



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is hard to believe that I am writing this article for our November Newsletter! The holidays are just right around the corner and then a new year begins – again!!! And when I think about the month of November, of course, Thanksgiving comes to mind which always leads me to consider what am I grateful for – because you need to be grateful before you can be thankful. Were you aware of that fact?

During the month of November, I will be leading a series on being happy with what you have. And asking the question - Is what you have - *Enough* for you?

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who is casting seeds along the ground. The one sowing the seeds hopes the seeds will sprout, grow and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "*the cares of the world and the lure of wealth.*" (Matthew 13:22)

In our current culture, where having "*enough*" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear – thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

In American today, the average graduate leaves college owing more than \$40,000 in student loan debt. The average U.S. household carries credit card debt in excess of \$16,000. The average American spends 25 percent of their income on housing. The average new car loan is \$42,000 with a payment of \$500 or more a month. All of these amounts are at record highs. Among working-age families, the median amount that American have set aside for retirement is roughly only \$5,000.

Given such numbers, it is not surprising that more than half of Americans are worried they won't be able to maintain their standard of living, and nearly two-thirds fear they won't have enough money for retirement. It's little wonder that nearly half of Americans say they suffer from financial stress because their monthly expenses equal or exceed their income. It's not difficult then to understand why one of the leading causes of relationship stress and divorce is finances.

This series is an invitation for us collectively as a congregation, a faith family, to rediscover truths, drawn from Scripture, that previous generations knew: *We find joy and fulfillment in simplicity, relationships, a clear sense of purpose, generosity, and faith.* These are the keys to experiencing - the good life.

There is no sin in having wealth. Money itself is morally neutral. It can be used for good or evil. Much of the problem with wealth arises when we make the desire for more – more money and material possessions – a driving focus in our lives. That is the patch of thorns we must avoid.

The New Testament authors, writing in Greek, regularly used the word *metanoia*. The word is typically translated as "*repentance.*" It literally means a change of thinking (values, ideals, understanding) that leads to a change of heart, and ultimately to a change in one's behavior. We all struggle to a degree with wanting more, but in this series that we will experience *metanoia* – that we will see our material wealth with new eyes and come to be seized by the truth Jesus taught in Luke 12:15: "*One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.*"

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that God is able to bless us with all that we need so that we "*may share abundantly in every good work.*" (2 Corinthians 9:8) John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, echoed Paul's teaching when he urged Christians to make and save all they can through honest and honorable means – so they can give all they can.

When we choose to believe that life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions, but is found in relationships, in our faith, and in living purposeful lives, we become like the seed that fell on good soil. We become liberated to live the life that God intends for us.

In all that you have and receive – which comes from God above – be grateful – be thankful.

Blessings,

*Pastor Velda*

## Pastor Velda's Schedule for November 2025

November 6 - 11 am - LLP Meeting in Slayton  
November 7 - 7 pm - Z8 Youth Event at Faith Community Church  
November 10 - 11 am - Peace UMC Worship Committee Meeting  
November 11 - 8:30 am - Pipestone County Ministerial Meeting  
November 12 - 6 pm - Peace UMC Trustees Meeting  
November 17 - 4:30 pm - Peace UMC Leadership Council Meeting  
November 18 - 6 pm - Human Rights Commission Meeting  
November 20 - 1:30 pm - Communion at Ridgeview  
November 23 - 7 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Christ the King Church  
November 25 - 6 pm - FPC Session Meeting

First and Third Monday - 9 am - Peace Quilters  
Tuesdays - 5:30 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry at Peace UMC  
Every Wednesday morning - 8:15 am - Pastoral Prayer Breakfast  
First and Third Wednesday - 10:30 am - FPC Coffee in Westminster Hall  
First and Third Wednesday - Noon - Kiwanis Meeting



**Final Reminder—The Annual  
Turkey Dinner  
is Tuesday, November 4.  
Get your tickets turned in now!**



## Combined Church Service November 30 at 10:30 am

November 30 is a 5th Sunday of the month so, as usual, we will have a combined service with the First Presbyterian Church. The church service will be held at Peace United Methodist followed by a potluck in the fellowship hall.



**Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.**

*—1 Chronicles 16:34*

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23

7:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church



## Decorating for the Advent/Christmas Season

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in decorating the Sanctuary and surrounding area for the Christmas Season.

**Sunday November 23** following the Worship Service. There will be a light lunch served to all who stay and decorate.

This is a big job, but many hands make light work and is also a great time of fellowship and fun.



# November 2025



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| Birthdays<br>Anniversaries<br>Church Events                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                |                                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         | 1<br>LeRoy & Elaine<br>Misfeldt<br>Walter Mathews |
| 2<br><br>10:30 am<br>Worship                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                                                                              | 4<br>Stephanie Backer<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Prayer Shawl | 5<br>JAM 6 pm at FPC<br>Confirmation<br>7 pm at FPC<br><br>7:00 Church<br>Clean-up | 6<br>Stevie Schulze, Jr.<br>Landon Quist                                                                                                                                       | 7                                       | 8                                                 |
| 9<br>Jessica Miller<br><br>10:30 am<br>Worship<br><br>                                                                | 10<br><br>11 am Worship<br>Committee                                           | 11<br>Kinnick Schulze<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Prayer Shawl | 12<br>6 pm Trustees<br><br>JAM 6 pm at FPC<br>Confirmation<br>7 pm at FPC          | 13<br>Marion Carstens                                                                                                                                                          | 14                                      | 15<br>Anita Johnson                               |
| 16<br><br>10:30 am<br>Worship                                                                                                                                                                            | 17<br>Keith & Ruth<br>Kluis<br>9 am<br>Peace Quilters<br>4:30 pm<br>Leadership | 18<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Prayer Shawl                    | 19<br>JAM 6 pm at<br>PUMC<br>Confirmation<br>7 pm at PUMC                          | 20<br><br>10 am<br>UWF Meeting                                                                                                                                                 | 21<br>Marilynn Wabeke<br>Pamela Schulze | 22                                                |
| 23 10:30 am<br>Worship<br>*Mission Committee<br>meets after worship<br>service<br>*Church decorating<br>after worship service<br>*Ecumenical Thanksgiv-<br>ing Service at Christ<br>the King Church 7 pm | 24                                                                             | 25<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Prayer Shawl                    | 26<br><br>No JAM<br>No Confirmation                                                | 27                                                                                                                                                                             | 28                                      | 29<br>Valerie Klumper                             |
| 30<br>Combined<br>Worship<br>Service<br>with FPC<br>10:30 am<br>Worship<br>followed by<br>potluck meal                                                                                                   |                                                                                |                                                      |                                                                                    | 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! |                                         |                                                   |

# A Year in Review

Peace United Methodist Church  
Mission Committee



## **Galatians 6:9**

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

*Reflecting on 2025 fills us with enthusiasm. Did you know that at any given moment, our Pipestone Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Social Services agency carry handmade fleece blankets from Peace Quilters in their vehicles, ready to distribute to those in need? Did you know that our handmade quilts and blankets are donated to Kiwanis, who share them with those in need at the Pipestone County Christmas Care Distribution Day? Did you know that our handmade quilts and blankets are generously donated to Native American students by the Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy Program, through FIS Chaplain, Pastor Bill Britton? Did you know that each year, we send numerous handmade flannel diapers, receiving blankets, school bags, and children's outfits to Midwest Missions? Did you know that oven mitts and supply bags are sewn and donated to Solar Oven Partners? Did you know each year we donate blankets and quilts to Sleep Tight Pipestone? These efforts reflect our commitment to community support and outreach.*

*From the Peace Quilters crafting the above items, our parish collecting items for our local school, our support of New Life Treatment Center, our meaningful contributions at Sally's House, and our two days spent with Solar Oven Partners in Raymond, SD, our small but mighty church made a significant impact! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed!*

*As United Methodists, we are blessed to come together in faith under the auspices of a Church that prioritizes missions. We are fortunate to have outstanding organizations within our United Methodist framework, such as Global Ministries ([www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org)). This organization offers numerous ministries and outreach programs that we as Methodists can support around the clock.*

*You might think, "I'm not called to be a missionary." So we ask, is mission volunteering limited to certain individuals? No, mission volunteering is a calling for everyone to reflect the light of Christ to others. It is not merely about a one-time trip or a church-organized outreach; rather, it is a daily commitment to embody the gospel. Sharing Christ's love can occur through everyday conversations, acts of kindness, or simply being a positive influence in our communities. You might think, "I can't climb a ladder anymore!" That's okay; there are many ways to support the cause. First, will you commit to prayer? Secondly, can you contribute financially to the mission fund? Alternatively, you may feel called to undertake simple tasks as part of the group effort, such as cutting fabric, baking cookies, or hammering nails; the list is never-ending.*

*What does 2026 hold for our church's mission outreach as we continue our mission to assist others? John Wesley wisely stated, "Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain." I encourage each member to dedicate time to pray not only for our church but for our collective calling. There is so much need. Maybe a trip together to volunteer with Midwest Missions? Maybe driving over to Flandreau to volunteer with "Helping Kids Round First Mission". Maybe more home repairs for someone here in Pipestone? All options are open, and we would love to hear from you, church family! **Our next Mission Committee meeting will be on November 23, after church, during coffee fellowship***

*May the Holy Spirit guide us as we forge ahead, so that, with God's direction, we can achieve great things together.*

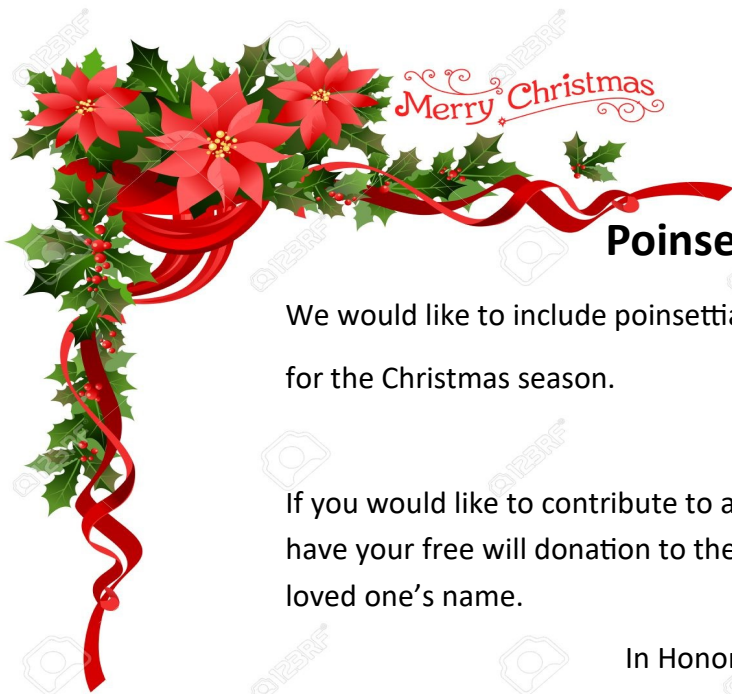
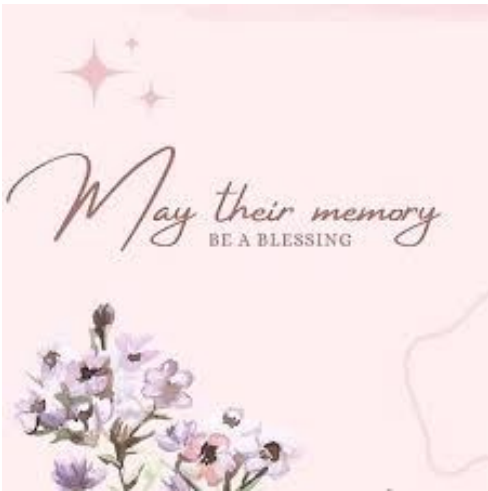
*Mission Committee Chairs, Joan and Tom Walker*



Sunday November 2, 2025 we will be commemorating the Saints who have gone home to be with Jesus this past year. We will honor each one with a short reading of their life history and candle-lighting service.

**Those we will be commemorating are:**

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| Irene Kofed   | Boots Merrill |
| Terry Rodman  | Kris Rodman   |
| Bobby Schmuhl | Violet Warner |



**Poinsettias for Christmas**

We would like to include poinsettias in decorating the sanctuary of the church for the Christmas season.

If you would like to contribute to a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one, please have your free will donation to the office by Sunday, December 21st along with your loved one's name.

In Honor / Memory of: (circle one)

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United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith met on October 16th in the Fireside Room. Discussion was held on the Craft and Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, November 29th. The whole congregation is asked to contribute bake or craft items. There will be a sign-up sheet for workers and a suggested price list for marking items in the Fireside Room the first part of November.

It is planned to clean the church kitchen at 10:00 am on October 30th in preparation for our Turkey Dinner on November 4th. Any and all help would be appreciated.

Several disbursements were made from money raised from our Rummage Sale. We are making contributions to four charities at this time and will make more at the conclusion of the Bake and Craft Sale. Charities include:

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| Pipestone County Food Shelf | UMCOR                                |
| Indian School Chaplaincy    | Pipestone School<br>Wellness Program |



### 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.

## Reminder!

All special gifts to the church must be received by

**December 21, 2025**

to guarantee to be on your 2025 Giving Statements

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

### COMMUNION SUNDAYS

NOVEMBER 9

DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 11

ALL ARE WELCOME!



UWF meets Thursday,  
November 20, at 10 am



United  
Women  
in Faith





On October 14th we bid our earthy good-byes to Violet Warner. Violet lived till the beautiful age of 100 plus 8 months.

Violet was a long-time member of Peace United Methodist Church. She was a member of the UMW, the church circles, the Pastoral Care Team, the Prayer Fellowship Group, and Deanna Bahn's Adult Bible Class.

Violet and her late husband Vernon took great pride in their personal mission to the Annual Turkey Dinner fundraiser and for several years were by far the highest ticket seller for the dinner.

Violet will be remembered for her kind demeanor and quiet work behind the scenes.

Rest well yea good and faithful servant.

## MANY THANKS!

Our May Change for Change went to UMCOR Global Ministries. Below is a thank you.

*The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!*

*Through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.*

*Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.*

## Opportunities to Serve



### Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to organize and assemble the children's worship bags twice a month. This may involve: adding coloring activity sheets, rotating books, quiet toys, checking crayon supplies, etc. These items can be found in the church office.

If you're willing to help, please contact the church office to specify which month(s) you would like to sign up for. Call (507) 825-4348 and leave a message.

Note the change of day  
for November only!

**Wednesday, November 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. If your already signed up for an area, be sure you've been keeping up during the summer months.**



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE  
For October**

\$520.18

To benefit

**Winter Gear for**

**Pipestone Area Schools**

**November Change for Change**



**To Benefit — Pipestone**

**Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministries**

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



**2025 Giving Goal**

\$125,303

**Needed Each Month**

\$10,442

**Received in October**

\$5,760

## **Leadership Council Meeting**

**October 20, 2025 4:30 pm**

**Present:** Steve Schulz, Elly Erks, Shelley Wiese, Jan Wussow, Chuck Vaux, Pastor Velda Maine

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Velda

Pastoral Calls and Visits –

41 text messages, 26 phone calls, 18 email and 2 in person visits

Zoom meeting with UMC District Office - 2 PUMC Parish Meetings -

FPC Parish Meetings - 1 Pastoral Prayer Breakfast - 3

Peace Quilters - 1 Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry - 4

Human Rights Commission Meeting

Graveside Service J.A.M. and Confirmation – 3

Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Communion at Ridgeview

Visitation/Funeral

**Treasurer's Report:**

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

Monthly reports from Kinner & Company were distributed.

The 2026 budget proposal was presented. There was some discussion on specific line items, Chuck Vaux made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented, with the one possible change pending due to provider changes. Elly Erks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There is a new payroll law that family leave must now be deducted from each paycheck. Chuck Vaux made a motion that this fee be paid 50/50 between the two churches and not removed from the Pastor's salary. Jan Wussow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Mark Wiese

**September Meeting** – Met on October 8 with 5 members present

Two old light fixtures were replaced with LED lights in the parsonage.

Blinds on the patio door in the parsonage were replaced.

Garage door opener at the parsonage has been secured

Chuck replaced batteries in the emergency lights located in the church.

Dishwasher and coffee maker aren't working right in the church kitchen. Bunn-O Matic was called and they came and fixed the coffeemaker. Dishwasher – Steve and Dale will take a look at it before calling anyone.

Bluetooth for the hearing aids is working again.

Boy Scouts cleaned out their stuff in the fellowship hall. Checking on keys.

**UWF Report:** Jan Wussow

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**Leadership minutes continued on next page**

## Leadership Minutes from October continued:

### Worship Committee Report: Elly Erks

Met October 13 with 4 Members in attendance.

Plans were made for the following:

- Saturday, October 25- 9 am set up for Flannel Fest pot luck.
  - Flannel Fest – October 26 The menu will be similar to last year. Games will be added this year.
  - November 2 – All Saints Day
  - Paraments need to be changed to white for Christ the King Sunday on 11-23
  - November 23 Redecorate for advent after church. A light meal will be served.
  - Tuesday November 25 Set up for combined service pot luck 11:00 am
  - November 30 – first Sunday of Advent. A combined service & potluck at our church.
  - Poinsettias for Xmas will be all red this year. 20 were ordered. Forms can be prepared.
  - Christmas Eve service is at 4:30.
  - December 28 combined service-location to be determined
  - Beginning Jan 1, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for “Tackle for Hunger”
- A Brunch pot luck will be held the First Sunday in February to celebrate this event.
- Services will begin at 9 in Jan.

### Peace Foundation Report: Chuck Vaux

Still trying to get scholarships finished up.



Looking for fun and fulfilling activities to fill your winter months. Consider participating in one of these activities.

Prayer Shawl Ministry —Meets every Tuesday at 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the church fireside room.

Whether you crochet, knit, or want to learn one of these skills. A great place to be is with the Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry. A quiet, reflective atmosphere provides inspiration to create shawls that are distributed throughout the community.

Peace Quilters—Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the church basement from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

There is always lots of activity when this group meets. Cutting, sorting fabric, sewing, etc. Completed quilts and fleece blankets are then distributed out to numerous organizations and persons in need. Bring your sack lunch and join the fun.



## Blessings for New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, MN

There is a plastic bin in the Narthex that you can place items to bless and support the clients of New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock. Items needed are mens and womens clothing in small to medium sizes. Used clothes in good condition (no stains) such as novelty t-shirts and sweatshirts and blue jeans are appreciated. New mens and womens socks can also be donated. One item of great need is shoes in all sizes for both men and women. These can be gently used in good condition as well.

Other items needed are hygiene products such as: shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion, (these can be sample sizes that you pick up at a hotel and have not used or can be full sized bottles), deodorant, feminine hygiene products are of great need.

Think about the items that you use on a daily basis - they need all those items as well.

After the first of the year in 2026 we will have a Change for Change donation received for items needed in specific sizes for undergarments.

Think about various ways that you can support and be a blessing to those who are fighting to overcome addiction.



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 10:30 am!

[www.facebook.com/peaceUMCpipestone/](https://www.facebook.com/peaceUMCpipestone/)



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