



Dear Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ,

We are entering the second of our “ber” months. I recently read an article about the last four months of the year as being the “ber” months because they all end with that suffix. The article struck a cord with me.

What they shared was that each one of these months brings its own characteristics and wonders and that the last three months of the year are the holiday months with October kicking off with Halloween. Also, it is during the month of October that the wind becomes rowdy, tousling our hair and carrying creatures south as they migrate. The mercury in our thermometers shifts as temperatures dip and Jack Frost begins to tease us, painting frosty pictures on glass and metal surfaces. It is also a time of fog and when God paints the trees with what is called “hoar” frost, those delicate, feathery ice crystals. October is also peak fall foliage month, with State Parks erupting into brilliant colors of reds, oranges, and golds as deciduous trees drop their leaves. I encourage you to get out there – out of doors – and enjoy the beauty that God creates for us during this month. It is also the kick-off to Fall outdoor traditions. Families will be heading to apple orchards, pumpkin patches, and Halloween festivities that draw them outside before the deep chill of December and January arrives.

As we work through our current series of The Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, discussing and looking at that, we need to walk the walk of a Christian if we are going to talk the talk as a faithful follower of Jesus. The first week we looked at the importance of gathering together in what is now called “corporate worship” or better known in the “olden days” as Sunday morning worship. Yes, you can worship God wherever you are, but when you worship together with your faith family, we grow together in knowledge and grace and develop relationships that lift up and support each other in times of trial and need. We also looked at the importance of having a faithful prayer life, speaking with God on a daily basis and also more than once a day. I invited you to pray five times a day. Beginning with when you first get up in the morning, thanking God for another day that you woke up. Then praying before you eat breakfast, lunch and supper/dinner, and then praying one last time before you go to bed and fall asleep. Wonder if the only things we have tomorrow, are the things that we thanked God for today? Think about that – because I find that a very profound question and statement. We also looked at the importance of studying the Word of God. Reading scripture on a daily basis and immersing ourselves in what God is saying to us and how He is directing us on our daily walk here on earth. At the end of this message, I invited you to begin reading five verses of scripture a day. Encouraging you to begin in one of the Gospels of either Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, doing so will only take a minute or two before or following one of your prayers. The next two weeks we will be looking at how we can serve and give as God has called us to and Jesus has taught us to.

The last two Sundays in October I will be away from the pulpit, on October 18 I will be on vacation, Stan Menning from Dawson will be providing pulpit supply. October 25 I will be returning from a week at a Recovery Retreat, seeking some time of solitude, rest, and immersion in God’s creation and in His Word. Carl Gearhart will be covering the pulpit this last Sunday of October.

Enjoy this beautiful month of change, listen for the voice of God not only in the sounds of the season but also by what your eyes see and the feelings that wrap around you during this second “ber” month of 2026.

May God bless you and keep you,

Be blessed,
Pastor Velda

Pastor Velda's Schedule for August 2026

October 1 - 11 am - Methodist LLP Covenant Group meeting in Slayton

October 3 - 9 am to 4 pm - Kiwanis District

Meeting at the Hiawatha Lodge

October 5 - 9 am - Peace Quilters

October 5 - 5:30-7 pm - Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry

October 7 - Noon - Kiwanis meeting at the Pizza Ranch

6 pm - J.A.M.

7 pm - Confirmation

October 12 - 5 - 7 pm - Blessing of the Pets at the Historic St. Paul Episcopal Church

Pastor Velda's Vacation begins following worship on Sunday, October 11, through Saturday, October 18.

Renewal Retreat from Monday, October 19, through Sunday, October 25.

October 27 - 10 am - Presbytery Mentoring Meeting in Luverne

5 pm - Presbytery Monthly CRE Zoom Call Meeting

October 28 - 6 pm - J.A.M.

7 pm - Confirmation

October 30 - 2:15 pm - Terrific Kids at PAS Elementary School

Flannel Fest – October 11

Wear your favorite flannel to church and plan to join us for a potluck brunch following the 9:00 a.m. service. Games and activities for everyone!

Vacation Coverage

During the week of October 11 thru October 18, Pastor Lori VonHoltum from Balaton will provide pastoral care coverage for any of your needs. Her contact number is: [507-220-3557](tel:507-220-3557)

During the week of October 19 thru October 25, Pastor Galen Spinler from Slayton will provide pastoral care coverage. His contact number is: [507-391-2001](tel:507-391-2001)

Coming in November

All Saint's Sunday on Sunday, November 1

Confirmation Service on Sunday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

The Annual Election Day Turkey Dinner is right around the corner. Tuesday, November 3



Event Information

Information packet and tickets will be mailed out the week of October 1. Tickets will be \$15.00 each.

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!

Paving the Road to Faith

A Capital Campaign

Peace United Methodist Church is running a campaign to raise funds. We are currently working on paving the east driveway of the church. We also will need to replace an air conditioning unit (30 years old) used for cooling the sanctuary. The combined cost of these two projects is projected to be \$25,000.



As a bonus, we have a church member who has pledged an additional \$20,000 **IF** we meet the goal of \$25,000 by January 1, 2027. This gives us an added incentive as well as a goal!

Checks should be made to: PUMC Trustees and a note on the memo line for Capital Campaign.

Checks can be mailed to: PUMC; Box 26; Pipestone, MN 56164

October 2026



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Birthdays Anniversaries Church Events JAM				1 Jerry Pankonen	2 Rick Erks	3
4 Tom Walker Tanner Sietsema Luca Quist Worship 9:00 am	5 Steve Ewing 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	6 Preston & Vanessa Wabeke 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	7 Gretchen Blom JAM 6 pm at FPC Confirmation 7 pm at FPC	8	9	10 Richard Visker
11 Flannel Fest Brunch Potluck Worship 9:00 am 	12 Vanessa Wabeke	13 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	14 6 pm Trustees No JAM Fall Break	15	16 Dave & Judy Christensen	17
18 Worship 9:00 am	19 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting	20 Kim & Steve Schulze Janice Wussow 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	21 JAM 6 pm at FPC No Confirmation	22 Jessie Gergen 10 am UWF Meeting	23	24
25 Kelli Miller Shay Wabeke Worship 9:00 am	26 Jase Vander Plaats	27 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	28 Donna Coleman JAM 6 pm at Ridgeview for singing and activities Confirmation 7 pm at FPC	29	30	31

MANY THANKS!

Our July Change-for-Change went to Midwest Missions. Below is a thank you we receive:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift! May God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.

We are reminded, especially right now, how much difference each person's contribution makes. We were able to send a shipment to Jamaica only three days after Hurricane Melissa brought unprecedented devastation and catastrophic damage to those in her path. It's never a sprint – always a marathon.

Sandy “Sam” Lopau

Sandy went home to be with Jesus on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Sandy will be greatly missed here at Peace UMC. There were so many things that she did quietly behind the scenes. Things like Peace Quilters, served as Treasurer, coordinated Coffee Hour and made sure supplies were replenished. She assisted with Wednesday night JAM and was the coordinator for serving at the Food Shelf. She was very instrumental in the success of the Annual Turkey Dinner. She also was involved with the community garden plots for many years. All this plus being a regular Sunday church attender will leave a giant size hole in our church family.

Not only will we miss her fellowship and service – we're really going to miss her quick wit and wonderful sense of humor.

Blessed be her memory.



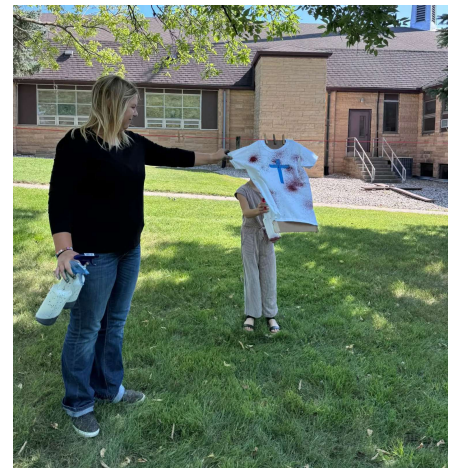
Pipestone County Food Shelf

Peace United Methodist Church will be helping with serving at the Pipestone County Food Shelf the following Thursday's in 2026:

October 22

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this mission project for 2027. We normally serve 3 or 4 months each year. Please call the office at 507-825-4348 and leave a message if you would like to help out with the Food Shelf mission.

Rally Sunday September 13



J.A.M – Jesus and Me

2026-2027 Calendar

Wednesday nights from 6-7pm.

FPC = First Presbyterian Church

PUMC = Peace United Methodist Church

The Mustard Seed	October 7, 2026 – FPC October 14, 2026 - NO JAM, MEA break
The Yeast	October 21, 2026 – FPC October 28, 2026 – Sing & Activities at Ridgeview
The Hidden Treasure	November 4, 2026 – PUMC
Program Practice	November 11, 2026 – FPC November 18, 2026 – FPC November 25 – No JAM, Thanksgiving Break December 2 – FPC December 9 – FPC December 13 – 5 pm JAM Christmas Program at FPC December 16 – Caroling at Ridgeview December 23 – No JAM December 30 – No JAM

The Pearl of Great Price	January 6 – PUMC
The Net	January 13 – PUMC
The Barren Fig Tree	January 20 – PUMC January 27 – PUMC
The Lost Sheep	February 3 – FPC February 10 – FPC
The Lost Coin	February 17 – FPC
The Prodigal Son	February 24 – FPC
The Two Debtors	March 3 – PUMC
The Unmerciful Servant	March 10 – PUMC
The Good Servant	March 17 – PUMC
	March 24 – No JAM Easter Break
	March 31 – Singing and Activities at Ridgeview
	April 7 – JAM End of Year Bash - FPC

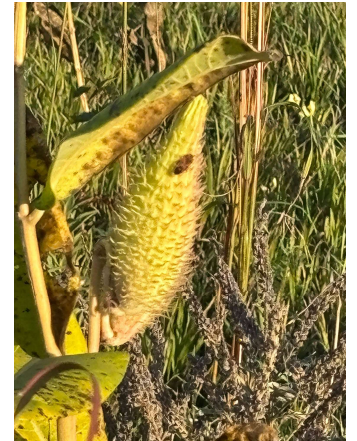
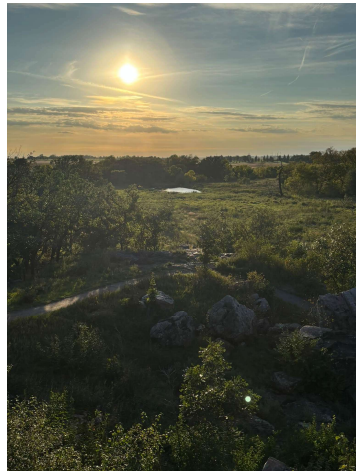
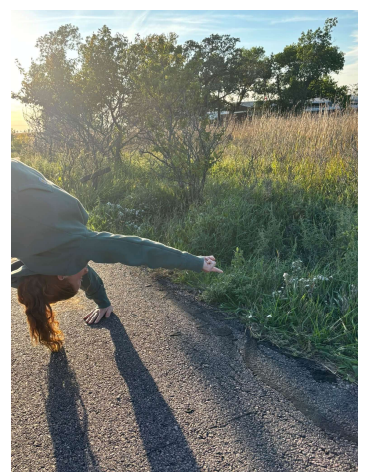
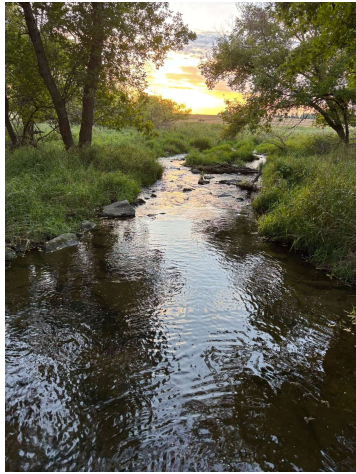


Our 2026 – 2027 Confirmation Students

Front row: Colby Wurster, Jory VanderPlaats, Jase VanderPlaats

Back Row: MacKenzie Bauer, Jaylee VanderPlaats, Ella Dibbern, Candance Wurster

This year our focus will be on the old testament. We began in the beginning – CREATION. To help with the experience we went to the Pipestone National Monument and had a creation story scavenger hunt. The pictures below highlight each day of creation. As you browse through the pictures, see if you can tell which day they are representing.



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

**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

October 11

November 8

(Confirmation Sunday)

December 13

All are welcome!



**UWF meets Thursday,
October 15, at 10 am**



United
Women
in Faith



CHURCH CLEANING
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

Monday, October 5 at 7 pm

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**

\$744.69
Received September 2026

To benefit
Solar Oven Partners

October Change for Change

**Winter Gear for School Children
Attending
Pipestone Area Schools**



2026 Giving Goal

\$125,303

Needed Each Month

\$10,442

Received in September

\$4496.00

Leadership Council Meeting

September 21, 2026

4:30 pm

Present:

Shelley Wiese, Jan Wussow, Steve Schulze, Chuck Vaux, Mark Wiese, Elly Erks

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Calls and Visits - 32 Text Messages, 29 Phone Calls, 11 Emails, 4 In-person Visits

Funerals, Memorial, and Graveside Services x 3

Funeral Arrangements x 3

Peace Quilters – 2

Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry - 3

Human Rights Commission - 1

Kiwanis x 0

PC Prayer Breakfast 1

FPC Parish Meetings x 2

PUMC Parish Meetings x 3

Mission - PUMC Mission Project, FPC Backpack Mission Ministry & Relay for Life Event

FPC Coffee Hour x 2

Presbytery Mentor Meeting

Presbytery CRE Meeting via Zoom

Treasurer's Report:

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

- Motion was made by Jan Wussow and seconded by Elly Erks to open a Savings Account at First Bank and Trust. This will be to house the funds received from First Presbyterian Church specific to the parsonage. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Chuck Vaux and seconded by Mark Wiese to remove Sandy Lopau from all bank accounts at First Bank & Trust as well as at First Farmer's & Merchants Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustees Report:

Trustees met on September 9 with 7 members present

- Parsonage upstairs bathroom is complete.
- We passed a motion to ok the FFA from the school to rent the church Sept. 30th as they have done in the past.
- We will need another trustee to sign for the First Bank & Trust account. This will be replacing Sandy Lopau.
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Worship Committee Report:

The Committee met Sunday, September 20 after church. 3 members were present.

- Discussed Flannel Fest on October 11. Potluck brunch to follow service with games and trivia. Val will prepare trivia placemats, Julie will prepare coffee that morning, Elly will check on supplies in the kitchen, and purchase prizes for the activities. We will meet on Saturday, October 10 to set up the fellowship hall
- The baby grand piano will be tuned on November 19.

UWF Report

There wasn't a meeting this month. We will be meeting to discuss distribution of funds received from our fundraising events. We also need to decide if we will continue hosting a bake sale.

Peace Foundation Report:

A disbursement was made from the mission's fund (under Foundation) to cover expenses from the August Main Street house project.

Children's Ministry Report:

JAM held their Fall Kick-Off Rally Day on September 13. They are now meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Confirmation has begun and will meet on Wednesday evenings.