



Happy Summer Y'all!

The first thing I want you to take notice of and be aware of is that this Newsletter is for the months of June and July. We are trying to slow down a little bit in the church office, taking time to catch our breath.

And it is hard to believe that June is here! The year is almost half over, and time is flying by. I remember when my mom told me, back when I was a teenager and time seemed to drag by, that the older I would get, the faster time would go. I remember thinking what does she know? Turns out she was a whole lot smarter than I thought back then. 🙄

I hope that you have plans to enjoy these upcoming months. My hope is that you have some time set aside for vacation—some time to go out and enjoy God's great big world that He created for us. I know that the gardeners are gardening. The campers are camping. Bird watchers are watching. Hikers are hiking. Bikers (bicycles and motorcycles) are riding. Boaters are boating. Fishermen are fishing. What else are you all doing? I for one would be interested in knowing what you enjoy doing these precious days of summer.

I recently wrote a devotion for our local newspaper, in which I shared a poem by David Waggoner called 'Lost'. It was shared by a colleague, and I would like to share it here with you as well.

*Stand still.
The trees ahead and bushes beside you
Are not lost.
Wherever you are is called Here,
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission to know it and be known.
The forest breathes.
Listen.
It answers,
I have made this place around you.
If you leave it, you may come back again, saying Here.
No two trees are the same to Raven.
No two branches are the same to Wren.
If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost.
Stand still.
The forest knows
Where you are.
You must let it find you.*

I believe that the months between January and May are filled with so many activities for our kids, parents, grandparents. And then September through December that all begins again. I truly believe that God has given us these three months – June, July and August – to catch our breath, to be in His creation so that we do not find ourselves "lost" in the things of this world.

Psalm 46:10a says: 'Be still, and know that I am God!'

Be still. Stand still as the poem says when you feel threatened or overwhelmed. When you feel you are afloat whether physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually.

Be still. Stand still. The One who breathed life into us has provided the wisdom for this time and in this place. We are here – "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) – being called to listen to what has sustained and grounded us since the beginning so that we can be the hands and feet of God in the here and now.

Creation has always been the centering source of wisdom - if we but take the time to be still, to stand still, to sit still, to be present and then open our eyes and ears to its guidance. In the days, weeks and months ahead of this summer season, as we journey along this shifting landscape, may we stand in the prayerful act of being still, of listening with openness, and watching for what the trees, the prairies, the lakes, and the rocks around us hold for us.

And in the midst of it all, may we commit to honoring this Holy Ground.....this Here and Now.....through which the Great I AM breathes.

May God bless you and may you enjoy your summer,

Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for June/July 2025

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

First and Third Wednesday of the month - Morning Coffee at First Presbyterian

Tuesday evening Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry

Third Thursday - UWF at Peace UMC and Communion at Ridgeview

Second Monday of the month Worship Committee Meeting at Peace UMC

Second Wednesday of the month Trustees Committee Meeting at Peace UMC

Third Monday of the month (June only) Leadership Council at Peace UMC

Third Tuesday of the month Human Rights Commission Meeting

Fourth Monday of the Month (July only) Session Meeting at First Presbyterian



Pastoral Prayer Breakfast each Wednesday morning

Kiwanis Meeting every Wednesday at noon

Coming in June and July

Combined Church Services and Time Changes

Sunday June 29 will be a combined Service with First Presbyterian Church. The service will be held at Peace United Methodist Church and will begin at 10:15.

Weather providing, we hope to make this an outdoor service held on our west lawn. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs.

Following the service, there will be a **potluck picnic**. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Plates, eating utensils, and water will be provided.

If the weather does not cooperate we'll move everything indoors.

Sunday, July 6 will also be a combined service due to the holiday weekend. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 10:15.

New Church Times Beginning July 13

9 am - First Presbyterian Church

10:30 am - Peace UMC

These start times will be in effect July 13 through December 28.

Combined services between Peace United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025 - 10:30 am - Combined Service at First Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2025 - 10:30 am - Combined Service at Peace UMC

March 29, 2026 - 10:30 am - Palm Sunday - Combined Service at First Presbyterian Church

May 31, 2026 - 10:30 am - Combined Service at Peace UMC

August 31, 2026 - 10:30 am - Combined Service at First Presbyterian Church

November 29, 2026 - 10:30 am - Combined Service - First Sunday of Advent - Peace UMC



Graduates! Sunday, May 18, we celebrated our graduating high school seniors, Tanner Sietsema and Landon Quist. Each received a quilt that was made with care by our Peace Quilters. Cake and beverages were served after the service with a time to meet and greet each of these young men. Good luck next year at college guys!



Baptism

Sunday, June 1, I had the privilege of baptizing this beautiful baby boy into God's holy family.

Welcome Maverick Willis Van Roekel.

Congratulations to the parents, Trent Van Roekel and Mazie Elrod. Also to grandparents, Billy and Stacy Quist, Mike Van Roekel, Great Grandparents Janice Van Roekel, Doug and Doreen Hanson, LeAnne and Scott Quist, and Great-Great Grandma Boots Merrill.



June 2025



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Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events						
1 Larry Bruns Paul Mathews 8:30 am Worship	2 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	3 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	4	5 Rick & Eleanor Erks JoLynn Nangle Lacey Williamson	6 Jason Wiese Michelle Winter	7
8 Billy Quist 8:30 am Worship 	9 Taya DeRyke 11 am Worship Committee	10 Jamison Lane 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	11 Billy & Stacy Quist LeRoy & Mary Ann Miller MN Annual Conference 6 pm Trustees	12 Bill Miller MN Annual Conference	13 Blake Sietsema MN Annual Conference	14
15 Father's Day Darius Backer 8:30 am Worship	16 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	17 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	18 Jacque Swanson Mary Ann Popp	19 Stacy Lane 10 am UWF Meeting	20 Tom & Eldonna Hillard Justin & Jessica Miller	21 Brad Hillard Clayton Klumper
22 Ashlynn Wabeke Keona Long 8:30 am Worship	23	24 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	25 Jacque & Scott Swanson	26 Autumn Mathews	27 Jim & Candy Whipple Kobie VanderPlaats	28 Donna Bruns
29 Braelynn Wabeke 10:15 am Joint Worship with FPC at PUMC Potluck to follow	30 Jon & Stacy Lane					

July 2025



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6 10:15 am Joint Wor- ship with FPC at FPC	7 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	8 Becky Sietsema Shelley Wiese 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	9 Mark & Shelley Wiese 6 pm Trustees	10	11	12
13 Elaine Misfeldt 10:30 am Worship  <small>Communion</small>	14 11 am Worship Committee	15 James Wussow 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	16	17 10 am UWF Meeting	18 Myron & Nancy Koets	19 Tessa Shuler
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On Sunday, June 1, we blessed 33 fleece blankets and 22 quilts from Peace Quilters.

We also blessed - 19 Fleece Jackets, 150 Receiving Blankets - 21 boys and girls outfits (12-girl, 9-boys), 202 diapers and 54 school bags for Midwest Mission.



Thank you to all who cut, sewed, and crafted all these items. You are God's hands and feet here on earth.



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

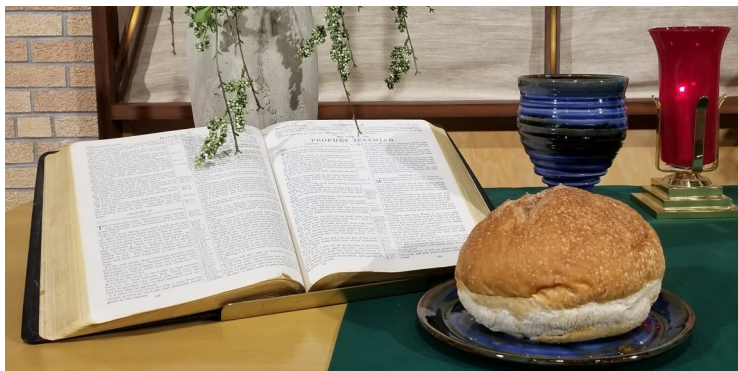
COMMUNION SUNDAYS

JUNE 8

JULY 13

AUGUST 10

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**UWF meets Thursday,
June 19 and July 17, at 10 am**



**United
Women
in Faith**



PUMC Local Mission Project Work Continues on Sally's House

Saturday, May 17th was a blustery cold day but progress was still made on siding repair and roof repair on the garage. We also had a team painting shutters in the church basement. Plans are to complete painting the house and garage as soon as everything has dried.

We are so thankful for everyone who contributed to this project.



PUMC
We're on
a mission.



Dates: September 22-23, 2025
Solar Oven Partners, Raymond, SD

WWW.SOLAROVENPARTNERS.ORG

Upcoming Mission Project

What: Mission Trip to Raymond, SD to build Solar Ovens

When: Monday & Tuesday, September 22-23, 2025

Where: Raymond, SD, 2.5 hours from Pipestone. There is hostel-style lodging and a kitchen in the workshop building. Nearby hotels are in Clark (10 miles). Camping is also available.

What is Solar Oven Partners: www.solarovenpartners.org.

Solar Oven Partners is a Ministry of the United Methodist Church, Dakotas Annual Conference, with support from the MN Annual Conference. Please go to their website for a detailed description.

PUMC members will have the opportunity to travel to Raymond for a two-day mission project where we will help manufacture, assemble, or pack solar ovens which are shipped to Africa, Dominican Republic, or the Navajo Nation in AZ. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room. Please prayerfully consider attending this meaningful mission trip. Sign up sheet is found in the Fireside Room.

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.



A.C.E SW MN Seeks Caregiver Respite Services

A.C.E is seeking volunteers in the Pipestone area, who are compassionate community member (s) to join our volunteer program dedicated to providing friendly visits and caregiver respite (No hands on care) services for individuals in need. As the demand for support continues to grow, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local seniors and caregivers.

Many families face the challenges of caring for aging loved ones, often leading to emotional and physical exhaustion. Our respite services provide caregivers with much-needed breaks to recharge. As caregiving is a 24/7 job and need for a break is much needed and appreciated.

Please call Jill Toering at ACE SW MN for more information. I will "train" for this very rewarding volunteer opportunity! 507-215-6837

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

A stylized illustration of a room with a desk, books, and a potted plant. A sign on the wall says "Open".

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) 825-4338 to find out what dates are available.



Monday, July 7 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

\$ 870.54

Received May 2025

To benefit

UMCOR

(United Methodist Committee on Relief)



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

June Change for Change



Their Mission is: Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief.

www.midwestmission.org

July Change for Change

School Supplies for 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 May

\$73470.00

Leadership Council Meeting

May 19, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Present: Pastor Velda, Steve Schultz, Chuck Vaux, Jan Wussow, Elly Erks, Mark Wiese, Shelley Wiese, Joan Walker, Tom Walker, Jullie Dallmann, Becky Sietsema

Pastoral Report: Pastor Velda

Pastoral Calls and Visits - 50 text messages, 35 phone calls, 15 emails and 6 in person visits

PUMC Parish Meetings - 3

Pastoral Prayer Breakfast – 3

PC Ministerial Meeting

Peace Quilters – 2

Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry – 3

Community Meetings – 6

J.A.M. & Confirmation x 2

Funerals – 2

Special Service - Maundy Thursday

Completion of COS/Seminary Class

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

Monthly reports from Kinner & Company were distributed.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

May Meeting – Met on May 14 with 6 members present

Dan reported on what Johnson Control found out when they were here. Replaced a thermostat in the upstairs hallway, we have to replace one in the Fellowship hall, and replace a valve in the Head Start office.

The refrigerator in the parsonage is not working right, we will replace it. All the appliances are old, so they are checking on price differences if all are replaced at once.

The outside trim on the Church windows needs to be painted. Maybe get people together to work on that in June.

Working on filling the holes in the parking lot and spraying weeds.

Voted to let the MAV Church rent the church short-term for about 6 months.

UWF Report: Jan Wussow

United Women in Faith met on May 15, 2025 in the Fireside Room. It was discussed that we have not been having meetings in the summer in the past, but it was decided that we would meet in the summer and take off a couple of meetings during the winter when the weather would not be as nice.

We received a thank you from the Ambulance Association for the use of supplies for their annual chili supper and from Midwest Missions for our contributions.

Quilts and other items sewn for Midwest Missions will be blessed on June 1 so that Pastor Velda can take them to Annual Conference.

It was discussed to have a box set up for contributions to New Life Treatment Center for personal items, shoes and clothing (especially men's size 32-34 waist) and women's (sizes 12/medium).

Also everyone was reminded about the rummage sale on August 21-23.

Worship Committee Report: Elly Erks

Meeting held May 5 at our new time of 11 am. 4 members present.

Plans were made for the following:

-Ascension Sunday & Maverick's baptism- June 1 – worship team will put up Pentecost décor after the service. This décor will be removed after the June 9 worship team meeting.

-Pentecost – June 8

-Father's Day Sunday will feature Donuts for Dads after the service – June 14 (Val ordered)

-June 29 – combined church outdoor service & potluck. Various church committees will be asked to take part in this along with: Julie – ice, Velda – talk to

Keith about sound system, Val – cooler pools, Elly-call city about picnic tables

-July 5 - Sunday worship time changes to later service.

Next meeting: June 9

Leadership minutes continued on next page.

Leadership minutes continued:

Peace Foundation Report: Chuck Vaux

One scholarship app received. A second is expected soon.

Expecting request for mission project.

One CD up for renewal.

Children's Ministry Report:

JAM has wrapped up for the 2024-2025 year. They have already met with plans to continue to meet Wednesday evenings beginning in September.

SPRC Report:

Velda reported that her annual review is upcoming. Members of the Leadership team may be asked to help with the review process.

Lay Leader Report:

No Report

Mission Report:

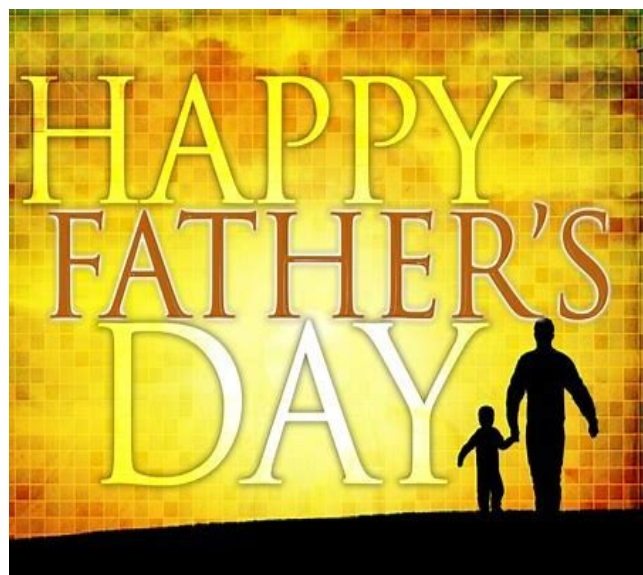
The Mission Committee is in the middle of its first project for 2025. We are working on Sally W's house at 603 3rd St, Pipestone. We have had a wonderful volunteer response for this project.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the first two weeks of May, a small group of volunteers began to do repairs at Sally's house. A layer of siding was stripped from the garage. Some of those pieces were good enough to use for repairs on the house, and some new siding was purchased as well. Wooden 1x4 boards were purchased and used on the corners to secure curling siding that the existing tin corner could no longer hold. The shutters were removed, scraped, sanded, and then primed.

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, we started the morning in the Fireside room with prayer and a short devotion. With the rainy weather, a painting station was set up in the church basement where a group of ladies worked in the morning painting the shutters black. A large number of volunteers also spent a cold and windy Saturday doing more siding and corner repairs. Also, a group of men stripped the old shingles off the garage and started to put new tin up. We will wait for a spell of dry weather before we go back to finish the painting on the house.

We are thrilled at the response of the members of our parish to reach out into the community with love for our neighbors.

Once Sally's house is finished, we hope that our next project will be helping Solar Oven Partners construct Solar Ovens that are shipped to Africa, the Dominican Republic, and the Navajo Nation in AZ.



Celebrate!



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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