

TIDINGS

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*“Peace United Church of Christ
is a multigenerational community
of faith.*

*We welcome people of all ages,
races, and life situations to join
us*

*in our calling to serve as the
hands and feet of Christ.”*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry Commissioning Recap

October 9, 2022 What a glorious day to celebrate Peace United Church of Christ Stephen Ministry Commissioning of Stephen Leader Gwen Dettbarn and to recognize of this ministry to our church family!

The service was filled with meaning. From the choir's powerful anthem, Heaven Bound; the hymn, Spirit of Gentleness; the children's sermon about a man with leprosy; our church family, with their prayers and concerns for one another; the very inspirational message, "God Speaks in Us and Through Us" by Pastor Mark who included Stephen in his sermon; as well as our Church Council who participated in the vows of support; and, of course, our very dedicated Stephen Ministers and those training to be part of providing care to our members. I especially want to recognize them as they have done so much. This ministry would be nothing without them. From our first trained Leaders: Jane Metcalf, Linda Cranston, Betty Buchholz, Jenny Koresh, Shane & Robin Estes, Fran Derhammer, and Gwen Dettbarn. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for their service over the years.

We appreciate former Stephen Ministers: Donna Buckman, Dale Hein, Mary Webber, Ardis White, Joyce Hoth, Shirley Lindell, Sharon Halverson, Linda Glesne, Karen Dennler, Tom Sandersfeld, Ruth Goings, Karisa McHugh, Les Tappan, Joe Hulbert, Dorothy Hulbert, Peggy Bronson, Kathy Bentley, Kate Bente, Harold Griffith, Ruby Fry, Kathy Jokumsen, Paul Sipe, and John & Pat Cantwell.

And current Stephen Ministers who continue sharing their love and concern for us all: Gwen Dettbarn, Sharon Seney, Jane Metcalf, Sue Stott, Hila Garms, Marliyn Nielsen, Janice Possehl, Arlene Reimer, Laura Moser, Carol Muyres, and Fran Derhammer.

Finally, a big thank you to Tom Gifford and Elaine Knoke-Martin who are in training now to serve you.

If you have received support from a Stephen Minister, thank you for letting us care for you.

We are honored that you have allowed us to be there for you. We remember always that we are the CARE GIVERS. GOD IS THE CUREGIVER. In fact, you are all Stephen Ministers in your own way. When you listen, truly listen to a hurting person, you are halfway there.

Of course, the day wouldn't have been complete without the lovely fellowship and refreshments in Herbster Hall, made and served by Stephen Ministers, including several choices of bundt cakes. Thanks to all for celebrating a truly beautiful day on a very busy weekend in Elkader.

We pray for your continued support and we encourage you to look into your heart about becoming a Stephen Minister.

Go in peace and know we are here to help and you are loved. I will end this with the title of our final hymn, Here I Am, Lord, Is It I Lord?

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Open Monday thru Fridays from 9am to noon	* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings	1 Office Closing Early (10:15)	2 9am: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study 6:30-Choir Practice & Confirmation	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 9:00 am Worship Daylight Savings Fall Back	7 4:00pm: Stephen's Ministry Meeting	8	9 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study 6:30-Choir Practice & Confirmation	10 2pm: Peacemakers	11 9:30am: Memorial Committee Meeting	12
13 9:00 am Worship with Communion Sunday School	14 Office Closing Early (11:30am) 5:30pm: Church Council	15 Office Closing Early (11:00)	16 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study 6:30-Choir Practice & Confirmation	17 1:30pm Care Center 5:00 -6:30pm Grace Café	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship Hanging the Greens	21	22	23 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study 6:30-Choir Practice & Confirmation	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:00 am: Worship Sunday School Advent Begins	28	29	30 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study 6:30-Choir Practice & Confirmation			

December Tidings Deadline

November Tidings newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, November 23rd. Please submit updates and articles by this date. Please email: peaceucc@alpinecom.net or call 563-245 2126 Thanks for all your time and involvement in Peace UCC!

Hanging of the Greens!

We will be “Hanging the Greens” on Sunday, November 20th following worship. This year we have many new decorations gifted by the Memorial Committee to ring in the Advent season. Please come and share the fun and help decorate our beautiful church. Following all our hard work we will have lunch and share fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to help and get the first view of Advent at Peace!

Osborne Update

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Because of all the goodies that were donated to our Osborne Bake Sale we were able to raise \$775.75 to donate to the Clayton County Food Shelf. Our Peace Church members are the BEST!

Stocking Caps for a Cause

Do you have a cause? Diane Finley has been stitching up a storm and her result ... a basket full - and then some - of colorful, warm stocking caps! Purchase one or more before Christmas, suggested \$6 price, and donate to your favorite cause: Friends of the Family, Shepherd of the Hills, grandchild, niece or nephew, neighbor, complete stranger - just anyone you wish to back OR in this case, 'top' on their head! Check out all the wonderful and happy choices on display in Herbster Hall through December. Proceeds are Diane's gift to Peace.

Advent Discussion

As the nights get longer and the days grow shorter and colder, the season of Advent arrives. Please join us for a study (4 gatherings) as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Our discussion will be based on “The Dawn Chorus, An Advent Devotional on the Wonders of Birds” and includes scripture, candle lighting, a short reflection, and song or two, some conversation starters and a bird ornament for each week. All ages are invited.

Booklets will be available starting November 20 at church or in the office and our first gathering will be announced then.

Advent Candle Lighting

Each Sunday during Advent a candle is lit and a short scripture and prayer read. If you or your family are willing to participate (there are only 4 opportunities!) please contact the church office (563-245-2126) or peaceucc@alpinecom.net.

Thanksgiving's Path to Contentment

“Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” –Hebrews 13:5

What would it take to make you happy? Really. In our culture, advertisements sell us on the idea that true happiness is always just one more purchase away. When we believe this, we put ourselves on the hamster wheel of want. No matter how hard we run, we will never get to happiness.

More often than happiness, the Bible speaks of contentment. The two concepts are often confused, but the distinction is important. Whereas happiness is a pleasurable sensation that rises and falls like the tide, contentment is a state of satisfaction that remains calm, like the surface of a pond.

God calls us to live contentedly, finding sufficiency in our lives, our relationships, and all we possess. We are enough. We have enough. When our essential needs are met, incessant wants do not infest our soul like itchy fleas.

How do we find contentment? Thankfulness provides a way. We give thanks for all we are and all we have, appreciating every blessing. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, make a pledge to yourself this November to find contentment through giving thanks. Make a “Gratitude List” of everything for which you are thankful. Review it daily, praying over each blessing, “I thank God for” Add to it as you think of new things.

May you finish November as someone who is not only thankful, but also content with all you are and all you have.

--Rob Blezard

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Attendance & Worship Offerings

October 2, 2022	49	\$3,240.00
October 9, 2022	54	\$2,180.00
October 16, 2022	57	\$1,646.00
October 23, 2022	58	\$2424.43
October 30, 2022	Unknown at the	Time of printing

Prayer Requests



Greg Anderson,	Donna Buckman	Dorothy Buckner
Linda Cranston	Tom Gifford	Karen & Linda Glesne
Ruth Grau	Tim Kuehl	Ruth & Jenny Olson
Sharon Reichert		

Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

Karen Glesne, Connie Koehn, Marlene Marmann, Vi Sadewasser, Eydie Seeland., Elvera Palas

Grace Café

October Grace Café was a success serving 83 people! Wow! We are so blessed to have so many that attend our supper and support our mission of Peace Church! Thank You! Our next meal is Thursday, November 17th from 5-6:30 pm. This month we will be serving a Gray family favorite, pizza casserole. All that melted cheese and hamburger sauce baked into a crescent roll crust. Yum. We will have lettuce salads, rolls and dessert to go with. If you could please rsvp (but not required) to the church office 563-245-2618 that would be wonderful. This allows us to have enough food. We will do carry outs and will deliver in town.

Christmas Lunch

The September church council meeting included a discussion about hosting a Christmas lunch. If you are interested in organizing and/or helping with this, please call the church office or contact Bruce Landis at 563-516-1004 or blandis@alpinecom.net. We need to know if there is interest in continuing this mission and tradition.

Church Council Minutes Update:

We have run out of room to post the church council minutes in their entirety in the monthly newsletter. A full report of the latest church council meeting can be found online at www.peacechurchelkader.com or posted outside of the church office.

Bread for the Journey

Readings for 11/6-11/12:

Hag 1:15b-2:9
Job 19:23-27a
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Readings for 11/13-11/19:

Isa 65:17-25
Mal 4:1-2a & Ps 98
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Readings for 11/20-11/26:

Jer 23:1-6 & Luke 1:68-79
Ps 46

Col 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Readings for 11/27-12/3:

Isa 2:1-5
Ps 122
Rom 13:11-14
Matt 24:36-44

NOVEMBER 2022 RESPONSIBILITIES

Acolyte

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Reese & Rylie Kuhse	
11/13	Jamison & Jackson F	
11/20	Kendall W & Carter M	
11/27	Jonah & Maddie Burns	

Usher/Greeter

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Bob & Hila Garms	563/245-2526
11/13	Dave & Fran Derhammer	319/230-9561
11/20	Gerry & Sandy Kramer	563/245-2335
11/27	Deb D & Diane F	563/245-3465

Reader

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Gwen Dettbarn	563/245-2649
11/13	Sharon Seney	563/880-1976
11/20	Fran Derhammer	319/230-9561
11/27	John Gnagy	563/245-1811

Opening/Closing

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Carl & Laura Moser	563-245-1130
11/13	Susan Johnson	563/880-8388
11/20	John & Sue Gnagy	563/245-1811
11/27	*Volunteer Needed	

Fellowship

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Mary Webber	563/245-2692
11/13	Fall Festival Luncheon	
11/20	Sharon & Ken Seney	563/880-1976
11/27	Jane W & Betty M	563/880-0666

Food Shelf Donation Driver (Monthly)

	NAME	NUMBER
11/6	Gerald & Arlene Reimer	563/245-2428
11/13		
11/20		
11/27		

*If you are unable to work your scheduled shift, please find a replacement for yourself and contact the church office with changes.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022



We had a successful Hog Roast Fundraiser. We served 413 people on October 2. We had our tent up for the take-out station and we were able to serve 118 take outs. Going forward, we intend to continue the take-out station outside as it worked out well for our customers. The MFL-MARMAC football players and Arianna Fish were our guest volunteers so I want to thank them for helping. I also want to thank the board/families of SOTH and Robert Hilgerson for your support, volunteering and help making this fundraiser successful. A huge THANK YOU goes out to **each of you** for supporting SOTH and our missions. Your support is greatly appreciated!

I am now accepting NEW COATS of all sizes for families. They can be dropped off during business hours anytime now as the weather is changing.

Christmas for Kids is December 14-15. I will begin the set-up on December 7-13. We need volunteers with set-up and also on the days of the event. Please let me know if you are able to help. The NEW gifts can be dropped off now through December 2 during business hours. Please do not wrap them!

CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!!

I am now accepting fall and winter clothing. Please make sure your donations are in good condition with no rips, stains, tares or holes. Just a reminder I am very limited on space for drop offs. Please call and give a 24-hr. notice of your drop off so I can make sure your items will have room. I am happy to schedule a time that works for the drop offs- even after hours as long as you make arrangements with me. **NO OUTSIDE DROP OFFS ALLOWED!** As always, your donations are very helpful to people in need. Shepherd of the Hills Clothing Center is open to the public for **EVERYONE** to shop. So, if you are in the mood to thrift shop, please stop in and take a look at our wonderful selection. Most items are \$1.00!

Shepherd of the Hills Food Shelf Items for the Month:

Pie fillings, Pudding, Jello, Canned Fruit, Vegetables, & Dressing Mix

Items Needed Every Month:

Canned food, paper goods, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, dish detergent, powdered laundry detergent, baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby powder, tuna, peanut butter, mac & cheese.

Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify **Crisis** or **Operating** Fund!

IMPORTANT DATES:

***Set up for Christmas
for Kids: December 7-13***

***December 14-15, 2022
Christmas for Kids***

Volunteers are needed!

****Any event may be subject to
change****

Shepherd of the Hills

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FALL LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 13th
TURKEY & DRESSING, SLOPPY JOE
SANDWICHES, SALADS & DESSERTS

SERVING 11AM-1PM *FREE WILL DONATION*

SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, October 30th - Sunday, November 13th
ONLINE & IN HOUSE

To view auction items:
Facebook Page: Peace United Church of Christ - Elkader
In person: 301 North Main Street, Elkader
Bidding closes at 2pm on November 13

301 North Main St, Elkader



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin

- God Picks you from the patch & brings you in. (John 15:16)
- Then washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)
- Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)
- And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

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