

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**God of Heaven and Earth, receive our gifts as a deposit of trust in your faithfulness and a seed of hope for the growing of your kingdom in Jesus Christ here and now. Amen.**

The Celebration of Communion

\*Communion Hymn                      *"One Bread, One Body"*                      No. 393

\*Communion Prayer    "Together, We Are Blessed By Being Here."

Invitation to the Lord's Table    Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine  
Sharing of God's Gifts Please come forward to receive the body of Christ-  
the bread of life, and the cup of the new covenant.  
Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)  
**Magnificent God, restore us as we leave this table and prepare us to live in the faith of Jesus Christ everyday of our lives. Thank you, God! Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn                      *We Are Sent Into the World*  
   *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*                      No. 37 CP

\*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

(\*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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Minister  
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**Greetings**

Welcome to the community of Church of Peace United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our faith in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

February 5, 2023      Fifth Sunday after Epiphany      9 a.m.  
Gathering Music   Ringing of the Tower Bells   Welcome & Announcements  
We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

Call to Worship (responsive) (inspired by Psalm 112:1-10)

One: Praise the Holy One! Be in awe of God!

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's presence!**

One: Fear no evil. Keep your heart firm. Be secure in God!

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's protection!**

One: Arise for what is right. Be pursuers of justice.

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's power!**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Glorious God, we gather as a community to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
Let our rituals and routines hold meaning and connect us to you. May we  
resist empty actions so that we may seek an encounter with you to receive  
your revelation, and so that we may be transformed, healed, and renewed.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*      No. 453

\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Holy and Merciful God, it is difficult to follow your path. Your way requires  
sacrifice and deliberate intention. We must resist cultural norms and  
societal pressures. We must abandon our need to control and instead, bend  
to your will. Sometimes, we add complexity in order to assure ourselves it is  
not possible to be faithful. Yet, your way is simple. We ask O God, soften our  
hearts and encourage us to return to the journey with you.**

\*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God is faithful and God can redeem our detours  
and misdirections on the journey for our good and the good of others.  
God's invitation to covenantal life has no expiration date, and the Holy One  
receives us with joy and grace when we take each step toward God's  
kingdom.

**Many: Thank you God for your love and forgiveness for us and all those you  
love. Praise be to God! Amen.**

\*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer *a sharing of community and world prayers.*

Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in  
Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us  
and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to  
celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and  
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and  
risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is  
with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We Engage God's Word

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-3a*

*Mark 2:1-12*

Message      *The Confirmation Class of 2023 Faith Statements*  
*Hannah Treptow, Abigail Hanke, Peyton Portier, Lilyana Albrecht*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The generous life imagines the possibilities of the kingdom of God  
realized through the sharing of our gifts.

**Many: Generosity glorifies God and connects us as neighbors.**

One: When we give of our time, talent, and treasure, we declare our trust  
in the abundance of God's continuing creative acts and participate in the  
realization of the kingdom on earth.

**Many: So let us bring our offerings to God with joy and gladness in our  
hearts. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology      *"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"*      on Screen

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Support our Food Pantry by participating in our Souper Bowl food drive.

Donated items may be placed on the decorated tables in the Narthex.

Anything is appreciated, but here are some suggestions of items that go fast:

Cereal \* Pancake Mix \* Syrup \* Peanut Butter \* Jelly \* Apple Juice

Mac 'n Cheese (family size box or individual cups)

Dessert Items (cake or brownie mix, frosting, cookies)

Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper

Household cleaning and laundry supplies



*Let's Gather at the Church &  
SING! SING! SING!*

That's right...

the Multigenerational Chapel Choir is coming back.

Stop by the Choir table in the lobby after worship  
and sign up for choir.

All you need is love for God  
And the Holy Spirit will do the rest!  
COME JOIN US!

The Confirmation Class of 2023 invites you to join them  
as they take the vows of their baptism  
and join our community of faith on

Sunday, February 19, 2023, during the regular worship service.

Also, please join them as they read their faith statements during the worship  
services on Today & Sunday February 12

### **GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP**

*Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00*

*Join us for a Valentine themed get together!  
Bring your own lunch. Dessert will be served.  
"you needn't be Golden to join us"*

## **WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**February 5, 2023**

**Church office phone: 921-8215**

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Steve Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment

*Website: [uccchurchofpeace.com](http://uccchurchofpeace.com) Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac*

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Lucy Zahn

Elise Sonnenberg

Cindy Duffy

Bob Hanke

Alice Jaber

Theresa Schultz

Marilyn Peters

Sharon Hensen

Christine Weimer

Ron Rowe

Jan Whittaker

Eli

John Sandberg

Dorothy Gyr

p.s. Wonderful God of all people, build our faith on Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit!

Janet Rymer

Ken Meyn

Janet & Eugene Willis

Amy Jo

Barb Dehring

Randy Resop

Diane Candlish

Ruth Pedix

Tyler Detweiler

Evelyn Stepp

Elaine Miller

Nicole Schendel

Cassie Poirier

Bill Manka

Abby

Joe Ule

Brenna Slavik

Bev

Gia Del Ponte

Edna Karl

Donna Birkholz

Kathy Meyn

Rev. Jerry Schrankler

Shirley Hanke

Jason & Jennifer

Carol Van Norman

### **CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES**

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$3,214.00;**


**Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$62.00;UCC Christmas Fund: \$40.00;**

**E-giving:\$1, 038.00;**

**Building to Serve: \$3,725.00;**

**Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>:64. Last year:0.**

THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

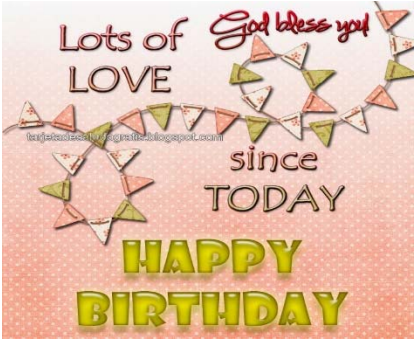
Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Feb. 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Ladies of Peace Faith Statements	Loaves & Fishes	11:30 LOP Meeting 6pm Bazaar Meeting	6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting Loaves & Fishes 7:30 pm Confirmation	TOPS 5:30-7:00		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour Host: Worship Enhancement Faith Statements	Loaves & Fishes	6 pm Martha Society meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting Happy Valentine's Day! 	Loaves & Fishes 7:30 pm Confirmation	11 am Golden Fellowship 12 pm FAMA Meeting TOPS 5:30-7:00		



Dear Members, A Bazaar meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss the possibility of combining the Bazaar and the Rummage Sale or leaving them as separate events. People from both events, please come with your ideas. Thank you!  
Nancy Pahnke, Chairman.



Wisconsin Herd Game vs Windy City Bulls  
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.  
Bleacher Seats: \$10\*\*\*\*Upper Seats: \$16



Corned Beef & Cabbage  
1 qt. \$8.00 2 qt. \$15.00  
Choc. Chip Cookies  
½ doz. \$2.50  
1 doz. \$4.75  
Sign up by Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Pick Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> After Worship  
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin  
board in the narthex.



Feb. 6 – Norlene Haase  
Feb. 7 – Barb Dehring  
Feb. 8 – Gabby Petersen  
Feb. 9 – Raymond Abitz,  
Tom Letourneau,  
Marlene Schubert  
Feb. 10 – Karen Blazer  
Feb. 11 – Carter Portier

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, February 22  
Wednesday, March 1  
Wednesday, March 8  
Wednesday, March 15  
Wednesday, March 22  
Wednesday, March 29  
Maundy Thursday, April 6  
Good Friday, April 7

Location

Service Time

COP FDL 7:00 pm  
Pilgrim FDL 7:00 pm  
Salem Wayne 7:00 pm  
Union Waupun 7:00 pm  
COP FDL 7:00 pm  
Pilgrim FDL 7:00 pm  
COP FDL 7:00 pm  
Pilgrim FDL 12:00 pm

Pilgrim FDL 535 Stow Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
Salem UCC 8925 County Rd W, Wayne, WI 53010  
Union Congregational UCC 125 Beaver Dam St, Waupun, WI 53963