

PEACE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Worship is available in person and on-line (Facebook).
Junior Church is available during Worship.
Sunday School for Adults is from 9:45-10:15 a.m.

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Tidings of Peace



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Our Mission is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.



Over the past year, Pastor Joel asked for a Long Term Feasibility Task Force to consider the long term viability of our congregation. Tom Kenney (chair), Randy Roseberry, Nancy Snyder, Matt Axline and Nancy Salyer worked tirelessly to create a plan. The bottom line is we need to gain new members/active participants.

They developed 3 major areas to focus on to accomplish this goal.

Part I. Updating the Physical Space

This includes such things as painting the main hallway and classrooms. It would also involve the sanctuary, including seating and updating color schemes.

Part II. Technology/Worship

We want to evaluate our sound system and make major or more minor changes so that the worship can flow more seamlessly. Also, focus on hymns we like, how to introduce new hymns/songs, and by adding to our repertoire of songs that may be more familiar to different generations.

Part III. Intentional Welcome, Follow-Up, and Outreach

This involves having greeters at the front door, actively noting visitors and getting contact information. This will allow us to stay in touch with them. We will continue to build on community events like day at the pool and Saturday in the park.

We need your prayers, encouragement and involvement. While not all of this will require lots of expense, we have the ability to access \$30,000-40,000 of dividends per year from our investments without touching the capital. This is a way that we can invest in the future vitality of Peace Community United Church of Christ.

Annual Meeting Part II & Potluck Sunday, January 21st following worship

Our Annual Reports and the 2024 Calendars will be distributed. A presentation will be made by our Long Term Feasibility Task Force about some exciting ways we can continue to be a vibrant church in 2024 and beyond. Please bring a dish or two to share as we share in a potluck.

Winter Prayer

*Lord, in the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold and wind can pierce
remind us of the warmth of your love.*

*When days are short, dawn comes late,
and dusk arrives early remind us that in the
darkness your light still shines.*

*When in our lives we feel dull and there is
darkness, reach out to us that we may feel
the warmth of your love and see your light
that alone
can take away the darkness of our soul.*

Amen.

Source: columban.org

Worship Matters

Date	Scripture	Theme
1/21	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Your Body as a Temple
1/28	Matthew 7:15-20, 24-29	Building Your Spiritual Life on Jesus
2/4	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Loving the Body of Christ
2/12	1 Peter 4:1-11	Loving Your Spouse/Family
2/18	Psalm 25:1-10	Following God's Path
2/25	Psalm 28:1	The Gift of Prayer

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th @ 7 p.m.

It may seem like we just finished celebrating Christmas, but believe it or not, it will soon be time for Lent. Easter is about the earliest it can be this year (March 31st). Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays as a time of preparation for Easter.

2024 Sermon Topics



Pastor Joel is going to try something new for 2024. He will be creating a number of sermons that will be presented as a series. For example, in January the theme is "A New Year, A New You". For four weeks there

will be a message on making lasting changes in your life. While the sermons will be connected to one another, they will also stand alone. If you miss a Sunday or two, you will be able to join in where we are at.

Need the Prayer Chain

Is there an emergency?
Could someone use prayer because of illness or a crisis?

Call the Church Office
Text Pastor Joel
Call Pastor Joel
(740) 225-8472

The requests go out via e-mail normally. We can add people to an automated phone call list too.



- **Fresh Produce** Giveaway on **Friday, February 2nd from 9-11 a.m.** at All Occasions.
- **Community Drive Thru Dinner** in **Tuesday, February 27th.**

Joyful January Events & February Functions



for All Ages!

Sunday, January 14th & Sunday, February 18th
4-7 p.m.

Pizza
Family Games (like Bible Trivia & Pictionary)
Prizes too!

For All Who Love/ Are Loved

Valentines Day Lunch
Saturday, February 10th
11:30-1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal... lasagna, salad and dessert

Games
& Plenty of Fun!

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Is Worship Cancelled?

So far, Winter has been mild. ***If Marion County is on a Level 2 Snow Emergency, worship will automatically be cancelled.***

Other Ways to See If We Are Having Worship:
Facebook or Web Page
Call the Church Office (listen to voicemail)
Automated Call/Text from the church

For Youth & Young at Heart

JAM is held the first Sunday of the month (2/4). In February, it will be held at Peace.

Youth Group meets to 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month;

Jan. 21st— meet at St. Paul's

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

We will be at St. Paul's on 2/4 and Peace on 2/18

Lunch Bunch will meet on 1/17 at Hong Kong Buffet (11:30 a.m.). Watch for details about where we will go in February.

Seasoned Seniors on Saturday, March 2nd at 11:30 a.m.. A meal will be served and a special presentation by United Church Homes will be given, "Aging—Everyone is Doing It".