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The mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to reach our community for Christ, develop disciples, and empower all people for ministry.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Tom Warren



On Sunday, June 5th, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday – the day when the Holy Spirit came into the early church (Acts 2:1–21). This was the so-called “birth-day” of the church, a day when lives were changed and priorities altered.

Pentecost is the day when people began to speak in different languages...and understand one another! It was a day when people from all different nations came together as one people and their differences were rendered moot. The Holy Spirit not only made people feel good and communicate clearly, but it also caused them to share freely (see Acts 2: 43–47) so that nobody among them had any need. Wow, what a moment!

The good news of Pentecost is that it was not a one time event. The in-breaking of the Holy Spirit can happen at any time in any place. It is a movement of God, the God (our God!) who cannot be restrained, controlled, or inhibited. God’s spirit moves where it will and thus we should always be prepared for the possibility of newness that comes with the winds of the Spirit.

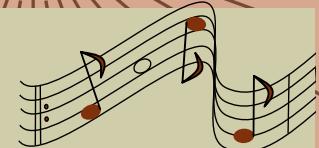
The Christian tradition has always believed that there are various spirits at work in the world. Indeed, even our secular culture affirms various expressions of spirit. There is “team spirit” at sports events; “school spirit” at pep rallies; there is the “Christmas spirit” during the holidays; and there are darker, more ominous spirits which often are cited at times of tragedy

and loss. Yet, Pentecost is altogether different, and perhaps is the primary spirit we need in our lives today.

So join us for a very special service of Pentecost on June 5th. We will worship, celebrate communion, welcome new members into our fellowship, sing wonderful hymns of the Spirit, and most of all, embrace the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. What a morning it will be!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

A NOTE FROM ELISABETH



It's hard to believe that summer is here again – officially beginning on June 21 st this year. June includes Pentecost Sunday, June 5th , and how wonderful to have a religious celebration in the middle of the year!

Jesus Himself said in John 15: 26–27: When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. (NIV)

And then in Acts: 1:8:
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (NIV)

We have the gift of the Holy Spirit from Jesus Himself. We have been given power to

witness for Him, and we are told by Jesus that we must testify.

One way to witness is through music and singing. Our hymns and worship music are inspired by God. Many have stories of specific spiritual meaning behind them coming from a Biblical passage or an experience with God. Please really read the words you sing and let the music speak to you and through you. Our songs are praise and prayer – let's worship and testify through them.

We also want to remember that June includes Father's Day (June 19th) and be grateful for our fathers or those who are father figures in our lives – being thankful for their love and all they taught us. (And, yes, this is what I said about mothers last month!)

Finally, as always in June, a reminder to pray for the safety and well-being of our children as they are out of school over the summer. It can be a very difficult time for some without the structure of the classroom. Let's pray they find meaningful activities, don't regress in their education, and have the food and physical necessities of life they need.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The mission of the month for June is Strengthen the Church! Here is more information about STC from the UCC website:

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering

reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.



- June 2nd – Roger True
- 3rd – Dustin Hittepole
- 4th – Jeff Hindson,
Hannah Summers &
John Syster
- 8th – Jean Morgan
- 9th – Susie Cressman
- 11th – Amanda Hindson
- 18th – Cassidy True
- 22nd – Ted Wilkinson
- 26th – Lyra Bowen
- 29th – Chris Case

HISTORY ROOM UPDATE

The renovation of the History Room is complete!! Cindy and Nora have placed the shelving in the bookcases. Darrell and Janie have installed the dehumidifier with a drain line to the outside. Rick, Mitch, Russ and Pastor Tom have moved the two antique cabinets and the pulpit, which was in the Church on Lee Street, into the room. A Howard Miller lighted curio cabinet has been ordered and will arrive the last of July.

The committee is so thankful that God has inspired, guided, and blessed us to get to the third stage of our effort. After the gathering and packing of the historical documents and artifacts, and the renovation of the room, we are ready to begin displaying materials. This will be the most difficult but rewarding part!

We are grateful for:

- a. The service and sacrifice of all the saints who have contributed to the building up of the Body of Christ at Peace, past and present;
- b. All the records and artifacts that have been preserved so that the story of Peace Church can be passed to future generations;
- c. All those who have contributed time, skill, creativity and money to this effort!

Since the last financial report, we have received two checks for \$500 each. The Curio cabinet cost \$2,236. We paid down \$1,050. We will owe \$1,186 when the

Cabinet arrives. We have \$796.91 left in our account and we will need materials for displaying also so contributions are still appreciated if you want to honor or remember someone.

Our goal for the History room is that:
As we celebrate our wonderful past and present, we will be inspired to rededicate ourselves to fulfilling the Vision of Peace Church into the future!

Thankfully,
The History Committee
Nora Norred
Cindy Spillers
Ava Chambers
Jeanne Bryan
Darrell and Janie Clark
Doris Yeattes
Larry Clapp
Pastor Tom Warren



PASTORS FOR PEACE
CUBA CARVAN
- JULY 9TH, 2022
12 Noon at Peace Church,
more info to come!



FATHER'S DAY IS COMING ON JUNE 19TH!

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the Father's Day bulletin insert this year. This is the perfect way to honor or remember your Dad and/or another Dad who means a lot to you. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex beginning May 29, along with a basket for donations or you can send your donation to the church office. Be sure to send information regarding who is being honored and by whom. The proceeds this year will go to our very own Love Fund, a fund used to help members and others when a special need arises.

Our Mother's Day bulletin proceeds this year went to A Room at the Inn, a local program for homeless, pregnant women. Thanks to the support from Peace Church members, we were able to send a check in the amount of \$655. THANK YOU to all who participated!

Treasurer's Report as of April 2022 for General Fund

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Offerings					
<u>4001</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>6,491.00</u>	<u>39,101.90</u>	<u>118,228.00</u>	<u>79,126.10</u>
<u>4003</u>	<u>Loose Offerings</u>	<u>227.00</u>	<u>477.30</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>22.70</u>
<u>4004</u>	<u>Initial offerings</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>
<u>4006</u>	<u>Non-Pledge Offerings</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>2,425.00</u>	<u>4000.00</u>	<u>1,575.00</u>
<u>4007</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>(14.99)</u>	<u>(14.99)</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>114.99</u>
<u>Total Offerings</u>		<u>\$7,178.01</u>	<u>\$41,989.21</u>	<u>\$122,828.00</u>	<u>\$88,838.79</u>

Sunday School paid \$14.99 for Zoom Lenten discussion series for Out of the Box

	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Rem.
<u>April 2022 Income Total</u>	<u>\$8,123.01</u>	<u>\$56,686.98</u>	<u>\$151,078.00</u>	<u>\$94,891.02</u>
<u>April Expenses Total</u>	<u>\$17,296.43</u>	<u>\$68,537.29</u>	<u>\$220,873.00</u>	<u>\$154,720.91</u>
<u>April Income-Expenses:</u>	<u>- \$9,173.42</u>	<u>- \$11,850.31</u>	<u>- \$69,795.00</u>	

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

These are the proposed Mission and Vision Statements for Peace United Church of Christ. They will be discussed, reflected upon, and voted on by the congregation later in the summer. Pay attention for announcements of voting dates.

Statement of Vision:

Peace United Church of Christ is a community of people who strive to be living examples of the teachings, ethics, and values of Jesus Christ.

Statement of Mission:

The people of Peace United Church of Christ are called by God to:

- Teach and embrace the ethics of Jesus through worship, study, and prayer.
- Invite, welcome, and love all people into our fellowship.
- Practice good stewardship of our church, our community, and our environment.
- Promote the healing and well-being of the human family through acts of mission and justice.