



Greetings to the Risen Christ's faithful flock –

As I write this article, it is cloudy and overcast ~ and storms are predicted off and on today. So thankful that we are receiving some much-needed moisture, those April showers that will bring our May flowers. As I watch the forecast and reflect upon those predicted storms, I reflect upon the series of *"Disciples and Discipleship"* that we are wrapping up as well. For the disciples there were literal storms – that one when they were out on the Sea of Galilee and a storm blows up and Jesus is sleeping in the boat, sleeping through it all ~ until they wake him up. Also, another time when they are on that same body of water and a storm arises and Jesus walks on the water to them to calm them.....and the storm. What a blessing to have Jesus there and present to calm those storms! But Jesus was also there with them when they experienced the storms of life, in particular, the storm of his being arrested and executed to death on the Cross. They didn't know it then, but three days later on Easter, Jesus made his presence known to them once again in the Upper Room, as well as on the Road to Emmaus. Jesus, constantly reassuring them that he will always be present ~ even though he will no longer be physically present.

For us the quote to lean into is, *"Blessed are those who believe without seeing me"* (John 20:29) as we learned from Thomas' story. That is where we find ourselves, modern day disciples of Jesus Christ, we have not seen ~ but we believe. May you know that Jesus is walking with you and present in all the storms of life that you may encounter. My prayer is that you have enjoyed this series, that you have learned something from this group of twelve men, that others of their day saw as misfits and at times that Jesus may have been disappointed with, but in the end ~ they changed the world through their leadership and faith. May we learn from these men, their lives and their ministry and also share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and like Jesus' disciples of biblical times, may we change the world one person at a time by our love of neighbor, faith and service.

May is going to be a very busy month in the church. We will celebrate Mothers and all women on May 11. Our message that day will be centered around women. Also, come and enjoy *"Muffins for Moms"* for coffee fellowship following worship. On May 18 we will celebrate our two graduating seniors, Landon Quist and Tanner Sietsema. Our message will be about going out into the world and following God's call and purpose for your life. Following worship there will be a time of fellowship with cake being served in their honor and for you to greet and congratulate them on their graduation. That will bring us to May 25th, which is Memorial Day Sunday, and we will thank, remember and honor all those who have served in the Armed Forces to protect us and our country.

May God bless you and keep you,
Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for March 2025

May 1 - LLP Covenant Group Meeting in Slayton, MN
May 8 - United Methodist Clergy Day apart with Bishop Lanette Planbeck
May 12 - UMC Worship Committee Meeting
May 13 - Pipestone County Ministerial Meeting at 8:30 am at Ridgeview
May 14 - UMC Trustees Committee Meeting
May 19 - 4:30 pm - UMC Leadership Council Meeting
6 pm - FPC Session Meeting
May 20 - Human Rights Commission Meeting
May 29 - LLP Licensing Renewal in Mankato

Other regularly scheduled events and gatherings:

First and Third Mondays of the month - Peace Quilters at Peace UMC at 9 am

First and Third Wednesdays of the month - FPC Womens Coffee at 10:30 am

Third Thursday of the month - UWF at Peace UMC at 10 am

PC Ministerial Prayer Breakfast every Wednesday at 8:15 am

Kiwanis Meetings every Wednesday at 12 noon



Saturday, May 17: Calling all willing servants to participate in a Mission Weekend as we help a homeowner right here in Pipestone.

We will be doing some siding repairs and painting in Pipestone. Address is 603 3rd St SE, Pipestone. If we don't finish on Saturday, we would like to gather again on Sunday after church to finish, so please reserve both days if possible.

Please bring your own tools and supplies, paint brush, paint pail, roller and roller tray, paint cloth, stir stick, ladder, paint scraper, or anything you think you will need to help paint. Our schedule will be as follows:

- 8:00 am to 8:30 am Meet in the Fireside Room for Prayer and Devotion
- 8:30 am Head out to Sally's House, 603 3rd St SE, Pipestone
- 8:45 to 10:15 am Paint
- 10:15 to 10:30 am Morning Break
- 10:30 to 12 pm Paint
- 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm - Bring a Sack lunch and a lawn chair for noon break
- 12:45 to 2:15 pm Paint
- 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Paint

If you can't paint but would like to make or bring something for a morning snack, please text Joan Walker at 507-760-0077. If you are interested in helping do some small repairs in the week leading up to May 17, text Tom Walker at 507-820-0726, and he will give you a schedule as to when we can gather to fix some siding in preparation for painting.

As a church, we are willing servants, ready to follow scripture, to love our neighbors. Church, we are leaving our actual building to go into our community to love on people in the name of Christ.

Will you join us?

PUMC Mission Committee

Thank you to all who purchased a Lily for display during Easter morning service

The Merrill Family in memory of Gerald and Gerry Merrill

Jim and Candy Whipple and Family in memory of George and Venita Sutherland

Jim and Candy Whipple and Family in memory of Glen, Olympia, Dorothy, Glenda, and Jerry Whipple

Elaine and LeRoy Misfeldt in memory of Frank Tirrel and Connie Crane

Sandy Lopau in memory of Delwin Lopau

Rick and Elly Erks in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Argetsinger, Carl & Vera Erks, and Connie Hurd

Dale and Janice Wussow in memory of Arlo and Marjorie Schroeder

Dale and Janice Wussow in memory of Craig Schroeder

Julie Dallmann in memory of Chris Wussow, Walter and Phyllis Wussow



Palm Sunday Service



Easter Cross 2025

He is Risen!



May 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events				1 Clayton & Valerie Klumper	2 Erin Lanie	3
4 8:30 am Worship	5 Jenny Severson 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	6 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	7 Richard & Barb Visker	8	9 Chris Sietsema Rick Jepson	10 Ben Kampmann
11 Mother's Day 8:30 am Worship 	12 4 pm Worship Committee	13 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	14 6 pm Trustees	15 Darrel & Barb Sietsema Milo Lane 10 am UWF Meeting	16 John Schaffer	17
18 8:30 am Worship	19 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	20 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	21 Deb Houselog	22	23	24 Trent VanRoekel
25 8:30 am Worship	26 	27 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	28	29	30 LeRoy Misfeldt	31



**Happy Birthday to our eldest
congregation member,
Boots Merrill!**

April 8th was Boots Merrill's 93rd Birthday. We helped her celebrate at our April 13 potluck.

Boots is not only our eldest member but has always been a favorite with her bright smile and happy attitude.

**Drive-Thru Pulled Pork
Sandwich Meal**

The youth and their leaders hosted a fundraiser on April 23 from 5 - 7. 160 meals were sold. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support youth camperships to attend Bible Camp this summer.



**PEACE UMC HAS A
WEBSITE!**

www.peaceumcpipestone.com

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!**

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

MAY 11

JUNE 8

JULY 13

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**UWF meets Thursday,
May 16, at 10 am**



**United
Women
in Faith**



**Join us for worship service
on May 18 as we honor our
2025 graduates.**



Landon Quist, son of Billy and Stacy Quist

Landon plans on attending Dakota State University, majoring in Business Management. Landon will also become a DSU Trojan, playing quarterback for their football team .



Tanner Sietsema, son of Chris and Becky Sietsema

Tanner will be attending Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls for Plumbing Technology.

That's a Wrap for the 2024 - 2025 JAM year.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all next fall!



The JAM kids finished up their year with a bowling party on April 13.

Opportunities to Serve

Pipestone County Food Shelf

Peace United Methodist Church will be helping with serving at the Pipestone County Food Shelf the following Thursday's in 2025:

July 3

October 9

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

Thanks so much!



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.

Peace United Rummage Sale August 21-23



Thurs: 4 pm - 7 pm
Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm



Cleaning your closets? We need your "stuff!" Make an appointment to drop off during the week, or bring things along to church on Sunday morning. Office phone is 507-825-4348.

We accept infant, toddler and youth clothing, NO adult clothing. Electronics must be in working order. Furniture, if not sold, must be picketd up by 12pm on Saturday Aug 23.

**Peace United Methodist Church
500 7th St SE Pipestone**

peaceumcpipestone.com



Monday, May 5 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

\$ 630.02

Received April 2025

To benefit

**Minnesota Annual
Conference Love Offering**



**Minnesota
Annual Conference**
of the United Methodist Church

May Change for Change

CHANGE FOR CHANGE for the month of May is

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) a unit of United Methodist Global Ministries, is a humanitarian organization that helps alleviate human suffering, one of the two main goals of Global Ministries.

Originally founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II, UMCOR assists the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion or status. UMCOR's work is carried out by providing relief and assistance in response to natural and human-made disasters and supporting programs in the areas of migration, health, food security and environmental sustainability.

**Please lift up our shut-ins in your prayers, and please visit them!
You can see Gretchen Blom and Violet Werner at
Good Samaritan Society of Pipestone.**



2025 Giving Goal

\$125,303

Needed Each Month

\$10,442

Received in April

\$7420.00

Leadership Council Meeting
April 21 2025
4:30 pm

Present: Pastor Velda, Chuck Vaux, Steve Schulz, Elly Erks, Rick Erks,

Pastoral Report: Pastor Velda

Pastoral Calls and Visits - 22 text messages, 17 phone calls and 2 in person visits
PUMC Parish Meetings - 6
FPC Parish Meetings - 1
Pastoral Prayer Breakfast - 3
PC Ministerial Meeting
Peace Quilters – 1
Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2
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Community Meetings – 4
J.A.M. & Confirmation x 2
Memorial Service - 1

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

Monthly reports from Kinner & Company were distributed and discussion on the new look of the reports and how to read them.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

April Meeting – Met on April 9 4 members present

Checking: \$17715.08 Savings \$6630.06

All bills are paid at this time.

Johnson Controls \$1666.68

Purchased Little Giant Stepladder \$175.22

Expecting invoice from Quist Plumbing for Materials.

Cory Popma from Jer's Electric has everything available to replace the last electrical panel

Boiler inspector came on April 3 and said everything looked operational. He would like to have inspection more than just one a week for low water cutoffs and information logged so he can see them.

Talked about tree over shed to come down. Pete will take care of it. Branches or twigs pick up on Monday, April 21. Will mention it in church.

Talked about repairing the push mower or looking for a new one. We will talk to Dan S. first.

UWF Report: Jan Wussow

United Women in Faith met on Thursday, April 17 in the Fireside Room. It was decided to have our fall rummage sale on Thursday, August 21 from 4-7, Friday, August 22 from 9-5 and Saturday, August 23 from 9-12. Rummage items can be brought to the JAM (same as previous) room for marking etc. Joan is writing up a notice to be put in the newsletter.

Worship Committee Report: Elly Erks

April meeting held on April 14 with 5 members present.

Pastor Velda opened the meeting with prayer.

Plans were made for the following:

- final Easter prep – Elly will take care of lilies
- Muffins for Moms - May 11 (Amy, Elly, Val)
- Senior Recognition – May 18 Val will order cake
- Ascension Sunday – June 1
- Pentecost – June 8
- Donuts for Dads – June 14 (Val will order)

Next meeting: May 12

Peace Foundation Report: Chuck Vaux

Expecting college scholarship and campership applications soon.

Children's Ministry Report:

No Report

SPRC Report:

No Report

Lay Leader Report:

No Report

Mission Report:

No Report

If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings, remember we are available online! You can watch our Sunday Worship broadcast live on

Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:15 am!

www.facebook.com/peaceUMCpipestone/



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