

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

Peace United Church of Christ 9123 Aboite Center Rd 260-432-8290

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Adult Sunday school 9:00am

Worship 10:15am



Dear Peace Family and Friends,

It was Henry David Thoreau who once wrote, "Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders."

Peace Church was a mere seed that was planted in the fertile soil of Aboite township in the late 1970s. Slowly, that seed was tended and watered and in 1977 Peace signed a charter to officially establish itself as a church which would open its arms to all and offer the love of Christ to those both near and far. In 1978 a sanctuary was built, and little by little, year after year, that seed grew into a sapling and became a tree which nourishes projects like The Children's Nursery School, and Crossroad Children's Home, and Growing Hope Globally (formerly known as Foods Resource Bank), and The Rescue Mission, and Our Church's Wider Mission. Peace is a tree, deeply rooted, which offers shelter and shade for not only our members and friends, but which reaches out its branches to grow and provide opportunity and hope in ever widening ways.

We continue to root ourselves in the rich soil of God's love, to gather for worship, to provide Christian education for both our children and adults, to listen to preaching and teaching, and to offering support to one another. We benefit from the seed planted by our founders. But, we have to continue to water and prune the tree that is Peace Church. We have to care for both its roots and anticipate the ways in which it will grow and bloom.

As stewardship Sunday approaches on November 11, you have the chance to contribute to the growth of Peace United Church of Christ. Your commitment and financial support allow us to continue growing and reaching out. Your financial contribution is vital in keeping our branches strong.

Our founders have entrusted us with this ministry and mission. Together, may we expect great wonders in the name of Christ.

In peace,

Mike Krouse, Board President, Peace UCC



A reminder to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 3rd. So you will wake at the correct time for Sunday worship on November 4th.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Please keep these people who we love in your prayers.

Mike Vandenburg, recovering from outpatient surgery and recovering at home.

Dean Pfister, still receiving Hospice care but transferred to Sage Bluff.

Roger Miller, recovering from back surgery at home.

Christina Ryan Perkins and Matthew Coppola at the death of Christina's brother **Paul Ryan** this past week in Nashville, Tennessee.

Robert Pettit and family on the passing of his sister **Lois Stanley**. Services were held in San Angelo, Texas on October 19th.

Continuing Prayers: *Jack & Alice Sell, Vivian Albert, Helen Donnell, Karen Masterson, Randy Metzger, Ruth Squadrito, Julie Tompkins and Nate Ross.*

And we hold in prayer all those concerns that remain unspoken...

BELATED DIAPER SHOWER

A diaper shower is coming in November. It is belated because Loretta Elizabeth Pasquale was born on September 1, 2018. But, as she is only two months old, she still prefers diapers.

Loretta is the daughter of Emily and Joe Pasquale, she joins big sister Anica and brother Primo. Proud grandparents are Carl and Beth Ring.

So, add some two month old or larger, girl diapers to your shopping cart and come to enjoy a Beth Ring cake on November 11.





Peace Youth, Children, and Christian Education News

Children's Church

- We are looking forward to the end of our fall curriculum in November and the beginning of winter and the season of Advent in December. Here's what to look forward to this month:
 - **November 4**, in Mark 12:28-34, we learn that our first commandment is to love God with heart, soul, and mind. Can you and your kids come up with an example each of what it means to love God with your heart, then your soul, then your mind?
 - **November 11**, in this story from Mark 12:38-44, the widow (who was quite poor) gives all she has to the church. It might be a good story to talk about the difference between being nice (perhaps giving one penny to charity when you have 100 pennies) and being kind (perhaps giving 99 pennies to charity when you have 100). Read the story at home; you can look it up on BibleGateway.com. The version we use in Children's Church is the NRSV.
 - **November 18**, the Temple in Jerusalem wasn't just a regular synagogue (that's the Jewish word for a church). The Temple was the most sacred place in the Jewish world. Inside of it was the Holy of Holies, the place where God was present. Talk with children about the places that are holy in their lives.
 - **November 25**, this week's Scripture lesson is on John 18:33-37. In this story Pontius Pilate accuses Jesus of being the King of the Jews. We call this Sunday Christ the King Sunday. But for Christians that means dies on the cross, not that he is given a throne on earth. What kind of "kingdom" do you think Jesus might be king of?

TEAM Peace

- TEAM Peace (Together Everyone in Arts and Music) is meeting every 1st-3rd Sunday immediately after worship for children's choir for approximately 30-45 minutes. On the 4th Sunday, all children are welcome to join TEAM Peace for a special craft/arts event, immediately after worship for one hour. If you would like to know more about TEAM Peace, contact Lorie Krouse (mkrouse@comcast.net) or Bekki Vail (bvail@sacs.k12.in.us).

Nursery

- If you need the nursery volunteer schedule, contact Nikki Shaw.

Youth News

- Youth Group will be meeting for the **third meeting of the year on November 11, 11:30-1 pm**. Bring a snack to share!

- The theme of the year for youth group is Help, Thanks, Wow. This month we'll wrap up the help focus. Our guiding Scripture this fall has been Mark 1:11 "And a voice from heaven said, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.'"

Adult Sunday School

- Adult Sunday school continues to meet with Pastor Christen, who is leading a reading and discussion group on White Privilege, based on her study and reflection over sabbatical. This is a 12-session class.
- Nikki Shaw is looking to launch a weekly Scripture study that meets once a week in the evenings. Those who cannot attend in person will be able to attend via video conference. If you're interested in getting updates on this Scripture study, contact Nikki (info below).

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).

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come and enjoy a breakfast of donuts and juice on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00AM to 10:30AM. The children will be able to sit on Santa's lap and parents can take their picture and shop for their loved ones in the Santa Gift Shop. **The cost is \$4.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.**

You can grab a registration form for Breakfast with Santa from the rack at the back of the church sanctuary, or you can visit the Peace web site at http://peaceucc.net/?post_type=cpt_events&p=716 and download the form there.

RSVP to the church office 432-8290 by Thursday, November 29th.

We are need of volunteers! Please prayerfully consider helping in the following ways:

- *Buying gifts for the Santa Shop
 - *Ordering, picking up, and delivering donuts to church
 - *Santa and elves
 - *Someone to organize clean up and money counting
- Please contact Nikki Shaw at nicoleleighshaw@gmail.com or by calling/texting 617-512-8692.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are no longer collecting cans here at the church, due to Habitat not having volunteers to collect them. Please continue saving your empty cans and drop them off at Summit Middle School parking lot, you can see the container from Homestead Road.



Peace, in partnership with Pleasant Chapel in Ashley, IN, and our newest partner, Plymouth Congregational Church, have raised an incredible \$165,943 in eleven years for Growing Hope Globally (formerly Foods Resource Bank)!

We've served 3017 people with that fundraising. The areas we've most recently served are Haiti Northwest and Guatemala Nebaj Quetzaltenango. At the Harvest Celebration on October 20 at Pleasant Chapel, we husked corn from the very fields that are the source of this great bounty of charity. What a wonderful mission; what impactful results! Learn more about Growing Hope Globally at <https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>.

Associated Churches Mission House SW Food Bank

Our collection theme for the next couple of months will be cans of soup and crackers. You can also donate any type of paper goods.

Thank You !



Christmas Bazaar at Peace Church

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 to 3:00. There will be many tables of craft items. You can also purchase a light lunch and homemade baked goods. If you would like to make some of your favorite goodies, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

We will need volunteers to help set up tables on Friday, November 9th, starting at 4:00pm. Also help taking down tables when the Bazaar is finished on the Saturday.

Proceeds from the table rental, baked goods and lunches will go to support the **Growing Hope Globally**.

Please sign-up on the form in the fellowship hall by the kitchen.
Any questions please call Diana West 431-7183
Thank you!



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.

November~~~Birthdays

Jan Reams	1
Audrey Pick	3
Heidi Thomas	4
Thom Moore	6
Penny Starnes	6
Steve Leslie	7
Brian Thomas	7
Luke Starnes	12
Aryn Thomas	12
LeAnn Doll	17
Diana West	17
Lowell Beineke	20
Joshua Dunn	21
Charlotte Tompkins	22
Brad Thomas	30



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 Ministries: Lorie Krouse & Bekki Vail
Children's Nursery School Director: Lisa Wietlisbach

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, after church we will have the annual Peace Cookie Carry In.

Cookie Baker's Get Ready! Start thinking about your favorite Christmas cookie recipes.

It's simple, bring in two, three, four or more dozen of your favorite cookies & after service come in and fill up a container with an assortment for a donation.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information.

So start looking for those favorite recipes!



OCTOBER TREASURER REPORT PEACE UCC OCTOBER 2018

Financial Status with **75%** of the year completed, through September 30, 2018:

- Income is at 77% of budget
- Expenses are at 90% of budget

Three Year Comparison

	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2016
Checking Acct Balance	\$13,106	\$15,250	\$27,176
Faithful Giving	122,274	115,058	118,475
Income	161,232	155,144	199,857*
Expenses	194,797	185,590	201,545
Surplus/Deficit	-35,064	-30,446	-1,688

*transfer of \$55,714

Topics Discussed at October Meeting

- Faithful Giving is at 70% of budget short \$9276 up from \$4653 last month. Looking for it to rebound by October 7th.
- Limit spending for remainder of year. Expenses are at 90% of budget up from 83% last month.
- Health Insurance rates are changing. So far, costs are down \$4000 from last year.

Comparison of Checking Account Balances for 2016, 2017, and 2018

2018	Balance	% inc/dec	2017	Balance	% inc/dec	2016	Balance	% inc/dec
Jan	52,028	35% inc	Jan	46,995	3% inc	Jan	61,462	31% inc
Feb	53,091	2% inc	Feb	36,620	22% dec	Feb	35,101	43% dec
Mar	30,303	43% dec	Mar	23,423	36% dec	Mar	27,353	22% dec
Apr	33,680	11% inc	Apr	28,258	21% inc	Apr	30,903	13% inc
May	35,948	7% inc	May	30,111	7% inc	May	36,326	18% inc
June	25,665	29% dec	June	22,493	25% dec	June	34,075	6% dec
July	22,360	13% dec	July	25,340	13% inc	July	33,195	3% dec
Aug	18,604	17% dec	Aug	17,911	29% dec	Aug	33,647	1% inc
Sep	13,106	30% dec	Sept	15,250	15% dec	Sept	27,864	17% dec
Oct			Oct	29,074	91% inc	Oct	34,394	23% inc
Nov			Nov	39,261	35% inc	Nov	40,357	17% inc
Dec			Dec	38,575	2% dec	Dec	45,598	13% inc

Submitted by Kim Brown and Rise Vandenburg



HEAD USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: DENNY & BEV HAUPERT

GREETERS

Nov. 4 Mallory Family
Nov. 11 Dodie Graham & Rosanne Thayer
Nov. 18 Vucich Family
Nov. 25 George & Linn Bartling

SCRIPTURE READER

Nov. 4 Evan Mallory
Nov. 11 Jen Dunn
Nov. 18 Paul McGrath
Nov. 25 Jan Reams

INFANT CARE

Nov. 4 Jane Thomas
Nov. 11 Kim Brown
Nov. 18 Charlotte Tompkins
Nov. 25 Barb Bauer

ACOLYTES

Peace Youth

OFFERING COUNTERS

Nov. 4 Mike Krouse & Marilyn Nussbaum
Nov. 11 Bev Haupert & Larry Hoyle
Nov. 18 George Bartling & Rise Vandenburg
Nov. 25 Kim Brown & Beth Ring

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CHURCH BOARD



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Children's Nursery School

October felt like July in the beginning of the month, but now as I write this I'm sure we are not far away from the first snowflakes of the season... Our students braved the wind and cold to go on our annual fall walks. The classrooms then spent time observing their findings and creating unique pieces of art.

We had a fun filled week of Harvest Days. The children enjoyed pumpkins muffins with cider and stories read by Renee Moore. We culminated our special day with a hayride around the parking lot of the school.

Our annual cookie dough fundraiser begins on Friday October 26th. Orders need to be turned in by November 14th. Delivery is set for December 5th. Please stop by the Nursery School Office if you would like an order form.

Parent/teacher conferences are set for November 19th-20th. There will be no preschool classes those days, so the teachers can meet individually with parents. The nursery school will be closed November 21st-23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

We are truly blessed to be a part of this school and have thankful hearts for the support we receive from all of you.

Lisa Wietlisbach

Director



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS.



If you would like to have a poinsettia plant in the sanctuary this coming Christmas season, orders will be placed on Thursday, November 29th. The cost is \$12.00 for a 6" pot with foil.

We will decorate the sanctuary ready for Sunday, December 23rd and we ask that you leave your poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service and then you can take your plant home.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen.

Hanging of the Greens!

Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm to 8 pm -ish.
Come and go as you can. All are invited to decorate the interior (Narthax and Sanctuary) church for the Advent Season.

Dinner and Childcare will be provided and there will be crafts for the children!

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

