



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

God is still speaking,

*“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.”*

TIDINGS

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Summer Soul Refresher

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
—Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

You’re not the same person you were on January 1, 2022. Likely, the resolutions you set for this year haven’t played out quite how you expected. But one goal is always relevant and worthwhile: deepening your relationship with Christ. If you’ve been feeling distant from God, refresh your spiritual life with these 5 steps:

1. Be still. There’s a reason God invites His children to be still ([Psalm 46:10](#)). Filling your life with constant noise—from podcasts to social media to TV—may drown out your worries, fears and exhaustion in the short term. But you’ll never experience peace and rest until you acknowledge your need for Christ. Take some time to truly be still. This silence may feel uncomfortable at first. But making a practice of slowing down can declutter your mind and soothe your soul.

“Though the Lord surely wants you to talk to Him about what is going on in your life ... He also wants you to move beyond that and into a place where you can simply sit with Him, resting in His presence.” —Will Graham

2. Talk to God. You don’t have to figure everything out before coming to God. Instead, He invites us to wrestle with our frustrations and fears in His presence. (Check out the book of [Psalms](#) for a few real-life examples.) The Holy Spirit—who lives inside every believer—helps us sort through these jumbled thoughts and feelings. The Bible explains, “We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words” ([Romans 8:26](#)). Talk to God honestly. Then, keep watch for how He responds—through the Bible, fellow believers and life experiences. Listen for His voice.

“How do we grow closer to someone on a human level? The most important way is by spending time with them—talking with them, listening to them, sharing your concerns with each other, and even helping them when they need our help. And the same is true with God.”
—Billy Graham

(Read more about the Five Summer Soul Refreshers in next month’s Tidings)

June 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 9am: Women's Bible Study Happy Birthday, Steve Wagner!	2	3	4 Happy Birthday, Jennifer Fagman & Reese Kuhse!
5 9:00 am Worship with Communion Happy Birthday, Elaine Knoke Martin!	6	7 Happy Birthday, Ariel Dennler!	8 9am: Women's Bible Study Happy Birthday, Joyce Hoth & Nancy Kuehl!	9	10	11 Happy Birthday, Eunice McMillin!
12 9:00 am Worship Happy Birthday, Carol Muyres! Happy Anniversary Tom & Mary Webber!	13 4pm—Stephen's Ministry 5:30pm Church Council Happy Birthday, Hannah Wilke!	14 Happy Birthday, Beverly Reimer!	15 9am: Women's Bible Study	16 1:30pm Care Center 5:00–6:30pm Grace Café Happy Birthday, Amy Wiedner!	17 Happy Birthday, Molly Reimer Gill & Nicole Dennler	18 Happy Anniversary, Gary & Deb DeShaw!
19 9:00 am Worship Happy Birthday, Jane Metcalf, David Klink, & Jeff Fangman!	20 Happy Anniversary, Ken & Sharon Seney	21 Happy Birthday, Deb Dennler!	22 9am: Women's Bible Study	23	24 Happy Birthday, Dwayne Dennler!	25
26 9:00 am: Worship Happy Birthday, Joyce Baumgartner & Kay Moser! Happy Anniversary, Gary & Nancy Kuehl!	27 Happy Birthday, Linda Glesne!	28 Happy Birthday, Alex Jacobson!	29 9am: Women's Bible Study	30	Office Open Monday thru Fridays from 9am to noon	* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings

July Tidings Deadline

July Tidings newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, June 22nd. Please submit dates 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!

Grace Café

Once more Grace Café had a good turnout for our May meal as we served approximately 47 meals. The youth of our church worked hard and made an excellent dish of spaghetti and turns out Carter makes really good cakes! Our June meal will be served by Stephan's Ministers and as of this writing they haven't planned the menu yet. But I happen to know that there are excellent cooks in this group so I am sure it will be worth attending. We will spread the word on the menu as soon as they meet which will be in June. Please call the church at 563-245-2126 if you would like a meal delivered.

There is no charge for this meal and everyone is welcome. Please invite your neighbor or friend, the food is good and the fellowship is wonderful.



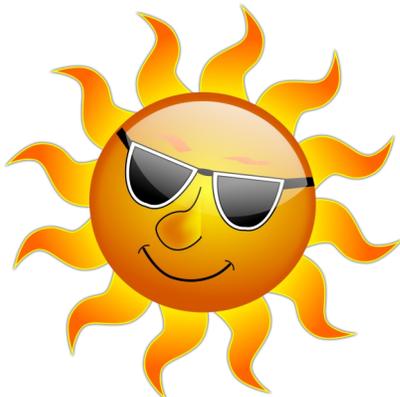
Mom's Verses Dad's Food Shelf Contest

Update

Hey guys! It is your turn to see if you can out give the ladies! The women have been busy in May and given a pretty good pile of goodies for the Clayton County Food Self. Are you going to let the ladies win? You have the month of June to out give them. Every item or each \$1 brought in each month for the food self will be counted and tallied. The first Sunday in July, Mission Committee will award a prize to either the Mom's (month of May) or the Dad's (month of June) that have given the most. Who will win???? Hmmmmm

Do You Have a Church a Key?

If you have a church key that you do not need, please turn them in to a member of the council or the church office.



Interested in volunteering? Contact the church office to sign up!



Sunday, June 5

Open/Close : Sue Stott
Acolytes: Reese & Rylie Kuhse
Scripture Reader: Steve McCorkindale
Greeters & Ushers: Sue Stott
Fellowship: Penni Leonard

Sunday, June 12

Open/Close: John & Sue Gnagy
Acolytes: Maddie & Millie Burns
Scripture Reader: Ann McCorkindale
Greeters & Ushers: Gerald & Arlene Reimer
Fellowship: John Gnagy

Sunday, June 19

Open/Close: Dean & Joanne Gray
Acolytes: Carter Miller
Scripture Reader: Sue Stott
Greeters & Ushers: Kenny & Penni Leonard
Fellowship: Marlis Huinker

Sunday, June 26

Open/Close: Susan Johnson
Acolytes: Kendall Wagner
Scripture Reader: Arlene Reimer
Greeters & Ushers: Betty M, Jane W, & Mary H
Fellowship: Mary Webber

Stephen's Ministry

What Do Stephen Ministers do? Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express care for others: listening and comforting words, calling on the training they have received and using tools of faith. When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through a life crisis such as grieving, depression, loneliness. Will you consider serving in this way? Many of our current Stephen Ministers have been serving for 20 years or more. If we want this service to continue, we need new people to serve. A new class will be starting later this summer. Please consider this ministry. More details in the coming weeks.

Gwen Dettbarn Stephen Leader.

Call the church office if you are interested or if you need a Stephen

Minister call 245-2126.

Attendance & Worship Offerings

May 1 2022	49	\$2,582.00
May 8, 2022	50	\$1,863.00
May 15, 2022	50	\$1,356.00
May 22, 2022	58	\$621.00

Prayer Requests



Greg Anderson,	Dorothy Buckner	Dave Dennler
Tom Gifford	Linda Cranston	Denis Glesne
Fred Knoke	Gerry Kramer	Anne Perry
Lucena Phelps	Floyd Posschl	Sharon Reichert
Harry & Gloria Robbins	Karen Tieden	

Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

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

Confirmation & Bible Study Updates

Confirmation class has ended with three new members for Peace UCC, Maddie Burns, Jonah Burns, and Ayden Schutte. We are so blessed!

Bible Study class for 5th-7th graders ended the first Monday in May. All the Bible study and confirmands will be involved in a service learning event later this summer.

New classes for confirmation and Bible Study will start in late September. Jane Metcalf

Food Shelf



June Items Needed:

Dry dinner mixes, rice-a-roni, scalloped potatoes, mashed potatoes, tacos, clothing, and shoes

Items needed each 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.

Bread for the Journey

Sunday, June 5th:
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sunday, June 12th:
Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19th:
Second Sunday after
Pentecost
1st Kings 19:1-4,(5-7), 8-15a
Isa 65:1-9, Ps 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26th:
Third Sunday after
Pentecost
2nd Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
1st Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

ELGIN/CLERMONT/WADENA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Elgin Legion Hall
308 Mill Ave. | Elgin**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

To schedule: Call 800.287.4903 | Text LIFESERVE to 999-777
Visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org



Shepherd of the Hill News!

As the Clothing Center is looking at RE-OPENING SOON... The items we will most be in need of when opening: Shorts/tanktops/summer shoes of all sizes, pots/pans, sm kitchen appliances and puzzles. Donations will be accepted by appt only to assist the flow of incoming donations and to allow the new director time to familiarize with the day to day flow of Shepherd.

Individuals may call the Shepherd phone to set up a time to donate their items. A general reminder when donating items – Please ensure the items you are donating are free from rips, stains, tears, with all working parts (ie, zipper, buttons, etc) If you would share these items with your own loved ones/friends, then Shepherd would be happy to receive the items. If items are questionable, please take the time to find other alternatives for your items.

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 5, 2022

Peace Church Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 A.M. Present: Jay Moser, Jane Metcalf, Elaine Knoke Martin, Lanette Schutte, Lucy Sharp. Absent: Bruce Landis

There was a motion by Lanette to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting; Elaine seconded and motion carried.

There was no Financial Report however, Jay noted that the heating bill is up about 30%. The church and parsonage are on the same account. It was suggested that we look into separate meters for the future.

Jay reported that Lifeline is coming on May 12 to look at the cameras (image is breaking up) and they are bringing handheld microphones that can be passed around the congregation for announcements and joys and concerns. Jay learned that we can hold off a year to get the warranty on the system. A full report will be presented at the next meeting (May 15 following fellowship).

There was a short discussion about the terms of the 90 termination period for Pastor Jon in light of the fact he has accepted another position. It was unclear what our obligation will be. A list of needs from Pastor Jon was created and that is attached to these minutes. He has not supplied a transition list. Jay will contact him.

Christian Ed - Jane confirmed the date of May 29 for confirmation and Pam Renig will conduct the service. It will be from 8:30 - 9:30 in order to accommodate Pam's other obligation. The confirmands are: Ayden Schutte, Madelyn Burns and Jonah Burns. There was a motion to approve these young people for confirmation by Jane, seconded by Elaine and motion carried. They are considering a bowling party in Prairie du Chien to celebrate. Jane is looking into a mission trip for the group to Iowa City at the Ronald McDonald House. Lanette stated that Sunday school is finished for the year.

Buildings & Grounds - Jay was told by Gary that someone tripped on the sidewalk outside the office door and Gary will spray paint the crack to draw attention. Sidewalk may need repairs/replacement. Jane will contact Randy Swales and Jay will contact Allen Mitchell.

Worship Committee - Lucy reported that Jay, Bruce and she met with Pastor Mark regarding Sundays he is available over the next few months. Those dates are on the attached. He is also going to refer a seminary student (s) who may be able to preach the other Sunday. Jay noted that Scott Meyers is a UCC minister with ties to Elkader. He will contact him to possibly fill in a Sunday or two over the summer. Lucy reported that Brandon has resigned in order to pursue a Master's Degree. There will be a going away reception for him following the May 15 service. Lucy will coordinate with Joann.

Missions - Jane stated that the committee will provide some support for the work trip.

Memorial - Elaine reported that they met and are developing guidelines for the receipt and distribution of funds.

Old Business - Jay will contact Bart Hawkinson about holding off on the photo directory and will talk to Kay and Michelle Gifford about doing one on our own.

The computer is been gone over and should be ok now. Jay will set up a time to meet with Pastor Jon to come in and clean out his office. Elaine will talk to Susan Palas to find out if there's anything she knows of that we need from Pastor Jon.

There was a motion by Jane and seconded by Elaine to have Joanne Gray, Sharon Seney and Jane Metcalf as approvers of expenditures on the Missions account with a requirement of two signatures on checks; motion carried.

The next meeting will be following worship on May 15. The May 8 meeting is cancelled. There was a motion by Elaine and seconded by Jane to adjourn at 12:25. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Sharp



If you are interested in ordering flowers for the altar, please sign up on the calendar in the church foyer by the Sunday before your desired date. The cost for altar flowers is \$25 and is due by the end of the month ordered.



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