

# 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.

July 7, 2024                      Seventh Sunday after Pentecost                      9 am  
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 123

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 106)

Leader: Let's thank the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare God's praise?

**Many: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. Our God is worthy of our Praise!**

Leader: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people that we may enjoy your blessings.

**Many: Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love and abundant grace.**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Lord Jesus, we gather to worship you today with hearts full of joy and appreciation for the beauty of your diversity and extravagant welcome. We invite your Holy Spirit to this space to celebrate your goodness and presence in our gathering time together. Prepare our hearts to receive you. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn                      "Open My Eyes, That I May See"                      No. 586

\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Ever-loving God, we know that we have a long way to go, and we ask that you open our hearts to receive your Holy Spirit. We ask you to transform our souls within, so that we will be renewed in our commitment to be the beloved community you are calling us to be. Hear our prayers for forgiveness so that we may know your mercy and compassion.**

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: God knows each and every one of us. God knows we have sinned. That is why God sent Jesus to earth, to be born for us, to teach us, and to save us. Sisters and Brothers, accept the forgiveness of Jesus Christ!

**Many: We are forgiven and transformed into a new creation in Jesus!**

**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                      Mark 6:1-13                      2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon                              *"O Blessed Jerusalem."*

*We Respond to God's Word*

Offering Invitation

One: We have heard Christ's call to generosity in the Bible and in our hearts.

**Many: We hear you and respond with open hearts and hands.**

One: So let us bring our gifts to God.

**Many: We bring our gifts to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory

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

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

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

**Wondrous God, this feast helps sustain our faith as we remember Christ's sacrifice for us. Lift us and transform us O God with your Holy Spirit. Recharge us and send us into the world to do your will, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*We Are Sent into the World*

\*Closing Hymn                      *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*                      No. 56

\*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

Rev. Daniel Schultz

Patricia Siekierke

Rob Giese

Victor Abitz

Nany Zupke



Minister

Guest Preacher

Organist

AV Tech

Custodian

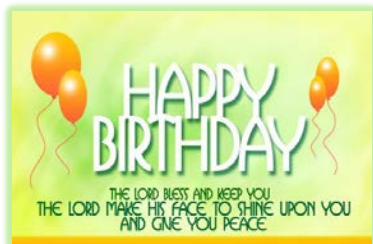
Liturgist

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**June Food Needs:**

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes,  
Liquid Body Wash, Cleaning Supplies,  
Laundry Detergent, Deodorant,  
Juice, Shelf Stable Milk and,  
1 LB tubes of Hamburger or Turkey



July 7<sup>th</sup> - Darya Miller, Tracy Tucker  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> - Jessica Antonio, Blakelyn Schaefer  
 July 9<sup>th</sup> - Abigail Hanke, Mike Schaub,  
 Scott Warner  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> - Linda Riegert, McKenzie Schultz  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Bell-Elsinger, Sandra West  
 July 13<sup>th</sup>- Aylah Arndt, Joan Miess

**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF PEACE**

| Sun  | M  | Tues                    | W                  | Th | F  | Sat   |
|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----|----|---|
| 7  | 8  | 9                       | 10                 | 11 | 12 | 13  |
| 9:00am<br>Worship Service<br><br>Social Hour<br>Host:<br>Ladies Of<br>Peace #1 | Loaves &<br>Fishes<br><br>Dock<br>Spiders<br>Tickets<br>ordered<br>today |                         | Loaves &<br>Fishes |    |    | 8:00am-<br>5:00pm<br>Lifetime<br>screenings |
| 14   | 15   | 16                      | 17                 | 18 | 19 | 20  |
| 9:00am<br>Worship Service<br><br>Social Hour<br>Host:<br>Marthas Society       | Loaves &<br>Fishes   | Dock<br>Spiders<br>Game | Loaves &<br>Fishes |    |    |   |

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

July 7, 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.

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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

|                         |                       |                      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Lucy Zahn               | Janet Rymer           | Bill Manka           |
| Elise Sonnenberg        | Del Weigel            | Eli & Barb Gustafson |
| Evelyn Stepp            | Janet & Eugene Willis | Diana Candlish       |
| Doris Kastorff          | Ernest Oelke          | Ralph                |
| Janelle Anderson        | Leo Lefeber           | Oliver Poirier       |
| Robert Snyder           | Wayne Katerski        | Bailey Gehrt         |
| Marilyn Peters          | Sharon Hensen         | Edna Karl            |
| Helen Oelke             | Ruth Pedix            | Donna Birkholz       |
| Christine Weimer        | Amy Mitchell          | Evelyn Yantz         |
| Dixie & Dave Borchert   | Pat Grose             | Amy Jo               |
| Nicole Schendel         | Jason & Jennifer      | Nancy Schaefer       |
| Bob and Shirley Hanke   | Marvin Oelke          | Debra Rammer         |
| Susan Snider            | Carol Carlson         | Lee & Lita Treleven  |
| Heather Reader-Schubert | Deb Baker             | Greg Baker           |
| Alexis Hayes            | Jim & Kathy Stephany  | John                 |
| Connie Troskey          | Margaret Houk         | Stephen Yanke        |
| Mary Jean Nicholson     | Sister Julia          |                      |

p.s Wonderful God, continue to guide us with you Holy Spirit so that we may build your kingdom here and now!

**CHURCH OF PEACE - FACTS AND FIGURES**

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$2,940.00;  
 Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$57.00;  
 E-giving: \$1,013.00; Investing in the Future: \$795.00;  
 Attendance - Sunday, June 16: 68 Last year: 60.

That is a question many parents ask every day, as they enter the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee with their seriously ill children.

The cost to stay there is \$20.00 per day. No one is ever turned away due to lack of funds.

This is where we can help ease the financial burden--simply by saving pull-tabs from: beverage cans, soup cans, cat food cans, etc.

Yes, you are right, we did this for years and the results were fantastic, but now donations have dropped considerably.

Can you please help the "Little Guardian Angel Fund" to grow again, to be there for families, to feel your Caring Love when they need it most?

Pull tabs can be left in the office or on the credenza located in the Narthex. Tabs are weighed, recycled, and money sent to the House. Approximately, 1,128 tabs equal one pound.

God Bless You & "Let's Pull Together"!! With Heartfelt Gratitude, Peggy Laehn & my loyal and dedicated friend, Bobbi Thomma.



**PULL TOGETHER**  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**RMHC**  
Dayton



**90+ Birthdays**

Melvin Streeter  
35 Streeter Ct.  
Fond Du Lac 54935

**Mark your  
calendars!!! Our  
Annual  
Outdoor Worship  
Service and Picnic  
will be held on  
Sunday,  
August 11th @ Taylor  
Park**



**The Stewardship  
Committee is  
organizing our trip to  
the DOCKSPIDERS  
baseball game on  
Tuesday, July 16th.  
Order forms are due  
today!**