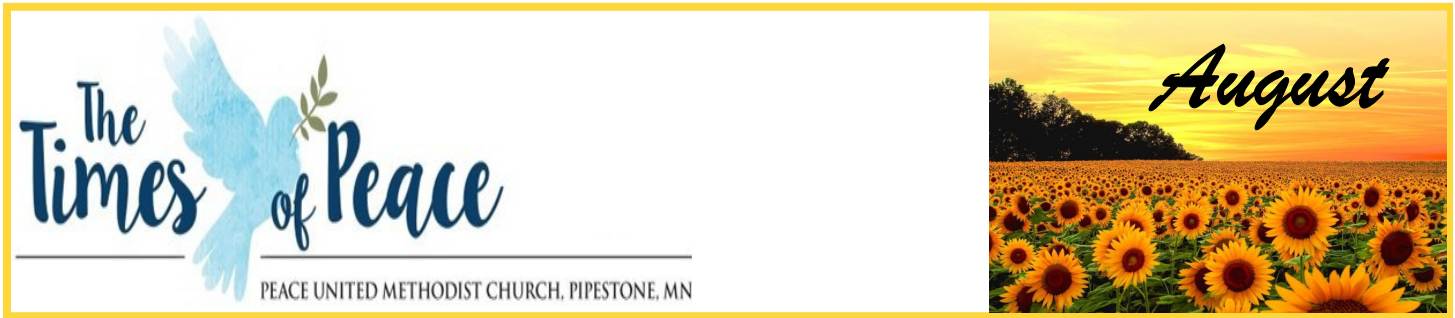




Greetings in the name of our great Creator!

Can you believe it is August already?!?! I can't! Where has the summer gone?

I always loved the month of August when I was a kid. August was when the county fairs were held, and being involved in 4-H meant having those projects done for judging – always a whirlwind of activity to get those all done. It also meant being in town for three days and evenings, which was highly unusual for a farm kid, to work in the 4-H eat stand and take your turn at supervising the 4-H entries/projects building. But the joy of August did not end there – after all the “canning” was done, chickens were plucked and dressed out and frozen, hay and straw bales were in the hay loft, silage chopped and in the bunker of silo, it was time to take a week off and head up to northern Minnesota (remember I grew up in Northwest Iowa) to a resort with two other families for a week of fishing and fun at the lake. We worked hard and then we played hard. August holds some of my greatest and favorite childhood and teenage memories.

This eighth month of the year, August – did you know it was named after the Roman emperor Augustus and that it has 31 days because July has 31 days which is named after Julius Caesar and Augustus was not going to be out done by Julius Caesar. August is also the last full month of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the last full month of winter in the Southern Hemisphere. The hot “Dog Days of Summer” those also come to an end, historically, on August 11 which is linked to the rising of the star Sirius.

And then there are all those – “*Just for Fun Days*” in August:

August 3 - National Watermelon Day

August 8 - National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day (Or, use up that bounty with our best zucchini recipes.)

August 10 - National S'mores Day

August 12 - Vinyl Record Day

August 13 - International Left-Handers Day

August 15 or third Saturday in August - International Geocaching Day and World Honey Bee Day

August 25 - Kiss-and-Make-Up Day

August 31 - National Trail Mix Day

I hope you take advantage of celebrating a couple of those – especially National S'more Day! Build a fire, roast some marshmallows and enjoy. Also, all you lefties – you get your own day – Woot! Woot! And if you have a turn-table – spin that vinyl!

I encourage you to enjoy these last days of summer. Take some time to get out into God's great big world and enjoy some time in nature and take time to relax before the Fall schedule begins.

In worship we will wrap up our series on *The Crazy Love and being Overwhelmed by a Relentless Loving God*. We will conclude by talking about:

Is your faith lukewarm?

Serving left-overs to a holy God

Are you In Love with God?

Living your best life and

the Profile of the Obsessed.

Blessings,

Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for August 2026

August 3 - 9 am - Peace Quilters at PUMC

August 5 - 10 am - Pastoral Prayer gathering at Good Samaritan Society

10:30 am - Coffee Hour in at FPC

August 9 - Worship Committee Meeting following worship at PUMC

August 10 - Mission work project at PUMC

August 11 - 4-7 pm - Community PackBack event at FPC

August 12 - 8:15 am - Serve Pastoral Prayer Breakfast at PUMC

6 pm - Trustees Meeting at PUMC

August 17 - 9 am - Peace Quilters at PUMC

4:30 pm - Leadership Council at Peace UMC

August 18 - 6 pm - Human Rights Commission Meeting

August 19 - 10:30 am - Coffee Hour at FPC

August 20 - 10 am - UWF at PUMC

1:30 pm - Communion at Ridgeview

August 24 - 6 pm - Session Meeting at FPC

Every Wednesday morning at 8:15 am - PC Pastoral Prayer Breakfast

Also every first and third Wednesdays - Kiwanis Meetings at noon



Join us for a Local Community Mission Opportunity

320 W Main St – local home Chris Mathine trim trees, bushes and yard clean-up

- **Date:** Monday August 10
- **Meet at Peace UMC Fireside Room:** 8:00am

Bring yard tools, tree trimming tools, rakes, spades, trimmers, etc.... for yard work, trailer to take trimmings to compost.

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 three upcoming 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, as is happening with the services below.

The first will be **Sunday, August 30** at 10:30. This is a 5th Sunday joint service and will be held at First Presbyterian Church.

There will be a potluck after the service.

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

ALSO!

The third joint service will be 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

August 2026



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Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events						1 Barb Adams Marge Pankonen Matt Severson
2 Robert Buffington 10:30 am Worship	3 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	4 Cheri Jacobson Kim Schulze 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	5 Chad & Lacey Williamson Eleanor Erks Louis Lanie Stephanie Peeso	6	7 Robert & Jeanne Backer	8 Robert & Vicki Buffington LeAnn Quist
9 10:30 am Worship 	10 Jaxson Schulz 8:00 am Community Mission Project	11 Tom Hillard 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	12 6 pm Trustees	13	14 Dale & Jan Wussow	15
16 10:30 am Worship	17 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	18 Steve & Lynda Ewing Marjie Oye 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	19 Don & Nancy Harstad	20 Peace UWF 10 am	21 Chuck & Karen Vaux	22
23 Jeff & Nancy Terry 10:30 am Worship	24	25 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	26 Matt Martens	27	28 Lucas Winter	29
30 10:30 am Joint Worship with FPC at FPC	31 Larry & Donna Bruns 7:00 Church Clean-up for September					



A memorial graveside service was held on Monday June 29 for Quentin "Swede" Crow who was a member of Peace United Methodist Church.

Swede served his country through military service from 1971—1974. After his discharge he began working at the Pipestone National Monument in April of 1975. It was a job he really enjoyed. He loved working with many Native Americans, showing them how to quarry the pipestone as he was a Quarrier and Pipemaker. He loved keeping the tradition alive. He retired from the National Park Service on December 31, 2017.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Connie.

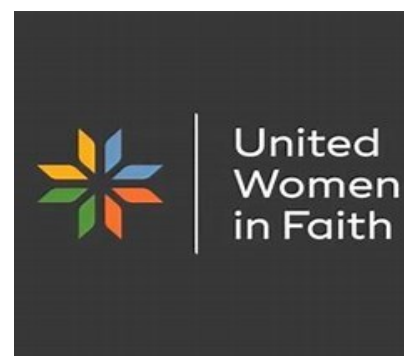
A funeral was held on July 16 for Marlis Jones, who was a member of Peace United Methodist Church. Marlis was skilled in many areas. She loved to cook, bake, garden, feed the birds, and politics! Many of us enjoyed viewing her beautiful flowerbeds and pristine yard as we drove past her farm near the Indian Lake Wildlife Area.

Marlis's greatest passion was painting. She was a very talented artist.

Our condolences go out to her children and extended family.



Annual UWF Rummage Sale was held in July.



We would like to thank everyone who helped make our rummage sale a big success. To all those that contributed items and monetary gifts, worked the days of the sale, moved tables to and from the basement and set them up and took them down, Joan for doing the posters and sign-up sheet and everyone else that helped in any way.

We would especially like to thank Shelley, Jeanne and Joan for the many, many hours they spent marking items, organizing and setting up the rummage. We couldn't have done it without them! We made somewhere over \$1,000 but don't know the final total after expenses.

This was a joint church effort for missions and we thank you all.



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!**

General Fund/Missions

We received a generous gift to the general fund from someone who was so pleased that the Turkey Dinner committee gave a portion of the proceeds to help with missions.

The only missions that are funded by the general fund are the Food Shelf, \$600 per year, and the Ministerial Association, \$600 per year. All other mission work our church supports is funded by donations through Change-for-Change, Rummage Sale, and the Craft and Bake Sale. Thank you for your support.

**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

AUGUST 9

SEPTEMBER 13

OCTOBER 11

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**UWF meets Thursday,
August 20, at 10 am**



**United
Women
in Faith**

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 fellow 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.



The Trustees are looking for help mowing the lawn this summer. Mowers are provided, as are operating instructions! There is a sign-up sheet located in the Fireside Room, or call the church office and leave a message (507) 825-4348 to find out what dates are available.



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.

Thanks so much!



Please note the date
change for September
(Aug 31).

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**



**CHANGE FOR
CHANGE**

\$ 702.40
Received July 2026
To benefit
Midwest Missions

August Change for Change

Peace Quilters Ministry

Providing quilts and blankets to :

Sleep Tight Pipestone
Pipestone Kiwanis
Sheriff and Fire Departments
and more!



2026 Giving Goal

\$125,303

Needed Each Month

\$10,442

Received in July

\$6,530.72

Leadership Council Meeting

July 13, 2026

4:30 pm

Present:

Steve Schulze, Velda Maine, Shelly Weise, Jan Wussow, Tom Walker, Joan Walker, Chuck Vaux, Mark Wiese

Pastor's Report:

During the month of June, I received 36 text messages, 28 telephone calls, 4 e-mails and made 6 in-person visits. I met with my Presbytery Mentor, Attended MN Annual Conference of the UMC for three days, attended 3 PC Pastoral Prayer Breakfasts, and 2 FPC Morning Coffee Hours. For mission work, I was able to attend 1 Peace Quilters gathering and 4 Ecumenical Prayer Shawl gatherings.

Serving our congregations by performing 1 Baptism, 2 funerals, 1 graveside service and 1 celebration of life.

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

Chuck Vaux made a motion to move \$10,000 from liquid CD to the general fund for upcoming expenses. Mark Wiese seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

Trustees met on July 8 with 6 members present

Office air conditioner is not working. There is one in the choir room in the basement so we are going to put that in the office.

Installed a new outside water faucet by the east entrance door.

Danny Moffitt will be putting in sidewalk on the east side this month.

Dishwasher is working.

Parsonage bathroom flooring has been put in and the new toilet installed. Waiting for the top of the vanity at this time.

UWF Report:

Thursday, July 30, from 4:00–8:00 PM and Friday, July 31, from 9:00 AM–6:00 PM will be our annual missions fundraiser and two great days of sales and fellowship. We are now accepting donations of clean items in good condition, including household goods, décor, books, toys, infant and children's clothing, (NO ADULT CLOTHING) and more. Please no broken or heavily worn items. Donations may be dropped off in the hallway outside the Sunday School room doors. Clean-up will begin Friday, July 31, at 6:00 PM and continue until finished. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room.

We need help marking items, setting up, working during the sale, and cleaning up afterward. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Worship Committee Report:

Worship Committee did not meet in July.

Peace Foundation Report:

Joan Walker made a motion to move money from the Memorial fund which was earmarked for the church kitchen to the UWF fund for distribution. Chuck Vaux seconded the motion and it passes unanimously.

Mission Report:

Upcoming 2026 Mission Opportunities:

Local Community Mission Opportunity:

320 W Main St – local home Chris Mathine – trim trees, bushes and yard clean-up

- **Date:** Monday August 10

- **Meet at Peace UMC Fireside Room:** 8:00am

Bring yard tools, tree trimming tools, rakes, spades, trimmers, etc.... for yard work, trailer to take trimmings to compost.

UMC Mission Opportunity: Solar Oven Partners 1 day trip

Join us for a rewarding day of service as we travel to **Solar Oven Partners** in Raymond, South Dakota, (206 Flower St) on **Tuesday, September 29**. Solar Oven Partners is a mission of the Dakotas and Minnesota Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church that builds and ships solar ovens to families around the world, helping improve physical, economic, environmental, and spiritual well-being through clean, sustainable cooking. www.solarovenpartners.org

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