

July 2022

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Happy July, Peace UCC!

Friends, I really want to take space to express grief for the events in our government these last couple of weeks. I must admit that when the news came out about the Supreme Court decision last Friday to overturn Roe v. Wade, I let out a sigh of relief that I was not preaching Sunday. The following decision this week and the wording of it has me equally discomforted for its implications. Both of these cases are troubling at best and terrifying at worst.

I was always raised to recognize the plurality of beliefs and people in America. I remember being proudly taught how America was the melting pot of the world. I was also raised to trust in the separation of church and state. Both of these rulings were in clear Christian favor and that terrifies me. It terrifies me for my friends who do not hold the same beliefs as me. It terrifies me for those I know who have utilized Planned Parenthood's services. It terrifies me for what else might be overturned and how many rights we will take away from people who have fought so hard for so long to receive basic human rights and to not have one group's beliefs dictate a whole nation. Where was the separation of church and state in these cases?

I know I have seen the argument on how it was just a way of giving the issue of abortion rights back to the states, but even that was a calculated religious move. We knew before this ruling was overturned which states would revert back to abortion being illegal. That says something. We are in one of those states. I know how many Christians are proud of the ruling to pray publicly on the 50-Yardline after a football game. How many others will be ostracized if they don't participate in that team prayer? What did Jesus say in Matthew 6:5-6? Prayer is important to the Christian belief as it is to the Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, and other religions. Which religion was this ruling going to benefit the most?

Friends, this has been a rough couple of weeks. If you need to talk or process any of it, please know my door is open Tuesday through Thursday and I will provide a listening ear. We live in the melting pot of the world. I pray we can realize the significance and weight of responsibility that bears and that in the future we can do better.

Shalom,

Uriah Williams

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Grace Trail Walk: July 9th! Come join us for a Grace Trail Walk Saturday morning! We'll meet at the church at 9:00 AM and car pool from there to the trail at 286 Northridge Dr. in Shawano, WI! What is a Grace Trail? It is a contemplative, 1 mile trail, that offers questions for us to ponder along the route. G. What am I grateful for? R. What do I need to release? A. What do I need to accept? C. How would I like to challenge myself? E. What can I embrace as possible? We'll walk this journey together and then head for coffee afterwards to discuss our experience!

New Member Sunday: July 10th! Come join us as we celebrate our new members and covenant with them to support one another as the Peace UCC family! This is a special and significant moment in the life of the church, we hope to see many of you there!

Welcome
to our
New Members



Worship in the Park: August 7th! Come join us at Kuckuk Park for a shorter than normal, certainly buggier, and completely wholesome outdoor service with communion! Then stick around for a church picnic potluck with yard games, good times, and great memories to be made! Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, and your active clothes and come prepared for a wonderful experience!



Watch for more information on the Timber Rattler outing for **Thursday August 11th start time 6:40 PM**



THURSDAY SERVICES

Throughout the summer months we have decided to move our Thursday Services to the first and third Thursday each month. They will resume to every Thursday sometime in the early fall/late summer. The first Thursday each month will have communion



What is a sensory room?

A sensory room is a safe area designed to aid in regulation for individuals who are overwhelmed by sensory stimulation or unregulated emotions. They include various items that provide different kinds of sensory input such as repetitive visuals, repetitive movements, body compression, and interesting textures.

The sensory room at our church hopes to include a swing, a pea pod compression tube, a crash pad, a trampoline, textile mats, and fidget tools. These tools will provide a wide range of sensory input options, allowing us to meet the sensory needs of many people.

Why is there a need for sensory room?

When you look at the United Church of Christ website you will see that as a church, “we are a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church united in Spirit to love all, welcome all and seek justice for all.” In order to welcome all and increase our diversity, we need to ensure our building can meet the unique needs of a diverse community. A step to achieving this goal is creating a sensory room so we can meet the needs of neurodivergent individuals.

Expanding the resources our church can provide will aid in increasing our congregation numbers. An important target audience here are families who have neurodivergent children. It is common for these families to feel like they lack a community, and that typical community activities do not consider the needs of their children. Having a sensory room will help meet the needs of those families so they can join our church community and create or reestablish a connection with God.

How will the church utilize the sensory room?

The sensory room can be utilized by any individual who needs it during services. In the future, we hope to run groups and activities specifically for the cognitively diverse members of our community. The sensory room will be an important part of these activities as it will provide the participants a safe place to take a break and regulate themselves.

Cassie Whitehouse

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



July 2: Bea Nicolai
 Kurt Schroeder
 July 3: Kelly Lacy
 July 4: Rick Herzfeldt
 Sharon Popp
 July 5: William Theis Sr.
 July 9: Eric Crawford
 Clayton Blom
 July 11: Billy Harkey
 July 12: Carol Fuqua
 July 14: Lisa Acra
 Jean Olsen
 Jamie Cynor
 July 15: Debbie Skaltzky
 July 19: Susan Waelchli
 July 20: Joshua Krause
 Dawn Popp
 July 21: Pete Schroeder
 July 23: Cassandra Whitehouse
 July 25: Lola Kaczor
 Blake Weishoff
 July 26: Bonnie Gurnee
 Hunter Staniforth
 July 27: Vicky Jones
 July 28: Jeff Langlois
 July 30: Julie Nelson

Anniversaries

July 1: Randall & Mary Bohm
 July 7: Todd & Sarah Swedberg
 July 10: Benjamin & Angie Ruehle
 July 12: Hugo & Lu Petters
 July 17: Bob & Lori Smits
 July 20: Jeff & Debbie Reinke
 Pat & Cindy Staniforth



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

Oak Haven Assisted Living

132 Oak Ct., Shawano
 Bonnie Moede

The Cottages on Golden Pond

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

The Pines

1625 E Main St, Clintonville
 Roland Dobratz

Shawano Place

1088 Engel Drive, Shawano
 Betsy Larson, Shirley Montour

Wausau Manor Health Service

3107 Westhill Dr.
 Wausau WI 54401

Bonnie Dickelman-Cannon



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.

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 3rd Wednesday, [Next session, July 20th] ~ 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 Surprise

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 AM Worship COMMUNION 7:00 PM AA Mtg.	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day	5	6	7 1:30 PM Worship COMMUNION	8	9 9:00 AM Grace Trail Walk
10 9:00 AM Worship New Member Sunday 7:00 PM AA Mtg.	11	12	13 5:00 PM ONA Meeting	14 NO Worship	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg.	18	19 6:00 PM Finance	20 10:00 AM Upper Room	21 1:30 PM Worship	22	23
24 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg.	25	26	27 5:30 PM Council	28 NO Worship	29	30
31 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg.	<div> <p>Sunday Worship 9:00 AM</p> <p>Thursday Worship (First & Third) 1:30 PM</p> <p>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 AM till 2:00 PM</p> <p>Friday 9:00 AM till Noon (715.526.2916)</p> </div>					



Peace United Church Of Christ - Council Meeting Minutes - May 25th 2022

Members Present-Joel Whitehouse, Bill Harkey, Brenda Maglio, John Meyer, Bob Gehm, Paul Cross, and Pastor Uriah
ABSENT Bob Smits

Bill Harkey called meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Pastor Uriah led Opening Devotions

Additions to meeting agenda-None

Due to Pastor Uriah having another meeting at 7pm we moved forward to his report.

Pastor's report

Pastor Uriah and Bob Gehm will be participating in a stewardship course this summer, this is a 6 part course beginning on June 2nd and continuing every other week thereafter.

Pastor had 4 mentoring sessions throughout the past month, they are going well.

Care committee has held their 1st meeting, more updates will be coming in future months.

New member course in coming together with a new member installation in future plans.

We will be conducting our Thursday afternoon worship service on the 1st (with communion) and 3rd Thursdays of the month during the summer. Worship time will continue at 1:30pm.

Pastor made 2 nursing home visits this past month.

We had 3 compassion fund cases.

Pastor met with Sam25 people during their annual flower sale which was held in our parking lot.

The futures and vision calendar board is now posted.

We are planning a ceremony at the church in either late October or early November celebrating 120 years of Peace UCC being in existence.

Pastor Uriah is working on a video about our church which would be posted on our website, Facebook page, and streaming service.

We will hold a scholarship announcement at our church service on June 19th.

Pastor was excused to attend his other meeting.

A motion was made by Joel W. and seconded by John M. to accept April meeting minutes as printed. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurers Report- Joel Reported that there were no outstanding issues with the church's finances during the past month. Kerber-Rose does have a person who handles church finances and they are working on a quote to handle our reports, which will hopefully be available at the June meeting.

President's Report- Bill reported that the multi-media committee has recommended that we purchase our own Black Magic video switch as we were borrowing the high schools through Nathan. A motion was made by council via email to fund up to \$900 for the purchase.

Nathan and Bill met with Raddant Electric to get quotes for updating our lighting system in the sanctuary.

Pastor Uriah and Bill met with Mike Mader from Camera Corner to get quotes for cameras that will function with the Black Magic box that we will be purchasing.

Peace Church is organizing an event for a Timber Rattlers game, sign-up sheets are posted with 2 dates.

Thursday July 28th at 6:40pm or Thursday August 11th at 6:40pm

Motion and approval were given to increase spending for our on-line steaming service with CCLI with a cost of now \$301 annually.

Pastor Uriah will have meetings each Wednesday throughout the summer and after discussion we have decided to move up the start time of the council meeting to 5:30pm on the last Wednesday of the month to allow Pastor to spend adequate time at both meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Closing devotion- The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting June 29th at 5:30pm. - Respectfully submitted by Bob Gehm.