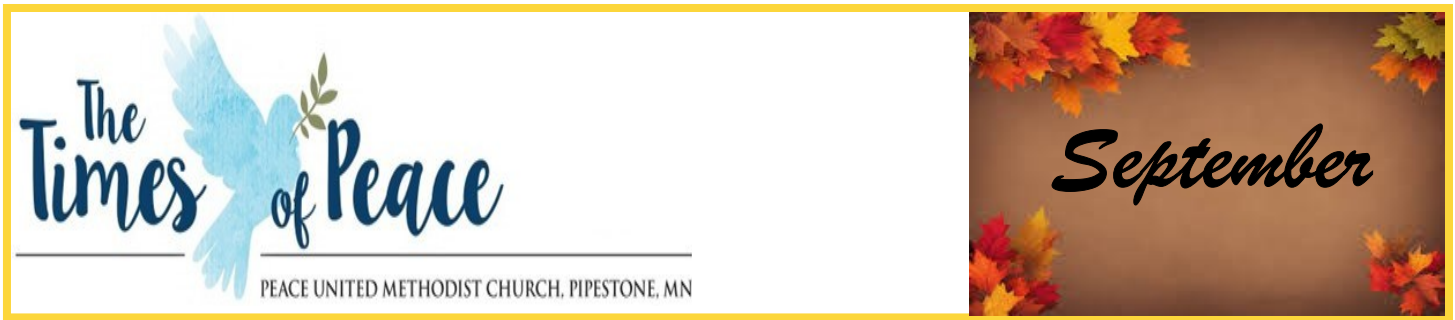




Greetings All!

As Summer comes to an end, we say goodbye to lazy beach and pool days, and we say hello to cozy sweaters and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Were you able to accomplish all your summer goals?

Can you believe it is September? For many people, September is the real New Year because this is when routines come back into play. Pipestone Area School returns to class on Tuesday, September 1. Does it feel "*good*" to you to be back on a schedule? Because September is when it is time to sharpen your pencils. With school in back in session, the pace picks up with "*back-to-school*" activities such as sporting events and other extra-curricular activities like Marching Band competitions.

I love September, because the Fall season begins, which means that there will be a shift in our weather. There will be mornings with a crisp chill in the air and cool evenings which are great for a backyard bonfire, sitting in an Adirondak chair on the deck or chair on the front porch wrapped in a blanket drinking coffee in the morning and hot chocolate in the evening. But sadly, the season for roasting s'mores outdoors is rapidly coming to an end.

Fall is also a time to build new habits back into our daily routines – what might those be for you? I am looking forward to returning to my daily walking routine (which my dogs will love), adding in bike rides, and hiking adventures as well. I plan to take advantage of engaging in some Fall hikes in our local State Parks as well as at the Monument. I love the sounds and smells of Fall! I love the sound of leaves crunching under my hiking boots and that musky smell of them slowly becoming natural compost. And the colors!!! The leaves will begin to change color, another miracle of nature and one more of God's many wonders displayed in their beauty.

What Fall also brings to us is new projects, new ideas, new ministries, fresh starts and autumn traditions and a great chance to reconnect with your faith family.

September is the month that we have our annual Rally Day – our kick-off for the 2026-2027 ministry year – on September 13, 2026, at 10:30 am at Peace UMC with presentation of Bibles to incoming new Confirmation students and also to our Third Graders. Following worship, we will take time to share a meal of pulled pork sandwiches with chips, dessert and lemonade. There will be games for the kids, and they will all get to design their new J.A.M. t-shirt for the year. It should be a great time of food and fellowship. We are also looking at beginning a Bible Study – is that something that might interest you in being a participant in?

So yes, September can be like hitting refresh on restarts of ministries and also beginning a new ministry as well.

I do not know about you – but I am looking forward to where the remainder of the 2026 year will take us.

Be blessed,
Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for August 2026

August 31, 2026 - 9 am - Peace Quilters at PUMC

September 2, 2026 - 10 am - Morning Coffee at FPC

September 3, 2026 - 11 am - Methodist LLP Covenant Meeting in Slayton

September 8 - 8 am - PC Ministerial Meeting at Ridgeview Assisted Living

September 9, 2026 - 6 pm - PUMC Trustees Meeting

September 14, 2026 - 11 am - PUMC Worship Committee Meeting

September 15, 2026 - 10 am - Presbytery Boundaries Training in Redwood Falls
6 pm - Human Rights Commission Meeting

September 16, 2026 - 10 am - Morning Coffee at FPC
7 pm - Confirmation Starts

September 17, 2026 - 10 am PUMC - UWF
1:30 pm - Communion at Ridgeview Assisted Living

September 21, 2026 - 9 am - Peace Quilters at PUMC
4:30 pm - PUMC Leadership Council Meeting

September 22, 2026 - 10 am - Presbytery Mentor Meeting in Luverne

September 28, 2026 - 6 pm - FPC Session Meeting

September 29, 2026 - 7:15 am - Solar Oven Mission project in Raymond, SD

Every first and third Wednesday of the month -
8 am - PC Pastoral Prayer Breakfast

Attention!

There will be an important congregational meeting after worship on Sunday September 27 to discuss starting a Capital Campaign for the east parking lot and sanctuary air conditioning unit. Church service begins at 9:00 a.m. with meeting to follow immediately afterward.

New start time is coming in September



Beginning **September 20**, we will be reverting back to the 9:00 a.m. start time.

We will begin services at 9:00 a.m. through the month of December.

In January we will return to the 10:30 a.m. start time.

Upcoming Joint Services

There will be two September joint services with First Presbyterian Church.

For anyone wondering, we have two rotations of joint services.

- 1) 5th Sunday of a month
- 2) Holiday weekend

Because these are different rotations, it does happen on occasion that back-to-back services will be held at the same church.

Sunday, September 6 at 10:30. This is a holiday joint service (Labor Day). This will be held at First Presbyterian. With a time of coffee and fellowship following the service.

The next week will also be a joint service for Rally Sunday (kick-off to J.A.M.) on **Sunday, September 13** and will be held at Peace United Methodist. Church service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a meal, which will be provided by the JAM leaders, and activities for the kids.

Rally Sunday coming on Sunday, September 13.

Rally Day - which is the kick-off for the J.A.M. year—will be on September 13th after a joint church service at Peace United Methodist. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, chips, lemonade, and cookies. Everyone is invited and there will be games and activities for the kids.

See below for the 2026-2027 schedule.

J.A.M - Jesus and Me

2026-2027 Calendar

Wednesday nights from 6-7pm.

The Sower and the Seed	September 16 , 2026 – Peace Methodist Church
The Weeds Among the Wheat	September 23, 2026 – Peace Methodist Church or No JAM
	September 30, 2026 - Peace Methodist Church or No JAM
The Mustard Seed	October 7, 2026 – First Presbyterian Church
	October 14, 2026 - NO JAM.....MEA break
The Yeast	October 21, 2026 – First Presbyterian Church
	October 28, 2026 – Sing & Activities at Ridgeview
The Hidden Treasure	November 4, 2026 – Peace Methodist Church
Program Practice	November 11, 2026 – First Presbyterian Church
Program Practice	November 18, 2026 - First Presbyterian Church
	November 25, 2026 – NO JAM.....Thanksgiving break
Program Practice	December 2, 2026 - First Presbyterian Church
Program Practice	December 9, 2026 – First Presbyterian Church
	December 13, 2026 – 5pm JAM Christmas Program at FPC
	December 16, 2026 – Caroling at Ridgeview
	December 23, 2026 – NO JAM.....Christmas break
	December 30, 2026 - NO JAM.....Happy New Year!
The Pearl of Great Price	January 6, 2027 – Peace UMC
The Net	January 13, 2027 – Peace UMC
The Barren Fig Tree	January 20, 2027 – Peace UMC
	January 27, 2027 –Movie or Snow Make-up Day
The Lost Sheep	February 3, 2027 – First Presbyterian Church
	February 10, 2027 – NO JAM – Ash Wednesday Service
The Lost Coin	February 17, 2027 - First Presbyterian Church
The Prodigal Son	February 24, 2027 - First Presbyterian Church
The Two Debtors	March 3, 2027 – Peace UMC
The Unmerciful Servant	March 10, 2027 – Peace UMC
The Good Samaritan	March 17, 2027 – Peace UMC
	March 24, 2027 – NO JAM – Easter Break
	March 31, 2027 – Singing and Activities at Ridgeview
	April 07, 2027 – JAM End of Year Bash - FPC

September 2026



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events	31 9 am Peace Quilters 7 pm Church Clean-up	1 Jared Hillard 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	2 Darrell Sietsema	3	4 Gary Wabeke Scott Quist	5 Jon Lane
6 Janice VanRoekel 10:30 am Joint Worship with FPC at FPC	7 Labor Day	8 Steve Morgan 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	9 6 pm Trustees	10 Rich & Vicki Gergen	11 Karen Albrecht	12
13 Rally Sunday! 10:30 am Joint Worship with FPC at PUMC 	14 11:00 Worship Committee	15 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	16	17 Peace UWF 10 am	18	19 Amanda Kampmann
20 Matt & Katie Jones Jeanne Backer Start New Time 9:00 am	21 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	22 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	23 Scott Swanson	24	25 Chris & Becky Sietsema	26 Dean Haack
27 Candy Whipple 9:00 am Worship Congregational Meeting immediately after service.	28	29 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	30 Jesse & Kim VanderPlaats Richard Gergen			
				If you do not see your name(s) listed on the calendar for birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the church office so that we can update our lists with your information!		



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www.solarovenpartners.org



Every August the local Relay for Life Event is held, this year held on August 13, and this being the second year that it was held at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds. Our own Myron Koets was the bearer of the American flag while Kevin Paulson sang the national anthem to open the event.

The Pipestone County Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry historically



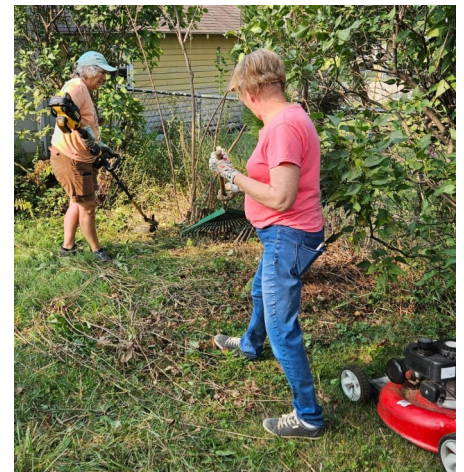
provides three (3) prayer shawls for this event. One is given to the Honorary Chairperson who is a cancer survivor, a second is given to a caregiver and the third to a cancer survivor who is attending the event and whose name is drawn by lottery. The Prayer Shawls are blessed at one of the regular gatherings on Tuesday evenings at Peace UMC which meets from 5:30-7 pm. This year Stephanie Peeso and Nelma Korthals presented the Prayer Shawls to the three recipients after Stephanie read and shared the blessing that is prayed over every prayer shawl.

This year there was also a special reading, a Native blessing shared about the butterfly, as butterflies were released this year—one for every resident that stayed at the Pipestone County Hospice House.

August 10th Mission Project

About 12 members of Peace United Methodist Church gathered at a home in Pipestone on August 10 to assist with yard clean-up, light tree trimming, and overgrowth.

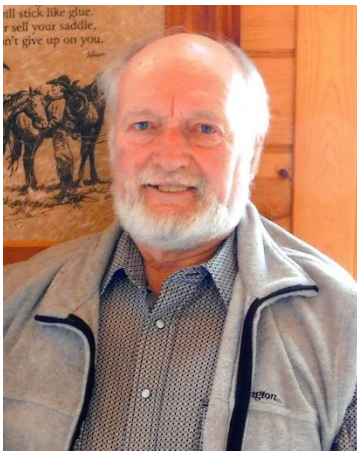
The mission committee selected the property from a list of properties provided by Pipestone Community Development Director Justin Schroyer.



MANY THANKS!

A message from Justin Schroyer with Pipestone Community Development:

Thank you so much for helping this resident with her yard. What an improvement!
Neighbors helping neighbors is part of why Pipestone is a great place to live.



On August 4th a funeral service was held for David Johnson from Verdi, MN . David was a member of the Verdi United Methodist Church until it's closing. While still in high school, he began farming and raising hogs. He was known for his knack with animals, both livestock and pets, teased by his family for being an "animal whisperer." Caring for the land and wildlife became a lifelong priority for him, active in conservation efforts, DNR projects and sportsman's clubs, hosting many friends and family members for pheasant and deer hunts on his land.

Opportunities to Serve

Greeters, Readers, and Treaters!

We're always grateful to have people help with Sunday morning services. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway to use for signing up to greet follow worshippers prior to church service each Sunday morning. On this same sign-up sheet you can sign up to participating in the church service as a reader. Readers are responsible for reading the announcements, call to worship, and scripture lesson.

There is also a sign-up sheet found in the Fireside Room where you can sign-up to provide treats and prepare coffee to be served both before and after the Sunday morning service.



The Peace Quilters are looking for colored sheets—flat or fitted that can be used for quilt backs. They will accept all sizes of sheets twin—king size. These can be new or gently-used. Donations can be given to Shelley Wiese, Pastor Velda, or left outside the church office near the mailboxes.



Pipestone County Food Shelf

Peace United Methodist Church will be helping with serving at the Pipestone County Food Shelf the following Thursday's in 2026:

October 22

If you are willing and able to assist on any of these dates, please contact Sandy Lopau at 507-215-0971.

Ways you can give back to your church:

By USPS:

Peace United Methodist Church; PO Box 26; Pipestone, MN 56164

Auto Giving through your bank:

Set up by the church treasurer in the church office. You will be able to designate the amount and frequency of your donations. All that is required is filling out a form and bringing in a voided check.

**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE
TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

**PEACE UMC HAS A
WEBSITE!**

www.peaceumcpipestone.com

**Please lift up our shut-ins in your prayers, and please visit them!
You can see Gretchen Blom at Good Samaritan Society of Pipestone and
Marilyn Wabeke at Sunrise Manor in Tyler, MN.**

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER 13

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**UWF meets Thursday,
September 17, at 10 am**



**United
Women
in Faith**



Please note, we are cleaning one week earlier due to the Labor Day holiday.

CHURCH CLEANING
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

Monday, August 31 at 7 p.m.

Peace UMC now has a sign-up list for various areas of the church building that you can specify and commit to cleaning. Please see the sign-up sheet for further details.



**CHANGE FOR
CHANGE**

\$ 699.05

Received August 2026

To benefit

Peace Quilters

September Change for Change

Solar Oven Partners

Through hands-one, face-to-face mission encounters, we build ovens, empower people to use them, and impact lives. Few things matter as much as healthy food and clean water. Solar Oven Partners has empowered families through solar cooking and water pasteurization since 2000.



2026 Giving Goal

\$125,303

Needed Each Month

\$10,442

Received in August

\$5902.00

Leadership Council Meeting

August 17, 2026

4:30 pm

Present:

Velda Maine, Mark Wiese, Elly Erks, Shelley Wiese, Steve Schulze

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Calls and Visits - 40 Text Messages, 38 Phone Calls, 4 Emails, 20 In-person Visits

Funerals x 3

Funeral Arrangements x 3

Peace Quilters - 1

Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry – 3

Human Rights Commission - 1

Kiwanis x 2

PC Prayer Breakfast x 4

FPC Parish Meetings x 2

PUMC Parish Meetings x 2

One week vacation

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

Trustees met on August 12 with 6 members Head Start contract approved with a 3.5% increase to \$870.00 per month for the 2026-2027 year. Shelly made a motion to approve the 3.5% increase. Elly Erks seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

It was approved that the blacktop on the east side of the church be replaced at \$15,500. Need to start a capital campaign for this project.

NW air conditioner in the sanctuary is out. Quist Plumbing is looking for parts or it may have to be replaced. Cost \$5000 to \$10,000. This will also be in the capital campaign.

Discussion on having a congregational meeting on September 27 immediately after church to start the Capital Campaign needed to fund the east parking lot and air conditioner.

The Alternative School has requested the use of the church for a safe place in case of an emergency. Approved by the trustees Leadership can decide on details of keys, etc. This was approved by the Leadership Committee.

Worship Committee Report:

The Committee met Sunday, August 9 after church. 5 members were present.

Elly opened with prayer. Upcoming event dates were discussed

August 30 – joint service at FPC with potluck to follow

September 6 – joint service at FPC with coffee time to follow

September 13 – Rally Sunday at PUMC with meal to follow

September 14 – next meeting with Fall decorating to follow

October 11 – Fall Flannel Fest. Potluck brunch to follow service with games and trivia. Val will prepare trivia placemats.

Mission Report:

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Trip Details

Date: Tuesday, September 29

Meet Peace UMC Parking lot: 7:00 a.m. – Carpool

Depart: 7:15 a.m.

Arrive: Approximately 9:30 a.m. in Raymond, SD

Lunch: Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Return: Approximately 6:30 p.m. to the Peace UMC parking lot

Come enjoy a day of fellowship, hands-on mission work, and the opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of families around the world. Everyone is welcome!

Peace Foundation Report:

Renewed one CD this month. Received a request from Missions to pay for materials used in local mission project. \$71.35

Children's Ministry Report:

Rally Day - which is the kick-off for the J.A.M. year—will be on September 13th after a joint church service at Peace United Methodist. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, chips, lemonade, and cookies. Everyone is invited and there will be games and activities for the kids.