



# September 2011

## The Peace Visitor

Dear Friends,

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Well September is a time when I tend to get confused as to what matter under heaven I need to pay attention to. September is garden season. As people generously grace me with garden produce I am so grateful but I am wistful also. Summer is drawing to a close – as it always does – but I am not ready to give up the warm weather.

September is Back to School season. The neighborhood parochial school has already started and the automobile and bus traffic has exploded in my neighborhood. There is a pile of school supplies in my house for Olivia when she starts school next week. The smell of new pencils and the feel of new notebooks and paper almost have the power to lure me back to school – but not quite.

September is Church School season too. This year Sunday School is going to begin on September 18. There will be a new alignment with Wendy Forbregd who, with the help of husband Darryl, will be leading a class in the southeast basement classroom for the younger students from 9:15-9:45 on Sunday mornings. Jim Thares will be using The One Room Sunday School material for his class on Sunday mornings.

The Adult Group **will not** meet on September 18 because September is Pastor Hal’s vacation season. My Muncie, Indiana high school is holding a 45-year class reunion on September 17. I will leave after church on September 11 and will go to see my daughter Jill and my grandchildren. Then I will go see my twin nephews and their families in Lafayette. Then I will go to Petersburg to see my cousin and her family. Then back to Muncie for the reunion.

September is confusing but it is the month of excitement also. “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” See you in worship.

Shalom,  
Pastor Hal

**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**August 18, 2011**

Present: Pastor Hal Spann, Jay Yunek, Chet Johnson, Karen Johnson, Mark Hoff, Brad Hanson, Lela Clark, Val Broste

Opening prayer led by Pastor Hal.

Secretary's Report: June meeting minutes approved as printed in the July Visitor. There was no Council meeting in July.

Financial Secretary's Report: June and July reports were reviewed and accepted as printed. Giving was down in July compared to previous months. There are still some funds coming in from the previous elevator fundraising campaign and several members are making payments to the 2011 Capital Campaign.

Treasurer's Report: There was no official treasurer's report, however, Pastor Hal reported that the bills have been paid for the month and we are solvent.

Pastor's Report: Since we last met on June 16 I have lead worship nine times. We had communion on July 3 and August 7. We received new members, Bruce Price and Joe Zulkosky, on June 26. We had a fun picnic last Sunday, August 14 at Riverside Park. Special thanks to the Deacons and the Special Events Committee.

- On June 25 I performed the wedding for Roxanne Ryan and Buddy Layne.
- On June 28 I led worship at Talahi.
- I visited Ron Vierkant, Bernice Hofstader, Marlys Burke, Janette Weis, Delores Olson and Marilyn Knettel at the hospital. Visited Rose Gronou.
- Conducted the wedding for Derick Blonogin and Jessica Miller on July 30.
- Met with the Pastor-Parish Committee on August 4.
- Met with Reach Out Committee on August 10.
- Met with Deacons on August 10.
- Met with Christian Education Committee on August 11.
- Conducted the wedding for Gerrelt Blok and Karly Hagebusch on August 12.
- Met with Time, Talent, and Treasure Committee on August 17.

Deacons: Met on 8/11. It was decided the September Communion would be moved from the first Sunday of the month (Labor Day weekend) to the second Sunday (9/11). Plans for the 8/14 Annual Church picnic were discussed and responsibilities were assigned. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/14.

Trustees: Have not met yet this month. They will be meeting the week of 8/21.

Time, Talents and Treasure: Met on August 17th. A letter will be going out in October to begin the stewardship drive with a theme of "Count Yourself Blessed". Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> is set to collect stewardship pledges.

Christian Ed: Met on August 11, 2011. Discussed 2011 – 2012 Sunday School and Adult Education. The emphasis this year will be on growing participation from the younger children on up with fun activities and singing led by Wendy & Daryl. The class will be for half an hour before church from 9:15 to 9:45 for children ages 3 years and up. Hal's adult bible study will be finishing up its discussion

of the Book of Acts early this fall. A Sunday School kickoff and potluck is scheduled for September 18. Next meeting tentatively planned for Thursday September 8, 2011.

Special Events: No report. The council members commented that the committee members did a nice job with the games for the picnic.

Pastor Parish: Met on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Renewal Task Force: No meeting. The renewal committee has completed the 2011 Capital Campaign for paying down the loan for the elevator and other renovations. There were 41 donors who have made a total pledge of \$82,924.00. The trustees will now work with the bank to re-write the loan.

Mission Committee: Met after picnic on 8/14. School supplies will be collected and donated to the Anna Marie Shelter and the Salvation Army. Plans are also being made for a Mitten tree, sock collection and Angel tags.

Reach Out: Met on August 10<sup>th</sup>. A replacement banner for the west side of the church will be ordered utilizing a donation given to the church for this purpose. The "Getting to Know You" sheet has been finalized. Reach-out members will be the first to complete and share their information. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

New Business: Discussed the possibility of allowing author Jan Phillips to use our church for a 4 hour workshop on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Hal will request that the Trustees provide an updated "Suggested Donations" guide for use of the church building.

Next meeting: September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

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  
September  
Birthday!**



Jaquel Clark – 2  
Ryan Poster – 2  
Harold Hoffman – 5  
Dolores Honl – 5  
Joseph Zulkosky – 5  
Shirley Hoff – 6  
Alexander Robinson – 7  
Pam Rypkema – 8  
Bill Higgins – 10  
Lisa Hanson – 11  
David Dettmann – 13  
Amy Ward – 14  
Marilyn Knettel – 15  
Megan Pederson – 15  
Gerri Gustafson – 17  
Michelle Nelson – 21  
Michelle Dettmann – 23  
Christopher Ampe – 24  
Ann Grunke – 26  
Kevan Rosenow – 27  
Marlys Burke – 29  
Robert Fors – 29

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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.*



***Joy's & Concerns***

Wedding Congratulations: David & Jodi  
Dettmann

Get Well: Bruce Michaels, Marilyn Knettel,  
Deloris Olson

Baby Congratulations: Don & Kayla  
Manea

Thinking of You: Orrin Davis

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

***Thanks!***



**Fifty Years of Food, Fun and Festivals is the theme of our 2011 Autumn Fest. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon.**

We need workers for different time periods during the week of the Autumn Fest. It is hoped that you will be able to work for at least one to four hours sometime during the week. Help is needed for baking, serving, selling, doing dishes and clean-up. Please let Lela Clark know what you are willing to do and when you would be able to work, and/or watch the bulletin for more information.

We know that many of you crochet, sew, knit or do various crafts. If you would like to donate any items, we would be glad to accept them. We do ask that you put your own price on them. These items should be at the church before Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

You will find a special Autumn Fest envelope enclosed. For those of you who are unable to help with the event, we offer this opportunity for you to assist in our endeavors by giving money to help offset expenses. This year we are especially dependent on your generous donations due to the funding of our kitchen renovation. Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship, and return to Harriet Lehner or place in the Sunday offering plate.

We also hope you will invite your friends to come and enjoy our Autumn Fest. The advertising you do by word of mouth would be appreciated. If you could put up a poster about the event at your place of work, or some other place, please contact Nona Peterson to get posters. Of course we also need each of YOU to shop at the bazaar for bread, muffins, quilts and crafts.

The proceeds from our Autumn Fest are spent for things around our church, such as remodeling our kitchen. We also provide youth and adult camp scholarships as well as supporting mission projects.

Thank you for your help in the past and for your support now at our 50<sup>th</sup> Festival! Let's make this one really a big success!!!

Yours in friendship,

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There are pictures from the Annual Picnic & Potluck posted on the Peace UCC Facebook page thanks to Bruce Price. If you are on Facebook feel free to tag yourself in these pictures. If you have photos of this or other church events, please post them. Don't forget to "Like" us while you're there.

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## Sunday School & Potluck

The first day of Sunday School will be September 18th. This year there will be a new Sunday School opportunity for **children 3 years and up**. From 9:15 – 9:45 Wendy Forbregd will lead preschoolers in activities and song. Children please feel free to bring your parents.

We will celebrate the start of **Sunday School with a Potluck**. Please bring a dish or two to share and help our students and teachers kick-off the school year.

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### Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity

**Needs your help!**

**Help our families by becoming a family mentor!**

**Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity is searching for volunteers to become Family Mentors. Family Mentors are paired with a family and provide support and guidance to Habitat families transitioning to home-ownership. We have scheduled a Family Mentor Orientation for Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 at our office. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Family Mentor, please contact Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity.**

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## Stewardship Message

### Taking the Long View

*“And remember, I am with you always”*      *Matthew 28:20*

These last words of Matthew’s gospel have encouraged and comforted millions of Christians over two millennia. In times of challenge and pain, of doubt and despair, we are called to *remember*, and we remember that Jesus promised to be with us. We celebrate that presence in Holy Communion and whenever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name. The church is the living reminder to us of Jesus’ words; the community holds the memory when we struggle; the community holds us when we need holding, vicariously being Jesus for each other.

While loving one another and embodying Jesus’ love for one another often involves very specific times and people, we also need to take the long view. If we hope that our role in helping Jesus keep his promise will continue long after we die, then we need to think about how we can help our local church sustain itself for the long haul. There are many ways to do this: endow your pledge, include your church in your will, contribute to your church’s endowment or help start one. Our congregation is able to do more than we might have imagined because several far sighted women and men started a small endowment back in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. That endowment has grown and helps us reach out as Jesus’ presence both inside and outside our walls. Jesus will be with us always; will your church continue to be Jesus’ hands, feet and voice in your community in the long term?

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