



Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ!

Are you someone who asks questions? Well – I am – I ask a lot of questions. You can “fact check” that with my children.

When I was younger I used to get into trouble at school and church for asking questions. Isn't that what you are supposed to do if you don't understand something?

In the New Testament Gospels, we see people, and especially religious leaders, asking questions. Questions are everywhere throughout the four Gospels. If you sat down and read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and kept a tally of all the questions asked – there are over three hundred questions that Jesus asked others and around 185 questions that others asked Jesus. What I find interesting is that of the over three hundred questions that people asked Jesus – he only gave direct answers to three of them. If you read Matthew 12:1–4, you will come across Jesus' favorite question. It is the one he asks more than all the others. He asks:

“Haven't you read?”

Jesus will ask this question twice in chapter 12 and then twice again before we finish reading Matthew's Gospel.

Jesus was taught and read the Scriptures. He loves the Word of God. In fact, he is himself the Word of God made flesh.

Of course, in these texts Jesus references the Old Testament. Jesus either directly quotes, references, or makes reference to the Old Testament more than three hundred times in the four Gospels. From Moses to Jonah and from Noah to David, Jesus loves the Word of God. And he wants us to love it too.

It's why he keeps asking:

“Haven't you read?”

Note though, it is not Jesus' intent that we become Bible scholars as much as he wants us to become Bible lovers. Jesus wants us to love the Word of God as much as he does.

It's interesting that most of the times when he asks this question he's talking to people he knows have read the Scriptures—quite well but all wrong. In fact, back in Matthew 4 we learned Satan reads Scripture—again quite well but all wrong.

The minute you seek to become a master of the text - is the minute you miss the point of the text.

The goal is to be *mastered* by the text – that the text changes you and the way you live your life.

And the only way to be mastered by the text – is to read it and then to put it into practice in your life.

And that's what Gospel-ing is all about.

“Haven't you read?”

Remember, the goal here is not only increasing your biblical knowledge, but more importantly, that in your reading, that you come to love the Word of God.

Open up your Bible, read the Gospels, and be transformed by The Word.

Be blessed and be lovers of God's Word,

Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for October 2025

1st and 3rd Mondays - 9 am Peace Quilters at Peace UMC

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 10 am Coffee at FPC

Wednesdays -

8:15 am - Pastoral Prayer Breakfast

12 noon - Kiwanis Meeting

6 pm J.A.M.

7 pm Confirmation

3rd Thursday - 10 am - UWF at Peace UMC

1:30 pm - Communion at Ridgeview

October 2 - 11 am - Covenant Group Meeting in Slayton

October 8 - 6 pm - Trustees Meeting - Peace UMC

October 13 - 11 am - Peace UMC Worship Committee Meeting

October 14 - 8:30 am - Pipestone County Ministerial Meeting

October 20 - 4:30 pm - Leadership Council Meeting at Peace UMC

October 21 - 6 pm - Human Rights Commission Meeting

October 27 - 6 pm - FPC Session Meeting



Mark Your Calendars for October 20!

The Peace Methodist Youth are signed up to serve at Community Impact Night at Pizza Ranch on October 20th. They will get a percentage of sales and any tips so it's a good fundraiser for our kids for camps and activities.

Don't make meal plans, instead join us at Pizza Ranch from 5 - 7 pm.



Flannel Fest Sunday is Coming October 26!

Let's celebrate the Fall Season by wearing flannel to church on Sunday October 26.

There will be a Soup Potluck following the service .

There will be a time of fun and fellowship with game time following the meal.

A sign-up sheet is in the Fireside room.

October 2025



Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events			1 Jerry Pankonen JAM 6 pm at PUMC Confirmation 7 pm at PUMC	2 Rick Erks	3	4 Tom Walker Tanner Sietsema Luca Quist
5 Steve Ewing 10:30 am Worship	6 Preston & Vanessa Wabeke 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	7 Gretchen Blom 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	8 6 pm Trustees JAM 6 pm at PUMC Confirmation 7 pm at PUMC	9	10 Rich Visker	11
12 Vanessa Wabeke 10:30 am Worship 	13 11 am Worship Committee	14 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	15 No JAM No Confirmation	16 Dave & Joan Christensen Cassie Lanie 10 am UWF Meeting	17	18
19 10:30 am Worship	20 Kim & Steve Schulze Janice Wussow 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	21 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	22 Jessie Gergen JAM 6 pm at PUMC Confirmation 7 pm at PUMC	23	24	25 Kelli Miller Shay Wabeke
26 Jesse Vander Plaats 10:30 am Worship	27	28 Donna Coleman 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	29 JAM 6 pm at Ridgeview Confirmation 7 pm at PUMC	30	31	
			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!			

Annual Election Night

TURKEY DINNER

Peace United Methodist Church

Tuesday, November 4

5—7 p.m.

\$15 per Dinner



**DRIVE
THRU
ONLY**

Event Information

Information packet and tickets will be mailed out the week of October 1.

There are a couple of ways to purchase tickets

Call the church office. Leave your name and number. Your call will be returned.

Contact any church member.

Return all money collected, \$10 donation for desserts, and any unsold tickets in the envelope provided in your info packet by October 31st.

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex for volunteers.

There will only be a limited number of tickets sold at the door. Please purchase/sell in advance as much as possible.

If you need more tickets to sell, call:

Becky Sietsema at 507-215-1741, or Jenny Severson at 507-215-1074.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Congratulations to and God's blessings upon Matt and Katie Jones. They were married on Saturday, September 20 at parents Alan and Kelly Jones' farm. We wish them many happy years together.



It is with sadness, and yet joy, that we say our earthly good-byes to our beloved Boots Merrill. Boots passed on to her heavenly reward on Saturday, September 21.

Whenever you met Boots her entire demeanor spoke of the happiness that radiated from her. She had a deep love of family, friends, and especially of her Lord.

Boots always had a kind word for everyone and made sure all were included. One of our favorite stories is that she always greeted Stevie Schulze with a hand on his arm and the words "How you are you doing Buckshot?" To know Boots was to understand quiet strength, lots of gumption, and genuine kindness.

Fly high Boots, until we meet again.



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.





United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith met on Thursday, August 18th. We have made \$1632.60 on our August rummage sale as of the latest accounting.

We would like to thank all those who contributed items, all who worked during the sale, those that helped set up and marked items especially Shelley, Joan, Jeanne and others who spent many hours at church doing so. Thank you to Jenny for furnishing a trailer and others who helped load and haul items to Slayton that didn't sell. It was an all church effort and we thank you all. We will meet next month to talk about dispersal of some of the funds.

Our Peace United Methodist Craft and Bake sale will be coming up on Small Business Saturday, November 29th.



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

OCTOBER 12

NOVEMBER 9

DECEMBER 8

ALL ARE WELCOME!



UWF meets Thursday,
October 16, at 10 am



United
Women
in Faith

PEACE UNITED METHODIST *Missions Trip*



Serving those in
need through
Solar Oven Partners
www.peaceumcpipetone.com



Six dedicated members from Peace United Methodist Church journeyed to Raymond, SD, to serve two days with Solar Oven Partners. Their mission focused on fabricating oven components for solar ovens, a vital resource that promotes sustainable living and energy independence for communities with limited access to traditional cooking methods. Over the course of two days, the participants—Nancy and Jeff Terry, Shelley and Mark Wiese, and Tom and Joan Walker—engaged in various stages of the assembly process and achieved remarkable results:

- Manufactured and packaged **395 bread pans**
- Assembled **175 reflector packs**
- Deburred and packaged **520 covers**
- Hole-punched **many Metal J-channel** pieces needed for oven assembly
- Filled **15 equipment bags**, including an oven thermometer, a set of measuring cups and spoons, and a WaPi used for water pasteurization
- Packed **49 complete boxes**, ready for shipment
- The group also brought along **31 Potholders** and **40 Large Utensil Pouches** that were sewn at home before the mission trip.

Together, these six passionate mission volunteers collaborated with Solar Oven Partners site coordinators, Gene and Wanda Bethke, who are dedicated local farmers from Raymond, SD,



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.

MANY THANKS!

Peace Quilters wish to thank all who donated to Change for Change during the month of August. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Peace Quilters

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

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:

October 9

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





Monday, October 6 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 you already signed up for an area, be sure you've been keeping up during the summer months.

Please see the sign-up sheet for further details.



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE
For September**

\$ 301.87

To benefit
Atlas Treehouse Project



**October
Kids Winter
Gear**

To benefit Pipestone
Area Schools

**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 September

\$8382.23

Leadership Council Meeting
September 15, 2025
4:30 pm

Present: Meeting cancelled due to low attendees.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Velda

Text Messages- 27
In person Visits - 2
Phone Calls - 11
Emails - 4
Zoom Meetings - 1
Pastoral Prayer Breakfast - 3
Kiwanis Meetings - 3
Human Rights Commission Meeting
Communion at Ridgeview
UWF Meeting
Assisted with set up and tear down of UMC Rummage Sale
Womens Coffee at FPC - 2
Premarital Meetings – 3
Peace Quilters – 2
PMC Parish Meetings

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.
Monthly reports from Kinner & Company were distributed.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

September Meeting – Met on September 10 with 5 members present
Boy Scouts are still working on getting their equipment removed from the church.
The Bluetooth hearing aids are being checked in Sioux Falls. Haven't heard back yet.
Chuck is going to check the batteries in the emergency lighting.
The deck at the parsonage needs some repairs. Chuck is going to check it to see what needs to be done moving forward – repair or replace?

UWF Report: Jan Wussow

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Worship Committee Report: Elly Erks

4 Members were in attendance.
Elly opened the meeting with prayer.
Plans were made for the following:
-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
-Redecorate for advent November 23 after church. A light meal will be served.
-November 30 – first Sunday of Advent. A combined service at our church. A potluck will be held.
-Beginning Jan 1, collect soup cans for Souper Sunday Feb 1. A soup & dessert pot luck will be held.
-Poinsettias for Xmas will be all red this year. Forms can be prepared.

It was suggested to put an article in the newsletter to request volunteers to help maintain the kids bags. People could sign up for a month or more.

Palm Sunday will be at the Presbyterian church in 2026.

No Reports from the following Committees

Shared Ministry Council, Peace Foundation, Children's Ministry, SPRC, Lay Leader, Missions.

Rally Sunday!

Rally was held on Sunday, September 7 with a combined service with First Presbyterian Church. Bibles were presented in incoming confirmand students Mackenzie Bauer and Autumn Mathews. There was also a blessing of the JAM kids and their leaders.



JAM Schedule

Wednesday nights from 6—7 pm

2025—2026

October 1, 2025 – [Peace UMC](#)
October 8, 2025 - [Peace UMC](#)
October 15, 2025 – **No JAM – MEA Break**
October 22, 2025 - [Peace UMC](#)
October 29, 2025 – **Sing & Activities at Ridgeview**

November 5, 2025 - [First Presbyterian Church](#)
November 12, 2025 - [First Presbyterian Church](#)
November 19, 2025 - [Peace UMC](#)
November 26, 2025 – **NO JAM . -. Thanksgiving**

December 3, 2025 - [Peace UMC](#)
December 10, 2025 – [Peace UMC](#)
December 13, 2025 – Program Practice at [Peace UMC](#)
December 14, 2025 – JAM Christmas Program at [Peace UMC](#)
December 17, 2025 – FUN DAY!
December 24, 2025 – **No JAM – Christmas Break**
December 31, 2025 – **No JAM – New Year's Eve**

January 7, 2026 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
January 14, 2026 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
January 21, 2026 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
January 28, 2026 – **Singing and Crafts at Ridgeview**

February 4, 2026 – [Peace UMC](#)
February 11, 2026 – [Peace UMC](#)
February 18, 2026 – **No JAM, Ash Wednesday Service**
at First Presbyterian Church
February 25, 2026 - [Peace UMC](#)

March 4, 2026 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
March 11, 2026 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
March 18 – [First Presbyterian Church](#)
March 25, 2026 – **Singing and fun at Ridgeview**

April 1 – **No JAM – Easter Break**
April 8, 2026 – [Peace UMC](#)
April 15, 2026 – [Peace UMC](#)
April 22, 2026 – **JAM End of Year Bash - [Peace UMC](#)**

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/



PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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