

December 2022

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Happy Advent, Peace!

This is a season of many traditions for many of us. It's a season that looks different for each household and each individual. This past week we discussed traditions that change and that it is okay for them to change. This Sunday we will be discussing the importance of traditions and the spiritual notion of practicing them. Then the following two Sundays we will practice some that have historically been important to this church: the Sunday School Pageant on December 11th and a Hymn Sing on December 18th. This of course leads to our Christmas Eve services which will be held at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM with a candlelight service and the choir singing at our latter service. Traditions.

Perhaps your family takes a special day each year to decorate the house or to gather and open gifts. Maybe you personally have a little ritual when it comes to wrapping gifts or a special drink for Christmas morning. Maybe you are hurting this year for the loss of traditions and the way things change often when we don't want them to. Maybe you are hopeful that after two years of COVID you can reinstitute traditions with full hearts. Traditions can be marvelous things just as they can be weights that are heavy to carry.

As we enter into this season of traditions, I'll invite you to reflect individually and communally on the "why" of each tradition that is important to you and yours. Ask the question of what the purpose behind it is. Discern together if it can change or if it's perfect the way it is. Have the discussions, even if they're hard. Leave room for growth and change, otherwise it will feel claustrophobic when the container is no longer big enough. And most of all, enjoy this time as best you can. May it be so, and amen.

As a follow up, last month was our stewardship month and Generosity Campaign. A Church and Ministry Survey went out with the hope that as many people as possible would fill it out in the church and return it. We have received 33 so far and could certainly use more to get a more accurate picture of 185 members! In addition, we have only received 43 of our Estimate of Giving Cards. This information is vital to our operational running of the church and informs what ministries we can do, how often we can partake in them, and really the future of our congregation. So, if you have not submitted your estimate yet, please consider sending it in no later than December 15th.

Shalom,

Uriah Williams

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Cookie Walk!

December 3rd from 9:00-11:00!

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!



**Shawano
Presbyterian**



The United Way of Shawano has opened a diaper bank in Shawano (Snuggled With a Hug Diaper Bank) and First Presbyterian Church is the distribution center for distributing diapers to those families in need twice a month.

Days of distribution: 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00 – 6:00 PM and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM till noon.

(Please do not go to the church for diapers outside of the referenced times.)

Registration is required.)

Donations of diapers and baby wipes can be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church or at Peace United Church of Christ at any time throughout the year.



Sunday School will be meeting on December 4th and 11th following worship.

Our Childrens Christmas Program will be December 11th during the 9 AM Worship service.





The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you! **Our Christmas Fund offering will be taken December 18th. Please use the enclosed envelope or you may pick one up at church. Thank you!**



Opportunities offered through Shawano County

Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Caregiver Support Group (Shawano): This caregiver support group takes place at the Shawano Library the 4th Wednesday of each month

from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

Early Stages / Parkinson's Disease Support Group (Shawano): This support group is geared towards those in the early stages of dementia. The meetings take place at the Shawano Library the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.



Feb 3-4-5, 2023

Moon Beach ALL CHURCH winter retreat

(Friday and Saturday night's lodging; 3 meals on Saturday; brunch on Sunday.)



Watch for more information to come as it becomes available.

There will be many fun opportunities for: *Sledding *Ice fishing *Worship *Puzzles & Games

*Sitting by the fireplace *Talking with friends *Snow shoeing

*Cross country skiing *Study and prayer *Sleeping



SAM25 is looking for volunteers to help in a supervisory role at the shelter on very cold days that will be coming sooner than we think. The shelter usually has clients leaving the building at 8AM and not checking back in until between 5-7PM. During the extreme cold days, the shelter remains open to keep everyone safe, and needs help in supervising during this time. If you would be interested in helping out with this, please contact SAM25 at 715.851.7252.



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



December 4: Brady Hannes
 December 5: Gordon Shannon
 December 6: Jason Mueller
 December 8: Terry Jo Bohm
 December 9: Patrick Staniforth
 December 10: Donna Christenson
 Melody Ponchaud
 Patricia Stokes
 December 12: Hans Sager
 December 13: Scott Lynn
 Judy Zittel
 December 14: Chase Huntington
 Jeffery Jones
 December 17: Susan Wall
 Fern Dickinson
 December 23: Carol Mandel
 December 24: Kenton Wall
 December 25: Merrie Crawford
 Brooke Huntington
 Stuart Muck
 December 26: Samantha Kunschke
 Wm. E. Meyer
 Rowena Suprise
 Alex Montour
 December 27: Crew Swedberg
 December 28: Greg Stuewer
 December 29: Pat Bohm
 December 30: Jan Bscherer
 Shanna Krause
 Ronald Mueller
 Alicia Eggert

Anniversaries

December 14: Mike & Dawn Dayton
 December 21: Joel & Joan Young
 December 22: David & Kim Wolfmeyer
 December 27: Dennis & Bobbi Sager
 December 28: Tammy & Clint Sumnicht
 December 30: John & Pamela Meyer
 Scott & Carol Fuqua
 December 31: Eugene & Julie Dayton



SAFPARC GROCERY CART

SAFPARC (Shawano Area Food Pantry And Resource Center) : Needs this month: Peanut Butter, Boxed meals (hamburger/tuna helper), Chef Boyardee canned meals (SpaghettiOs, etc), Spaghetti sauce (bottled or cans), Instant Potatoes / gravy packets, Canned Tomatoes, Instant hot cereal, oatmeal, cream of wheat etc., Laundry detergent, Fabric softener and Cleaning supplies Thank you for helping us to assist those in need.



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

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

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 3rd Wednesday, [Next session, Dec. 21st] ~ 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



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.

December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:30 PM Worship Communion	2 NO Quilters	3 9 – 11 AM Cookie Walk
4 COMMUNION 9 AM Worship Communion 10 AM SS 7 PM AA Mtg	5 NO Choir	6 4 – 6 PM Diaper Bank at First Presbyterian	7 6 PM Youth Group	8	9 1 PM Quilters	10
11 9 AM Worship Sunday School Christmas Program 10 AM SS 2 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Mtg	12 NO Choir	13 5:30 PM Choir	14 6 PM Confirmation	15 1:30 PM Worship	16 1 PM Quilters	17 10 AM till Noon Diaper Bank at First Presbyterian
18 9 AM Worship Hymn Sing Special Offering Christmas Fund 7 PM AA Mtg	19 5:30 PM Choir	20 6:00 PM Finance	21 10 AM Upper Room 5:30 PM Council	22	23 NO Quilters	24 3 & 6 PM Christmas Eve Services 6 PM Candlelight Broadcast over WTCH
25 No Worship Service 7 PM AA Mtg 	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed Shelley vaca day	28	29	30 NO Quilters	31
Pastor Uriah will be on vacation Dec. 26th thru Jan. 1						

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Thursday Worship (First (Communion) & Third) 1:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Friday 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM

(715.526.2916)

Pastor Uriah will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and
Thursday afternoon.

Peace United Church Of Christ

Council Meeting Minutes

October 26th 2022

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

ABSENT Paul Cross

Bill Harkey called meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Bob Gehm led Opening Devotions

Additions to meeting agenda-Record Retention was added to the agenda.

Joel made a motion, seconded by Bill to approve September 28th council minutes as printed. Vote was unanimous.

Pastor's report

All the events for the week long 120 year celebration are scheduled

Pastor had 1 Mid Cop gathering

Boundary training has been completed should be good for 2-3 years.

Pastor met with Missions who are working on the non-profit showcase.

Kelly Theis from Christian education has started a study room on nights of confirmation class. Average is 6-10 students and the subject is math.

Worship committee is planning a meeting on November 14th.

Church and ministry survey were to be mailed out on October 28th.

Pastor will be on vacation December 26th –January 1st.

We had 3 compassion fund cases.

Member engagement, 2 office visits and 1 phone calls and 1 homebound visits.

2 new members will be recognized on November 6th.

4 people met during the October Ministerium.

Bob Smits made a motion 2nd by Brenda to pay Marcus Whitehouse and Jacob Grignon \$150 for their time and Music for the November 6th celebration service.

Motion made by Bill 2nd by Joel to pay up to \$500 for food and \$382.88 for advertising for the week long 120 year celebration event.

Treasurers Report- Joel reported that giving from the congregation has been very good but our finances are still struggling due to the poor market.

Memorial has pledged \$6500 for the lighting project and \$600 for a new computer for the Finance and Memorial committees.

Motion made by Bob G. 2nd by John M. to accept the pledge.

Vote Unanimous.

Joel will reach out to Brotherhood Insurance to get Workers Comp. info.

Kerber Rose will provide documents to apply for the Employee retention benefits.

President's Report- Janitorial services were discussed.

We have been working with CCCP to eliminate the noise over on our streaming services.

Chili dinner is November 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Closing devotion- The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting November 30th at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Bob Gehm

