

*Church of Peace*



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all

A photograph of a forest path at dusk or dawn. The path is illuminated by a glowing yellow light that follows its winding course through the trees. The trees are tall and thin, and the ground is covered in green ferns and fallen leaves.

***"Staying on the Path of Jesus!"***

### Greetings

Welcome to the community of Church of Peace United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our faith in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00am

Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 1

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who delight in the law of God.  
Reflect on God's word day and night.

**Many: God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

One: Happy are those who delight in the life of Jesus Christ. Plant yourself like a tree and yield good fruit in due season.

**Many: Jesus watches over the way of the faithful, but the way of the evil will perish.**

One: Happy are those who delight in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Those who follow the ways of God.

**Many: The Holy Spirit watches over the way of the devoted, but the way of the sinful will perish.**

One: Please join in our Prayer of Invocation

**Righteous God, you create us for community, and you are part of that community. You call us to seek your presence every day. Help us to recognize you within us and within those around us. Enable us with radical trust in you, so we will give with uncompromising abundance, compassion, and connection. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #16

**\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Abiding God, you come near to us and you do not turn away from us when our lives reflect messiness, ungraciousness, and complacency. Please take us deeper into faith and help us to confront what needs to be known, addressed, and changed within us, our community, and our world. Forgive us and free us from guilt and shame so that we might embrace a life of accountability and transformation for the glory of God and for the hope of humanity.**

**Words of Grace**

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God has begun a good work in us, and God will see it through to completion. Know this, we have the power to transform and the grace to enter the newness of life. Therefore, we receive God's mercy, forgiveness, and grace as the gift that has been given in Jesus Christ.

**Many: God is near and comes to us. God is available to each of us so that we will receive joy from our transformation into a Christ driven life! Praise be to God! Amen.**

**\*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community**

**Special Music** "What Shall I Render to the Lord?"

By Craig Courtney (From Psalm 116:7-19)

**Pastoral Prayer** - a sharing of community and world prayers.

**Affirmation of Faith** (on screen)

**\*Hymn**

"In the Garden"

#227

**We Engage God's Word**

**Scriptures**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 6:17-26

**Multigenerational Lesson**

**Sermon**

"Staying on the Path of Jesus"

## We Respond to God's Word

### Offering Invitation

One: Blessed are we when we bring forth our gifts for the needs of the poor, the pursuit of justice, the nurturing of community, the honoring of difference, and the goal of the common good.

**Many: Let us not mistake abundance as scarcity and generosity as a handout because God has given enough gifts for all to be well. May our sharing be a demonstration of faith, trust and love in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you have planted generosity in our hearts, and we give to you as you give to us. This is our part of your redemptive work to save the world from inequality, pain, and despair. May our resources be renewed and magnified so that all needs are met and your name be praised. Amen.**

### We Are Sent into the World

\*Closing Hymn "Day and Night" CP5

\*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

#### \*Commissioning & Benediction

### Postlude

(\*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Patricia Siekierke

Rob Giese

Victor Abitz

Elizabeth and Heather Schubert

All People



Minister

Organist/Soloist

AV Tech

Custodian

Liturgist

Disciples

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**THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School  Social Hour: Hospitality	1:30 Bible Study  Loaves & Fishes	6:30 Stewardship  Messenger Articles Due	Loaves & Fishes  6:30 pm Confirmation Class	9:00am TOPPS  11:00 am Golden Fellowship		
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
Worship Service 10:00am  Chilli Cookoff!  Social Hour: Stewardship	Loaves & Fishes	Advocap	Loaves & Fishes  10:00am Messenger Assembly	Advocap  9:00am TOPPS		



HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
TO YOU



- 2/16 – Jonah Schaub
- 2/19 – Robert Flesch
- 2/19 – Rose Randall
- 2/21 – Kathryn Stephany
- 2/22 – Gary Zupke

**90+ Birthday Card Shower**

**February 19th:**

Rose Randall  
St. Clare Terrace  
31 Everett St  
Apt. 203  
Fond Du Lac, WI, 54935



**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
February 16th, 2025**

**Church office phone: 921-8215**

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.  
Pastor Steve Hours: Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.

**Website:** [uccchurchofpeace.com](http://uccchurchofpeace.com)

**Facebook:** Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

**CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES  
OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:**

General Fund: \$7,426.00;  
Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$164.00; OGHS: \$10.00;  
E-giving: \$40.00; Investing in the Future: \$720.00  
Special Gifts: To the Memorial Fund in memory of Janelle  
Kreif given by Susan Seresse & Mary Council-Austin.  
Attendance Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:  
Online: 33 - In person: 79 - Warming Shelter 18  
Last year : 80

**GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP**

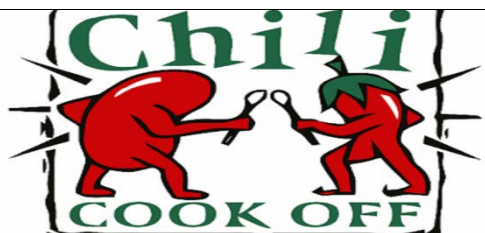
Golden Fellowship  
on February 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00

Messenger Articles  
are Due  
by February 18th



Bible Study  
February 17<sup>th</sup>  
@1:30

**Next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
our worship service will begin at **10:00 am**



The Church of Peace Annual Chili Cookoff is coming on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Get your recipe together and plan on participating right after our worship service. It's loads of fun and food!



**Church of Peace Day  
FOND DU LAC FAMILY YMCA**

OPEN TO ALL CHURCH OF PEACE CONGREGATION MEMBERS

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 9, 2025

**TIME:** 11:00 am - 2:30 pm



Wednesday  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service  
6:00 pm

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Lucy Zahn	Bill Manka	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Evelyn Yantz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Diana Candlish	Mary Jean Nicholson	Janet & Eugene Willis
Doris Kastorff	Dan Guell	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefeber	Sara & Michael
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Kathy Stephany
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Amy Jo	Karl & Doris
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Theresa Schultz
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Rev. James Martin
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Carol Kryzjanowski
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Joan Meiss
Wayne Katerski	Janet Rymer	Susan Snider
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Peggy Asmuse
John	Rick Karl	

p.s. Savior Jesus, when we have lost our way, take away our embarrassment and lead us back to the trail of life!

**Fond du Lac Mobile Pack 2025**

This year's event will be held on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (set-up) and Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (packing). Please be praying that God would move the hearts of His people to be generous in giving and serving. Our goals this year are to pack 139,968 meals, raise \$41,000, and employ 600 volunteers. Help us as we partner with Feed My Starving Children to turn "Hunger into Hope" for destitute children around the world.

**Important dates to remember:**

Feb. - "Have a Heart" city-wide donation day for churches  
Feb. 8 - Sign-up to volunteer online goes live [give.fmsc.org/fdl](http://give.fmsc.org/fdl)  
Mar. 7 Set-up  
Mar. 8 Mobile Pack event at the Fairgrounds Rec Building  
Questions? Contact Starla Rebedew @ 920-539-3256 or email at [srebedew@gmail.com](mailto:srebedew@gmail.com).