

# OLIVE BRANCH

## November & December 2024

PEACE  UNITED

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Hello!

By now, you should have received your letter from Pastor Paul Bauch about his upcoming retirement (June of 2025). The search committee members are:

Brian Winters (Chairperson)

Jenny Langholz (Communications Coordinator)

Julie Hobbs

Tom Miller

Jaimie Osowski

Maxine Pfeiffer

Jen Ryg

Will Sunnock

Eric Theuer

Bob Werner

## TRUNK OR TREAT 2024

We had a great group of volunteers who decorated their trunks and handed out candy to families!



# CALENDAR

## November

**SUNDAY 17:** The Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense (SMIILD) Forum 9:15am, F-Hall; Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Choir Room

**TUESDAY 19:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm, Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 20:** Community Meal Night 5p, F-Hall; Church Council Meeting 7pm, F-Hall

**THURSDAY 21:** Women's Fellowship 8:30am, Peace Room; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

**FRIDAY 22:** One Day Choir "Take On Me" 6pm, Classrooms/F-Hall and Dwelling

**SATURDAY 23:** DIY Greens Arrangement 3pm, F-Hall

**SUNDAY 24:** Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; **All Saints Day Worship Service**, 10:30a; Community Thanksgiving Meal, 12pm, Narthex and F-Hall; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Choir Room

**TUESDAY 26:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm, Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 27: No Community Meal Night**

**THURSDAY 28: Thanksgiving Day PUC C OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 29:** Family Game Night 6:30pm, F-Hall

**SATURDAY 30:** Women's Shelter Decorating 8:45am, Meet to carpool from PUC C

## BOWLING!!!



Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal to rent the bowling room at Bowl-O-City on for our All Ages Bowling Trip on November 10th! It was so much fun!

# FEATURED EVENTS

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## Christmas Eve Choir

**Sundays, November 10–December 22 and Tuesday, December 24**

**3:30-5 pm**

Six rehearsals is all it takes to prepare an amazing lineup of beautiful carols and enchanting Christmas music. All are welcome at Peace's Christmas Eve Choir regardless of age, ability, or affiliation to Peace United. No auditions required. Attendance at Peace's Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 6pm is required. No rehearsal November 24.

## Saturday, DIY Winter Greens Arrangement

**November 23, 3pm \$30**

Design your own stunning winter greens arrangement, also known as a porch pot, with instructors LeAnn Meerkins and Kyle Meerkins. Greens and baskets provided, but you are welcome to forage for any additional greens you'd like to add. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to spruce up your front door!

**Registration required**



## One Day Choir:

**Friday, November 22**

**One Day Choir 6-8:30pm : "Take On Me" by A-ha**

Do you love to sing but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Join us for just one rehearsal to make great music. Registration appreciated. **Registration required**

## Community Thanksgiving Meal

**Sunday, November 24, 12pm**

For years, Peace has proudly served hundreds of meals to the community at its annual Thanksgiving Lunch. Join the fun this year, and come hungry!

**Volunteers needed** for food preparation, room setup, and cleanup.

Scan the QR code or Sign up here:

[bit.ly/4fs3zJG](http://bit.ly/4fs3zJG)



## Family Game Night

**Friday, November 29, 6:30pm**

Bring the whole family for game night at Peace! We'll have games for all ages and generations to compete for awesome prizes and bragging rights. Bring snacks and drinks and have some fun! **Registration required**

## Women's Shelter Decorating

**Saturday, November 30, 9am-12pm**

Support women and children fleeing domestic violence by helping to bring Christmas cheer to the Rochester Women's Shelter.

Staff are often pulled in many directions, tending to the emergent emotional and legal needs of residents. Helping with decorating is a great way for us to relieve staff exhaustion and help create a safe and welcoming space for those seeking shelter there. Questions? Contact Joan Leof ([jleof@charter.net](mailto:jleof@charter.net))

# CALENDAR

## December

**SUNDAY 1:** Communion Sunday: Wayne Stenberg: Samaritan Bethany's Foundation and Development Leader Meet and Greet 9:15am, F-Hall; Pathways 9:15am, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30am; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsals 3:30pm, Choir Room

**MONDAY 2:** Social Action Meeting 6pm, Peace Room

**TUESDAY 3:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm, Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 4:** Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall

**THURSDAY 5:** Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room

**FRIDAY 6:** Channel One Volunteer Team 9am, Channel One HQ

**SATURDAY 7:** Paint and Pinot Ornament Painting 2pm, Dwelling

**SUNDAY 8:** Pathways 9:15am, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30am; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm; One Day Choir "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey 3:30pm, F-Hall/Dwelling/Classrooms; Christmas Choir Rehearsals 3:30pm, Choir Room

**TUESDAY 10:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22

**WEDNESDAY 11:** Community Meal Night 5pm, F-Hall

**THURSDAY 12:** Women's Fellowship, 8:30am, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30pm, Narthex

**FRIDAY 13:** All Ages Murder Mystery 6:30pm

**SUNDAY 15:** Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1pm, Choir Rm; Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Choir Room

**TUESDAY 17:** Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm, Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 18:** Community Meal Night 5pm, F-Hall; Church Council Meeting 7pm, F-Hall

**THURSDAY 19:** Women's Fellowship 8:30am, Peace Room; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

**SATURDAY 21:** Mariah Carey Christmas Celebration! 7pm, F-Hall

**SUNDAY 22:** Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

### At Peace United

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10:30 A.M.**

The children and teens at Peace retell Jesus's birth story in a way only a kid can! Cute costumes, tiny voices, and plenty of "awwws" make Peace's children's program a special day for everyone.

#### BLUE CHRISTMAS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 6 P.M.**

Christmas isn't easy for everyone. From difficult losses to overpacked schedules, from financial struggles to overeating, the holiday season can cause more pain than anything. Peace's Blue Christmas service is the answer and the place to experience calm amidst chaos. Take part in a quiet, meditative Christmas worship experience designed with your blues in mind.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 6 P.M.**

We pull out all the stops (literally) at our Christmas celebration on Christmas Eve. Hear the beauty of Peace's Christmas Eve Choir amidst inspiring passages that will remind you why Christmas is such a special time of year.



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## A Mariah Carey Christmas Celebration! Saturday, December 21, 7 pm \$40

Dinner, drinks, and divas! Rochester's Audrey Rinkoski shines and performs Mariah Carey's hit album Merry Christmas accompanied by a live band.

You won't want to miss this stunning performance! Admission includes dinner, coffee, and dessert. Cash bar available.



## Paint and Pinot

**Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m. \$30**

Anyone can paint! With artist Josie Bauza as the instructor, painters of all ages and abilities will create their masterpieces. All materials are included with your admission. Different paintings will be taught at each session. Instruction is available in English and Spanish.

Non-alcoholic beverages available for a donation or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

**Registration Required**

## One Day Choir:

**Sunday, December 8**

**One Day Choir 3:30-5pm : "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey**

Do you love to sing but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Join us for just one rehearsal to make great music. Registration appreciated.

## All Ages Murder Mystery on Friday the 13th

**Friday, December 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Free**

Friday the 13th is an ominous day already, so come make it scarier at Peace's interactive murder mystery party! Dress to impress, and follow the clues around Peace to discover whodunnit! Prizes will be awarded to the best detectives. Bring the whole family!

**Registration required**



# THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



*Right here, in our community*



## Christmas Giving Tree

THROUGH DECEMBER 15—Together we will gather gifts to support local organizations that are committed to raising awareness and providing stability to Rochester's homeless youth and adults. This year we are supporting The Women's Shelter, Family Promise, The Landing, and Project Legacy. Take an ornament from the tree, bring the unwrapped items back to church with the ornament label attached. Drop any gift cards at the Welcome Desk.

The Wish Lists of each organization can be found in the eNews  
Donations accepted until Sunday, December 15.

## Little Free Pantry

Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this summer. Please refer to the suggested list of cold weather needs. Monetary donations are also appreciated. NEW: You can now use the following link to find the Little Free Pantry wish list and have items ordered from Amazon sent directly to Peace!

<https://bit.ly/4eaMov9>

General guidelines: Ready to eat soups with pop-tops (no can opener needed). No glass containers. Single-serve sized items (not bulk or family sized). No expired items. No used or open items. No canned veggies (they do not get taken). Give dignity by choosing items you would eat yourself or serve to a guest.



**PEACE CHURCH**  
**Little Free Pantry**

Scarves, hats, gloves  
Handwarmers  
Socks (all sizes, kid & adult)  
Plain t-shirts (all sizes)  
Diapers, wipes  
Toilet paper, Kleenex  
Tampons, pads  
Chapstick  
Deodorant  
Lotion, soap  
Toothpaste, brushes

Peanut butter  
Pasta sauce, pasta  
Rice, pasta, ramen  
EZ mac  
Cereal (hot and cold)  
Snack crackers  
Dried fruit, nuts, jerky  
Granola bars  
Tuna packs  
Rice/potato mixes  
Canned meat

## Jefferson School Support

Peace is proud to partner with our neighborhood school to provide healthy snacks for students and donations that might help families in need.

Below is a list of suggested items:

- Individually wrapped snacks (chips, crackers, granola bars, etc). Non-peanut snacks are needed too (fruit snacks, fruit cups, applesauce, Nutri grain bars, etc).
- They would also like to have gift cards available (gas, Walmart) for those families in need.
- Waterproof gloves/mittens

Donations can be left in the bin located by the Welcome Desk. Please leave the gift cards with Clare.  
([clare@peaceunited.us](mailto:clare@peaceunited.us))

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

	August 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	August 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$ 32,500	\$227,500	\$32,500
Pledges received	<b>\$30,429</b>	\$220,496	\$23,525
Difference	<b>-\$2071</b>	<b>-\$39,504</b>	<b>-\$8,975</b>

	September 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	September 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$292,500	\$32,500
Pledges received	\$32,036	\$252,532	\$25,450
Difference	<b>-\$464</b>	<b>-\$39,968</b>	<b>-\$7,050</b>

As the air gets crisper, the days get shorter, and the vibrant hues of the autumn leaves paint our landscape, it's safe to say that Fall is officially here! It's important as we enjoy the charm of the season that we continue to maintain our positive budget momentum that we have sustained the past couple of months. Thank you to all that have continued to fulfill their pledges and give when they are able. Please enjoy this beautiful season and let's keep this momentum going as we get ever closer to the end of 2024!

Please contact Brian Osowski ([bosowski15@gmail.com](mailto:bosowski15@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



## November

- 01 Robert Lee
- 02 Mae Bignell, Ramona Trachsel
- 03 Diane Shanks
- 04 Elena Kesselring, Kaleb Siewert,  
Erica Stalnaker
- 07 Zach Basballe, Mary Karlstad,  
Timothy Liebenow,  
Anna Thompson
- 13 Ann Gerlach
- 14 Dana Molitor, Eleanor Ryg
- 17 Thomas McLaurin
- 20 Olivia Schmitt
- 25 Lucas Diekvoss
- 26 Stacy LeQuire, Jane Pfeifer
- 27 Matt Knoepke
- 28 David Marcham
- 29 Gerald Bentz, Alex Sunnock

## December

- 03 Irene Solomon
- 05 Norma Vale
- 07 Lisa Jerabek
- 09 Cindy Andrist, Linda Floden
- 10 Dawn Stevens
- 11 Steve Franks
- 13 Zora McLaurin
- 15 Jonah Siewert
- 16 Mary Leppala
- 18 Clinton Wilson
- 19 Lexie Walton, Bradd Walton, Sharon Wilder
- 20 Alyvia Doffing, Gayle Rock
- 23 Lori Paul, Jeff Sadler, Carole Winters
- 24 Nancy Tointon, Sheila Welke
- 26 Martin Wieland
- 28 Laurie DeYoung
- 29 Nicole Hollar, Nancy Wieben
- 31 Anna Froehling