

From the "Pen" of Pastor Paula

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year has been a year of changes and challenges, beginning and endings. And it has been a year when we in this community of Christ called Peace United Church of Christ have been richly blessed in so many ways.

We have been blessed to be blessings through in person, online and outdoor worship services, the work of so many willing to serve on committees, as Stephen's Ministers, at Grace Café, for Fall Festival and the 100th anniversary of the physical church building. Many share their time and talents: adult studies, Sunday School and other youth programs, Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. And so we are blessed to be a blessing to others through our support of those in need around the world and in this community.

No, we cannot save the whole world, but we can make this part of God's world, God's creation livable and lovable!

Peace UCC has been described as a vibrant church by national UCC leadership. Keeping this church alive and growing, vibrant and vigorous means giving generously of our time, talent and treasure. By doing that, this church can continue for many years and more generations.

Here are a couple of scripture passages to encourage us:

Proverbs 11:25 reminds us: "The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped."

Jesus says in Luke 3:10, "Anyone who has 2 shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Let us continue to love and serve, to be generous with others!

In the Joys of the Lord's Service,

Pastor Paula



Fall Festival & Auction Reminders

We will be celebrating the church building and organ being 100 years old during the Fall Festival and honoring our organists/pianists. The luncheon will be on Sunday, November 12th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The menu consists of turkey dressing and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, and desserts. For in town delivery, please call the church office at 563-245-2126 by Thursday, November 9th or email peaceucc@alpinecom.net. Please include your name, address, and phone number.

The Silent Auction begins on Sunday, October 29th and continues through Sunday, November 12th at 2 PM. You can view and bid on items in person (during church office hours or on Sundays) or online on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/peacechurchelkader](https://www.facebook.com/peacechurchelkader). Use the comment feature on the auction item you'd like to bid on to make an online bid. We are looking forward to a fun and festive fall celebration!

TIDINGS

November 2023

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*"Peace United Church of Christ
is a multigenerational community
of faith."*

*We welcome people of all ages,
races, and life situations to join
us*

*in our calling to serve as the
hands and feet of Christ."*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings	Office Open Monday thru Thursday from 9 AM to noon	Debbie's Office Hours: Mon: 3:30-4:30 Wed & Thurs 1:30-3:30	1 5:30: Bell Choir 6:00: Youth Bible Study 6:30: Choir & Confirmation	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship with Communion	6 4:00 PM: Stephen Ministers Happy Birthday, Abby Gifford & Stephanie Bruehahn!	7 Happy Birthday, Lizzie Gifford & Ed Patrick!	8 5:30: Bell Choir 6:00: Youth Bible Study 6:30: Choir & Confirmation Happy Birthday, Ashlyn Koehn!	9 2:00 PM: Peacemakers Happy Birthday, Ken Seney!	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship & Sunday School	13 5:30 PM: Church Council Happy Birthday, Sharon Seney & Tom Gifford!	14	15 5:30: Bell Choir 6:00: Youth Bible Study 6:30: Choir & Confirmation	16 1:30pm Care Center 5:00 –6:30pm Grace Café Happy Birthday, Dixie Wilker!	17	18
19 9:00 AM Worship	20 9:00 AM: Memorial Committee Happy Birthday, Michael Anderson!	21 Happy Birthday, Hazel Koehn!	22 5:30: Bell Choir 6:30: Choir Happy Birthday, Paula Pulz Ehrhardt!	23	24	25 Happy Birthday, Anita Moon!
26 9:00 AM Worship & Sunday School Hanging of the Greens after the Service Happy Birthday, Thelma Wilke!	27	28	29 5:30: Bell Choir 6:30: Choir	30 Happy Birthday, Maddi Buckman!		

December Tidings Deadline

December Tidings newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, November 20. Please submit updates and articles by this date. Please email: peaceucc@alpinecom.net or call 563-245 2126. Thanks for all your time and involvement in Peace UCC!

Christmas 4 Kids

Peace UCC will be collecting toys for Shepherd of the Hills Christmas 4 Kids campaign. Please consider dropping off a gift in the church office from now until Sunday, November 26th. After the Hanging of the Greens there will be a tree in the Narthex and gifts can be dropped off there. There will also be a giving tree with age appropriate gift ideas for you to take and bring back by Sunday, December 10. Thank you for your continued support of the children in this community. If you would like a referral for your children for Christmas 4 Kids, please reach out to the church at 563-245-2126 or email peaceucc@alpinecom.net.

September Council Minutes

Church Council minutes from September will be uploaded to our website: www.peacechurchelkader.org when they are available. Thank you!

Grace Café

October Grace Café served approximately 60 people with the help from St. Joes confirmation youth helping. We let them decide where any extra monies that were received over food cost go and we gave \$102 to the American Red Cross. Thank you for your help kids! On November 16th, 5-6:30pm, Grace Café will be going with a pre-Thanksgiving theme, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, peas, salad and pumpkin dessert. Come and join us! This meal is free for everyone, if you decide to donate, the funds received over food costs go towards our mission work at Peace Church. We will do carry outs within city limits and also take outs. Please call 564-245-2618 before noon on the 16th for delivery.

Christmas Baskets

Mark the date, on Sunday December 10th, after worship, we will be assembling our Christmas baskets for our care baskets. More information to come in our December tidings.



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS 4 KIDS DECEMBER 13-14

HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS SEASON

COLLECTING NEW TOYS & GIFTS

THRU DEC 11TH

**DROP-OFF DAYS:
DEC 7, 8 & 11**

**ST. OLAF AUDITORIUM
MAIN ST, ST OLAF IA**

****Families will need a referral for this event****

**FOR MORE INFORMATION : CALL 563-783-2409
OR EMAIL US : SHEPHILL@NEITEL.NET**

**PARTNERING WITH THE
LOCAL DUBUQUE CHAPTER**

TOYS FOR TOTS

Hanging of the Greens

It's time to make our beautiful church ready for the Christmas season! After worship on Sunday, November 26th, we will be putting up our Christmas decorations at Peace. Come and join us and we will put on some Christmas music and have coffee and fellowship while we hang the decorations. And then have a potluck when done! We can always use some people to direct the flow so come and supervise!





Attendance & Worship Offerings

October 1, 2023	45	\$2,778.00
October 8, 2023	50	\$1,875.00
October 15, 2023	65	\$2,337.00
October 22, 2023	68	\$855.00
October 29, 2023	Unknown at	Time of Printing

Greg Anderson, Gus Auguston, Diane B-H, Linda Cranston, Wayne F, Abby Folsom, Tom Gifford, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Nancy Kuehl, Marilyn Nielson, Ruth Olson, Jenny Olson, Floyd Possehl, Rachel, Sharon Reichart, Harry Robbins, Gloria Robbins, Joan Strauss

Sign up for Weekly Volunteer Opportunities by visiting our link at [SignUP.com](https://signup.com/go/GvtgeeP) or scan this QR Code
<https://signup.com/go/GvtgeeP>



Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

Inge Baumgartner, Karen Glesne, Connie Koehn, Marlene Marmann, Eydie Seeland, Elvera Palas

Bread for the Journey

Readings for 11/5-11/11

Josh 3:7-17 & Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 or Mic 3:5-12 & Ps 43
 1 Thess 2:9-13
Matt 23:1-12

Readings for 11/12-11/18

Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 & Ps 78:1-7 or Amos 5:18-24 & Ps 70
 1 Thess 4:13-18
Matt 25:1-13

Readings for 11/19-11/25

Judg 4:1-7 & Ps 123 or Zeph 1:7, 12-18 & Ps 90:1-12
 1 Thess 5:1-11
Matt 25:14-30

Readings for 11/26-12/3

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps 100 or Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps 95:1-7a
 Eph 1:15-23
Matt 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 2023 RESPONSIBILITIES

Acolyte		Usher/Greeter	
	NAME		Name
11/5	Kendall Wagner	11/5	Dean & Joanne Gray
11/12	Cooper & Maddie Burns	11/12	Sue Stott
11/19	Carter Miller	11/19	Ed & Melissa Patrick
11/26	Millie & Jonah Burns	11/26	Gerald & Arlene Reimer
Reader		Opening/Closing	
	NAME		NAME
11/5	Mary Webber	11/5	Dean & Joanne Gray
11/12	Ann McCorkindale	11/12	Carl & Laura Moser
11/19	Sue Stott	11/19	Sue Stott
11/26	Arlene Reimer	11/26	Nancy McClure
Fellowship		Food Shelf Donation Driver (1x per month)	
	NAME		NAME
11/5	Dean & Joanne Gray		
11/12	Volunteer Needed		
11/19	Mary Webber		
11/26	Volunteer Needed	11/30	Carl & Laura Moser
Communion Prep & Clean Up		Grace Café Meal Prep	
	NAME		NAME
11/5	Bruce Landis	11/16	Dean & Joanne Gray

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2023



Thank you all for your continued support of our Annual Hog Roast. I am in awe of the generous donations we received from businesses, churches and individuals. This is our biggest opportunity to raise money for the crisis fund and we as a team, knocked it out of the park!

Christmas for Kids is scheduled for December 13-14, 2023. Last year we blessed over 400 children with toys for Christmas. We are looking for donations of toys and or money for this event. If your church or business would like to do a collection drive, please let me know. All ages from NB-18 are eligible to participate as long as they have a referral. All of our events we have hosted this year has had a big increase of need so hopefully we can get enough donations to support the increase. All donations can be brought to the office at SOTH or to the auditorium now until December 6th. We will be setting up in the auditorium on December 7, 8 and 11th. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. We can do great things if we all work together.

CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

The construction project is done. It is beautiful and so inviting. If you are in the area, please take a look at it. Unfortunately, winter is knocking on our doors. With that in mind, I am only accepting fall and winter clothing. Please schedule your donation as this allows me to staff accordingly and to have the room for your donation. Without an appointment, I may not be able to accept your donation.

Clayton County Food Shelf Items for the Month: **Pie Fillings, Pudding, Jello, Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Dressing Mix**

Items Needed Every Month:

Canned food, paper goods, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, dish detergent, powdered laundry detergent, baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby powder, tuna, peanut butter, mac & cheese.

Needs:

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care. The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Christmas for Kids:
Dec 14-15, 2023

Any event may be subject to change

Shepherd of the Hills

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Shepherd Conference News:

We would like to recognize and congratulate Pastor Frank Johnson from EWALU on the celebration of his Ordination date of November 4, 2011.

(October 21, 2013)

PEACE CHURCH 100-YEAR CHALLENGE – SAVE THE DATES

“For where two or three (or 100?) are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew
18:20

Peace Church challenges you to “fill His house” on two Sunday services. As we celebrate our church building being **100** years old, can we fill it with **100** people or more? Let’s try on these two dates.

Sunday, November 12

Fill the church and join us for our Fall Festival Luncheon and the last day to bid on Silent Auction items. The chancel choir will be singing!

Sunday, November 19

Join us at our 100-Year Service celebrating our **100th** Anniversary of our church building. The bell choir will be playing!

The church services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please consider inviting a guest!

Will you ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE? We hope so!



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