

OLIVE BRANCH



September 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEATURED EVENTS

RALLY DAY

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

FINANCIAL UPDATE & BIRTHDAYS

Welcome to our NEW PROGRAM YEAR!

We kicked off the program year with an AMAZING RALLY DAY SUNDAY! Thank you to all who helped coordinate and those who participated. It was an awesome day filled with an intergenerational PATHWAYS program, a dynamic worship service, a great outdoor celebration, and an amazing SPIRIT of JOY! As we begin this new program year, we will be unpacking our new mission and vision statements.

Caring without limit
Embracing without exception
Loving without condition.

At the Rally Day worship service we asked each person to consider which ONE WORD of the mission statement speaks to them the most and why? We also asked what each person was most excited to see happen this coming program year. And finally we asked, "What new commitment are you going to make to share the JOY of PEACE?"

We always celebrate the amazing opportunities we have. Now we want to explore even more deeply, how we can share them with others who are outside the walls of the church, meeting them where they are. We also want and need to be very intentional about focusing all that we do on our mission statement, which is the guide for our ministries.

For the next seven weeks we will be unpacking a new theme, in both PATHWAYS and WORSHIP, based around this mission statement and scripture. I invite you to reflect on each of these ideas and how you can engage more fully in each area.

- September 15 Caring Without Limit
- September 22 Embracing Without Exception
- September 29 Loving Without Condition
- October 6 Compassionate Movement
- October 13 Inclusion
- October 20 Community
- October 27 Action

October 27 @ 3:00p Pastor Jerry's Ordination Service

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 27 @ 3:00p. It will be an amazing service filled with joy and celebration. Let's show our PEACE UNITED support for Jerry! A reception will be held after the service as well!

I am looking forward to an amazing program year! Come and experience PEACE UNITED!

Peace,

Pastor Paul



CALENDAR

September



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

MONDAY 16: Moving Monday Core and More 5:30pm, Dwelling

TUESDAY 17: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22;

WEDNESDAY 18: Community Meal Night 5p, F-Hall; Spark Gathering 6p, Dwelling; Church Council 7p, Peace Room

THURSDAY 19: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex;

SATURDAY 21: Paint and Pinot 7pm. Dwelling

SUNDAY 22: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; **Semi-Annual Meeting Immediately following service, F-Hall;** Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 23: Moving Monday Core and More 5:30pm, Dwelling

TUESDAY 24: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22

WEDNESDAY 25: No School Camp Day 7:30am. Dwelling, F-Hall, Kitchen; Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall; Spark Gathering 6p, Dwelling

THURSDAY 26: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room; Omni Drumming Community Ed Class, 6:30pm F-Hall

FRIDAY 27: Family Trivia/Game Night 6:30pm, F-Hall

SUNDAY 29: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service 10:30a, Rochester Rainbow Choir 1pm, Choir Rm; Jerry Locula Ordination 3pm. Sanctuary & -Hall

MONDAY 30: Moving Monday Core and More 5:30pm, Dwelling; One Day Choir "Uptown Funk" 6pm. Dwelling, Choir Room, F-Hall, Classrooms

Community Meal Nights Return!

Wednesdays, September 11-Dec 18, 5:15-6 p.m. Free

- Each Wednesday we will be providing an opportunity to get to know our neighbors by hosting a meal and offering our fellowship to all. This meal is provided at no cost but suggested donations for those who are able will be \$5 per person.

Peace Groups have taken one Wednesday a month to "host" a community Meal. The teams are as follows:

TEAM 1: Men's Group (1st Wednesday)

TEAM 2: Social Action (2nd Wednesday)

TEAM 3: Church Council (3rd Wednesday)

TEAM 4: Women's Fellowship (4th Wednesday)

Some of these groups still need help setting up, serve and clean up (5-7p).

To sign up, visit: <https://signup.com/go/CcAiPfx>

If you would like to prepare a meal, please contact Clare.

clare@peaceunited.us

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

6- November 3: Handbell Chorus Rehearsals (Sundays 11:30am.-12:30pm.)

7, 14, 21: Yoga

12: Dueling Pianos

13: "Vampire" by Olivia Rodrigo One Day Choir

23-November 3: Engaging and Reflective Book Study: Learning to Walk in the Dark

31: Trunk or Treat and Haunted Basement



Sunday, August 7, 2024
Photo credit, Jody Morbeck



FEATURED EVENTS

Please follow the link to the website or scan the QR code to register for the following events! www.peaceunited.us/event-list



The Spark: Why I Gave Up on The Church

Wednesdays, September 11–October 9, 6–7 pm.

The agnostic. The atheist. The bored. The disowned. The sinner. The outcast. Hear firsthand accounts from people who chose to leave the capital-C Church. Learn why they made the decision to leave an institution that was supposed to accept and encourage them and all people. Where did the Church go wrong? Challenge your own ideas about the Church while making connections to real-world applications of your faith

Core & More Bodyweight Strength Training with Rachel Starr

September 16, 23, and 30, 5:30-6:15 pm. Free, donations accepted

Core & More takes participants through a flowing mix of methods, disciplines, and combinations that engage and activate even the tiniest muscles with continuous, dynamic movement. It's a perfect way to prepare the body for activities of daily living. Bring your own yoga mat.

Rachel Starr has loved the workout world forever, and after joining a group fitness studio had the opportunity to become certified. She enjoys teaching all fitness levels, making sure you have modifications to make the workout most beneficial for you! Rachel will focus on movements that improve your daily mobility.



Paint & Pinot

Saturday, September 21, 7 pm. \$30
"Minnesota Nice!"

Wine selections available or bring your own for a \$10 corking fee.

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.

Semi Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: 11:45a—Your participation is needed in approving new council members and reviewing the 2025 preliminary budget. Meeting happens in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service .



No School! Camp Day

September 25, 7:30 am.–12:30 pm. Free

Build the best blanket fort, cook a s'more, and pack your very own trail mix at Peace's indoor camp day. There's no school for Rochester Public Schools, so send your little ones to spend the morning with us.

Family Feud Trivia

Fridays, July 26, September 27, November 29, 6:30-7:30 pm. Free

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

One Day Choir:

Monday, September 30, 6-8:30 pm.

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

Monday, September 30, 6-8:30 p.m. : "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



Right here, in our community

Little Free Pantry

Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this fall. 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 the church!

<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 guest.

Questions? Contact [Dawn Bradley](#)



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

Family Promise: New Year New Home Fundraiser Update!

Peace Teens and Social Action team have come together to create a fun and meaningful way to support Family Promise as they work to secure a new home to house the multiple families that they support. Family Promise is planning renovations to an existing building. These renovations and all of the furnishings require funding.

One Sunday a month, teens and adults have been hosting an ice cream social for Fellowship time and collecting donations toward their goal of raising \$10,000 by the end of 2024.

So far, they have about half that goal and donations sit at about \$4,781.00



The next Fundraiser will be a Holiday Market on November 9th.

Please donate what you are able; Enough for a can of paint? Enough to purchase a toy for their family play room? Maybe even enough for some furniture! No donation is too big or too small.

If you would like to donate digitally, please scan the QR code or follow this link: <https://bit.ly/43FaaM8>

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)



NEW YEAR
NEW HOME



RALLY DAY

PEACE UNITED PATHWAYS

SUNDAYS, 9:15am.

Find your faith with your family.

All are welcome at Pathways, where learning and exploration have no limits

The first Sunday of Pathways was a great success. Kids and adults alike shared highlights of their weeks during Positive @ Peace, which will be part of every Sunday moving forward. Take a look at some of the Positive @ Peace boxes, and get ready to design yours!



PEACE UNITED

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 10:30am.

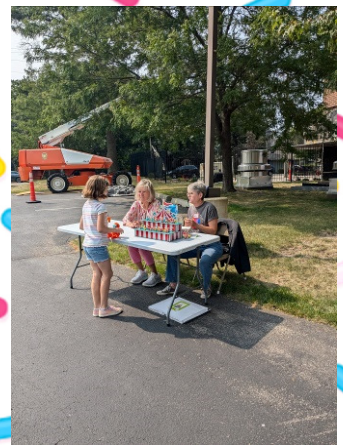
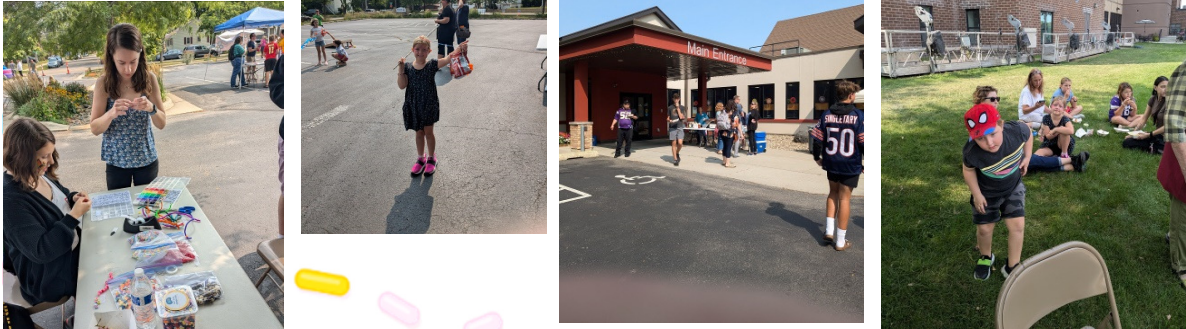
Find your faith with your community.

Rally Day's children's message involved everyone because we are ALL Peace United. Up front and in the seats, kids and adults alike supported Peace United hoops on their fingertips. No one could do it alone; it took everyone's support.

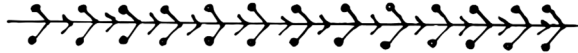




Thank you! To all that who were able to donate and volunteer! You made Rally Day very special!



FINANCIAL UPDATE



September Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays this month:

- 03 Dale McCamish, Rose Zerb
- 06 Wendy Nevala, April Oelkers
- 08 Kaylene Geiger
- 09 Erick Rist
- 10 Ken Fritz, Tamara Haack
- 11 Vivien LeQuire, Shelley Schmitt
- 14 Margie Barrows
- 15 Grayson Bignell, Anthony Cook
- 16 David Arns, Carlton Swan
- 17 Mary Bennett, Thomas Winters
- 18 Joan Bietz, Anya Theuer
- 22 Judy Berg
- 23 Ben Bedard, Quintin Dykes, Carrie Wieland
- 24 Sarah Gordon
- 26 Olive Ryg
- 29 Karla Hamilton
- 30 Judith Bjork, Melissa McLaurin

	June 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	June 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$ 32,500	\$195,000	\$32,500
Pledges received	\$22,168	\$156,818	\$28,798
Difference	-\$10,332	-\$38,182	-\$3,702

	July 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	July 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$227,500	\$32,500
Pledges received	\$33,248	\$190,500	\$27,374
Difference	\$748	-\$37,000	-\$5,126

As summer is winding down, things are picking up at Peace! Thank you to everyone who reviewed their pledges and gave. Thanks to you we met our budget goal for the first time in a long time! Let's keep this momentum going into the fall!!

Please contact Brian Osowski (bosowski15@gmail.com)

PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!



Saturday, October 12, 7 pm.

Best friends Kyle Meerkins and Dylon Starr bring the piano bar to Peace at their hit dueling piano show. Sing the hits from Elvis to Britney and everyone in between!

Tickets:

<https://www.peaceunited.us/event-details-dueling-pianos>

Or scan the QR Code

Single Ticket: \$20

Date Night High Top (2 tickets): \$60

Front Row 4 Top: \$120

Table of 8: \$160



Admission includes a charcuterie appetizer plate per person. Cash bar available.