

“What Should We Know?”

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.

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

9:00am

Gathering Music – Ringing of the Bells – Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

Call to Worship

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: Blessed is the one who comes.

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: May the rivers of justice run.

One: Children singing, families dancing!

Many: The elders give a shout! Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Even the stones cry out!

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

Many: May our refrain never cease.

One: Not by power nor by might,

Many: But the way that makes for peace.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, enable us to trust in your presence during the sad and scary times as well as the joyous and uplifting times. Guide us to be your people who celebrate every day the promise of eternal life with Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“This Is the Day”

#286

*Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, as we enter Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begin with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. There are challenging chapters ahead of us this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness.

*Assurance of Forgiveness and Life

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, hear and receive the good news. God has not abandoned us to the violence of this world. Instead, God has given us the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Embrace your forgiveness and share it with all those you meet.

Many: Hosanna in the highest! Praise be to God. Amen.

**A Multigenerational Celebration of
Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem and Our Lives**

*Processional Music "National Hymn" by George William Warren nch371

We Welcome New Members to Our Community

David Kreif Kelly Kreif Corey Mueller

Invitation & Questions

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.

Congregational Welcome and Promise

We welcome you David, Kelly, and Corey with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer - a sharing of community and world prayers.

*Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 213 (one screen)

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures Isaiah 50:4-9a John 12:12-16

Sermon "What Should We Know?"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope in God among a desperate people.

Many: Today, we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. So let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We are Christians" #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
Rob Giese/Abby Hanke
Victor Abitz
Renee Kiefer
Disciples



Minister
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
All People

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*This week's bulletin is sponsored in Memory of Janell Kreif.
Given by Corey Mueller.*

THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship Service With Communion Social Hour: Council Group #2	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 6:30 Stewardship		9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 9:00am TOPPS 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (COP)	6:00 PM Good Friday Service (Pilgrim Church)	Holy Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday 6:30 AM & 9:00am Worship Service With Communion & Sunday School Social Hour: Ladies of Peace	1:30 PM Bible Study Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30 AM St. Francis Messenger Articles Due		9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 9:00am TOPPS 11:00 AM Golden Fellowship		10:00 AM Earth Day Clean-Up 11:30 AM Lunch

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
April 13, 2025
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

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES
OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:
General Fund: \$4,062.80;
Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$151.44; OGHS: \$30.00;
Memorial Fund: \$2,850.00;
E-giving: \$0; Investing in the Future: \$685.00.

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Janet Rymer given by family & friends. To the Memorial Fund in memory of Lois Ziniel given by family & friends.
Attendance Sunday, April 6th:
Online: 27 - In person: 99 - Last year : 77



 **HAPPY Birthday TO YOU** 

April 13th - Corrine Ramirez, Todd Whittaker
April 14th - Brian Rebedew
April 16th - Matthew King
April 18th - Mary Oestreich, Holly Post, Tanya Marcoe
April 19^h - LeMay Pfeiffer, Caroline Zimpher

Thursday April 24th at 11:00 AM
Our normal meeting day falls during Holy Week, so this month we will meet the Thursday after Easter.
Join us April 24th for “Movie Day”
We will be watching the movie, ‘The Help.’
‘The help’ is an inspirational, courageous and empowering story about very different, extraordinary women in the 1960s South who build an unlikely friendship. As usual, bring your own lunch and beverage.
We will have popcorn and a dessert!



**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Syrup,
Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Hormel
Chili, 1 LB Hamburger or Turkey,
Tuna, Chef Boyardee**



Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services



*April 17th-6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac, WI*

*April 18th-6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Pilgrim Church UCC Fond du Lac, WI*

*April 20th – 6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service
9:00 AM Easter Service & Sunday School*

90+ Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending cards to these members:



April 19th

*LeMay Pfeiffer
671 S. Main Street, Apt. 1
Fond du Lac, WI 54935*

April 25th

*Evelyn Yantz
469 Portage Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935*

Messenger Articles

Due April 22nd

Messenger Assembly: April 30th 10AM

Earth Day Clean Up

Please join us on April 26th 10-11:30 am for Earth Day Clean-Up in the River Park area of Fond du Lac, followed by Sloppy Joe appreciation lunch. Come on down & help us clean up the park.

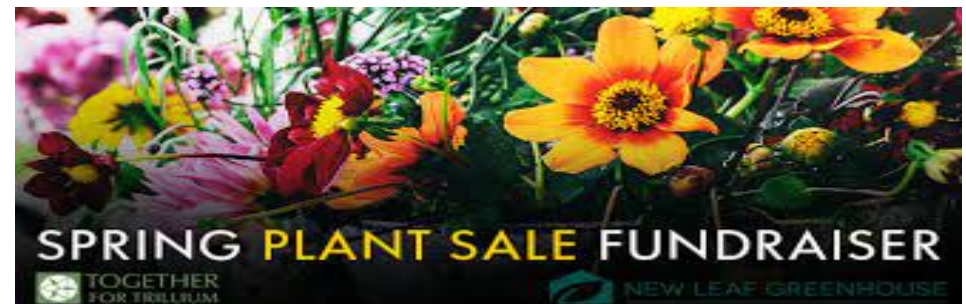


IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Bill Manka	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Evelyn Yantz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Jeanette	Mary Jean Nicholson	Janet & Eugene Willis
James Lewis	Linda Oelke	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefebber	Dave & Diana Candlish
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Charlene & Les Abitz
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Amy Jo	Karl & Doris
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Theresa Schultz
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Rev. James Martin
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Carol Kryzyanowski
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Joan Meiss
Wayne Katerski	Susan Snider	Darcy
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Peggy Asmus
John	Rick Karl	Terri Hoffman
Trent Bergman	Kathy Stephany	Barb Kurki
Joel		

p.s. Savior Jesus, help us to walk side-by-side with all people so that we may find peace in this world!

Blood Drive April 22nd 8:00 AM



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