact the church office.



**SAFARC GROCERY CART**

SafParc is in need of the following items:

- \*\*Any and all hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shampoo etc.)**
- \*\*Canned meals such as spaghettios, ravioli, soup (something that doesn't NEED to be heated up.) Thank you!**



**ASSISTED LIVING AND NURSING HOME LISTING**

[If you are aware of any church member who needs to be added to this list, please contact Pastor Uriah or the church office.]

***Evergreen Care Center***

1250 S Evergreen St., Shawano  
 Harvey Mueller, Marian Pauly  
 Don Olsen

***Oak Haven Assisted Living***

132 Oak Ct., Shawano  
 Bonnie Moede, Roland Dobratz

***The Cottages on Golden Pond***

Madison Way, Shawano  
 Sharon Popp, Judy Menning, Mary Peterson

***Shawano Place***

1088 Engel Drive, Shawano  
 Betsy Larson, Shirley Montour

***Wausau Manor Health Service***

3107 Westhill Dr.  
 Wausau WI 54401

*Bonnie Dickelman-Cannon*

**Upper Room Devotional Conversation and Prayer**

Christ said that where two or three gather in his name, he is present. (Matthew 18:20). Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, [Next session, May 18<sup>th</sup> ] ~ 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Great Room)

Upper Room Devotional material is available in the Great Room.

All Welcome – bring your friends - No preparation necessary

More information: talk to Bonnie Suprise

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Worship Communion  7:00 PM AA Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:30 PM Worship Communion	<b>6</b> 1:00 PM Quilters Shelley vacation day	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:30 PM Worship	<b>13</b> 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>14</b>
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<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Worship Senior Recog. <b>Sunday Funday</b> 2:00 PM Girls Scouts 7:00 PM AA Mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 AM Upper Room	<b>19</b> 1:30 PM Worship 4:30-6:30 PM SAM25 Plant sale delivery in parking lot	<b>20</b> 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Worship  7:00 PM AA Mtg	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Finance	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM Council	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:30 PM Worship	<b>27</b> 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Worship  7:00 PM AA Mtg	<b>30</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>31</b>				

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
 Thursday Worship 1:30 PM  
 Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM -- 2:00 PM (715.526.2916)  
 SUMMER HOURS beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 AM till 2:00 PM  
 Friday 9:00 AM till Noon

