



## Mid-Week Update for the week of March 22 to 29, 2020

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### Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30am

Electronic worship on Sunday morning is possible if you have a telephone or a computer with audio and internet service. This is more than a video of the service; you will actually join with other people so that we worship at the same time. Last Sunday was our “maiden voyage,” which had some glitches and problems. We are working to improve the internet service in the sanctuary so you will be able to get through and stay in. Apologies to those of you who had problems joining us last Sunday.

We also hope to be able to make a video of the service and put it on the church website. We can't promise anything yet, but you might want to check the church website to see if we were successful.

### Zoom Video Calling

If you have a computer with sound, you can join us at 10:30am on Sunday by going to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and entering meeting number 504 676 8135.

### Telephoning into Zoom

You can also dial in from your phone on Sunday morning. It is a long-distance number: 646-558-8656. Then enter the meeting number 504 676 8135 (the same number for telephone calls and computer).

### Facebook

We are hoping to improve our broadcast via Facebook. We hope you can go to Peace's Facebook page and catch the service live.

## From the Pastor

Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 19:19)

We know that Jesus taught that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. The first part of the teaching, the loving of neighbor, is easy to understand as a central teaching of our faith. But the second part of the teaching, the love of self, has always seemed a little strange to me. Does Jesus want us to be a bunch of narcissists?

Covid-19 is teaching us that loving self and neighbor are intimately connected, because to take the precautions of washing your hands, standing at least six feet away from others, and staying home rather than mixing with others is love of self (so you don't get sick) and love of neighbor (so they don't get sick) at the same time.

So keep up the good work! Stay at home! Don't hoard food or supplies (remember that we pray for our DAILY bread) so there will be enough for everyone. Keep in touch by phone and internet. Pray for others. And pray for yourself. Amen!

-Pastor Heidi

## Mid-Week Update

Because some of us do not have internet access, we are going to step up our communication via the good, old-fashioned U.S. mail. Every week either the Tidings or the Mid-Week Update will be mailed to those who do not have internet access. If you do not have internet service and are not already receiving the Mid-Week Update by mail, please call the church at 952-545-2586

and leave a message that you would like to receive these mailings.



## New Daily Meditations Emails

We hope you've liked the new daily meditation emails we've started sending every morning. Now we'd like you to share your thoughts and prayers with the church.

Do you have something to say about our current situation? How your faith is challenged during these challenging times? Advice to friends on how to keep on keeping on? Send an e-mail to the church office with subject line "Meditation." We will review and edit each meditation. If you have not already chosen a scripture reference or prayer, we will add these.

It's important that we connect with each other. Here are some ideas of what you might share:

- A hymn that is meaningful to you and why.
- Your favorite scripture passage and why.
- A description of a person who has been helping you during this time of isolation.
- How you have been able to get through tough times.

If you haven't received these emails but would like to, please email the church office at [peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com). If you do not have email, call the office at 952-545-2586 and they can be sent to you by mail.

If you know of someone who might like to write a meditation but does not have computer access, please call them, invite them to write, and ask them to mail it into the office via regular postal service mail. Look forward to hearing from you!

## Intermission Events Cancelled

All intermission activities taking place at Peace Church, including the Friday evening dinners, are cancelled until further notice.

## Mission Update

### Pledges

It seems that all of us are in new territory with the Covid-19 virus. Having our church closed is difficult for us, even if we realize it's for our good. During this time, if you want to keep your pledge current, please send your check to Peace Church or bring it to church during office hours. Pat Wilson will still be coming to church to make up deposits for the bank. On your envelope please put "Attention: Pat Wilson." Thank you!

### What's happening with Missions?

Let me extend a big thank you to all of you who have brought items for Alliance Housing. I talked to them and they will be picking up these items at the end of the month. With limited storage at Alliance, I know we have filled it. They expressed how grateful they are for our faithful giving to Alliance. In return, we appreciate what they do for our community.

On March 11, the Mission Committee cooked soup for the Wednesday Night Supper. We said that any donations would go to buy socks for the homeless. I am happy to say we received \$80. Thank you so much.

We continue to receive letters of thanks for our giving. A nice card was received for the comforting blankets that were made by volunteers at Peace Church. These blankets went to Gillette Hospital and, as the card said, "Have brought so much joy to the patients."

In April we will collect donations for One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster. You should receive a letter in the mail shortly about One Great Hour of Sharing. Please consider donating to this program.

**Congratulations** to office manager **Beth Wooten** for being accepted into multiple graduate schools in Washington DC in the field of international studies. Beth is our interim office manager. She plans to leave for her studies in DC in August. This spring we will start searching for a permanent replacement. We are thinking that a parent whose child(ren) are in school might like a part time job. Let us know if you know anyone who might be interested.

## Calling All Writers!



The next Tidings of Peace will be published in time for Easter. If you have a reflection on Lent and Easter, or a story, poem or event to share, please send them to the office by **March 30.**

## Prayers

**Donna Howard's mother** is undergoing cancer treatment in Rochester. She asked for prayers for her mother's medical team and her family.

**Betts Snyder** shared that her daughter **Mary Kay** has suffered a return of breast cancer. Pray for her as she enters treatment again.

*If you have any prayer requests that you would like printed in the Mid-Week Update, please e-mail them to [peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com) or call the church office at 952-545-2586 and leave a message.*

## Calendar

### This Coming Sunday

**Sunday, March 29**

10:30 am – Worship online and on the phone with Zoom

**Liturgist:** Val Eng

**Elder for the month of March:** Bob Unze

### Coming up Next Week

**Thursday, April 2**

10:45 am – Dinner at Your Door

**Sunday, April 5**

10:30 am – Palm Sunday Worship, online and on the phone with Zoom



### Upcoming Birthdays

Ruth Slatter	March 30
Betsy Twedell	March 30
Rosemary Hall	March 31

Judy Huebner	March 31
Bob Unze	April 6
Marian Ostendorf	April 7
Steve Howard	April 8

**If You Have Information** that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call [peaceprezSLP@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezSLP@gmail.com) or 952-545-2586.