

November 2016

A MOMENT WITH PASTOR MILT

You are reading this newsletter during the week when Protestant congregations are observing Reformation – Martin Luther nailed his theses (“discussion points”) on the church door (the community bulletin board in its day) in Wittenberg 501 years ago.

We celebrate God’s grace that offers us free salvation, through nothing we might do on our own -- it is a gift! Does that mean we can do anything we want? Doesn’t make any difference what we do or say? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

As parents, we love our children, even when they may not please us. We want the very best for them. Similarly, God loves and wants only the best for us.

When we become aware of God’s love and acceptance, then in response to God’s gift we try to live the kind of life that is pleasing to God. Knowing how we have been “gifted” we are generous with other people and strong supporters of the ministry of the Church as it supports people in need and reaches out to others -- sharing the “good news” of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we “try to do the best we can, with what we have, right where we are, every chance we get”!

Let us face the uncertain future with the certainty that God is with us, walks beside us and picks us up if we fall.

Joy and Peace,

Pastor Milt

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

October was NIN month. Thanks to any/all who contributed. Thus far \$141.00 has been contributed – it’s still not too late – for the next week or two, extra offering envelopes will be on the table in the entryway. This year all contributions to NIN will be matched with no maximum limit. “Give and it shall be given to you”.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

On October 20, 2016 Pastor Kris Borns sent a letter of resignation to the council. The council accepted her resignation as of October 31, 2016.

We are interviewing Interim Pastors in November. A very sincere thank you to Rev. Milton Staskal for filling in as our Emergency Supply Pastor.

The Council

**LADIES GUILD
FALL CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

The Peace Ladies Guild thanks each of you deeply for our successful and fun craft & bake sale held here on October 15th.

Over the years the lesson is to have faith and the members of Peace never disappoint. So, whatever God moved you to do to support the fall craft & bake sale, bless you.

Financial Report from our Annual Bazaar

<u>Income:</u>	
Bake Sale & Crafts & Luncheon	\$1,834.00
Raffle	\$ 400.00
Bucket Raffle	\$ 82.00
Donations	\$ 249.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,565.00
LESS EXPENSES	- 124.86
Total Profit	\$2,440.14

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE PLANNED

An ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 23rd at Faith United Methodist Church, 204 Horn Street, Brillion at 7:00 p.m. Come worship with your neighbors and friends and remember all the good things God has provided for you and your families. Donations for the Brillion Area Food Pantry will be accepted.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

We received the following thank you note from Bennett Reese as he graduated from High School and has headed off to college.

“Peace U.C.C.,

Thank you everyone for all you’ve done for me! I’m very grateful to have strength and faith through this congregation – Love, Bennett”

NEWSLETTER REQUEST and CHURCH WEBSITE

We at Peace are trying to be as "green" as possible. At this time, some members are receiving the monthly newsletter via a paper copy only. At times we mail the newsletters out to those who haven't picked up their copy. If you have an e-mail address you would like to share with the church office to receive your copy via e-mail in place of your paper copy, please send Kathy Daun your address at peaceucc1@frontier.com Having members receiving via e-mail helps keep our postage budget down. Thanks for your consideration and input!

Just another reminder that we have a church website: www.peaceuccbrillion.com

All the monthly newsletters, informational and worship bulletins can be found on our website. Members always have the monthly events at their finger tips. Please click on this link <http://peaceuccbrillion.com/events/month/>

And you are able to check out happenings in our church and in the surrounding area.

If you haven't had a chance to check it out, please take a moment and see all the wonderful information on our webpage.

BIBLES PRESENTED

In keeping with a long-time tradition here at Peace, Rev. Milton Staskal presented a Holy Bible to all our third grade students. This year we only had one third grader, so on Sunday, October 23rd Alijah Stackhouse received his Bible. We also had two confirmation students who also received their bibles from Peace Church, so along with Alijah, Bryant & Bryce Barth also received their Bibles. Keep all our youth in prayer during their faith journey.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 – Jeanette Ruppenthal
November 1 – Duane Loose
November 3 – Grant Leiterman
November 6 – Wesley Schuh
November 7 – Eileen Schuh
November 8 – Mary Schneider
November 10 – Molly Horn
November 14 – Andrew Williams
November 19 – Leonard Kopidlansky
November 20 – Dave Klessig
November 26 – Carol Lowe
November 29 – Collin Greve

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 12 – Brian & Lori Horn

November 23 – Lawrence & Marcella Bohman

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANS

Yes, Christmas is right around the corner and so is our annual Children's Christmas Program. We are blessed to have wonderful leadership in coordinating and directing the Christmas program again this year. Notifications have been sent via e-mail and those who don't have e-mail have received an informational letter regarding the details of the Children's Christmas Program which will be held on Sunday, December 18th. **We are asking all parents to respond immediately to whether or not your child/children will be able to participate this year. Please call the church at 756-3334 or respond via e-mail BEFORE NOVEMBER 11th.**

Important dates to remember for the Children's Christmas Program:

November 27 - Christmas Program Practice in place of Sunday school

December 4 - Christmas Program Practice during worship

December 11 – Christmas Program Practice in place of Sunday school and will continue with a "run through" practice in the sanctuary from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

December 18 – The Children's Christmas Program, which is during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. Children need to arrive at church before 8:30 a.m.

As always, we are asking all families to bring Christmas cookies or candy to serve for the social immediately after the program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2 – Women's Guild Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

November 11 – Deadline for Children to sign-up for the Children's Christmas Program

November 13 – Mini-Missions (Fisher House)

November 21 – Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

November 23 – Thanksgiving Service at Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion, 7 p.m.

(food donations will be collected & are appreciated)

November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent and Children's Christmas Program Practice

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - Communion
No Sunday School
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Sunday school
Mini-Missions
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, November 20, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Sunday school
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, November 27, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday school/Christmas Program
Practice
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

SCRIP

Christmas will soon be here. Gifts need to be bought and wrapped. It can be a very stressful time of the year. Make it a little easier by purchasing gift cards from SCRIP. We cannot keep all the stores in our inventory, so if there is a special store that you would like, we can order it for you. A Scrip Order form is available in everyone's mail box. We are proud to report that Scrip has donated \$1,000 in the 2016 church year to help with meeting our expenses here at church. That is possible because of all the wonderful members who purchase Scrip faithfully. If you have any questions or want to know how SCRIP works, please ask Barb Wittmann.

*PLEASE TRY TO MAKE AN EXTRA
EFFORT TO PURCHASE SCRIP BEFORE
YOU GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING or
GIVE SCRIP AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT!*

GREETERS

November 6 – Paul & Sue Cooney
November 13 – Tony & Michelle School-Reese
November 20 – Carol Reese
November 27 – Joe & Sandi Barth

ACOLYTES

November 6 – Jacob Schneider & Grant Leiterman
November 13 – Rachel & Jacob Fischer
November 20 – Morgan Janas & Madeline Cooney
November 27 – Brynn & Aubrie Williams

SUNDAY HELPERS

November 6 – Todd Schneider
November 13 – Dawn Voight
November 20 – **need volunteer**
November 27 – Carla Zander

COFFEE HOUR

November 6 – Becky Schneider, Deb & Dar Schuh
November 13 – **need volunteer**
November 20 – Guild
November 27 – **need volunteer**

LAY READERS

November 6 – Sue Cooney
November 13 – Tony Reese
November 20 – Amber Horn-Leiterman
November 27 – Cindy Riha

USHERS

November 6 – Chad Klika
November 13 – Todd Schneider
November 20 – Bill Wittmann
November 27 – Tony Reese

CONFIRMATION PARENT HELPER

November 2 – Krahn Family
November 9 – Barth Family
November 16 – Aplin Family
November 23 – **No class** – the Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. at
Faith United Methodist Church, Horn
St., Brillion
November 30 – Williams Family

In accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy, an additional adult is required to be in attendance during the Confirmation hour. If you are unable to be present for assigned date, please make arrangements to have someone else cover for you. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends are all welcome to fill in.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades Pre-School – 2

November 13 – Jane Kopidlansky & Greg Loose
November 20 – Jane Kopidlansky (Card making)
 Joselyn Heritage, Dara Schuh & Ashley Eickert
November 27 – Tammy Williams, Amber Leiterman,
 Dara Schuh (Christmas Program Practice)

Grades 3-6

November 13 – Becky Schneider & Jacob Schneider
November 20 – Jane Kopidlansky (Card making)
 Joselyn Heritage, Dara Schuh & Ashley Eickert
November 27 – Tammy Williams, Amber Leiterman,
 Dara Schuh (Christmas Program Practice)

FINANCIAL GIVING

October 1 - 25, 2015

Sunday School Children - \$73.42
Loose Collection – \$196.00
General Fund - \$3,861.00
E-giving - \$2,506.50
Neighbor In Need Collection - \$141.00
Garden Committee donation (Water bill) - \$600.00
Endowment donation to Maintenance Fund -
\$1,650.00
Endowment donation to Camp Scholarship Fund -
\$1,500.00

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Our committee met on October 2, 2016 to approve financial gifts through October 2016. Most of our giving is consistent with how and where we gave in previous years. These are all very deserving organizations and we are happy to provide help to each of them. We have about \$4,000 more in our budget for gifts in 2016. We have some ideas for how we should use the remaining money but would like to ask for your suggestions regarding worthy organizations or projects. Please talk to any Endowment Committee member or call or email me if you have a suggestion that we should consider. Thank you.

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mini Missions: The October Mini Missions focused on a special group of men in the Appleton Area that have joined forces with the area Domestic Violence Centers in an effort to teach ways to settle disputes without violence. Your collection totaled \$78.03 and will be sent to Voices of Men.

Mini Missions for November: (Fisher House)
In November we celebrate Thanksgiving. We also celebrate our veterans. This month our Mini-Missions will be given to the Fisher House Foundation. We are all familiar with the Ronald McDonald House. Well, the Fisher House works the same way. It was established by Zachery Fisher and his wife Elizabeth 25 years ago. It is a place where the families of veteran's can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. We are very lucky to have a Fisher House right here in Milwaukee at the Zablocki Veteran Medical Center. The Milwaukee House opened in 2016. There are 71 Houses throughout the US. Our returning veterans deserve more than just our respect. They deserve to be taken care of when the physical and mental effects of war force them to seek medical care.

Dan Natzke: We received a special message from Dan Natzke on October 9th on how our donations from the Rummage Sale and Brat Fry will be used in the Dominican Republic. Dan and his team will be traveling to the Azua area in February where our money will help feed and clothe children as well as bring the word of God to an area ready to hear it. Please continue to pray for this group of missionaries as they plan their trip and then complete their projects.

Patrick's Patches: Distribution of winter coats was done a little differently this year at Patrick's Patches. Since most coats are from local donations the first date was designed for residents of the Reedsville/Brillion and close surrounding areas. There were 110 coats given out that Sunday. The second date was for a wider radius and we do not have totals as of yet on the number of coats given out that day.

A special thank you to the many people in our congregation that continue to pass their used and new coats to Patches. We collect throughout the entire year and Patches store all donations until the fall distribution dates.

Neighbors In Need: Just a reminder that the Garden Committee will be matching the amount collected within the next couple weeks for Neighbors in Need. Often we struggle to get funding to the areas of the world during a crisis. By giving to the Neighbors in Need we are partnering with other UCC churches in providing much needed supplies when most needed. Take advantage of this great chance to double our church's gift.

Taylor Schmidt Family: Recently Taylor Schmidt's parents, Monica and Tony Schmidt, traveled to Peru for a short visit. They took along the funds generated by our Plant Sale which will be used by the family for traveling expenses and daily needs. Additional money to purchase Bibles was also sent from memorials for Margie Christopherson, Richard Rosner, and Katie Flynn, Taylor and his family sent a special thank you to the congregation for our continued assistance in spreading God's word.

Please keep the entire family in your prayers, especially Taylor who has been experiencing some medical problems. Their daily schedule to meet area needs is intense and living conditions are stressful which puts great pressure on this family. You may follow the Schmidt family at

<https://www.familymissionscompany.com/project/taylor-katie-schmidt/>

Love Baskets: Have you taken the time to consider people around you that could use a reminder that God and Peace Church cares for them? Sign up slips are available for you to fill out with the names and special instructions. A sign-up sheet is also available for items needed to fill the baskets. Remember to set aside December 11th to help assemble and deliver your baskets of love.

Adopt-A-Family: Details on our two families were not available as of the writing of this newsletter. The Salvation Army has assured us the details will be made available so we can get them to you by the first part of November. Return date for the gifts is earlier this year so please note December 4th as the final date to have them at church. Suggestions are also available for gifts to be used in the donation center for those who were not adopted - this project takes the place of the Shoe Box Project which was discontinued. Remember: Gifts are not to be wrapped but gift wrap is always welcome. Please attach the suggestion card to your purchases as this helps all of us in getting the packages to the correct family.

If you have questions on this project please contact Laurie Sommers or Barb Wittmann.