

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Family Worship 10:15 a.m.

PASTOR'S PAGE....

When I first contemplated Sabbatical, I had dreams. Such big dreams. I was going to travel. I was going to meditate for two hours every day. I was going to write the next great American novel. I was going to single-handedly solve the problems of world hunger. Okay, my ideas were not that grandiose, but I was so caught up in the idea of *doing* and not so mindful of what *being* meant. It was through the wisdom of others who had been on Sabbatical, and the counsel of a husband who knows me well, that I narrowed my scope to focused readings and learning's on racial inequality and a few small trips and a great deal of time and space built around having unscheduled time to simply see where the Spirit would lead.

And the greatest learning I had, was how rich and deep and powerful this fallow time can be. I spent hours on my front porch, whole days either reading or staring at the woods. I took long meandering walks and while I got to explore new places like Asheville, North Carolina, and return to old favorite places like Denver, Colorado and Chapman Lake here in Indiana, I found my soul was richer for the time I spent deliberately *not doing* and just *being*. I learned to live in the present moment in a heightened way. And in that focusing on the present, I found God at every turn.

One of the quotes that I read in my time away was from the writer Etty Hillesum, a woman who fought in the resistance against the rise of Nazi Germany and ultimately paid the price for it with her life dying in a concentration camp. In spite of the horrors around her, though, she remained fixed on finding what joy she could in the present. She wrote these words and they have guided my thoughts in the past month, "We have to fight them daily, like fleas, those many small worries about the morrow, for they sap our energies...The things that have to be done must be done, and for the rest we must not allow ourselves to become infest with thousands of petty fears and worries, so many motions of no confidence in God. Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will be in our troubled world."

As I return to pastoral ministry, I bring with me a deeper peace than I have had in years. My prayer is that together, as a congregation, that we might deepen our congregational sense of peace, it is after all how we are named, right? And with that deepening peace, that we may share that peace with our world.

Thank you all for your support of me, for your prayers, for your tender sending out, and for your welcoming me home.

Pastor Christen

Foods Resource Bank Joint Worship with Pleasant Chapel

A reminder that on August 19th we will have our combined worship at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren at 10:00 a.m. There will be **NO SERVICE** in our building that morning. After worship we will gather for a carry-in lunch. Peace members have been invited to bring **desserts** for the meal. If you would like to car-pool to Ashley, you can meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and travel along with others. Directions to the church can be provided if need be!



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Please keep the following friends and families in your prayers:

We hold in prayer ***Dennis Bowan***, his father Dale passed away on July 17th.

Thank you to all of our friends at Peace Church. In our time of loss you have granted us *peace and healing* through your kind words and deeds. *We are forever grateful.*
Sharon Lewellyn, Amy Barrett and the rest of our family following the death of my husband Ron Lewellyn.



Continuing Prayers: *Clare Walter, Sharon Lewellyn & Amy Barrett and family, Dorothy Jernigan, Vivian Albert, Nate Ross and Judy Miller*
And we hold in prayer all those concerns that remain unspoken...

We celebrate new life:- Charlotte Jane was born on May 31st, to Scott & Kim Bowland.
Proud grandparents are Kevin & Bekki Vail



Peace Crafters will be meeting every other month. We welcome anyone who would like to make cards, knit, crochet or do any other craft.

For 2018, we will be meeting on **Saturday August 4th** and **Saturday October 6th** from 9:30 am till 3:30 pm. in the Fellowship Hall and various materials and tools will be available during that time. If you would like to learn something or teach something, please join us.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for Cleanup After the Coffee Hour on the kitchen bulletin board. (I feel like we need to add an "E" word to the end so it can be abbreviated to CACHE. What about Everyone?)



Peace Children and Youth News

Peace Youth, Children, and Christian Education News

Children's Church

- Children's church will resume in September! We are looking for a volunteer to teach once a month. If you're interested, please be in touch with Nikki Shaw.

TEAM Peace

- Look for news from Lorie Krouse or Bekki Vail soon about the TEAM Peace calendar for the fall. We love having our children and youth meet with us after worship for arts and fellowship.

Nursery

- We are looking for new nursery volunteers. Maybe you're a parent who makes use of the nursery during worship and you'd be willing to donate one Sunday a month to staff the nursery? Or maybe you're someone who takes great joy caring for our babies and toddlers and would be willing to be on nursery duty once a month.

Youth News

- Youth Group will resume in the fall, beginning with the second Sunday in September. We'll meet after worship from 11:30-1, every second Sunday, unless otherwise noted on the Youth Group schedule, which is coming soon to an email inbox near you! All youth members in middle and high school are welcome.
- We will plan an opening youth fellowship event in September to kick off the year. If you're interested in accompanying us to an escape room event, contact Nikki Shaw.

Adult Sunday School

- We will be coordinating with Pastor Christen to plan upcoming Adult Sunday school meetings. More details to come in late August.

If you have questions, or want to volunteer or participate in any of our youth, children, or adult education events, please contact our Christian Education Director, Nikki Shaw (nicoleleighshaw@gmail.com or call/text 617-512-8692).

Peace Church Mission Statement:

Peace United Church of Christ is a family of God's people who strives daily to demonstrate Christian witness in the community by celebrating worship, learning and teaching, caring for others and seeking justice and peace. As an open and affirming congregation, our door is open to all.

- Pastor: Christen Pettit Miller
- Director of Christian Education: Nikki Shaw
- Administrative Assistant: Susan Tite
- Organist: Dennis Bowman
- Director of Celebration Choir: Jan Reams
- Director of Angelus Bells: Rochelle Starnes
- Director of Children’s Music: Lorie Krouse
- Children’s Nursery School Director: Tonja Ashton



MAGAZINES.....It is our practice to bring in magazines to the church office for Lutheran Hospital. A volunteer collected a huge amount a few weeks ago and wanted to pass on their thanks and appreciation for our generous supply we had. *Thank You!!!*

August~~~Birthdays

Judy Miller	3	Linn Bartling	14
Roger Miller	4	Kenton Clark	15
Lois Hess	5	Ian Dikeolakos	16
Roger Doll	7	Heather Blasius	17
Joyce Blosser	8	Jillian Shaw	24
Gary Dexheimer	9	Lydia Shaw	24
Aidan Rivera	11	Wesley Brooks	24
Lorie Krouse	12	Richard Thayer	26
Megan Salzmman	13	Tim Shaw	27
Judy Hogg	13	Mike Vandenburg	29



Associated Churches Mission House SW Food Bank

In an effort to reinvigorate our undertaking to support folks in need within our SW area I would like us to continue to donate items like containers of peanut butter and jelly, box foods like macaroni or canned goods. These can be placed in the wagon within the narthex.

The Mission House does not pick up and they operate on a very limited schedule. I needed to find someone that was willing to deliver the received items at least monthly. My wife Becky has agreed to do this at least through the summer and early fall months. If anyone is interested and has the time, please let me know. There is an amazing and often unexpected need within our immediate area for assistance and often the demand is greater than what the Mission House can provide.

Thanks,

Gary Dexheimer

Faithful Giving as of June 30, 2018

Month	Faithful Giving Actual YTD	Faithful Giving Budget YTD	YTD Over/(Under)	Current Bank Balance
June	84,196	87,700	(3,504)	18,728
May	73,240	73,668	(448)	35,354
April	57,283	57,882	(599)	34,952
March	49,414	43,850	5564	29,812

HEAD USHERS FOR AUGUST - FRAN & ANN FRELICK

GREETERS:

Aug. 5 Chris Campbell & Bekki Vail
Aug. 12 Denny & Bev Hauptert
Aug. 19 Worship at Pleasant Chapel
Aug. 26 Mike & Rise Vandenburg

SCRIPTURE READER

Aug. 5 Brian Thomas
Aug. 12 Samantha D.
Aug. 19 At Pleasant Chapel
Aug. 26 Traci Rivera

INFANT CARE

Aug. 5 John Paul Rivera
Aug. 12 Jane Thomas
Aug. 19 No Child Care
Aug. 26 Ann Frellick

OFFERING COUNTERS

Aug. 5 Mike Krouse & Marilyn Nussbaum
Aug. 12 Bev Hauptert & Larry Hoyle
Aug. 19 At Pleasant Chapel
Aug. 26 Kim Brown & Beth Ring

ACOLYTES

Peace Youth

CHURCH BOARD



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