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### Where are we located?

4061 Columbus Sandusky Rd. S.  
Marion, OH 43302

Join us for Worship every  
Sunday at 10:30 am

In person or online (Facebook)

## Message from our Pastor

The season between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a special time of year for me. The pace changes a bit. We get out of our routines. It is a time where we begin by giving thanks for what we have and we move into the Christmas season where we can think about receiving the gift of Jesus and giving it away to others, through gifts and caring for each other. The church, perhaps like your own families has some special traditions to make this season meaningful. We gather for a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, we celebrate a 'Tis the Season Christmas Party in the early part of December, have a children's Christmas pageant, and gather on Christmas Eve to become part of that first nativity as we "light" candles (battery powered) and sing "Silent Night". This season might be the perfect opportunity to come check out our church. Often other people visit at Christmas time. There will likely be others who are doing the same thing. This could be the chance for you and your family to add to the Christmas traditions that your observe.

*Pastor Joel*

**Peace Community United Church of Christ**

*Community Connections*

Winter 2022/2023

## Free Community Event

Please join us at our quarterly free events.  
All community members are welcome!

## 'Tis the Season Christmas Party

Join us for Christmas Crafts (for all ages), festive treats and refreshments, Christmas carols, and holiday fun!

Location: Peace Community UCC Fellowship Hall

Date: December 11, 2022

Time: 12pm—2pm





# Christmas Cookie Sale

So many times people hear about Christians disagreeing with one another. In Waldo, the three churches have partnered to work together. Peace Community shares in cooperative ministry with two other congregations to serve the community, they are Waldo United Methodist Church and St. Paul's Lutheran, Waldo.

St. Paul's Lutheran in Waldo is one of our sister congregations. The first Friday of each month they host a **fresh produce giveaway** at All Occasions (6989 Waldo-Delaware Rd, in Waldo). You do not need to provide proof of income. They also host a **Drive Thru Meal** the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30-6 p.m..

While the Christmas Season often brings joy and peace, it can be a stressful time for others, especially those who are grieving or facing mental health challenges. On Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m. you are invited to join St. Paul's Lutheran as they offer a service called **Blue Christmas**. This is a time to support and encourage one another through the season.

Looking Ahead! Did you know that 1 in 5 people in the United States struggle with some kind of mental health issue at some point in their lives? NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) will host a **Mental Health Session 101** at Peace on Sunday, January 22nd from 1:30-3 p.m.. It is for those who may face mental health issues and those that care for them. Learn about ways to identify issues, how to support yourself and others with resources, and be part of breaking the stigma of dealing with concerns of the mind.

We will be selling Christmas cookies starting now through December 2nd. You can order online or with the order sheet enclosed with this mailer. The online order form can be found on our Facebook page. Please feel free to make copies of the paper order form to share with friends and/or family!



Cookies for Sale

- Frosted Sugar Cookie Trees
- Peanut Butter Blossoms
- Russian Tea Cakes
- Oatmeal Cookies
- M&M Cookies
- Peppermint Cookies
- Apricot/Coconut Cookies
- Mixed Berry w/ Walnuts Cookies
- Orange Cookies Dipped in Chocolate

## Other Upcoming Important Dates

### Waldo Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

7 p.m. Here at Peace

We will be having our **Community Thanksgiving Eve Service** here at Peace on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m.. This is a way to stop and give thanks for your many blessings.



### Join us for Christmas Eve Service

8 p.m. Here at Peace

This is our traditional candlelight service with battery operated candles for safety. The service will focus on the song, "Silent Night, Holy Night".



### Annual Family Christmas Dinner

December 1st at 6:30 p.m. Here at Peace

Please join us for a potluck and a brief program for the whole family

### Join us for Christmas Morning Service

10:30 a.m. Here at Peace



Dress casually, shorter service. Pastor Joel will do a monolog about St. Nick and we will sing Christmas Carols.

### Live Nativity

December 18th from 6-9 p.m.

Drive through the Marion County Fairgrounds to see us at the live nativity. There will also be lights displayed for you and your family to enjoy. Cost is \$6 per car. You can go around as many times as you like.



### Afternoon of Sacred Music

February 26th at 2 p.m.  
Here at Peace



### Youth Events

#### Annual Christmas Program

Sunday December 11th during worship

#### JAM (Jesus and Me)

Kindergarten through 5th grade  
December 4th at St. Paul's Waldo  
February 5th at Peace  
3:30-5 p.m.

#### Youth Group

6th through 12th grade  
**First Sunday** of every month from 6-7:30 at Peace Community UCC  
**Third Sunday** of every month from 6-7:30 at St. Paul's Waldo

*We welcome of every race, gender, gender identity and/or expression, age, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, physical, mental and emotional ability into full participation, membership and leadership in our faith community.*