



Peace United Methodist Church
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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 2022

Church Office

Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792

Note: 1st Sunday of each month is
Communion Sunday

Our Staff

Pastor
Pastor
PORCH Director
Administrative Assistant
Custodian

Rev. Mickey Olson
Rev. Rob Kopp
Rachel Bodas
Joan Schriber

Thought for the month: Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ Instead, we are God's accomplishment,
created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God
planned for these good things to be the way
that we live our lives.



From the
Pastor

Ecclesiastes tells us: "There is a time for every purpose under heaven." This is our time to say goodbye. When we think about goodbyes, we often find they are a time of reminiscing. We trot out the photos both physical and in our minds. The snapshots of

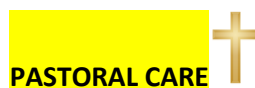
our life together. I have so many happy memories of our ten years together.

Last week I sat on the stage for the retirement ceremony. It just didn't seem real. My Friend Beth (who is retiring also) was sitting next to me. She looked over and asked if I was alright? I said no. This just feels wrong. There is no changing my mind at this point. Everything is in place for me to leave and for your new pastor to come. That moment on the stage was my real, real.

This week I am celebrating my last communion with you and performing my last baptism. This is as real as it gets. Two more sermons to write, two more worship services. It seems like when I told you I was leaving in January that time sped up.

Maybe it won't be real for you yet. Maybe the last Sunday will be the real, real. I know I will miss you, each and every one of you. I will pray for you and for your new pastor. May you bless him as much as you have blessed me. And now it is time with this final newsletter reflection to say..... Goodbye.

With Love, Pastor Mickey



PASTORAL CARE

Please notify the Church Office (218-741-7739) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

Pastoral Calls: 218-343-6849

E-mail: pastor@werpeaceumc.com

FIX IT FELLOWSHIP

It's getting to that time of year, or at least it should be, when lawns need raking and small projects need doing. If you would like some help, pick up a form at the office (or request one mailed to you), fill it out and return it. We will get in touch with you to make arrangements.

MISSIONS

Missions held its last meeting until August, hoping to take time to enjoy a beautiful summer. We do have some activities planned to keep us busy.

Meet Up and Chow Down is a project of United Way that provides bag lunches during the summer at various sites. We will be volunteering at Olcott Park at noon on Thursdays during June and August. If interested in helping, please contact Terry Hilar at 780-0149.

August 2nd is National Night Out. Our church previously had a good number of volunteers who helped serve hundreds of hot dogs. We will again be volunteering. Stay tuned for more information. Wednesday August 24 will be the second annual Rock the Block party held in conjunction with Gethsemane. As plans start coming together, we will keep you informed how you can be involved. Please get in touch with Lois Lackner or Pam Omersa with your questions.

Our rummage sale was very successful, raising approximately \$1,900 to be used for mission outreach. Though successful, it was also a big undertaking and exhausting. We do not have plans for another sale in the foreseeable future, so the church will not be accepting any donations. Thanks for all your previous donations and to all the volunteers who helped make it a success.

Our next meeting will be at noon on August 10. We'd be happy if you would like to join us.

Wild blessings,
Barb, Becky, Betsy, Connie, Terry and Pam

NAME TAGS

It is suggested all wear name tags for a while when Pastor Rob begins June 26th. If you are in need of a name tag please contact the office before Friday, June 10th.

PASTORAL NEEDS

You are preparing to welcome a new pastor, and Rob Kopp will be a great pastor for you. I will no longer be your pastor and cannot perform funerals, weddings, baptisms, or pastoral care for you. That is the ministry of your new pastor. Call him when you have needs for care. Let him know if you need a visit or are in the hospital. Stop in and visit with him. Welcome him into your lives. Thank you, Pastor Mickey

WORSHIP HELPERS

Worship Helper Schedule Change

Due to the pastoral change, the August through December worship helper schedule will be sent out in July.

WORSHIP

HELP WANTED:

The Worship Commission is looking for people willing to be Communion Stewards.

Hourly wage: Zero

Time involved: Approximately an hour and a half of your time once or twice a year Skills needed: Ability to cut bread into tiny squares and pour juice/water into tiny cups Additional benefits: Our undying gratitude and the knowledge that you've helped provide a wonderful service to fellow worshipers No age limit. Training provided. No background check will be done. Sign-up sheet in the library.

WORSHIP TIMES

**As a reminder: Worship will be at 10:00 am for June.
Sunday, July 3rd worship will switch to 10:30 am.**

BIRTHDAYS

June Birthdays

5 – Jonathan Benz
13 – Amy Teasck
23 – Jonathan Crain
29 – Mark Hedlund

6 – Darwin Alar
15 – Gail Smith
23 – Joann Martinson

11 – Duane Cremers
19 – David Kralich
27 – Chris Hagberg

July Birthdays

2 – Kenneth Evenson
7 – Lois Lackner
10 – Brad Bennett
15 – Kathy Krog
18 – Griffin Roen
22 – Rita Bodas
28 – Jim Nelson

6 – Olin Lundgren
7 – Jordanna Newman
11-Silje Branville
18 – Catherine Branville
19 – Kathy Oliver
24 – Jean Stanaway
29 – Don Lackner

7 – Becky Hanson
9 – Fay Siers
11 – Connie Rabideaux
18 – Julie Johnson
20 – Mary Williams
27 – Shelley Aho

If your or a family member's birthday is not listed or is incorrect, Please let the Office know
(218-741-7739)

PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILT GROUP

Prayer wraps (shawls) are available for anyone in need of comfort and prayers.