

A WORD FROM TOM, THE INTERIM

First, I am excited to be here and serve as your Interim Minister. I look forward to working with you and moving ahead to enabling you to hire your next Settled Minister. Thank you for this opportunity.

Second, during Lent, we will be having a series of Noontime get together in the library at church. These will start March 8th and run through April 5th. Beginning at 12:15, we'll spend about 30 minutes thinking out loud about a scripture lesson leading us towards the cross and resurrection stories. It will be a chance to talk about and learn about the Biblical stories which precede the crucifixion and offer an opportunity to discuss their meaning for "me". Bring a lunch if you wish, it will be informal and very "laid back". AND we will start and end on time!! So you can get back to work or off to other activities.

Lastly, some thoughts on STEWARDSHIP! It's my understanding that there was no stewardship campaign last year! I will be recommending that the Council begin planning one for the fall of this year and that we focus on time, talent, and money as "gifts" we each offer. We ought to think about how we share our wealth from each of these and how such can be used to further the work of the congregation in Brillion and beyond through our ministries and mission.

Lastly, lastly, on March 5th, following worship, the congregation will be offered the opportunity to participate in a discussion as we seek to answer the question "What is Our Vision for the Ministry and Missions of Peace Church in 2017 and beyond?". Please plan on joining us as we think out loud about how to continue to be God's people here and now and how we spread that vision to others always inviting them to join us. See you in church or sometime soon, I hope.

Tom, the Interim

PASTOR TOM'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 to 4:00
Wednesday: 9:00 until after confirmation class
Thursday: 9:00 to 4:00
Church office: 920-756-3334
Rev. Tom's Cell: 414-510-4262
E-mail address: revtlee@yahoo.com

COLLECTING E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Tom is interested in communicating via e-mail as much as possible. We already have many of our members e-mail addresses. If you never receive any e-mail's from the church, please take a moment and send us your e-mail at peaceucc1@frontier.com. You may also drop it in the Sunday collection or place it on the clip board that is located in the fellowship hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER AT PEACE

- March 1** – Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. with communion
March 5 – After worship, please stay to join the discussion about "What is Our Vision for the Ministry and Missions of Peace Church in 2017 and beyond?"
March 8 – Lenten Bible Study from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in the church library
March 12 - Mini Mission Sunday for "Sunrise Farms"
March 15 – Lenten Bible Study from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in the church library
March 15 – Soup & Substance here at Peace Church. Soup at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.
March 19 – Council Meeting after worship
March 22 – Lenten Bible Study from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in the church library
March 29 – Lenten Bible Study from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in the church library

LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE AT PEACE CHURCH

We are hosting the Soup & Substance on March 15, 2017 this Lenten Season. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to help with this special Ecumenical event & Worship. We are need of volunteers to help set up, greet and serve as we host this yearly ecumenical event.

We are still in need of the following food items:
5 members to make Chili (6 to 8 quarts)
4 members to make Broccoli/Cheese Soup (6 to 8 quarts)
2 – Crackers (Saltine)
2 – Oyster Crackers
10 loaves of Bread (wheat, white, rye, raisin)
2 – Gallons of white Milk

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

Ash Wednesday/Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, March 1st – 6:30 p.m. at Peace UCC

Wednesday, March 8 –
6:00 p.m. soup and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion
Topic: “When did we see you hungry or thirsty?”

Wednesday, March 15 –
6:00 p.m. soup and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Peace UCC, Brillion
Topic: “When did we see you a stranger?”

Wednesday, March 22 –
6:00 p.m. soup and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Holy Family Catholic Church, Brillion
Topic: “When did we see you naked?”

Wednesday, March 29 –
6:00 p.m. soup and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Zion United Methodist Church, Forest Junction
Topic: “When did we see you sick?”

Wednesday, April 5 –
6:00 p.m. soup and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Brillion Community Church, Brillion
Topic: “When did we see you in prison?”

Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion, April 13 –
7:00 p.m. with Worship at Peace U.C.C.

Good Friday Service, April 14 –
12 noon soup & 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at
Peace E&R Church, Potter

Easter Sunday, April 16 –
Easter Resurrection Celebration at 9:00 a.m. with
communion

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday/Communion

Sunday, March 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
No Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship
During coffee hour please stay for the discussion of
“What is Our Vision for the Ministry and Missions of
Peace Church in 2017 and beyond?”

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. – Lenten Bible Study
Here at Peace Church in the Library (you may bring
your own lunch)

6:00 p.m. – Soup & 7:00 p.m. – Substance at
Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School
Mini-Missions - Sunrise Horse Farm
(See Mission & Outreach article for more information)
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. – Lenten Bible Study
Here at Peace Church in the Library (you may bring
your own lunch)

6:00 p.m. – Soup & 7:00 p.m. – Substance
here at Peace United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship &
Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship
Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. – Lenten Bible Study
Here at Peace Church in the Library (you may bring
your own lunch)

6:00 p.m. – Soup & 7:00 p.m. - Substance at Holy
Family Catholic Church, Brillion

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. – Lenten Bible Study
Here at Peace Church in the Library (you may bring your own lunch)

6:00 p.m. – Soup & 7:00 p.m. – Substance at
Zion United Methodist Church, Forest Junction

CHICKEN FRY – MARK YOU CALENDAR

CHICKEN FRY

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Serving from 11:00 a. m. – 1:00 p.m.

Carry-outs are available

Prices:

Adults (1/2 chicken) - \$12.00

Children (1/4 chicken) - \$6.00

(ages 12 & under **only**)

For extra tickets call your ticket captain or
Lillian Kuchenbecker at 756-2377

Dates to remember for ticket sellers

April 9 – Deadline for preliminary count;
information must be given to the captains.

April 13 or sooner – Deadline to have all your
money & unsold tickets turned into your captains.

Thanks for selling tickets and buying tickets. It is
greatly appreciated!

CAKES & DINNER ROLLS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CHICKEN FRY:

We need a total of 62 cakes for the Chicken Fry. All cakes should be delivered to church on Sunday, April 23rd by 10:00 a.m. (the morning of the Chicken Fry). The sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall. You may also call the church office at 756-3334 if you are willing to bake a cake. If no one is available, please leave your name and we will sign you up.

We need a total of 76 dozen dinner rolls for the Chicken Fry. All dinner rolls must be homemade or frozen, then baked. All dinner rolls should be delivered to church on Sunday, April 23rd by 10:00 a.m. (the morning of the Chicken Fry). The sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall. You may also call the church office at 756-3334. If no one is available, please leave your name and that you are willing to make dinner rolls and how many dozen.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR CHICKEN

FRY: It is really important that all items listed below are at church by Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. We are in need of donations for the following items:

- 1 – 1 lb 7 oz. to 2 lb Decaf. Coffee
- 4 – 1# boxes of butter (place in the refrigerator)
- 1 – 5# lb bag of flour
- 3 – 1 Gallon of Vinegar (NOT HEINZ)
- 1 – 5# bags of onions
- 2 – 48 oz. bottle of Vegetable/Canola Oil
- 11 – 4# bags of sugar

Our donation list is smaller than years past, since we are using up extra supplies from previous years. With that being said, ***your monetary support would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of other items needed such as: potatoes, milk, sour cream and grilling supplies.*** Please mail your donation in a marked envelope to Peace Church, 489 S. Glenview Ave., Brillion, WI 54110; place in the Sunday Collection or you can give directly to Laurie Sommers.

WORKERS NEEDED: We are asking members to please sign-up to help with our important fundraiser. This gives members the opportunity to work where they feel most comfortable. A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall.

Making Potato Salad & Preparing the Bake Potatoes
(Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. until done)

Workers for the Dining Room
(Sunday, April 23rd from 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.)

Workers for Take-Out line, Dine-In line & Kitchen
(Sunday, April 23rd from 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.)

Clean-up after the Chicken Fry
(Sunday, April 23rd from 12:30 until done)

If you would like a certain job and are unable to sign-up after worship, please call the church office at 756-3334 and we will put your name on the list.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 4 – Deb Burich
- March 5 – Mitchell Cooney
- March 8 – Linda Geen
- March 12 – Lori Knoespel

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 23 – Jill & Skip Greve

WORDS OF THANKS AND RECENT ELECTIONS

We would like to thank Phil Koenigs who has completed his two 2 year terms on the council and Jane Kopidlansky who has completed her 2 year term on the council. Thank you to Phil and Jane for all their hard work and dedication to Peace Church. The vacancies were filled by Steve Smith and Sandy M. Kuchenbecker. Thanks also to Dawn Voight willing to serve another 2 year term on the council. So the council consists of the following members: Carla Zander - President, Dave Sommers – Vice President, Todd Schneider – Secretary, Dawn Voight, Steve Smith, Sandy M. Kuchenbecker and Rev. Tom Williams.

Finishing her four years on the Endowment Committee is Jill Greve. Thank you, Jill, and we are grateful for your service! Stepping into the vacant spot on the Endowment Committee will be Lois Schwahn. Lois will be serving along side, Chuck Burich, Carol Reese, Bob Lowe, Carla Zander (Council representative).

Carla Zander, Todd Hillmann and Carol Krueger have completed their terms on the Pastor/Parish Committee. We thank them for their years of service. We are happy to welcome three new members on this committee: Chuck Burich, Kay Wachal and Joe Barth. Carla Zander is also the council representative

Thank you, one & all, for your willingness to give of your time and talent!

GREETERS

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – Jane Kopidlansky
March 5 – Eric & Dani Burich Family
March 12 – Jenifer Pittl Family
March 15 (Soup/Substance)– Don & Barb Wittmann
March 19 – Paul & Sue Cooney
March 26 – Lois & Roger Schwahn

ACOLYTES

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – Brynn & Trae Williams
March 5 – Madeline Cooney/Chloe Vande Hey
March 12 – Grant Leiterman/Joshua Schuh
March 15 (Soup/Substance) – Brynn & Aubrie Williams
March 19 – Collin Greve & Jacob Schneider
March 26 – Nathan & Nick Loose

COFFEE HOUR

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – No Coffee Hour
March 5 – **need volunteers**
March 12 – **need volunteers**
March 15 (Soup/Substance) – (See sign-up sheet)
March 19 – **need volunteers**
March 26 – **need volunteers**

SUNDAY HELPER

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – **need volunteer**
March 5 – **need volunteer**
March 12 – Dawn Voight
March 15 (Soup/Substance) – **need volunteer**
March 19 – **need volunteer**
March 26 – Dawn Voight

LAY READER

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – Barb Wittmann
March 5 – Candi Koenigs
March 12 – Carla Zander
March 15 (Soup/Substance) – Lois Schwahn
March 19 – Ashley Eickert
March 26 – John Seefeldt

USHERS

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – Paul Cooney
March 5 – Duane Loose
March 12 – Karla Miller
March 15 (Soup/Substance) – Roger Schwahn
March 19 – Chuck Burich
March 26 – Roger Schwahn

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades Pre-School – 2

March 12 – Amber Horn-Leiterman/Lacey Kalies
March 19 – Amber Horn-Leiterman/Ashley Eickert
March 26 – Jane Kopidlansky/Greg Loose

Grades 3-6

March 12 – Tammy Williams/Joselyn Heritage
March 19 – Becky Schneider/Jacob Schneider
March 26 – Becky Fischer/Ann Vande Hey

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

March 1 – Students to attend Ash Wednesday Service

March 8 – Students to attend Soup/Substance at Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion; soup at 6:00 and service at 7:00 p.m.

March 15 – Students to attend Soup/Substance here at Peace Church; soup at 6:00 and service at 7:00 p.m.

March 22 – Students to attend Soup/Substance at Holy Family Catholic Church; soup at 6:00 and service at 7:00 p.m.

March 29 – Students to attend Soup/Substance at Zion United Methodist Church, Forest Junction; soup at 6:00 and service at 7:00 p.m.

April 5 – Students to attend Soup/Substance at Brillion Community Church; soup at 6:00 and service at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL GIVING

January 2017

Sunday School Children - \$32.06

Loose Collection – \$87.50

General Fund - \$3,879.00

e-Giving to General Fund - \$2,692.50

Initial Offering - \$61.00

Bulletin Sponsor - \$60.00

GRAND TOTAL FOR MONTH - \$6,812.06

February 1-21, 2017

Sunday School Children - \$32.00

Loose Collection – \$2.00

General Fund - \$3,089.00

e-Giving to General Fund - \$2,326.50

Initial Offering - \$8.00

Bulletin Sponsor - \$30.00

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mini Missions

Our mini-mission for February was for "Roads to Jericho". These funds help local people who are in need of immediate emergency help. We are proud to report that because of your generosity we collected \$83.22 and the Mission & Outreach rounded it up to \$100.00. Thank you once again for being so generous to those in need.

Our March mini-mission on Sunday, March 12th will be for "Sunrise Horse Farm". This farm is owned and operated by Mary Ellen Kiel. It is the Cummings homestead, which was established in 1855 and is located at 17226 Limekiln Road, Reedsville. We welcome Mary Ellen to Peace on March 12th as she talks about her non-profit organization. Their website is: sunrisehorsefarm@org

In 2007, Mary Ellen and her friends started "Sunrise Horse Farm", as a non-profit Equine Therapy Farm. The mission of Sunrise Horse Farm is to provide a safe place for children, families and horses to experience hope, healing, and encouragement.

The volunteers at Sunrise Horse Farm pair each child with an activity or horse that will encourage them forward toward hope and personal growth. The sessions are flexible in order to meet the unique needs of each child. Instead of being lost in a group, every child is nurtured by a volunteer who can share in their challenges and victories. All of this is done free of charge. All activities are chosen at the discretion of each individual leader. Some of these session activities include working with/riding horses, crafts, chores, and life skills. All activities with the children are designed to accomplish our primary goal of providing a safe and loving environment.

Update from Dan Natzke

We received the following message from Barb Natzke on February 23, 2017 regarding her husband, Dan and his mission work.

"Just wanted to let you know that Dan is on his way (just this morning) to Azua, Dominican Republic with his mission team of 11 people. Please pray on his behalf that the team will stay safe and will do God's will. Since Dan is the leader, I ask specifically for him as he makes daily decisions!" – Barb Natzke