

August 2022

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Happy August, Peace UCC!

In June, I completed a project for the council and myself that was quite eye opening to all of us that have seen it. I looked back at my hour log I have kept for the past six months with you all and I divided those hours into their respective categories to see where my time has gone. For example, about 45% of my total hours worked with the church has gone into the preparation and presentation of worship services on Sundays, Thursdays, and for funerals. Other categories included committee meetings, special events, pastoral care, and more. Why did I do this? Well, I wanted to get a sense of where my time has been so I could better prepare and prioritize my time for the future and that is what I wanted to write about this month: prioritization.

We all lead very busy lives. I am not an outlier in that equation, I know from talking with many of you how scheduled you all are. There is nothing wrong with this, but it does mean we need to be intentional about where our priorities are. If we don't prioritize certain areas of our lives, then we are more likely to see burnouts happening. For example, working is important. We need money in order to feed our families and put a roof over our heads. But, working so much that we can never have quality time with our families is also an issue. What is the sense of taking care of our families financially if we never get to enjoy being with them in person and whole heartedly? We need to reflect on where our boundaries are and to make different aspects of our lives priorities that are life giving to us and not just ones that help us survive.

I think about this in the context of the greater church life as well. As I am writing this article in the last week of July, we have had to cancel our worship in the park for August. We evaluated how many people had signed up and decided that it was not a priority service on that Sunday. As a church family, we need to evaluate and prioritize what things are important to us. What church events, what theologies, what kinds of services give us the most amount of life? I do strongly believe nature is an important priority to the majority of this congregation, I think this particular Sunday just didn't line up with individual schedules. So, we will try again later this year.

The next step in all of these things is to then stick to those prioritizations. As the council and I discuss where my involvement is best suited, I will need to shift my priorities to those actions. As you discern what areas in your life are most life giving, you will need to shift your priorities which will mean saying no to some things. As this church discerns where its priorities are, we will need to focus in on those things which might mean letting go of some things that are not priorities to us and might mean trying some things that are very new and foreign. Through all

this, however, we walk the journey in community together. So, this month as we begin to enter our busy times of the year again, what are your priorities? Are you living your life according to them already? If not, what can you do to change?

Shalom,

Uriah Williams

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WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Due to lack of sign up, we have decided that it is best to cancel our worship in the park that was scheduled for August 7th. We will be looking at rescheduling for a later date, potentially in conjunction with our 120th year of ministry celebration. There will still be Sunday morning worship on August 7th! It will just be held at the church.



YOUTH GROUP DAY!

Join us on August 14th for a youth group event! We are planning on tubing the Wolf River starting at 1:00 PM. Meet us at the church and we can carpool over to the start point. After we finish tubing, we will plan on grilling some food, having a picnic, and setting up some yard games to play (location pending)! Any youth are invited to join us from 6th grade to include this year's graduates, no church membership required! Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY DINNERS

The Shawano Presbyterian Church is reinstituting their Community Meals this year! They have reached out to organizations and churches around town, to include here at Peace, to see if we would be available/interested to cover one session of this wonderful community event this year. If you are interested in learning more or helping out, please reach out to the church office to let us know!



USHERS

As we now pass the plates again for offering, we are reaching out to find volunteers to usher during worship services. If this is a service to the church you would be interested in fulfilling, please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the yellow bulletin board. Thank you for your continued dedication to this church!



Timber Rattler outing is set for **Thursday August 11th start time 6:40 PM**

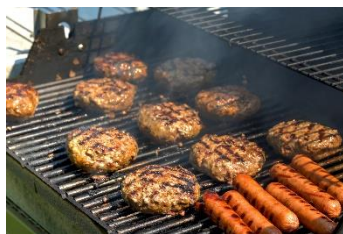


LOOKING FOR CUSTODIAL VOLUNTEERS

Due to personal reasons, Lu has needed to take a leave of absence until mid-October this year. In the meantime, we are looking for people who might be interested in volunteering to help keep our church clean. If we could even get a group of 3 or 4 together who would be willing to help us out for these few months, it would probably only be around a 2 or 3 hour time commitment each week. Please reach out to the church office if you would be willing to volunteer!



CHARLIE'S RED BARN SEPTEMBER 8, 9, AND 10TH



It is time to get those aprons and caps on for our assigned dates at Charlie's Red Barn. The dates are September 8, 9, and 10th which is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last year when we worked we raised over \$2,000+ for our General Fund. Let's see if our Peace Team volunteers can do a repeat!!! Volunteers will be needed for grilling, assembly of food, and cashier. There will be morning and afternoon shifts. A signup sheet will be posted at church. A BIG THANK YOU to those volunteers who worked last year and to those volunteering this year!

Carol Fuqua





SAM25's biggest fundraiser, Empty Bowls, caring hearts is coming up on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10 AM till 4 PM or until soup/bowls are gone. You may also do a walk-through tour of shelter/clinic. Purchase a hand-painted, ceramic bowl and soup-to-go along with baked goods AND view their ONLINE SILENT AUCTION. Event links: www.sam25.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sam25.org>

GIVING ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

Interested in giving online? Just follow these easy steps!



1. Go to our church website at <https://peaceshawano.org>
2. Click "Sign In" in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.
3. Sign into your Faithlife account or create one by providing a valid email address and creating a password.
4. Once you're signed in, click on the "Giving" link in the upper right-hand section of the home page.
5. Enter the amount you would like to donate and then select where you would like the funds to go from the drop-down list available.
 - a. If you would like to donate to two different funds, you don't need to make two separate donations. You can click the button "Add another fund," select the other fund you would like to give to and input a dollar amount for both.
6. Click "Next" once you have decided where to send the funds and the dollar amount.
7. Now you can designate which family you are giving as, input either a debit card or bank account to draw from and decide if you would like to have this be a recurring gift or a one-time donation.
8. You also have the option to cover the processing fee that Faithlife charges by checking the box titled "Cover the processing fees." If this box is not checked, the fees are deducted from your gift to the church.
9. That's it! Thank you for your generosity and trust that we will use your donations faithfully and fruitfully!



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



August 1: Darlene Mosher

Shirley Otto

August 4: Clint Anker

August 5: David Nelson

August 7: Benjamin Smits

Ivan Machmueller

August 9: Lois Rohe

August 11: Alicia Berg

Sam Schroeder

August 12: David Zittel

August 14: Jessica Kosnicki

August 16: Lucas Anker

Mason Theis

August 17: Tom Fischer

August 18: Jim Gueths

August 20: Nicholas Boardman

Kasey Cross

August 26: Charles Marohl

Alice Popp

August 28: Katelyn Smits

August 29: Marilyn Paap

Brooke Skytta

August 30: Sue Porath

Toni Jahnke

August 31: Andrea Knickerbocker

Maggie Koch

Anniversaries

August 1: Russ & Kristi Blom

August 5: Stephanie & Andy Gruber

August 7: Richard & Debbie Skalitzky

August 12: Joel & Gretchen Whitehouse

August 17: Tom & Laura Naeyaert

August 22: Kurt & Elaine Schroeder

August 29: Clint & Tammy Sumnicht



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 spaghetti, 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, August 17th] ~ 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

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 AM Memorial Comm. Mtg.	3	4 NO Worship	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship COMMUNION 7:00 PM AA Mtg	8	9	10	11 1:30 PM Worship COMMUNION Timber Rattlers Game 6:40 PM	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Kunschke Baptism 7:00 PM AA Mtg	15	16	17 10:00 AM Upper Room	18 1:30 PM Worship	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg	22	23	24	25 NO Worship	26	27
28 9:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Mtg	29	30 6:00 PM Finance	31 5:30 PM Council			

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
 Thursday Worship (First & Third) 1:30 PM
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 AM till 2:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM till Noon (715.526.2916)

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 29TH 2022

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

Bill Harkey called meeting to order at 5:30 pm
Pastor Uriah led Opening Devotions

Additions to meeting agenda-None

Joel made a motion seconded by John M. to approve May council minutes as printed. Unanimous vote

Pastor's report:

Pastor Uriah and Bob Gehm are continuing the stewardship course

Pastor had 7 mentoring sessions throughout the past month, they are going well.

New member course was held and the new members will be installed on July 10th.

Missions committee is setting up a Hygiene box for Safparc, it was mentioned that we set one up possibly for Sam25 as well.

Pastor would like to hold a meeting with the Sunday school committee to discuss the format that will be used in the fall.

Worship committee will meet in July.

August 7th will be the date for our annual outdoor worship and picnic at Kuckuk park.

Care committee will meet again in July.

Memorial committee met in June and are asking how to help with donations for the on-going projects at the church.

We had 2 compassion fund cases.

Member engagement, 1 office visit and 1 phone call were made in June.

Treasurers Report- Joel Reported that there were no outstanding issues with the church's finances during the past month, however he did transfer \$10,000 from our reserves into our checking account to keep things balanced.

Kerber-Rose quote came in and it would cost the church an additional \$5,000 annually to handle our bookkeeping.

At this time with the recommendation from Joel, council has decided not to pursue this option.

President's Report- Bill reported that the black magic switcher box and Omni microphone have been purchased and we are still waiting on quotes from Raddant Electric for lighting.

We are also still waiting on quotes from Mike Mader for the 2 PTZ cameras as well as associated hardware and software.

Timber Rattlers game will be attended August 11th.

Council held discussion about the Sensory room and came up with new ideas which included a bigger bathroom in the nursery. These ideas will be discussed with Cassandra to get her thoughts.

Council also looked at the sidewalks leading into the church that are shifting and could lead to trip hazards, numerous ideas were discussed to help deal with this issue.

We are still planning our church's 120 year celebration, more details to follow in upcoming meetings.

Charlie's Red Barn event for our church will be held Sept. 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Closing devotion- The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting July 27th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Gehm.