
A WORD FROM TOM, THE INTERIM

On March 5th following worship, members of the congregation met and discussed "what should Peace Church be doing". Below you will find answers as provided by those who participated. At some point in the future, we will select three of these to be further discussed by the congregation. In the meantime, please review these and consider which you consider the "most important" for us to "DO"!

MEMBER MEETING TO DISCUSS A VISION FOR PEACE CHURCH MARCH 5, 2017

The question: **"What Should We/Peace UCC Be Doing?"**

- Reach out to members who are not active
- Reach out to elderly who aren't "tech" savvy
- Think outside the box financially
- Put personal agendas aside for the good of the church
- Come to the council with concerns
- Mission work
- Welcoming people
- Coming together
- Getting youth involved
- Growing our congregation
- Being active outside the community (not just in our church)
- Helping others
- Talking about the tough subjects in the Bible we don't talk about
- Showing up on Sundays
- Putting the church first in our daily lives
- Supporting the church financially
- Prioritizing our efforts (instead of trying to do too much)
- Keeping an open mind
- Keeping members informed

- Holding more events at the church
- Become more involved in the digital age
- Work as a group
- Accepting help when offered
- Remembering the 3 c's: Come, Commune, Commit

See you in church or sometime soon I hope,

Tom

PASTOR TOM'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: 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

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

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
2:30 p.m. – Cross Walk begins at Kwik Trip and
ends at Brillion Elementary School

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

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.

CHICKEN FRY NEWS

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 Lillian Kuchenbecker.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING FOOD ITEMS:

2 – 4# bags of sugar

14 Cakes

36 Dozen Dinner rolls (*All dinner rolls must be homemade or frozen, then baked*)

The sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship hall or you may call the church office at 756-3334 if you are willing to donate any of the above items. You may also e-mail the church at peaceucc1@frontier.com

If you would prefer to make a financial donation to help defray the cost of other items needed such as: potatoes, milk, sour cream and grilling supplies you may do so by mailing 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.

LAST CALL FOR WORKERS: 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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to head up the Christian Education Department here at Peace Church. We are also in need of members to help serve on the Stewardship Committee. Please contact either Pastor Tom at 756-3334 or Carla Zander, our council president at 756-9625.

CONFIRMATION DAY APPROACHING SOON

Two members of our Confirmation class are preparing to be confirmed on Sunday, May 21st during worship. Members of this year's class are Treyton Krahn & Brynn Williams. Please keep Brynn & Treyton in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone in their lives.

FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 2016/2017 YEAR

The final classes for this school year will be held on Sunday, May 14th. We will share a time of fellowship and an ice cream social following worship the following Sunday, May 21st as we also celebrate confirmation. We want to thank each one who has taught our children faithfully! Thanks, also, to those who have served as helpers in the classrooms. We appreciate your time and talents and the impact you have had on our future members!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 15th we served over 150 people at our annual Lenten Soup and Substance. A huge "thank you" to all who helped in any way to make this another successful event for Peace Church.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO

donated 12 Embroidered Jacquard Pew Reserve Cloths. Ron and Sandy M. Kuchenbecker donated in memory of Sandy's parents, Bob & Vi McVey and in memory of Faye Phillips, who was the mother of Sandy's Australian Pen Pal, Diane Peterson; also given in memory by the Estate of Bill Detjen.

CLASS OF 2017 TO BE HONORED

Members of the Class of 2017 will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 28th. High school graduates of Peace Church include Carlee Reese and Jacob Schneider. We wish our very best and God's blessings to our two young adults.

If you, or anyone in your family is graduating from any higher schools of education this spring, please notify the church office that we may recognize all our graduates. We would need to have the graduate's name, school and degree/diploma. Thank you for your assistance! You may drop the information in the Sunday collection, place on Kathy's desk, mail or e-mail it to the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, April 2, 2017, Eli Xiong will be baptized here at Peace Church. Eli was welcomed on January 13th by his parents Cennedy Xiong and Ashley Schmitt. Proud grandparents are Dean & Diana Schmitt. Please welcome Eli, Cennedy and Ashley on baptism Sunday.

2017 SUMMER CAMPING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Anyone who has taken part in the Wisconsin Conference U.C.C. camping program in the past will tell you that we are blessed to have some of the finest facilities available! Complete camp information is available on our Conference website. There are camps available for all ages and interests. There is scholarship money available for camp and if your child is being confirmed, they will receive the camping experience as a gift from Peace. If you and/or your child(ren) are interested visit the website at www.ucci.org and choose either Pilgrim Center or Moon Beach Camp.

FREE "IDEAL" MAGAZINES

The Women's Guild had many past issues of the magazine "ideal". Since the Guild has disbanded, please feel free to take any copy or copies you wish. They are located in the fellowship hall.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Sunday, April 2, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Communion/Baptism
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Wednesday, April 5, 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 the Brillion Community Church

Sunday, April 9, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/ Sunday School
& Mini-Missions
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
Council Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Friday, April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)

12:00 noon Soup and 1:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service at Peace E&R Church, Potter with cross walk beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship with Communion
No Sunday School or Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 23, 2017 (Chicken Fry)

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Sunday School
Chicken Fry Sunday

Sunday, April 30, 2017

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5 – Lenten Bible Study here at Peace from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the library

April 9 – Council Meeting at 10:15 a.m.

April 13 – Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m.

April 14 – Good Friday service at Peace E&R in Potter; soup at noon with service at 1:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. cross walk begins at Kwik Trip

April 16 – Easter Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

April 23 – Chicken Fry Sunday

"LOVE PACKAGES"

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING religious literature for an organization called "Love Packages". Their mission is to put Christian Literature in the hands of people around the world. For more information about this organization, you may visit their website at <http://lovepackages.org/>, or look at our resource page on our website <http://peaceuccbrillion.com/resources/> regarding this cause and other things that we support.

So, when you are doing that spring cleaning and you come across religious literature you would like to pass along, like used or new Bibles, bible games, adult or children's Christian books, teaching material, Christian magazines, religious DVD's, etc. (**NO VHS Tapes or 8 Track Tapes**) please bring them to church and drop in the box located by the door exiting the fellowship hall. Jane & Leonard Kopidlansky are willing to drive all donations to the drop off location in Wisconsin.

LOOKING FOR SHOES!

HELP US FILL THE BARREL WITH SHOES: We supported "Sunrise Horse Farm" through our mini-missions on Sunday, March 12th. We are going one step further by participating with Sunrise Horse Farm in the "Shoes for H.O.P.E." (Helping Other People Excel) project. By collecting gently used or new shoes, the shoes will be redistributed through micro-enterprise partners and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain and grow an enterprise to feed, clothe and house their families. Sunrise Horse Farm will receive 10 cents per pound for all the shoes we collect. We have a barrel available in the fellowship hall for you to drop off your shoes. The shoe drive will end on Tuesday, April 18th. We will accept all shapes and sizes: baby, toddler, child, teen, adult, boots, flip-flops, sandals, tennis shoes, dress shoes, hiking boots, cleats, etc. Did you know that 3 billion

people cannot afford shoes? Shoes can be used to prevent the hardship and life-threatening symptoms caused by parasitic infection and soil transmitted diseases. If you have any questions, please speak with JoLynn Schuh.

FINANCIAL GIVING

February, 2017

Sunday School Children - \$51.00

Loose Collection – \$23.00

General Fund - \$3,771.00

e-Giving to General Fund - \$2,515.50

Initial Offering - \$8.00

Bulletin Sponsors - \$30.00

March, 2017

Sunday School Children - \$62.00

Loose Collection – \$53.11

General Fund - \$4,037.00

e-Giving to General Fund - \$2,518.50

e-Giving for Ash Wednesday - \$40.00

Bulletin Sponsor - \$30.00

Women's Guild paid for Candle Oil - \$27.96

Ash Wednesday – \$45.00

Initial Offering - \$17.00

Soup & Substance (1/2 to Food Pantry) - \$190.15

Soup & Substance (1/2 to stay here) - \$190.16

One Great Hour of Sharing - \$12.00

e-Giving for One Great Hour of Sharing - \$45.00

Stewardship

WHAT BLESSINGS ARE IN YOUR LIFE? DO YOU TRULY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD?

We here at Peace Church are blessed to have **you** as members. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of all our members, especially as we approach Chicken Fry Sunday as we work side by side as we serve our annual Chicken meal. We also appreciate and are very grateful for every dollar we receive financially, no amount is too small. We ask that you look over your first quarter financial giving statements, which are available in your mailbox here at church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement, please call the church office at 756-3334. If you would like information regarding e-giving, please contact the church office.

Just a reminder that when you use the pew envelopes, remember to place your name on the outside of the envelope, so we can properly record your giving for tax purposes.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 6 – Eric & Dani Burich
April 9 – Phil & Joselyn Heritage

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 – Tammy Fischer
April 2 – Brian Schuh
April 2 – Amanda Sommers
April 3 – Suzanne Cooney
April 6 – Alice Haese
April 7 – Eiko Barrabee
April 7 – Thomas Horn
April 8 – Don Wittmann
April 8 – Michelle School-Reese
April 8 – Jeremy Eickert
April 9 – Kevin Leiterman
April 9 – Paxton Krahn
April 9 – Mason Leiterman
April 11 – Dave Sommers
April 12 – Bryce Koenigs
April 13 – Ian Aplin
April 15 – Roger Schwahn
April 18 – Joe Barth
April 18 – Rachel Fischer
April 19 – Andy Schuh
April 20 – Bob Lowe
April 22 – Emma Schneider
April 23 – Dolly Fischer
April 24 – Richard Giese
April 25 – Shiloh Eijtjes
April 26 – Dara Schuh
April 27 – Aubrie Williams

GREETERS

April 2 – Candi & Sydnee Koenigs
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Dave & Laurie Sommers
April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) Sandy Kuchenbecker
April 16 – (Easter) Carol Reese
April 23 – (Chicken Fry) Donna Poye
April 30 – Alice Horn, Amanda & Alyssa Sommers

ACOLYTES

April 2 – Morgan Janas & Emma Schneider
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Rachel & Jacob Fischer
April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) Grant Leiterman & Rachel Fischer
April 16 – (Easter) Grant Leiterman & Joshua Schuh
April 23 – (Chicken Fry) Chloe & Derek Vande Hey
April 30 – Nathan & Nick Loose

COFFEE HOUR

April 2 – **need volunteers**
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Don & Barb Wittmann
April 30 – **need volunteers**

SUNDAY HELPERS

April 2 – Lois Schwahn
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Dawn Voight
April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) S. M Kuchenbecker
April 16 – (Easter) Carla Zander
April 23 – (Chicken Fry) Lois Schwahn
April 30 – Dawn Voight

LAY READER

April 2 – Sue Cooney
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Tony Reese
April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) Chad Klika
April 16 – (Easter) Amber Horn-Leiterman
April 23 – (Chicken Fry) Cindy Riha
April 30 – Karla Miller

USHERS

April 2 – Chad Klika
April 9 – (Palm Sunday) **need volunteer**
April 13 – (Maundy Thursday) Tony Reese
April 16 – (Easter) Duane Loose
April 23 – (Chicken Fry) **need volunteer**
April 30 – Karla Miller

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

April 5 – Students attend Soup/Substance at Brillion Community Church; soup at 6 & service at 7 p.m.
April 12 – No Class (Holy Week); students to attend Maundy Thursday service on April 13 at 7:00 p.m.
April 19 – Class from 5 to 6 p.m. Krahn Family as parent helper
April 26 – No Class (Rev. Williams out of town)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades Pre-School – Grade 2

April 9 – Jane Kopidlansky/Dara Schuh
April 23 – Movie day on Chicken Fry Sunday for all grades: Amber Horn-Leiterman/Dara Schuh
April 30 – Amber Horn-Leiterman/Lacey Kalies

Grades 3-6

April 9 – Becky Schneider/Emma Schneider
April 23 – Movie day on Chicken Fry Sunday for all grades: Amber Horn-Leiterman/Dara Schuh
April 30 – Becky Fischer/Joselyn Heritage

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Patrick's Patches: Just a reminder that throughout the year we assist Patrick's Patches with their Coat Giveaway and also the Back-To-School Project. Your purchases of new or gently used coats and school supplies can be left at church any time during the year and Patches will store them until distribution time. The list for Back-to-School include #2 pencils, black pens, rulers, lined paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, eraser caps for pencils, highlighters, scissors, two pocket folders, colored markers, crayons, backpacks and calculators.

Rummage Sale: Start saving items for our annual rummage sale; more information in next month's newsletter.

Sunrise Horse Farm: Thank you so much to all of you who supported our Mini-Mission for March. The children collected \$151.53, and we rounded it up to \$160.00. Sunrise Farm is a non-profit program for children and teens to experience the wonderful healing that horses bring to individuals. The farm's mission is to provide a safe place for children, families and horses to experience hope, healing, and encouragement.

We received the following thank you from Sunrise Horse Farm, Inc.

"To All The Children,
Thank you so very much for inviting me to talk about the horses and our program at Sunrise Horse Farm. Thank you for the generous donation you collected at church. The money will be used to feed the horses. Thank you for your kindness. God Bless You,
Mary Ellen Kiel"

Mini-Mission for April: On Sunday, April 9th our mini missions will be for the Diaper Bank—A United Way Project.

In June of 2010 a study discovered that one in three families struggle to provide diapers for their children. Some families have to cut back on food and other basic needs to provide diapers for their children. Others have decided to change the diaper one or two times a day. This increased the risk of health problems, from skin disease to hepatitis. Therefore, this need resulted in the decision by the

United Way to start the Fox Cities Diaper Bank, which was successfully launched in 2011. The coins that the children will collect in April will go to the Fox Valley Diaper Bank.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

If you would like to donate a plant this Easter Season, please do so by filling out this form and enclose your payment payable to: "Schroth's Floral" and drop it in Carla Zander's mailbox here at church. **All orders must be placed by April 9th.**

I would like my donation in Loving Memory of

OR

I would like my donation in Thanksgiving for

This plant was donated by

Please check which plant you would like to donate:

_____ \$13.00 (5/6 Bloom Easter Lily)

_____ \$16.50 (8/10 Bloom Easter Lily)

_____ \$16.50 (Tulips)

_____ \$16.50 (Hyacinth)

_____ \$17.50 (Daffodils)

___ I would like my plant returned to me after Easter