



# October 2011

## The Peace Visitor

Dear Friends,

I Googled this and discovered that the first Sunday in October was first set aside as World Wide Communion Sunday by the Presbyterians in 1936. Then in 1940 the Federal Council of Churches, a predecessor to The National Council of Churches, expanded the observation so it was truly ecumenical. This year is the seventy-fifth anniversary of World Communion Sunday. Peace UCC has long observed World Communion Sunday.

In the United Church of Christ World Communion Sunday is observed along with The Neighbors In Need special offering. NIN supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of the NIN funds supports the work of the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries and, in turn, its direct support of 21 American Indian congregations throughout the UCC. Two-thirds of the NIN offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

One such project that received a NIN grant is *Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement* (CCI), a grassroots organization that unites people of all ethnic backgrounds to take control of their communities. CCI involves them in identifying problems and needs and in taking action to address them; and to be a vehicle for social, economic and environmental justice. Executive Director, Mr. Hugh Espey, states that "CCI has helped thousands of its members across Iowa – whether urban or rural, black or white, immigrants and lifelong Iowans - we work together to get things done. We believe you don't have to stand by and just let things happen, which is probably why we're growing so much." CCI is only one of dozens of organizations that have received grants from the offering's proceeds. Others have included hunger action programs, policy advocacy projects, just peace ministries and educational initiatives.

There is a flyer and an envelope included in this edition of the Visitor. Please give generously. See you in worship.

Shalom,  
Pastor Hal

## Peace United Church of Christ

September 15, 2011

Present: Jay Yunek, Chet Johnson, Karen Johnson, Mark Hoff, Lela Clark

Opening prayer led by Mark Hoff

Secretary's Report: August meeting minutes approved as printed in the September Visitor.

Financial Secretary's Report: August member donations were good for a four-week month in the summer. Funds are coming in for the 2011 capital campaign. It appears that some members who were not able to make a specific pledge are contributing to this campaign when they can. Any funds received toward reducing the elevator debt are greatly appreciated. We also received a donation from a wedding.

Treasurer's Report: None - Will be reviewed at the October Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hal is on vacation. We hope you are having a great time!

Deacons: The Deacons prepared and served communion on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Pastor Hal, Chet Johnson, Lela Clark, Mark Hoff, Deb and Jay Yunek met afterward to discuss and confirm plans to serve communion on October 2, 2011.

Trustees: No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Time, Talents and Treasure: No meeting.

Christian Ed: Met on September 8, 2011. Pastor Hal, Wendy & Darryl Forbregd, Lisa Poster and Jay Yunek attended. Discussed the Sunday School kickoff on September 18 and decided to postpone the potluck. This will be re-scheduled for some time after the kitchen renovation is complete. Beginning 9/18/2011 from 9:15 to 9:45, Darryl and Wendy Forbregd will be leading our Children of God in spirited activities and song. There is no 3 year old age minimum, or age maximum for that matter. There will be no Sunday School for the Children of God on October 23, 2011. Jim Thares will teach older students from the One Room Schoolhouse curriculum and Hal will lead the adults in bible study. The Christmas program is scheduled for 12/18. Next meeting is October 13, 2011.

Special Events: No representative.

Pastor Parish: Met on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged Hal to go on a well-deserved vacation.

Renewal Task Force: No meeting

Mission Committee: No meeting

Reach Out: Met briefly after church on Sunday, September 11th. We are moving forward with the "Getting to Know You" plans.

New Business: Lela Clark attended a meeting led by the pastor of a church in Texas and got some great ideas on drawing people into the worship experience. A worship committee may be useful to help incorporate some of these ideas into our services. Further discussion is needed.

Next meeting: October 20, 2011

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Johnson.



### *Peace a Plenty*

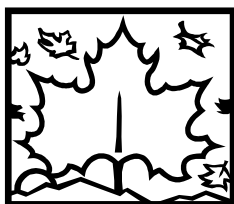
the new cookbook created by the Women's Fellowship, is here and available for purchase. In addition to offering many of your potluck favorites, it is a beautifully designed book. Special features include: a glossary of cooking terms, helpful hints for each section from appetizers to candy, how to stock your pantry, napkin folding and more. It would make a lovely gift for upcoming birthdays and for those on your Christmas list. With recipes like Eleanor Conrad's "Better Than Sex Cake," to Jeryl Michaels' "Heart Healthy Moose Munch" you can be sure this is not your grandmother's church cookbook! The cost is \$10.00 and the proceeds support Women's Fellowship projects such as the kitchen renovation that is currently in progress.



## Happy October Birthday!



Michael Grunke – 2  
Adam Trueman – 2  
Matthew Clapper – 3  
Chet Johnson – 5  
Gerald Anhorn – 6  
Wendy Forbregd – 7  
Bethany Hanson – 14  
Brad Palmquist – 17  
Bill Higgins – 17  
Emilee Schmidt – 17  
Hunter Anhorn – 24  
Harold Gerlich – 25  
Dorothy Matakis – 25  
Allen Tramm – 25  
Lynne Dablow – 29  
Aleida Castellanos – 30



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*Are you able to visit or send  
a note to these members  
who are homebound, or  
living in long-term care?*



*They would love  
to hear from you.*



### *Joys & Concerns*

Nothing to report.

*Please let the office know  
if there are mistakes on this page,  
or information that should be added.*

*Thanks!*



*Join Us as We Celebrate*

*Fifty Years of*

*Food, Fun and Festivals*

*AUTUMN FEST 2011*

*Saturday, October 1st*

*8:00 a.m. to Noon*

*PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
402 8TH AVENUE SOUTH, ST. CLOUD*

*ENJOY BRUNCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS  
Featuring our ever popular Ham/Broccoli Strata  
And all the blessed coffee you can drink.*

*Fresh Baked Breads  
Homemade Soup  
“Church Basement Ladies” Heat & Eat Hot Dishes  
Salsa, Pickles, Jams and Jellies*

*Bibs and Blankets  
Aprons and Kitchen Linens  
Cookbooks  
Seasonal Décor  
Quilts and Lap Robes*

*SHOP FOR YOURSELF AND THOSE ON YOUR GIFT LISTS*

*Something for Everyone from Babies to Seniors!*



**You are invited to a  
Singles Halloween Luncheon**

When: Thursday October 20th

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Peace U.C.C. Dining Room

Please come in costume!  
There will be a prize for best costume.

**Please contact Sibyl Pelz by October 13th**  
if you are able to attend.

Sibyl: 252-2572

**Please Note:** Because this is a catered event it is important that you let Sibyl know for certain whether you are able to attend.



## Youth Events at Pilgrim Point!

### **Fall High School Retreat: “Sexuality and Our Faith” October 21 – 23, 2011**

Join us for a weekend retreat on "Sexuality and our Faith" at Pilgrim Point with Ann Hanson! This event is for High School youth (grades 9-12) and their adult leaders (21 and older).

Early Registration by October 10: **\$75** student, **\$50** adult

Registration after October 10: **\$85** student, **\$60** adult

Our keynoter, **Ann Hanson**, heads the Ministry for Sexuality Education and Justice for the national setting of the United Church of Christ. She was born and raised in Montana where she received a B.A. in Education from Montana State University. She has continued her education in the areas of drug and alcohol education and intervention, stewardship, Christian education, women’s issues, evangelism, planned giving, spirituality, sexuality education, and mentoring. Ann is a sexuality educator and trainer of teachers for the United Church of Christ's sexuality resources: Affirming Persons, Saving Lives; Created in God's Image; and Our Whole Lives – Sexuality and Our Faith and has written numerous articles for United Church of Christ publications and secular websites and publications.

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### **Middle School Retreat: “Living the Life” October 7 – 9, 2011**

Visit Pilgrim Point for a weekend with musician and keynoter, Bryan Sirchio!

This event is for Middle School youth (grades 6 – 8) and their adult leaders. Confirmation classes welcome!

\$85 Student / \$60 Adult

Deadline for registration is October 3rd

Bryan Sirchio is a Christian singer/songwriter and recording artist who has also worked for over 20 years with grassroots groups among the poor in Haiti.

**You can register for either of these retreats on line at [www.pilgrimpoint.org](http://www.pilgrimpoint.org) – or ask for a registration form from the church office.**





## **Is There Someone You Would like to have in Church with You? Why not invite them?**

You probably mention your church in conversations to friends. You might comment on a sermon, describe an event such as Autumn Fest, or retell one of Pastor Hal's jokes. Whatever it is you've shared about your church you may have generated interest. Your friends and / or family may already be interested in your church because of events you've talked about, or stories you've told. But chances are they won't show up on Sunday unless you extend an invitation.

Three out to four people who attend a church for the first time do so because they were invited. The problem is, less than two percent of church goers extend that invitation. Think about that. . . Someone might be interested in attending Peace UCC, but they're waiting for you to ask them. Think of it as opening the doors.

### **Who would you like to invite to church?**

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### **Help us keep our records up to date**

We still need emails from many of our members and friends. Some of our email addresses are out of date and some we have never received. Email is very helpful when we want to alert people to a change of schedule, or a cancellation such as the recent potluck that had to be canceled, or the Lenten service that was canceled due to a snowstorm last winter. Please make a note of your email address and give it to Ann Grunke, or Pastor Hal, or email it to us at: [Peaceucc1908@yahoo.com](mailto:Peaceucc1908@yahoo.com).

## Stewardship Message

### For All the World

*“For God so loved the world...” John 3:16*

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. This day we remember that we are not the only Christians in the world; indeed American Christians are the newcomers to a Christian community that has been serving faithfully in many parts of the world for 2000 years! I’ve been privileged to witness the faithful service of Syrian Orthodox Christians in Turkey who worship in the closest modern equivalent to Aramaic. I’ve met Armenian Orthodox in Jordan, Anglicans in Jerusalem, Pentecostals in El Salvador, all seeking to be servants of Christ in challenging situations.

Christians are, by their very nature, citizens of the world. From the beginning of the church, as Paul invited the churches he formed to contribute to help the church in Jerusalem, we have shared resources with each other as any have need. Through our Neighbors in Need offerings, often received in early October, we share with kin in the U.S. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and our regular giving to Our Church’s Wider Mission we support missionaries and partner churches and relief organizations around the world. Though American churches are young by the standards of the Middle East, Africa and Europe, we also are wealthy in comparison to many of those churches. As we plan our own pledge drives and construct our church budgets this year, let us remind each other that God not only loves us but all the world.

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**October 2011**

God is still speaking,



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