

Clap Your Hands!



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.

June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

9:00am

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 47

Call to Worship

One: Creator, today we give you thanks

Many: for believing we can be born again.

One: Redeemer, today we give you thanks

Many: for the diversity of which *all* of Your creation is birthed.

One: Sustainer, today we give you thanks

Many: for the knowledge that we aren't always right and for the capability to change.

One: God, today we give you thanks

Many: for the desire to change structures and institutions that tell us community is less valuable than the individual.

One: Jesus, today we give you thanks

Many: for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this some times ugly world.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Glorious Creator, be with us as we live into all that is possible. You sent us Jesus to show us the value and dignity and beauty of all people. You created the change of seasons as a reminder of the beauty of our planet. We were not made sinful by design as so many interpretations go. Instead, You created us in Your image with the capabilities of loving so vastly and so greatly that healing and reconciliation are possible. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#56

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Magnificent Creator, we have been led astray by the systems that promote individuality, greed, oppression, and patriarchy. We know that you forgive us because You invite us into new birth again and again. You invite us to embody new understandings of collectivity and new ways of acting in and towards the world – to be witness to the evils of patriarchy and supremacy and the politics of people and ask us instead, to give gratitude and love. Be with us as we change to become more of what You ask us to be – joyful in the journey towards reparations and true Grace.

Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, we are capable of opening our hearts and our minds. We are capable of moving in the world to live like Jesus did. We are able to repent, forgive, and love one another for we know the image of You through Jesus Christ.

Many: Let us be the image of Jesus Christ always. Praise be to God! Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Wrenley Kay Parker

daughter of Carly & Josh Parker

Let us welcome Wrenley as we sing "Jesus Loves Me"

No. 113

*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

Ephesians 1:11-23

Acts 1:6-11

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Clap Your Hands!"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The ways in which we can give of ourselves are as vast God's Creation on Mother Earth, and we are able to give accordingly.

Many: So let us give knowing that what we do here matters in the ministry of Jesus Christ and the mission of God! Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" #393

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

<u>Invitation to the Lord's Table</u>	<u>Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine</u>
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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 Thanksgiving

Praise to you Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Invoke within us all the feelings of joy and love as we leave this place. Enable us to be a catalyst of faith-fed love in the world so that others may come to know you as the One God of all. Praise be to God! Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" CP 39

*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/Steve Hurd

Jean Stepp

Inge Adelmeyer

All People



Minister

AV Techs

Custodians

Liturgist

Pianist

Disciples

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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun 1	M 2	Tues 3	W 4	Th 5	F 6	Sat 7
9:00 AM Worship Service & Communion Social Hour: Ladies of Peace #2	Loaves & Fishes	8:30 AM River Park 9:00 AM Advocap 6:00 PM Martha Society	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPPS		10:00 AM Food Pantry Sorting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 AM Worship Service Social Hour: Council #2	Loaves & Fishes <i>Served by Church of Peace</i>	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch 11:30 AM Ladies of Peace 6:30 PM Council Meeting	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPPS 11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 3rd
Dave Schultz

June 4th
James Hickey

June 5th
Andrew Duffy

June 7th

Nancy Fields, Alice Mitchell, Jackie Rymer



Bethel UCC Church will have their **annual Church Picnic TODAY**, following their 10:00 AM Worship Service. Lunch will be served, followed by their traditional fun auction. All are welcome.

**Church
PICNIC**
You're Invited

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST June 1, 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: \$2,036.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$43.00;

E-giving: \$85.00; Investing in the Future: \$1,062.50

Special Gifts: To the Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Renee

Suwyn given by Bobbi Thomma.

Attendance Sunday, May 25th:

Online: 39 - In person: 64 - Last year: 67

Congratulations to Wrenly Kay Parker
on her baptism today.

Parents: Carly & Joshua Parker

Sponsors: Nicholas Saks, Lindsay Saks, Carmen Klug

Congratulations!

**** DONATIONS SORTING ****



We need 5 -10 people on **Saturday June 7th at 10:00 am** to help sort the food donated from the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. We do have spots which allow for sitting down with no lifting/carrying. Please call Shari Schultz at 715-612-1301 to sign-up or for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

90+ Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending cards to these members:



June 7th

*Mrs. Alice Mitchell
6704 Hageman Rd.
Eldorado, WI 54932*

June 10th

*Mrs. June Kraemer
511 Harrison St., Apt. 1
N. Fond du Lac, WI 54937*

Loaves & Fishes



OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Church of Peace is serving
Loaves & Fishes on Monday June 9th**

We will need:

2 volunteers at 2:00 PM

6 volunteers at 4:00 PM

Questions, please contact:

Nancy Pahnke at 920-979-3454

Volunteers Needed: The church needs individuals or families to volunteer their time and equipment (if available) to maintain our grounds this summer by mowing, string trim, blow off or sweeping the pavement, water or weeding. If you do not have the equipment, we will make arrangements to have them available.

Pick a day, a week, or month where you can help the church maintain our grounds and public appearance.

Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Questions, please contact Jerry Johnson 920-238-9716.

Thank you for your help!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn

Elise Sonnenberg

Jeanette

James Lewis

Janelle Anderson

Al Pahnke

Marilyn Peters

Ruth Pedix

Christine Weimer

Pat Grose

Debra Rammer

Arnold Breitenfeld

Wayne Katerski

Del Weigel

John

Trent Bergman

Jeanette Hinn

Bill Manka

Evelyn Yantz

Mary Jean Nicholson

Linda Oelke

Leo Lefebvre

Abigail Reader

Greg Baker

Joel

Amy Mitchell

Donna Birkholz

Nancy Schaefer

Edna Karl

Susan Snider

Alexis Hayes

Rick Karl

Kathy Stephany

Darcy

Heather Reader-Schubert

Dixie & Dave Borchert

Janet & Eugene Willis

Bob and Shirley Hanke

Dave & Diana Candlish

Charlene & Les Abitz

Eli & Barb Gustafson

Karl & Doris

Gary and Karen Blazer

Theresa Schultz

Rev. James Martin

Carol Kryzhanowski

Joan Meiss

Peggy Asmus

Terri Hoffman

Barb Kurki

Joe & Family



p.s. Dear God, enable us to live through in guidance of Your Holy Spirit!

FOND DU LAC
DOCK SPIDERS



Fond du Lac Dock Spiders vs.

Wisconsin Rapids Rafter

July 1st at 6:35 PM -\$12/Ticket

Information & Sign-Up on the

Bulletin Board in Church Lobby

DEADLINE: JUNE 15TH



**Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes,
Shavers, Q-Tips, Can Openers, Pancake
Mix & Syrup, Canned Chicken, Individual
Servings Mac-n-Cheese (cups), Baby or
Body Wipes, 1 lb Hamburger or Turkey,
Dish Soap, Men's Deodorant**