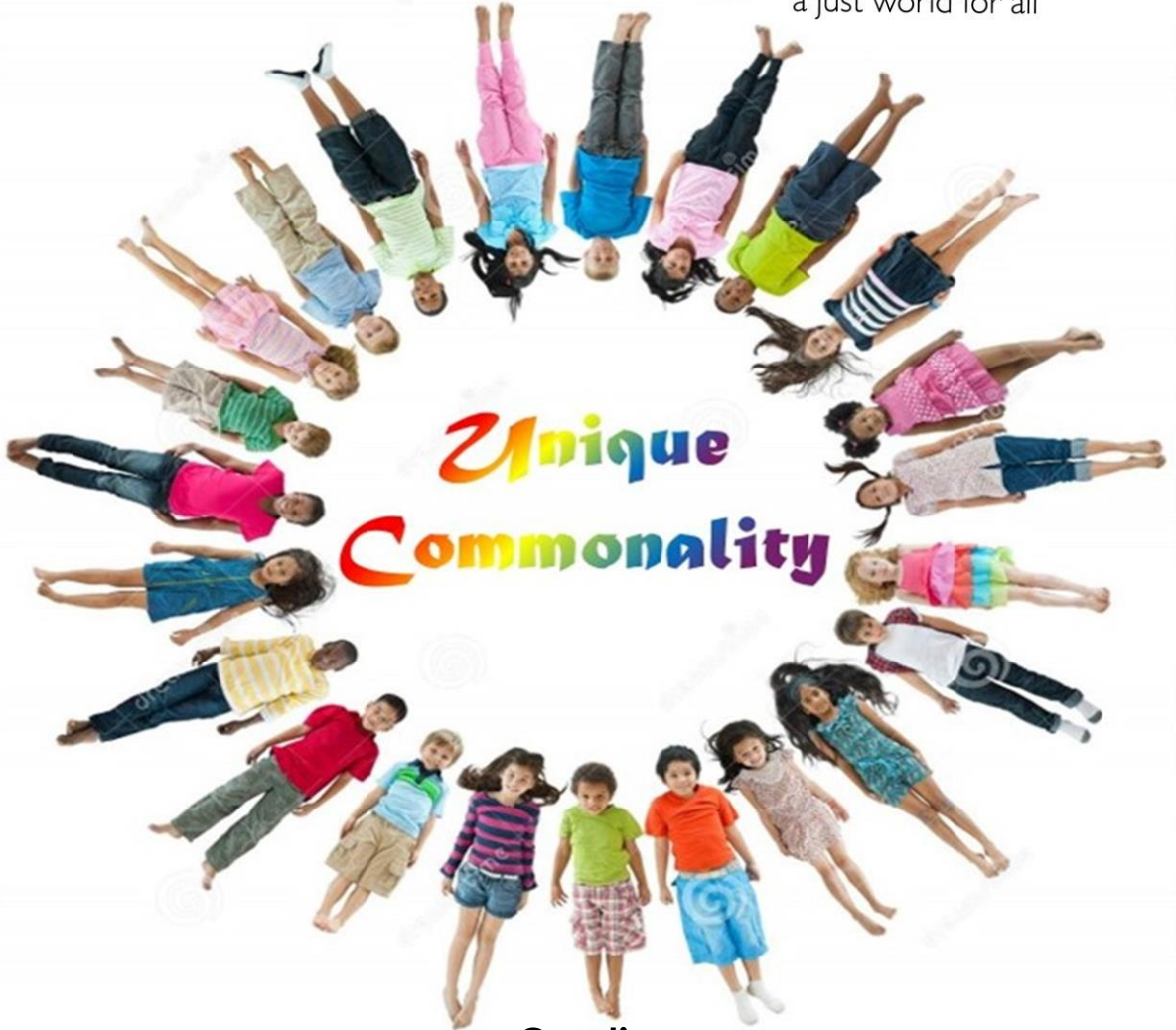


Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



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 12, 2024

Mother's Day

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 Luke 8

Call to Worship (responsive) (inspired by Psalm 98)

One: After Jesus' ascension into heaven, followers of Jesus gathered, among them were many women.

Many: Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, Salome, Susanna, Joanna, the Canaanite woman and her daughter, the Samaritan woman, Philip's four daughters, Peter's mother-in law, and many more women who had been healed or touched by Jesus.

One: The Spirit of God fell upon them and they shared the stories of Jesus with all they met.

Many: Some used the utterance of wisdom, another the gift of knowledge, others became healers and interpreters. All used their gifts for the common good. They proclaimed a vision of God's peace.

One: Today, we remember all women throughout history who have been moved by the Spirit to proclaim and live out God's vision of peace with justice.

Many: Thank you God for these women who have lived your vision of peace and justice.

One: On this Mother's Day, let us remember the women in our own lives who have loved us and taught us the power of Christ's love through the Holy Spirit.

Many: Thank you God for these women who have taught us through their words and actions the meaning of Christ's unconditional love.

One: Let us honor their actions in Jesus Christ through the way we live and love each day of our lives. Now, let us join together in our Prayer of Invocation

Grace-filled God, we thank you for the women in our lives whose love is so precious that it cannot be measured and whose patience seems to have no end. We know God it is your Spirit who guides them and us in a life of service and compassion. Bless us this day so that every sister and brother in Christ may share and live God's love with each other. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 2

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, by loving God in and with Jesus Christ, we see the fulfillment of God's promise to be with us always and to forgive us when we lose faith in God's compassion for all creation. Enable us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all.

Many: God strengthens us to become better together in our relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Praise be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music

"Thy Will Be Done"

by Joyce Eilers

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.

*Hymn

"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

No. 490

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Genesis 17:15-19

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Unique Commonality"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: From the abundance of God's generosity, all are invited to offer a portion of our gifts.

Many: We offer these offerings to Christ's church.

One: Remembering the great love that Jesus has for all people,

Many: We give these gifts to further spread the love of God in the world.

One: Blessing those who gave and those unable to give, we receive joy in this moment of giving.

Many: May these offerings help fulfill our hope to be Christ's love and light in the world. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* No. 46

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Faithful God, we thank you for every gift, and we delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to your church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Jesus who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing lotion of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* No. 494

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

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

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Rev. Stephen Stepp
Patricia Siekierke
Rob Giese
Victor Abitz
Nancy Zupke



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, May 19th

for our Potluck Dinner & Discussion following our worship service.

Please sign up and bring your favorite dish to pass.

Then, we will have a fantastic discussion on

“What does Church of Peace United Church of Christ look like in a post pandemic world?”



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Thank You Volunteers!!
Your help with the
Food Drive &
Rummage Sale is
GREATLY appreciated!

**Next Sunday, the
Church Council
will be preparing
a dish to pass
during our
Worship Service.**



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!!

**May Food
Needs:**

**Shampoo,
Conditioner,
Liquid Body Wash, Cleaning
Supplies, and
1 LB tubes of Hamburger or
Turkey**



WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
May 12, 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 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
Eli And Barb Gustafson

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
Deacon

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

p.s God of our Mothers and Fathers, enable us to love as you love!

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$2,879.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$53.30;

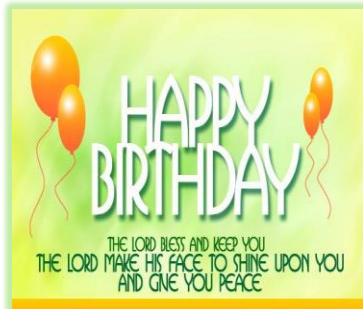
E-giving: \$40.00.00; Investing in the Future: \$20.00;

Attendance – Sunday, May 5th: 78 Last year: 63

Special Gift: To the Investing in the Future in memory of Curt Law given by Bobbi Thomma and in memory of Dianne Steinke given by Mary Lange.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Worship Service Sunday School Social Hour Host: Pastor Steve & Jean & Sunday School	Loaves & Fishes	11:30 Ladies of Peace 6:00 Martha's Meeting 6:30 Church Council Meeting	Loaves & Fishes	11:00 Golden Fellowship		10:30-1PM Fellowship Hall - Reserved
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am Worship Service Sunday School Social Hour Host: Worship Enhancement Church Potluck Dinner & Discussion	1:30 pm Bible Study Loaves & Fishes	Messenger Articles Due 6:30 Stewardship Meeting	Loaves & Fishes			



- May 12 – Oakley Parker
Hallie Rymer
- May 14 – Julie Beilke
- May 15 – Abbigail Sandberg
- May 16 – Sharon Bartley
Betty Hendricks
- May 18 – Ron Adelmeyer
David Borchert
Peggy Laehn

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER!!

90+ years young members

Please consider sending a card to these members.

Birthdays are:

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

**Welcome Church of Peace Educational
Grant Recipients**

Messenger Articles

New Due Date:

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

Tuesday May 21st.

Council Members, Ushers & Greeters:

Please check the bulletin board in the lobby for your scheduled time to usher or greet. If you are unable to be here on your assigned day, please find someone to be your replacement on that day.

Thank you very much for welcoming everyone who comes through our doors!!!

