

*Church of Peace*



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all



*Jesus: "My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved you"  
John 15:12*

### **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.

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 98

Call to Worship

One: Christ gives us a new commandment:

**Many: "Love one another as I have loved you."**

One: When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

**Many: We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.**

One: Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

**Many: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O, How I Love Jesus"

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\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Glorious Jesus, our brother and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts.**

\*Words of Grace

Pastor: Jesus no longer calls us servants, but friends. Each relationship is a new opportunity to abide in Christ's love, and a reminder that we can start again.

**People: We are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ. 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

Scriptures

1 John 5:1-9

John 15:9-17

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

*"The Joy of Love"*

*We Respond to God's Word*

Invitation to Generosity

One: Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last.

**Many: Fruit that will bring love and justice.**

One: Fruit that will bring joy and hope.

**Many: So together, let us bring our gifts which can transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

No. 46

*The Celebration of Communion*

\*Communion Hymn

*"When Love is Found"*

No. 499

\*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 for all are welcome to receive the body of Christ-the bread of life, and the cup of the new covenant.*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, May 19th...

Why? We are having a Church Potluck Dinner & Discussion following our worship service.

Please plan on joining us as we enjoy some of our congregation's favorite dishes and a fantastic discussion on "What does Church of Peace United Church of Christ look like in a post pandemic world?"

## ★ Saturday, May 11<sup>TH</sup> Post Office Food Drive ★

**WANTED:** Food Collection Volunteers

Church of Peace is teaming up with the Post Office to collect nonperishable food items that will be shared with local food banks in the Fond du Lac area between the hours of 9:00 am until approximately 2:00 pm.

We are asking for 2 people per car to drive and pick up filled food bags along carrier routes. These bags of food will be taken to the Post Office and then they will be divided amongst the food banks.

Church of Peace Food Pantry



### Food Pantry Needs

#### May Food Needs:

Canned Meat,  
Canned Veggies,  
Peanut Butter,  
Mac & Cheese,

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Fruit,  
Hot Oatmeal, 1# tubes of Hamburger  
Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce,  
Laundry Detergents, Bath Soap &  
Shampoo



### GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday,  
May 16 at 11:00 a.m.  
*"Pot Luck Picnic"*

Please join us for a time of laughter and fun. We will be showing a video entitled "Joy Handbell Choir" and having a wonderful lunch. Sign up sheet on bulletin board next to office. All ages are welcome!!

### Messenger Articles

*New Due Date:*

The office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to the holiday, we will be moving the due date of the Messenger Articles to

**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### PLANT SALE PICKUP

Purchased plants may be picked up on: Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12:00  
Gift certificates may be purchased through May 11<sup>th</sup>

WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
May 5, 2024

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  
Evelyn Stepp  
Doris Kastorff  
Janelle Anderson  
Robert Snyder  
Marilyn Peters  
Helen Oelke  
Christine Weimer  
Baby Archer  
Nicole Schendel  
Bob and Shirley Hanke  
Susan Snider  
Heather Reader-Schubert  
Siera Williams and baby Morgan  
Connie Troskey  
Mary Jean Nicholson  
p.s Magnificent God, join us as we share the love that brings great joy into our hearts!

Janet Rymer  
Del Weigel  
Janet & Eugene Willis  
Ernest Oelke  
Leo Lefebber  
Wayne Katerski  
Sharon Hensen  
Ruth Pedix  
Amy Mitchell  
Dixie Borchert  
Jason & Jennifer  
Marvin Oelke  
Carol Carlson  
Deb Baker  
Jim & Kathy Stephany  
Margaret Houk  
Amy Jo

Bill Manka  
Dave Borchert  
Diana Candlish  
Ralph  
Oliver Poirier  
Bailey Gehrt  
Edna Karl  
Donna Birkholz  
Evelyn Yantz  
Elaine Miller  
Nancy Schaefer  
Debra Rammer  
Lee & Lita Treleven  
Greg Baker  
John  
Stephen Yanke  
Jim Stephany

### CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$4,182.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$1,068.03;

E-giving: \$75.00; Investing in the Future: \$470.00;

Attendance – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> : 81 Last year: 74

Special Gift: To the Investing in the Future in honor of Jeanne Detweiler for  
Mother's Day given by Janet Pitchford.

**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Worship Service Communion	9-3 Rummage Sale Set Up	9-3 Rummage Sale Set Up	9-3 Rummage Sale Set Up	9-3 Rummage Sale Set Up	9-5 Rummage Sale	9-5 Rummage Sale
Social Hour Host: Hospitality	Loaves & Fishes	11:30 Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes			Post Office Food Drive
12-3:30 Barbie Club						10-12 Plant Sale Pick Up
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Worship Service	Loaves & Fishes	6:00 Martha's Meeting	Loaves & Fishes	11:00 Golden Fellowship		10:30-1PM Fellowship Hall - Reserved
Sunday School		6:30 Church Council Meeting				
Social Hour Host: Pastor Steve & Jean & Sunday School						



- May 4 – Sierra Lefeber
- Bethany Rymer
- May 6 – Heather Reader-Schubert
- Ronald Rymer
- May 8 – Wendy Petak
- Wyatt Whittaker
- May 10 – Oliver Poirier
- Eugene Willis
- May 11 – Cynthia Brajdic

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER!!**

**90+ years young members**

Please consider sending a card to these members.

**Birthdays are:**

- May 20<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Pat Krueger 345 E First St. #132 Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- May 28<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Connie Troskey 408 Ashford Ave. Lomira, WI 53048
- May 29<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Riley Mincy 318 Illinois Ave. N. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

**TIME TO START PREPARING FOR THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

May 10<sup>th</sup>- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> Bag Sale 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Here is How You Can Help Our Church to Have Another Successful Sale**

**\*Sign up on the board in the Narthex to help with set up and take down**

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> after church we will be setting up tables and racks and moving needed equipment in from storage. We REALLY need people who are physically able to perform this work.

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> set up will continue from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A delicious free meal will be served for everyone present.

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 5:00 ) and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> ( 9:00 – 2:00 ) is sale time. We can always use an extra hand to help with the sale! A free meal is included on these days also.

Saturday at 2:00pm we need lots of help with TAKE DOWN and clean up. We have enough work for everyone, but once again really appreciate helpers who can do the more physically challenging tasks.

Bring in your gently used in-season clothing, household, linens, lawn & garden, decorative, office, sporting goods, toys, games, puzzles, tools, craft items, small household furniture, books & magazines, cd's and DVD's. **These items can be left in the Northeast corner of Fellowship Hall starting April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Sign up to donate Bakery items. These should be brought in on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Make a cash donation to help offset Sale Setup expenses. These donations can be mailed in or left in the Church Office.

Any questions can be directed to Sharon Terrill @ 920-979-4671

**⚡ Please label you donation boxes and bags ⚡ when you bring them in. Thank you!**