

OLIVE BRANCH



October 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEATURED EVENTS

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

PATHWAYS

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

FINANCIAL UPDATE & BIRTHDAYS

You are invited to attend

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR

Jerry Locula

Sunday, October 27, 3pm.

Peace United Church of Christ
1503 2nd Ave NE, 55906, Rochester, MN



Your presence is requested to
celebrate and congratulate Jerry
Locula on this significant occasion.

A small reception will follow.



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CALENDAR

October



SUNDAY 6: Communion Sunday Pathways 9:15am, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30am; Handbell Chorus Rehearsal 11:30am, Under The Sea Rm; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 7: Movin' Monday Yoga 6pm, Dwelling; Peace Social Action Team Meeting 6pm, Peace Room

TUESDAY 8: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5pm, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm. Zoom

WEDNESDAY 9: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall; Spark Gathering 6p, Dwelling

THURSDAY 10: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room

SATURDAY 12: Dueling Piano Show 7p, F-Hall

SUNDAY 13: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service 10:30am; Handbell Chorus Rehearsal 11:30am, Under The Sea Rm; ; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1pm, Choir Rm; One Day Choir 3:30-6:00pm, "Vampire" by Olivia Rodrigo, All classrooms/Choir Rm

MONDAY 14: Movin' Monday Yoga 6pm, Dwelling

TUESDAY 15: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22;

WEDNESDAY 16: Community Meal Night 5p, F-Hall; Church Council 7p, F-Hall

THURSDAY 17: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

SUNDAY 20: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service, 10:30a; Handbell Chorus Rehearsal 11:30am, Choir Rm; Rochester Rainbow Choir 1p, Choir Rm

MONDAY 21: Movin' Monday Yoga 6pm, Dwelling

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

WEDNESDAY 23: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall; Engaging and Reflective Book Study 6p, Dwelling

THURSDAY 24: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Room

FRIDAY 25: Once and Future Classics "Dracula" Performance 7pm, F-Hall

SATURDAY 26: Once and Future Classics "Dracula" Performance 7pm, F-Hall

SUNDAY 27: Pathways 9:15a, F-Hall all ages; Worship Service; Handbell Chorus Rehearsal 11:30am, Choir Rm 10:30a, Rochester Rainbow Choir 1pm, Choir Rm; Jerry Locula Ordination 3pm, Sanctuary & F-Hall

TUESDAY 29: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible 5p, Tavern 22; Race Forward 6:30pm. Zoom

WEDNESDAY 30: Community Meal Night 5:15p, F-Hall; Engaging and Reflective Book Study 6p, Dwelling

THURSDAY 31: Women's Fellowship, 8:30a, Peace Rm; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex; Trunk or Treat 5:30pm, Parking Lot; Haunted Basement 7pm, Peace Basement



Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 31, 5:30-7 p.m. Free

Decorate your trunk for the kiddos or come to trick or treat! Trunks will be parked in the Peace United Parking lot and ready with candy and prizes!

YOU CAN HELP! Please contact Clare (clare@peaceunited.us) if you would like to help out:

- Donate candy or non food prizes
- Decorate your trunk and hand out candy
- Help Social Action Team at the hot chocolate stand!

Haunted Basement

Thursday, October 31, 7:30-9 p.m. Free

Try not to scream as you tour Peace's Haunted Basement! Follow your ghoulish guide through the old, dark hallways as you dodge zombies, ghosts, and monsters of all shapes and sizes.



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



Handbell Chorus

Sundays, October 6–November 3, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

They're finally back! After more than a year, Peace's handbells are cleaned, our tables are in, and we're ready to ring! Newcomers welcomed. There are plenty of handbells to go around. Some musical knowledge is preferred. Performance will be during Peace's November 3 worship service.

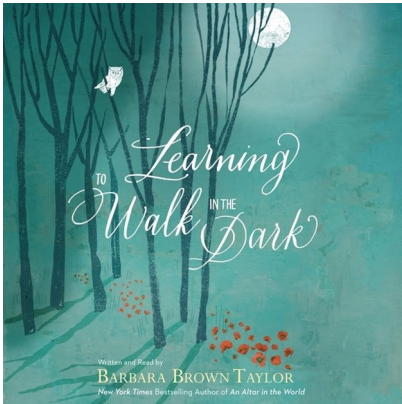
Engaging and Reflective Book Study:

October 23, 30, 6, 6–7PM

["Learning to Walk In The Dark"](#) by Barbara Brown Taylor
Wednesdays, October 23–November 6, 6–7 p.m.

Barbara Brown Taylor takes us on a journey, her journey, to understand the power and beauty of darkness which takes her spelunking in unlit caves, learning to eat and cross the street as a blind person, discovering how "dark emotions" are prevented from seeing light from a psychiatrist, and rereading scripture to see all the times God shows up at night. With her characteristic charm and wisdom, we will be guided through a spirituality of nighttime, teaching us how to find God even in darkness and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know.

Books can be ordered at your favorite local bookstore or via [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
Please register here: <https://signup.com/go/MEzKRLq>



Core & More Yoga

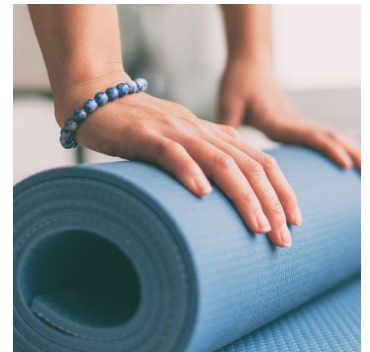
October 7, 14, 21, 6-7p.m. Free, donations accepted

Amethyst Yogi Rachel will move you through a series of poses to help you connect your body and mind. Inspired by the unique pairing of physicality and spirituality that yoga provides, Rachel hopes to create a space where yogis can explore various levels of each to find how yoga can enhance their lives. Bring your own yoga mat.

Each practice will begin with a community moment, as we greet our fellow yogis and discuss what our bodies and minds are seeking from practice. Class will continue with breathwork and a gentle warm-up before transitioning into a soothing sequence of movement.

Opportunities to check in with the body and mind as well as movement modifications are offered throughout class to ensure each practitioner is moving mindfully and intentionally.

The class will end with gentle stretching and a savasana meditation. You will step off your mat feeling nourished, supported, and peaceful. Registration required

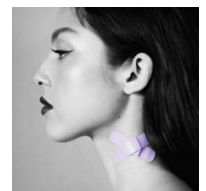


One Day Choir:

Sunday, October 13, 3:30-6 p.m.

"Vampire" by Olivia Rodrigo just in time for Halloween

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



DIY Rope Bowl Workshop

Saturday, October 26 10am-2pm

Get out your sewing machine and favorite color of thread to build your own rope pot holder just the way you like! Deborah Schroeder is a brilliant and talented found-object artist who will literally show you the ropes. Note: Participants must provide their own sewing machines and thread.

Participants must register by October 20th

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL



Right here, in our community

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 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.



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

Hawthorne Helps: Dental Health Donations Needed

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER— Help neighbors in need feel their best!

Hawthorne Helps is currently in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

RPS's Hawthorne Education Center provides classes for over 1000 adult students struggling to make a better life for themselves and their families through education. 85% live at or below poverty. Students (ages 17-80+) come from 79 countries, speaking over 44 languages. Hawthorne Helps is a welcoming presence that encourages every students' success. They provide year round school supplies, help staff Channel One's Mobile Market, offer essential personal care items, distribute winter gloves, hats, scarves and spring garden plants. With

help from *Friends of the Library* (Rochester Public Library), they are also able to give out books!

Donations can be dropped at the Welcome Desk in the Box labeled "Hawthorne Helps"

Questions? Contact [Clare](#)



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

PEACE UNITED

PATHWAYS

SUNDAYS, 9:15am.

Find your faith with your family.

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



TOP PHOTOS :

Sunday, Sept 15: Caring without limits. Pathways participants started by checking out dual images to understand how giving something a second look could change your perspective and then followed directions to make cookie dough together that they could bake with someone they care about.

BELOW: Wednesday Night Spark program Sept 18

Sunday, Sept 22: Power poses and personal trading cards



Spotlight News

Calliope Theater Presents: Kinky Boots

October 25–November 2

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Music and Lyrics by Cyndi Lauper

Kinky Boots is the big-hearted musical extravaganza that won six Tonys including Best Musical, the Grammy for Best Musical Theatre album and London's Olivier Award for Best Musical. Kinky Boots features a joyous, Tony-winning score by pop icon Cyndi Lauper, and a hilarious, uplifting book by four-time Tony winner, Harvey Fierstein.

Catch our very own Dylan Starr as “Charlie Price “

Tickets/ Showtimes: Calliopetheater.org



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Dracula The ROCK Musical

Once and Future Classics Presents: Dracula– The Rock Musical

October 25–Nov 2

A night of music, drama, and some biting humor!

After centuries of “living” in Transylvania, Count

Dracula turns his sights to England in hopes of finding renewal, excitement, and maybe even a little romance. His dreams are realized when he meets the beautiful and talented Mina Murray. The question is, will Mina be equally smitten without being bitten? And can a determined group of vampire hunters led by Professor Van Helsing trap this monster out in the sunlight? It might surprise you to find who you are rooting for as the play roars to its dramatic climax!

See if you can spot some Peace Family in this incredible show!

Tickets/ Showtimes: <https://bit.ly/3XUsT4X>

Sunday, Sept 29: Peace United Band makes a joyful noise! Left-right:

Max Becker solo, Peace Band (Matt Ross, Laura Thompson, Al Young, Max Becker, Jennifer Antonsen, Kirby Bakken, Ben Bedard, Dave Stepan, Dylan Starr) Dave Stepan saxophone moment, Al Young solo



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	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

	August 2024	YEAR-TO-DATE	August 2023
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$260,000	\$32,500
Pledges received	\$30,429.45	\$220,496	\$23,525
Difference	-\$2071	-\$39,504	-\$8,975

As we transition into autumn, our budget has held steady for the last couple of months showing a renewed commitment to our financial stability. With the leaves starting to change color and cooler temperatures ahead, it's important we keep this momentum going. Together we can make autumn not just a change of season, but also a season of financial growth!

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

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

- 9: Craft Show
- 10-December 22: Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsals
- 10: Bowling Trip
- 12-December 17: Teen Breakfast
- 16: Drag Queen Bingo
- 22, One Day Choir 6-8:30 p.m. : "Take On Me" by A-ha
- 23: DIY Christmas Greens Class
- 24: Community Thanksgiving Meal
- 29: Family Game Night



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!!

Don't miss the ever popular Drag Queen Bingo. With a Holiday twist!

Tickets/ Showtimes: <https://bit.ly/3XX2Gml>

October Birthdays

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

- 2 Joseph Haack, Vicki Schoonover, Zac Siewert
- 3 Gina Kesselring, Jenny Langholz
- 06 E. Ruth Martin
- 08 Deborah Schroeder, Cortney Stevens-Bignell
- 09 Dean Pollock
- 12 Audrey Ewert, Stevi Hallisy, Mark Wieland
- 14 Craig Johnson
- 17 LuAnn Rueb, Joleen Sherden
- 18 Colton Cox, Theresa Diekvoss
- 19 Ed LeQuire
- 20 Lois Hanenberger
- 23 Paul Keehn
- 24 Beverly Clark, Sara Johnson
- 26 Debby Adams
- 28 Dana Basballe, Jan Smith
- 30 Ronald Welke

