



Peace United Methodist Church  
Pastor Mickey Olson  
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### Peace UMC Mission

Peace in our Communities,  
offering healing and  
wholeness to all in life's  
journey.

# The Methodist Messenger

## June 2020

### Church Office

Hours: Thursday-Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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### Worship Schedule

**10:00 AM** Peace UMC  
303 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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**Note:** Communion is the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### Our Staff

Pastor	Rev. Mickey Olson
Youth Coordinator	McKenzie Fossell
PORCH Director	Rachel Bodas
Administrative Assistant	Joan Schriber
Music Director	Jeanene Hagberg
Choir Accompanist	Char Cremers
Nursery Attendant	
Custodian	Jerry Anderson

### Thought for the month:

Colossians 1:5

You have this faith and love because of  
the hope reserved for you in heaven. You  
previously heard about this hope through  
the true message, the good news,



I was raised by a worrier. My Mother worried excessively about everything. We used to tease her and call her OSHA-Mel when she tried to impose her worries on our lives. Because of that I have tried to not be a worrier, to boldly take risks in my life. But, I have to say, this Covid crisis is making me worry. I worry about myself getting sick, I worry about my husband. I am very worried about my pregnant daughter -in-law. Mostly I am worried about the church and everyone of you. As I make plans to reopen on a limited basis, I worry who might feel left out. I worry what to do if more people show up than the allowed capacity. I worry that we might be the center of an outbreak. I read about a church in Calgary that allowed a celebration for a church member and 41 people got sick and two died. There is no way to go back from that. So, I will be operating out of an excess of caution. ( My Mother would be proud.) I will not open until I feel it is safe to do so. In conjunction with the Bishop and a discussion and a vote by our AD-council the decision is to remain closed through June. When we do return, I will require the use of masks and social distancing. Should the numbers go dramatically down we will re-evaluate and ad-council will meet again the last week in June. I know how difficult it is to not worship together and I too mourn on Sunday morning. Still I think an abundance of caution is the right choice.

We have been blessed to have the skills of Darwin Alar to tape and edit our services. He produces a quality product and many are watching us on television and through our website. We are also blessed by the lively music provided by Shannon Gunderson. We are planning to live stream through Facebook but at this time it is impossible to get the equipment needed. So, for the time being we will continue to have videotaped services.

I thank you for your prayers, for your continued stewardship, for the notes, and for your positive and uplifting attitude when I call. I look forward to a time when we can all be together again to worship and have a donut together. In the meantime- what do you feel God doing in our lives and in our communities at this time? How will we be changed by this experience and how will the church be changed? God is doing a new thing in our midst. We will know God's presence and be blessed.

Wild Blessings,

~Pastor Mickey

#### PASTORAL CARE

Please Pastor Mickey if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

**Pastoral Calls:**

E-mail: [pastor@peaceumc.us](mailto:pastor@peaceumc.us)

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 6-Darwin Alar

June 11-Duane Cremers

June 13-Amy Teasck

June15-Gail Smith

June 23-Jonathan Crain

June 23-Joann Martinson

June 27-Chris Hagberg

June 29-Mark Hedlund

## OFFICE NOTES

**BOOKS:** With the local libraries closings remember the "Free Little Library" outside the church.

**CAMP MINNESOTA-2020:** Cancelled for 2020

**ERRAND ASSISTANCE:** Three people have volunteered to assist with picking up groceries for the home bound. Contact Pastor Mickey should you need this service.

**MISSED GETTING HAIRCUTS:** Has your hair grown long? I have grown my hair long (ten inches) twice and donated to "Locks of Love" although there are other organizations as well. Locks of Love makes wigs for kids under age 21 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

**UPDATES:** With the rapidly changing circumstances the "Peaceumc.us" web site, Peace United Methodist Facebook page, and the outdoor sign will have the most up to date information.

## UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS STATUS

In conjunction with the Bishop's advice and the Ad-Councils approval we will remain closed until July.

## JUST A REMINDER

**OFFICE HOURS:** Joan and I will be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays 9:00 am-1:00 pm this month. You may come to the church if you need something or wish to talk to the Pastor. The door will be locked and we will let you in. Please wear a mask.

**FROM FINANCE-** In these trying and challenging times, please do not forget your financial commitment to the church. Checks can be mailed to the church. We will give thanks to God for your faithful stewardship.

## MISSIONS

As our church has always been concerned with outreach to our community, it is no surprise that members are asking what can we do to help during Covid 19. There is a real concern children may be going hungry this summer with all the loss of employment, and the uncertainty when or if jobs will return. If you would like to donate, the Missions Committee will work with the United Way Buddy Back Pack program and with Bill's House, local shelter that helps people in need that come to their door, Please make your check to Peace UMC and write Missions in the "For" line of your check. You can also specify either program if you have a preference.

We know it is going to be a long haul before we return to some type of "normalcy". If you have suggestions for other ways we can do community outreach during these difficult times, please contact Pam Omersa by email at [pamomersa@gmail.com](mailto:pamomersa@gmail.com). The Missions Committee will consider all ideas received, and we will update you in the next newsletter. Stay safe while we look forward to the time when we can worship together again.

**QUAD CITY FOOD SHELF: (256 pounds)** The food donations sitting on the shelves were boxed up and taken to Quad City Food Shelf, many homes will be served with this donation.