

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.

August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am
Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells-Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Proverbs 25

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to the banquet of hope, the open bar of prayer, the "anonymous" circle of acceptance.

Many: We come because we are invited by God.

One: Welcome to a fiesta of joy or a mercy meal of tenderness, where every seat is a place of honor.

Many: We come because we are invited by Jesus Christ

One: Welcome to a party for God's love-reveal, where all seating is a circle, and karaoke is never necessary because we sing our own stories.

Many: We come because we are invited by the Holy Spirit, not on paper, simply by our names.

One: Please join be in our Prayer of Invocation

God, we come to this gathering of community where there are no barriers, and all our abilities are celebrated as gifts. We come to receive your hospitality of caring for each one of us and to learn from you how to offer such a celebration to stranger, friend, chosen family, those whose faces are unfamiliar to us, and the face who meets us in the mirror. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #72

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Many: God, sometimes we say, "I'm too busy," to invitations for kindness, friendship, or activism, or pretend to be "too busy," and avoid rubbing elbows with those who make us uncomfortable or being indebted to someone, even pitied. Sometimes we accept an invitation to be involved, celebrate with someone, or just have coffee, but back out or "no-show." Forgive us when we skip your parties.

One: God, sometimes we are “imperfect guests,” wanting to be the center of attention, and other times we insist on always being host, giver, or one in control so that we may be the receiver of praise and gratefulness.

Many: Forgive us when we fail in gratitude or generosity.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God loves, invites, nudges, embraces us in all our resistance to simply hold a balloon of joy and clap at the candles of another’s cake. Rejoice for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: We are forgiven, and a plate is set for us at the great banquet. 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.

*Hymn

“Sister Let Me Be Your Servant”

#452

We Engage God’s Word

Scriptures

Luke 14:1-14

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

“Honor in Humility”

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: We are invited to offer our resources, our time, our abilities, our compassion, on days when our lives are full and days when our lives feel empty.

Many: We are invited to offer what we have and accept what we need. Our practices of *sharing food, providing a place to shelter and supporting the marginalized* are a profound “yes” to the invitation of God. Amen.

Offertory

It Is Well

*Doxology

#46

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Glorious God, we bring these gifts as our response to your invitation. In this giving, we find ourselves not lessened, but newly joyful, truly honored, and deeply fed by your blessing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love" (on screen)

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

Trust and Obey

(*If you are able, please stand when invited)

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Nancy Zupke

Rosemary Tschinkel

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd

All People



Minister

Liturgist

Organist

AV Techs

Custodians

Disciples

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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun 31	M 1	Tues 2	W 3	Th 4	F 5	Sat 6
9:00 AM Worship Social Hour: Stewardship	Office Closed 	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Ladies of Peace	8:30 AM River Park Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPS		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10-11:30 AM Sunday School Social Hour: Martha's	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 6:30 PM Martha's 6:30 PM Council Meeting	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPS		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 31st

Charlene Abitz,
Shiloh Jones,
Miles Kiefer

September 1st

Stevie Lea Immel,
Thomas Whittaker,
Ronald Zimpher

September 2nd

Vicki Giebel

September 4th

Bill Guenther,
Sue Springborn

September 5th

Brenda Klapperich,
Cheri Welch



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST August 31, 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: \$3,287.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$72.00; Maintenance/Repair Fund: \$72.00

E-giving: \$60.00; Investing in the Future: \$10,510.00;

Special Gifts: To the Investing in the Future Fund in the heavenly
birthdays of Dorothy and Mel given by Carol Carlson. To the
Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Kenneth Meyn & Norman

Abitz given by Norma Ludwig.

Attendance Sunday, August 24th:

Online: 32 - In person: 85 - Last year: 67



FOOD PANTRY

Pantry Needs

Pull-Ups, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Syrup,
Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken, Dish Soap,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant (women's),
Dryer Sheets, Cleaning Supplies

Visitation Committee

**We are looking for 4 members from our church to join
the visitation committee.**

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by
my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you
looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me’” (Matthew 25:34,36).

Contact Pastor Steve



Tomorrow!

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

p.s. Servant Jesus, teach us how to be humble as you are, and enable us with your Holy Spirit to live humbly always. Amen.



A BIG DAY!!

On Sunday, September 21st we are going to have a **TAILGATE POTLUCK**

following our

2025 CROP WALK

which will begin right after our regular

WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:00 am.

We will also have the noon football game on our **FELLOWSHIP HALL SCREEN!**



90+ Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending these 90+ young members a birthday card:

September 4th:

Mr. William Guenther
142 Southlake Circle
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

September 7th:

Mr. Ralph Kollmorgan
477 Russell Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

September 22nd:

Mr. Dwaine Loest
226 18th Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



Church of Peace will have a booth at Fondue Fest on September 6th.

Please stop down to hang-out and show your support. If you have a Church of Peace shirt, please make sure to wear it.