

## November 2017

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### **A WORD FROM TOM, THE INTERIM**

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A friend declares Thanksgiving as her favorite holiday for it includes simply family, friends, and food without the stress of gift giving tinged with religious guilt for those less fortunate. And she's probably right. Thanksgiving should be a time for celebration and, as its name implies, thanksgiving. We know for many whose lives have been devastated, not just disrupted, by natural disaster it will be a time of want as well as thanksgiving for at least having lives to re-build. Let us hope and pray that in places like Puerto Rico a little bit of joy might break through the destruction.

And so please remember that this is a season of Thanksgiving and giving thanks by sharing with others may be the greatest gift offered to us for which we ought to give thanks. Please consider helping out and offering through the UCC Disaster Relief Program, the Red Cross, or even the charity set up by the five living ex-Presidents. These are opportunities to allow people access to fresh water, electrical power, and sometime in the future, housing.

Please dare to embrace the opportunities to help others as a witness to our faith in God's continuing call.

See you in church or sometime soon I hope.

*Tom, the Interim*

PS: Join us on Thanksgiving eve as we join in an Ecumenical Worship Service here at Peace UCC Brillion. We will join with the other participating congregations at 7 PM to sing, pray, listen and celebrate as we join in thankful worship for all we have!!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00 PM**  
**THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE**

PSS: And just to warn you, **Christmas will be celebrated at Peace UCC Brillion on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.** There will be NO Sunday morning worship nor any services on Christmas Day. This family friendly service will include communion, favorite carols, and many readings!! Mark your calendars.

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### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE**

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Total revenue collected through Support, Loose, Children's and Bulletin Sponsors from the past 3 years from January 1 through September 30.

January – September 2015: \$60,799.37  
January – September 2016: \$61,545.14  
January – September 2017: \$55,266.20

*Note: We have collected \$6,278.94 less in 2017 than in 2016 from January through September*

### **THIRD QUARTER REVIEW FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

General/Loose/ Children's/Bulletin	\$55,266.20
Money Transferred from Savings	\$ 1,925.00
for Tree removal, sod, light pole, etc.	
Misc Income (Scrip, Soup/Sub., etc)	\$ 1,380.16
Checking Acct Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 2,565.49
Profit from 2017 Chicken Fry	\$ 6,700.00
Money Transferred from Emerg.	
Fund to pay bills	\$ 7,400.00
TOTAL REVENUE Jan 1-Sept. 30	\$ 75,236.85
LESS EXPENSES Jan. 1-Sept. 30	- \$ 75,063.97
Checkbook Balance 10/1/2017	\$ 172.88

*Note: We have \$15,490.00 remaining in our "Emergency Fund" regular savings account as of October 1, 2017*

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### **ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**Calling all committees!** To get a better grasp on the wonderful mission work that we all do here at PUCC, I'm am calling all committee leaders, or representative, to please attend a brief meeting following worship services on December 3rd. We will quickly review rosters, the committee's mission to the church and upcoming schedules. If you have any questions or will be unable to attend, please contact Todd Schneider at [920-810-8951](tel:920-810-8951). All committee members have a committee questionnaire in their mailbox, please drop in the Sunday collection and Kathy will pass it along to Todd.

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## NEWSLETTER REQUEST and CHURCH WEBSITE

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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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## BIBLES PRESENTED

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In keeping with a long-time tradition here at Peace, Rev. Tom presented a Holy Bible to all our third grade students. This year on October 22, we were pleased to present our three students with their Bibles. They were: Reina Eijtjes, Jamison Krahn and Landon Schuh. Please keep all our youth in prayer during their faith journey.

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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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 20 – Dave Klessig  
November 26 – Carol Lowe  
November 29 – Collin Greve

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## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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November 12 – Brian & Lori Horn  
November 23 – Lawrence & Marcella Bohman

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANS

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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 will be sent via e-mail and those who don't have e-mail will receive an informational letter regarding the details of the Children's Christmas Program which will be held on Sunday, December 17th. **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 13th.**

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

November 29 - Christmas Program Practice in place of Christian Education Classes

December 6 - Christmas Program Practice in place of Christian Education Classes

December 13 – Christmas Program Practice in place of Christian Education Classes

December 17 – 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.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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November 12 – Mini-Missions (Veterans – See Mission & Outreach Article)  
November 13 – Deadline for Children to sign-up for the Children's Christmas Program  
November 19 – Council Meeting after worship  
November 23 – Thanksgiving Service here at Peace Church, 7:00 p.m.

*(food donations and/or monetary donations will be collected & are appreciated)*

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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### Sunday, November 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - NO Communion  
Rev. Barb Loose will be preaching  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

### Sunday, November 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Mini-Missions  
Rev. Barb Loose will be preaching  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7:00 PM – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

### Sunday, November 19, 2017

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

### Sunday, November 26, 2017

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

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## SCRIP

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Christmas season is closing in fast, only one day of thanks between us and our Savior's birth. Many of you have already begun to think about friends and loved ones. We'll also think about SCRIP and how it can help you with the rigors of the Holiday season. Gas cards to keep your car fueled up for the long journeys ahead, restaurant cards to keep you fueled up, many store cards to help bring smiles to the folks you love, and all your other needs when you hit the stores this Holiday season. All while helping out your favorite place to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Here are the cards we have on hand that you can take with you every Sunday:

**Restaurants:** Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cobblestone, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Subway

**Entertainment:** Marcus Theatres/Resort

**Supermarket:** Econo Foods, Festival Foods, Piggly Wiggly

**Gas:** BP, Cenex Exxon/Mobil, Kwik Trip

**Sporting Goods:** Cabela's

**Department Stores:** Bed Bath & Beyond, JCPenney, Kohl's, Sears, Shopko, Target, Walmart/Sam's Club

**Home Improvement:** Lowe's, Menards, Mill's Fleet Farm, Home Depot

Check out the full list of available products at [peaceuccbrillion.com/cards](http://peaceuccbrillion.com/cards). *Ordered card generally will be available on the following Sunday for pickup.*

A paper copy of our order form is also located in your mailbox here at church.  
Please stock up today!

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## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE PLANNED

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An ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 22nd here at Peace Church. 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 either with monetary donations and/or through non-perishable food items.

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## GREETERS

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November 5 – Karla Miller  
November 12 – Tony & Michelle School-Reese  
November 19 – Candi & Sydnee Koenigs  
November 22 - (Thanksgiving Eve Service)  
**need volunteer**  
November 26 – Joe & Sandi Barth

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## ACOLYTES

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November 5 – Emma & Nathan Schneider  
November 12 – Brynn Williams,  
Grant & Trent Leiterman  
November 19 – Rachel & Jacob Fischer  
& Alex Nowak  
November 22 - (Thanksgiving Eve Service)  
**need volunteer**  
November 26 – Morgan Janas & Madeline Cooney

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## SUNDAY HELPERS

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November 5 – **need volunteer**  
November 12 – Dawn Voight  
November 19 – **need volunteer**  
November 22 - (Thanksgiving Eve Service)  
**need volunteer**  
November 26 – Sandy M Kuchenbecker

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## COFFEE HOUR

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November 5 – **need volunteer**  
November 12 – **need volunteer**  
November 19 – Becky Schneider,  
Dara & Deb Schuh  
November 26 – **need volunteer**

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## LAY READERS

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November 5 – Chad Klika  
November 12 – John Seefeldt  
November 19 – Cindy Riha  
November 22 - (Thanksgiving Eve Service)  
**need volunteer**  
November 26 – Carla Zander

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## USHERS

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November 5 – Chad Klika  
November 12 – Tony Reese  
November 19 – Nick Loose  
November 22 - (Thanksgiving Eve Service)  
**need volunteer**  
November 26 – Chuck Burich

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## CONFIRMATION PARENT HELPER

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November 1 – No Class (Rev. Tom gone)  
November 8 – No Class (Rev. Tom gone)  
November 15 – Heritage Family  
November 22 – No Class – We are asking  
confirmands to attend the Thanksgiving Eve  
Service at 7:00 p.m. here at Peace Church)  
November 29 – Vande Hey 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.

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## FINANCIAL GIVING

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October 1 - 25, 2017

Sunday School Children - \$32.83  
Loose Collection – \$30.61  
General Fund - \$2,130.00  
E-giving - \$2,398.00  
Neighbor In Need Collection - \$88.00  
Garden Committee donation (Water bill) - \$600.00

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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### **Grades Pre-School – 2**

November 1 – **NEED A TEACHER &  
NEED A HELPER**  
November 8 – Amber Horn-Leiterman &  
**NEED A HELPER**  
November 15 – Joselyn Heritage/Morgan Janas  
November 22 – Children to attend Thanksgiving  
Eve service, 7:00 p.m. here at Peace Church  
November 29 – Christmas Program Practice  
(We welcome parents to help out)

### **Grades 3-6**

November 1 – Becky & Emma Schneider  
November 8 – Becky & Emma Schneider  
November 15 – Amber Horn-Leiterman &  
**NEED A HELPER**  
November 22 – Children to attend Thanksgiving  
Eve service, 7:00 p.m. here at Peace Church  
November 29 – Christmas Program Practice  
(We welcome parents to help out)

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## DATES TO REMEMBER FROM OUR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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Chicken Fry for 2018 will be Sunday, April 8, 2018.  
Ticket prices will remain the same. They are:  
\$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.

Our financial auditors are: Sandy M Kuchenbecker  
and Tony Reese. All committees need to have their  
financial paper work ready for Sandy & Tony by  
January of 2018.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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**Haiti House:** The buzz around church is indeed  
correct --we have officially hit our goal of \$3,600 to  
complete our home in Haiti. There is such an  
immediate need for safe housing after the recent  
hurricanes we were assured construction on our  
home would begin very soon. Again we reach out  
to anyone feeling God's nudging to travel to Haiti  
to be part of the actual building of the home,  
please contact the Missions Committee or Deacon  
Dennis Bennin for details. Always be mindful that  
your direct involvement in the final completion of  
our projects is always welcomed and encouraged.  
During the third week of November Deacon Dennis  
will be traveling to Haiti and hopes to bring back

information concerning the location and construction timing of our home.

A special thank you to all of you for making this project possible and especially those stepping forward at the end with very generous donations.

**Mini Missions:** Your September Mini Missions reminds us the people affected by the recent hurricanes continue to need our prayers and financial support. A total of \$84.70 was rounded to \$100 and send to the Salvation Army to be included in their Emergency Assistance for Texas. November's Mini Missions will highlight those serving in the military now and in the past as we celebrate Veteran's Day. Collection dates will remain the second Sunday of each month unless special circumstances require us to move it. If you have ideas for future Mini Mission projects, please contact any member of the Missions Committee.

**Patrick's Patches:** A recent visit to Patrick's Patches in Reedsville found the volunteers busy preparing for their second "coat giveaway" day. Since the majority of donated coats come from the surrounding areas of Reedsville and Brillion, the first coat day is reserved for people residing in this area. Over 90 coats in adult or children sizes were chosen in round one and equal or more coats are expected to be given away in the following two weeks. Patrick's Patches again thanks our church for the donations to not only this project, but the many others we participate in. Please remember our church collects and delivers donations year round, especially for school supplies and coats. Any donations can be marked for Patches and left at the church.

**Word from Taylor Schmidt:** A recent visit with Taylor's parents revealed that Taylor's family was placed in a new location when returning to Peru last month. There is again a group from Holy Family developing plans to return to Peru to assist in building another church. If there is anyone from our congregation wishing for information on being part of this group, please contact John School. Our prayers should always include Taylor and his family as they follow God's calling to lead people to Him.

**Christmas Projects:** Not having the funds to purchase presents for their children and/or family members is a reality for many families in the surrounding areas. We have worked with the Salvation Army in Manitowoc County for many

years because of their thorough screening process and belief in prioritizing basic needs as part of the gifts. Last year over 100 children were registered during a three day process. Many of those children were not adopted so received a smaller amount of presents from the Salvation Army gift room. This year over 1,500 children's names were registered the first day and Lt. Terri Olson indicated they may need to stop taking requests as they are not able to meet the demands of those already registered. We have again adopted two families with small children and will provide additional gift for the Gift Room. Information on this project will be coming out very soon. If you have questions please contact Laurie Sommers or Barb Wittmann. Gifts will need to be returned to the church by December 3<sup>rd</sup> (unwrapped).

**History of The Love Basket Project:** The practice of sending baskets of goodies to brighten someone's day, lift their spirits or hear of God's love has a long history in our church. Many years ago Dwight Hensel spoke of how his family received a special church basket of goodies and then re-filled that same basket to be passed on to someone needing to know God loved them. The tradition faded and many years later Pastor Sue Stull and Jane Kopidlansky started what has become the Christmas Love Basket Project. Recipients of our Love Baskets DO NOT need to be members of Peace Church, in fact we encourage all of you to take the time to register names of people within our church as well as those you encounter in your everyday lives who need to be reminded of how much the Lord loves them.

Statistics show we fill anywhere from 40 to 55 baskets each year with half or more of those baskets going out into the community to non-church members. In 2016 we prepared 49 baskets going to 21 members and 28 non-members. NOTE: of those 21 members there were 6 shut ins, 5 new/confirmed members and 6 having a death/illness in the immediate family. In 2015 we delivered 54 baskets to 18 members and 36 non-members. Note of those 18 members 4 were new/confirmed members, 6 shut-ins, and 15 having health issues/death in their immediate families. Registration slips are available in the Fellowship Hall for people you wish to receive a basket as well as a sign up slip for items needed to complete the baskets.

Come and be part of our annual Love Basket assembly day – December 10<sup>th</sup>!