



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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."*

TIDINGS

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The Gospel

The hymn writer Anne Cousin wrote, *"Jehovah lifted up His rod; O Christ, it fell on Thee! Thou wast sore stricken of Thy God; There's not one stroke for me. Thy tears, Thy blood, beneath it flowed; Thy bruising healeth me."*

Why did Jehovah lift his rod and strike Christ? It was because Christ was our substitute on the cross. This is the heart of the cross. 1 Peter 3:18 says, *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous"*. Christ suffered for the unrighteous. This means that the punishment he received was the penalty they deserved. Paul, in 2 Cor. 5:21, tells us that Christ was made sin for us so we could be made the righteousness of God in him. Christ was made sin.

As our willing substitute, he became legally guilty for all of our wretched sins. As a mass of concentrated sin, the justice and holiness of God was unleashed with full fury on him. Every last dark drop from the cup of God's wrath was poured out on Jesus until he cried, "It is finished!" In this, every drop of blood man shed that cried out for justice was told, "Be silent, it is finished!" In this word, the Jews that carried their lambs and goats to slaughter for atonement are told, "Be done, it is finished!" In this the broken law that held curses over our heads is told, "No condemnation in Christ, it is finished!" Speak to your own conscience, saying, "It is finished! Your sins are forgiven" As the hymn writer said, *"There's not one stroke for me!"* Do you believe that?

Yet there is even more in this great exchange that took place on the cross. Our sins were counted to Christ so that Christ's righteousness would be counted to us. 1 Cor. 1:30 tells us that Christ is our righteousness, just like 2 Cor. 5:21 tells us that we are made the righteousness of God in him. You see, not only are the sins of Christians forgiven by Christ's death, but the perfect life of Christ is counted to them. In Christ, we are seen by God, not only as having never sinned but as possessing a record as righteous as Jesus Christ himself! Our position before God is righteous in Christ. Is there any better news than that? No wonder we call it "the gospel."

August 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 12-5pm: Blood Drive CSB Comm. Room 4:00pm: Stephen's Ministry Meeting	2 Happy Birthday, Alice Gifford!	3 9am: Women's Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship with Communion	8 6:30pm: Church Council Meeting	9	10 9am: Women's Bible Study	11 Happy Birthday, Gus Auguston & Sheri Koons!	12 Happy Birthday, Maddy Wille!	13 Happy Birthday, Beth Rentschler!
14 9:00 am Outdoor Worship at Founder's Park Shelter 5-7pm: Family Pool Party	15 Happy Birthday, Eddith Seitz, Kenneth Reimer, Laura Moser, & Jonathon Fangman!	16 Happy Birthday, Ernie McNeal!	17 9am: Women's Bible Study Happy Birthday, Florence Gifford & Ella Buckman!	18 1:30pm Care Center 5:00 -6:30pm Grace Café	19 Happy Birthday, Flora Gray!	20 5-8pm: Music at Brewtopia gifted from church members
21 9:00 am Worship	22	23 Happy Birthday, Darlene Dittmer!	24 9am: Women's Bible Study 4pm: New Bell Ringer Mtg. 5:30pm: Bell Practice Happy Birthday, Erin Dittmer & Pat Drips!	25 Happy Birthday, Carlys Moser & Jennifer Koons!	26 Happy Birthday, Michelle Moser!	27 Happy Birthday, Donna Winke!
28 9:00 am: Worship	29	30	31 9am: Women's Bible Study 4pm: New Bell Ringer Mtg. 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice		Office Open Monday thru Fridays from 9am to noon	* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings

September Tidings Deadline

September Tidings newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, August 24th. 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!

Stephen's Ministry

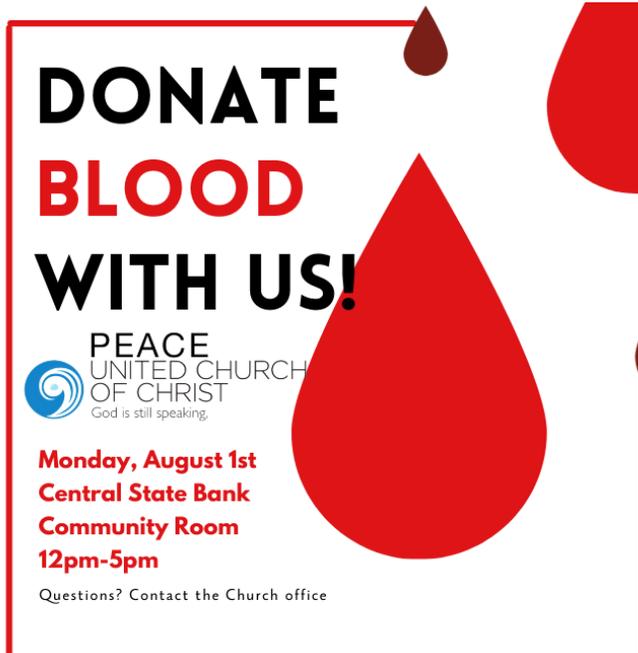
Once upon a time, around 35 years ago, in the quaint town of Elkader, Stephen Ministry was born and became part of Peace United Church of Christ Ministry. Those in that first class had misgivings of their abilities. Can I do this? What can I give to a hurting person? Will I be able to help? The answer was yes, yes, and yes. Those in that first class each had a Prayer Partner for the support they would need through the two years that they would serve. Jane Metcalf was the first Stephen Leader followed by Betty Buchholz and Linda Cranston. Fran Derhammer, Jenny Koresh, Shane and Robin Estes took leadership training and now Gwen Dettbarn has taken over the reins and she is excited about this new undertaking in the life of Peace Church. She will be commissioned on September 11. Twenty years after the last Stephen Leadership training, many of the same SMs are still active as caregivers. We encourage everyone to consider this ministry. You are needed, especially men. Only men can minister to men and women to women. How about couples taking the class which will be presented by Zoom? You won't even have to leave your house! Until we get a minister, we want to make sure our members are being served as best we can.

Our current Stephen's Ministers are:

Stephen Leader: Gwen Dettbarn
Janice Possehl, Marilyn Nielsen, Sharon Seney, Ruth Grau, Arlene Reimer, Hila Garms, Sue Stott, Jane Metcalf, Fran Derhammer, Laura Moser, & Carol Muyeres

New Stephen Minister trainees:

Tom Gifford and Elaine Knoke-Martin



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**Monday, August 1st
Central State Bank
Community Room
12pm-5pm**

Questions? Contact the Church office

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



Sunday, August 7

Acolyte: Reese & Rylie Kuhse
Usher/Greeter: Deb D & Diane F
Reader: Steve McCorkindale
Opening/Closing: Nancy McClure
Fellowship: Steve & Ann McCorkindale

Sunday, August 14—Outdoor Service

Acolyte: Maddie & Mille Burns
Usher/Greeter: Mary Webber
Reader: Ann McCorkindale
Opening/Closing: John & Sue Gnagy
Fellowship: Sue Stott

Sunday, August 21

Acolyte: Carter Miller
Usher/Greeter: Dean & Joanne Gray
Reader: Arlene Reimer
Opening/Closing: Dean & Joanne Gray
Fellowship: Penni Leonard

Sunday, August 28

Acolyte: Kendall Wagner
Usher/Greeter: Susan Johnson
Reader: Sue Stott
Opening/Closing: Susan Johnson
Fellowship: Mary Webber

Grace Café

Build Your Own Subs!

July's Grace Café was another successful night, serving around 44 people. But Joanne overbought (her tendency J) so we decided we would have a build your own sub sandwiches for August! Yum! Our source (David) has those special sub buns and Dean will hopefully have fresh vegetables out of the garden to put on them. With the subs we will have side salads (macaroni, pea and vegetable) and some good cakes for dessert. Set your calendars for Thursday, August 18th, 5-6:30pm. Please feel free to spread the word about our monthly meal, bring a friend or neighbor, we also will deliver within city limits, just call the church office (563-245-2126). There is no charge for this meal but if you wish to donate, it helps to keep our meals solvent and any extra goes towards our mission goals at Peace United Church of Christ. In July we donated \$250 towards our youth to go on their mission trip to Waterloo.

Attendance & Worship Offerings

July 3, 2022	53	\$5,264.00
July 10, 2022	51	\$1,209.00
July 17, 2022	50	\$2,261.00
July 24, 2022	37	\$481.00

Prayer Requests



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

Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

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

Bread for the Journey

Sunday, August 7th;	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Ninth Sunday after Pen- tecost	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
Sunday, August 14:	Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 80:1-2, 8-19
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
Sunday, August 21:	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, August 28	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Musical Moment

Anne Franta is our new music director at Peace UCC! We are looking forward to the music she'll bring. Bell Choir practice starts Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30pm with a meeting for new ringers at 4pm on the 24th and 31st. If you are interested in learning more about playing bells, please plan on attending the 4pm meetings. Musically yours, Donna

Shepherd of the Hill Update

We are excited as the Back-to-School Program is fast approaching. This event is being held on August 10th, 2022 by referral only. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the communities and churches in this area. This is a very rewarding job as this will help so many families that are struggling right now. Education for the young ones is so important and I am glad everyone is doing what they can for our students in our area. We are still accepting school supplies as our referral list keeps growing. If you would like to donate you can either drop the items off at the office or mail your donations to SOTH. Indicate on the memo line of your check "Back to School". Everything is greatly appreciated.



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 14**

5-7pm
Elkader Pool
Light Refreshments
will be served

Food Shelf



August Items Needed:

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash, Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Band-aids

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.

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2022

Call to order: President Jay Moser called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Bruce Landis, Jane Metcalf, Lucy Sharp, Elaine Knoke-Martin and Lanette Schutte.

Devotions: Lanette had a message of gratitude for our church family. Watching the interactions that the kids have with different members is heartwarming.

Minutes: Jane approved the minutes from June's council meeting. Lucy seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Bruce reported that we are 50% through the year and our pledges are down. Even with those stats he feels we are still on track. The Parsonage deficit is because a check was cut to the old tenants for their deposit. Kristina has moved all the funds from Memorial to the General Fund. Bruce also noted that he will be putting together a quarterly report of the budget in the August tidings.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Lanette will check with Mallory Kuhse about Vacation Bible School.

Buildings & Grounds: Jay reported that Gary Kuehl asked for a \$10 check for the dehumidifier to be disposed of. Jay also spoke to Debbie about renting the Parsonage, \$1000 rent was not agreeable. Jay offered rent at \$900 plus they cover the snow removal and mowing, with Gary Kuehl overseeing the work. Jane moves that we change the amount of rent from \$1000 a month to \$900 which will include the lawn care and snow removal with Gary Kuehl overseeing the work. Lucy seconded and the motion carried. Gary also noticed that some rock fell off the bell tower and wondering what we have in the budget for building repairs. Jay will reach out to Gary and let him know there is \$2000 to work with. Plaster in Herbster Hall needs repair but will address when we know the water situation is taken care of.

Worship: We reviewed the contract for Anne Franta. Lucy moved that we hire Ann Franta as Chancel/Bell choir director at \$250 per month for a 10-month contract. Jane seconded and the motion carried. We spoke about the outside church service on August 14th. Jane moved that the outside church service on August 14th be ecumenical. Elaine seconded and the motion carried.

On Sunday we went live with streaming our service to YouTube.

Jay is going to speak to Debbie about setting up coffee Fridays, so it is ready to go on Sundays. Debbie will also refill communion trays on Monday, so they are ready to be filled.

Lucy shared an idea from her old church. The idea is for an instant sermon. The congregation can submit questions and then one Sunday a month the Pastor can draw from a hat and preach on that. Jay will be looking into Pastor options for the 17th.

Missions: Mission trip is planned for July 21st. There will be seven youth attending. They plan to lend a helping hand at the House of Hope, and food bank. The end of day will end with some fun at Lost Island. Jane also reported that the Pool Party went well. About thirty people attended and enjoyed the beautiful day and companionship. Jane also reported that another pool part be scheduled for August 6th. Jane moved that \$75 from the VBS fund be used to help pay for the party. Lucy seconded, and the motion carried.

Memorial: The committee members are Sue Stott, Sue Gnagy (chair), and Penny Leonard with Elaine Knoke-Matine as the council liaison. They are working to streamline the process so gifts and donors can be recognized, and money itemized so it is transparent. The committee ask that a form be submitted when someone request funds.

Old Business: The council discussed again the need for the church to have a credit card. We feel that a low limit credit card would be a better option because we will get a monthly statement for reconciliation, as well as protection against fraud. This matter will be investigated further.

Search Committee: Members that have volunteered for the search committee are Mike Anderson, Kenny Leonard, Ann McCorkindale, Susan Johnson, Mallory Kuhse, Gwen Dettbarn, and Millie Burns. Bruce moved that we accept these seven members be accepted to form the search committee. Elaine seconded and the motion carried.

New Business: Kristy Dripps contacted Lanette Schutte about getting their granddaughter baptized. Council discussed and Jay mentioned that Pastor Mark would be willing to help. Lanette will contact Kristy and let her know to reach out to the church office to set up the details.

Jane had a concern from a member of the congregation about a post that was put up on our Facebook page. She is going to talk to Sue Stott to find out who has editing rights and suggest that we use the UCC site for content.

Next Council Meeting: August 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Jane

Adjournment: Bruce moved the meeting be adjourned. Elaine seconded. The motion carried. President Jay Moser adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lanette Schutte, Council Secretary



Outdoor Worship

August 14, at 9am
Founders Park Shelter

Bring your own lawn chair and
"family-friendly" beverage.



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YouTube: Peace United Church of Christ—
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Pinterest: pinterest.com/peaceucc0618

Saturday, August 20th
Sophia Landis & Jake Stephens
Deb's Brewtopia Elkader, Iowa
BREWERY & TAPROOM

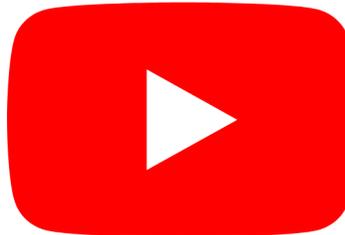
Enjoy yourselves at Art in the Park and then head on over to the other side of town to Deb's Brewtopia for more fun in the alley. Grab some takeout from our local restaurants and have a pint or two of Iowa craft beer brewed right here in Elkader. Enjoy the music of Sophia & Jake from 5 to 8.



5 to 8 pm
@ Deb's Brewtopia



10 TO 5 IN FOUNDER'S PARK
ART IN THE PARK
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