

October Peace UCC Newsletter 2017

A WORD FROM TOM THE INTERIM

On the wall in the hallway leading from the fellowship Hall to my office are picture of the many confirmation classes which have been led by past clergy and lay teachers. It is a marvelous walk through the history of this congregation. As we move ahead and are led to consider a settled ministry candidate at some point in the future, I hope all will take just a moment or two to walk down the hallway and reflect on the changes which have confronted this congregation throughout its history. Such a stroll and reflection offers each of us the chance to remember how the congregation has seen its ministerial leadership change and how it has persevered. Such a reminder is important as the Search Committee begins its work.

The search committee is undertaking its job of advertising, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates and then offering its choice to the congregation. That process will probably take 6 to 12 months and require patience, discernment, and confidentiality. Please respect the efforts of this body and support the time, care, and faith which each member brings to the committee. Offer them your thanks, your support, and your prayers. See you in church or sometime soon I hope.

Tom, the Interim

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Peace UCC is participating in the congregational special offering called "Neighbors in Need". Envelopes will be available this Sunday, October 1, 2017.

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Issues such as: the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, MN.

This year's theme "Protect the Sacred - In a Just World, Clean Water is Life". Prayerfully consider these issues and share your wealth as you

are able to help needy neighbors near and far. Your gift will joyfully be received anytime in October.

SPECIAL "HOMECOMING SERVICE"

While there will not be a parade, pep rally or bonfire; October 29th will be a celebration of "Homecoming" for the Congregation. On that day we will welcome all members – new and old - to worship and celebrate with communion. As is our usual practice, we will have a coffee hour following. Please plan on joining us.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

A NEW FENCE: Our most heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Dean and Diana Schmitt family for using their talents to design and construct the beautiful fence between our two sheds to keep the deer out of the perennial plants. Not only is it beyond our wildest dreams for a fence, but the project only took six days from conception to completion! Thank you for using your talents to solve a frustrating problem!!

SCRIP

Scrip is an easy way to support Peace Church! By purchasing Scrip for your everyday items, such as gasoline and groceries you can help Peace Church pay its own bills. The Holiday season is right around the corner (Thanksgiving & Christmas) so start thinking about those gift cards. Todd Schneider has published the vendors we can order Scrip from on our church's web page peaceuccbrillion.com. Just go to the page and under **giving** you will find Scrip. Just click on that and you will be able to view all the stores that are available to us. Please take a look. You will be surprised!! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 756-3334.

STEWARDSHIP

Everyone has received their pledge form in their mailboxes and it was also attached to last month's newsletter. This is just a reminder that we would appreciate your form returned to the church office on or before Sunday, October 8th. On October 8th is our official pledge Sunday. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for our 2018 giving year. If you are interested in e-giving, please speak with Kathy Daun in the church office at 756-3334.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

Please note that our Peace U.C.C. Semi-Annual meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, October 15th. We would appreciate all our members to attend. See you there!

FOOD FOR OUR LOCAL PANTRY

We are collecting non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. You may drop off your donations at church until Thanksgiving. Please remember those less fortunate as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

WORK DAY

The congregation is having a work day on Wednesday, October 4th from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. Come join us in doing some work around the church. We invite all who can, to come and join us pull shrubs, weeds, scrap and paint windows. Please bring along gloves and putty knives. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Sommers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 4 – Work Day from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. (see article located above)
- October 8 – Mini Mission during Sunday Worship For Hurricane Relief (Harvey & Irma)
- October 15 – Semi Annual Meeting & Council Meeting following worship
- October 22 – Third graders receive their Bibles
- October 29 – Special "Homecoming Service" at 9:00 a.m. with a social to follow

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- October 1 – Jase Heritage
- October 2 – Philip Heritage
- October 3 – Joshua Schuh
- October 4 – Jill Greve
- October 6 – Bryant Barth
- October 7 – Brian Horn
- October 10 – Jessie Saenger
- October 11 – Madeline Cooney
- October 20 – Carlee Reese
- October 23 – Christopher Barth
- October 25 – Steve Smith
- October 25 – Tamara Riha
- October 25 – Cody Greve
- October 27 – Mike Fischer
- October 28 – Tiana Hillmann

- October 29 – JoLynn Schuh
- October 31 – Skip (James) Greve

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- October 5 – Dennis & Barb Kesler
- October 8 – Andrew & Tammy Williams
- October 12 – Todd & Becky Schneider
- October 15 – Chuck & Deb Burich
- October 18 – Mike & Becky Fischer
- October 19 – Paul & Suzanne Cooney
- October 21 – Rick & Dawn Eijtjes
- October 24 – David & Sharon Van Deraa

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion (Neighbor In Need collection)
- 10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, October 8, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Pledge Sunday Mini Missions for Hurricane Relief
- 10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, October 15, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 10:15 a.m. – Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
3rd Graders receive their Bibles
- 10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, October 29, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with communion "Homecoming Service"
- 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Light Snacks

FINANCIAL GIVING

August, 2017

- Sunday School Children - \$11.00
- Loose Collection – \$26.00
- General Fund - \$2,777.00
- E-giving - \$2,518.50
- Bulletin Sponsor - \$30.00
- Sale of Old Fellowship Tables - \$60.00
- Donation from Robert Hensel Estate - \$400.00 (For Roof)

September, 2017

Sunday School Children - \$46.50

Loose Collection – \$104.00

General Fund - \$2,653.50

E-giving - \$2,458.25

GREETERS

October 1 – Don & Barb Wittmann

October 8 – Sandy Kuchenbecker

October 15 – Alice Horn, Amanda & Alyssa Sommers

October 22 – Dave & Sharon Van Deraa

October 29 – Donna Poye

ACOLYTES

October 1 – Rachel & Jacob Fischer

October 8 – Morgan Janas & Collin Greve

October 15 – Chloe & Derek Vande Hey

October 22 – Trae & Aubrie Williams & Alex Nowak

October 29 – Joshua Schuh & Nathan Loose

CONFIRMATION HELPER

October 4 – Krahn Family

October 11 – Barth Family

October 18 – Fischer Family

October 25 – No Class

November 1 – No Class (Rev. Tom gone)

November 8 – No Class (Rev. Tom gone)

SUNDAY HELPERS

October 1 – Carla Zander

October 8 – **Need volunteer**

October 15 – Dawn Voight

October 22 – Sandy M. Kuchenbecker

October 29 – **Need volunteer**

COFFEE HOUR

October 1 – Barb Kesler

October 8 – **Need volunteer**

October 15 – Semi-Annual Meeting

October 22 – **Need volunteer**

October 29 – Council Members

LAY READERS

October 1 – Chad Klika

October 8 – Cindy Riha

October 15 – Karla Miller

October 22 – Barb Wittmann

October 29 – Tony Reese

USHERS

October 1 – Tony Reese

October 8 – Nick & Greg Loose

October 15 – Karla Miller

October 22 – Roger Schwahn

October 29 – Paul Cooney

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades Pre-School – 2

October 4 – Joselyn Heritage/Morgan Janas

October 11 – Joselyn Heritage/Morgan Janas

October 18 – Amber Horn-Leiterman/**need**

volunteer

October 25 – No Class

Grades 3-6

October 4 – Becky Fischer/Rachel Fischer

October 11 – Becky Schneider/Emma Schneider

October 18 – Becky Schneider/Emma Schneider

October 25 – No Class

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mini Missions:

Following the September Mini Missions highlight of our home construction in Haiti, our focus for October Mini Missions brings us back to the United States and the devastation caused by both Hurricane Harvey and Irma. In Texas, Hurricane Harvey was the worst disaster in their history with the preliminary estimate of economic loss between 70 and 190 BRILLION DOLLARS. Their need is so very great and as Christians we need to reach out to them in continued prayer and financial help. Your Mini Mission collection for October will return to the second Sunday of the month which is October 8th.

September Mini Missions – We express our sincere gratitude to Deacon Dennis Benin for his presentation on September 24th. His knowledge and connection to Haiti is invaluable as we begin the building of our second home in Haiti. Let's make this project reality by your prayers and commitment to those less fortunate.

Thank you for not only your Mini Missions collection of \$85.42, but also for taking the opportunity to teach our youth that we CAN make a difference in the world – one small step at a time!