



Mid-Week Update for the week of October 25 to November 1, 2020

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Stewardship Corner

We are in it for the Long Haul!

November is stewardship month. What is stewardship you may ask? Per Wikipedia, “Stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are used or given for the service of God.” You’ll be hearing more about stewardship in the Sunday Church Services and in the mid-week updates.

In addition, we plan to bring back the stewardship dinner on November 18th, albeit on Zoom, where you will eat your meal at home and will participate in small group zoom/phone breakouts. For those unable to use zoom or to phone into the zoom meeting, a small group session (maximum of 8 people) will be held in

person, wearing masks, for one half hour in the fellowship hall at 3pm. Participants will be escorted into and out of the building. Please contact the church office by Tuesday, November 10th if you are interested in this option. If we have more than 8, we will schedule another session.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. What an appropriate time to count our blessings and pledge our gifts to God!

Announcements



Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Don’t forget, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2:00am. As we sleep, the clocks “fall back” one hour. Don’t forget to adjust your clock before our worship service!



Turkeys for STEP

Traditionally Peace Church donates to STEP in November to buy turkeys for their clients. If this is something you would like to, please mail your contribution or drop off at Peace Church. We are able to purchase turkeys at \$1 per pound. Please be sure to write “Turkeys” on the check memo. This has been a tough year for many, so any donation will be appreciated.

Financial Update

Income statement

Year to Date September 2020

	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$116,926	\$124,330
Expenses	\$121,213	\$123,119
Income (loss)	\$(4,285)	\$1,211

For the first nine months of 2020, actual expenses were \$4,285 more than revenue.

The finance ministry thanks you, the congregation, for your financial gifts to pay for the regular expenses of our church and also thanks you for your generous additional gifts of \$13,087 to the urgent building repair fund and \$13,978 to the many missions that our church supports.

New Ways of Giving

Did you know that you can use your online bank bill pay service to schedule & mail your donations to Peace?

Online Bank Bill Pay Service is an option provided by many banks to send payments to anyone - payment institutions, your friends, and your church! One can do single payments,

where you indicate the check amount and date of payment, or even schedule checks to automatically generate on a regular basis such as weekly or monthly. Note this schedule & amount can be adjusted at any time. Benefits include not needing to write the check, use a stamp & envelope, or to mail it. It is all done for you! And if you schedule the donations to occur on a regular basis, you can be assured that you are current on your giving. And especially with not being able to attend church in person, this is any easy way to give without having to leave your house!

It is free where I bank but be sure to check with your own bank. (Note: bill pay from your bank to the church cannot be used for an IRA donation.) When you set up Bill Pay to the church, please enter your name in the memo/comment section.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 – our church is used as a polling place. Don’t forget to find your polling place and vote!

Nov. 4 – from 12-2pm, we will have our worship booklet pick up at the church. Heidi will be there to hand them out, and chat for a while if you’d like to say hi. Come by the glass doors off the parking lot.

Nov. 10 – The deadline to sign up for our in-person Stewardship Day gathering is Nov. 10.

Nov. 18 – At 6pm, we will hold a Stewardship Day shared dinner on Zoom. This is our traditional church Thanksgiving meal. This time it will be mostly online. You can log onto Zoom while you are eating your evening meal and we will share some stories of Thanksgiving, especially about giving thanks for God's presence in our lives through Peace Church.

For those unable to join us on Zoom, we will also host an in-person gathering at 3pm on Nov. 18. We will not be serving food. If you would like to attend, you must make a reservation by calling the church office. The deadline to register is Nov. 10. There is a limit of eight participants. If more than eight people are interested, we will schedule a second gathering on a different day; Robin Councilman tells us that it is safest to have only one inside gathering in one room each day.



VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Just a reminder that election day is next week. Please take a moment to vote, whether early at your local city hall, or on November 3rd at your polling place. If you are qualified to vote (if you are a US citizen) but feel that you cannot vote because of health concerns or transportation problems, there is help available to you. During a previous election, Frank Vardeman was in the hospital, and the League of Women Voters sent a team to receive his ballot! If you want to vote but are facing problems, please call Pastor Heidi at 612.26.7878. She is connected to people who

can help you. Jinny Hilf, Pastor Heidi's mother, voted at the Minneapolis early voting center on her 98th birthday on Oct. 21. If she can vote at 98, you can too!



All Saints Day

All Saints Day is this Sunday, November 1. Each year we honor loved ones who have died in the past year. If there is someone you would like to remember during this service, please send their name and a picture to Beth in the office by October 29.



Centering Prayer Meditation

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities forwarded this opportunity: Rev. Luna Gebben-Green is co-leading a 4-week introduction to Centering Prayer Meditation, offered by Minnesota Contemplative Outreach via Zoom. Beginning November 10th, 2020, the class will be from 9:00am to 10:30am, Nov. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1.

Centering Prayer is a receptive, deep method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. You can learn more at their website:

<https://www.minnesotacontemplativeoutreach.org/enrichment.html>



What the Pandemic Is Saying to the World. A Poem by Richard Rohr
Submitted by Mary Ann Christenson

Humanity, you are all One.
You are one beloved community,
and you are one global sickness.
You are all contagious—and always have been,
unconsciously infecting and yet able to also
bless one another.

There are no *higher* and *lower* in this world.
There is no *smart* or *stupid*; no totally right or
totally wrong.

The only meaningful division is between those
who *serve* and those who allow themselves to
be *served*. All the rest is temporary posturing.

Many to whom you look for power and
leadership have shown themselves to have
empty hands, minds, and hearts.
We are bereft of all satisfying explanations,
all ledgers of deserving and undeserving.
There are no perfect answers or absolute
heroes.

We must all wear a mask to protect the other
from “me.”

Don't play the victim! Victimhood is always a
waste of time—God's time and yours.

Instead, try to learn the important lessons.
We are all in the same *elementary* school now.
Here, we must learn to stand in two different
places and to change places often.
The served must also be the servants,
and the servants must also be the served.

Just stay in the eternal circle of the Suffering
and the Servants.

Christians call it *the Body of Christ*.
We are not the first or the last generation
that gets to suffer and to serve on this earth.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month
Taken from the Twin Cities Presbytery's Newsletter
If you haven't done something yet for Pastor
Appreciation Month—or if you have but one of
these ideas inspires you anew—here are some
ideas about ways you can encourage and show
gratitude to your pastor(s).

- Volunteer for something new at church.
There are always places you are needed.
- How has your faith impacted your life?
Share with your pastor.
- Simply say “thank you”. Find something
your pastor is doing well and say “thank
you”
- Show up! Show your gratitude with your
presence.

- What have you learned from your pastor? Have you grown because of their leadership? Tell them!
- What was your take away from the sermon this week? Share with your pastor what you'll be thinking about all week long.
- Gift cards, flowers, small tokens of appreciation are always welcome.
- Support their time away, whether it's their regular sabbath or some extra vacation. Everybody needs to recharge.

Remember that you don't have to only show appreciation in October. These are great Thanksgiving and Christmas ideas as well. Any month of the year is a great month to show your pastor you appreciate all they do!



Prayers

We offer prayers for the **500+ children**, and their parents, separated at the border and not yet reunited.

Prayers for **Cameroon** in their civil unrest, and for church member Caleb, who is so concerned for his family.

Prayers for **Val Eng's mother Bernadetta** who has tested positive for covid-19 but does not have symptoms. Pray also for Val who has been in close contact with her mom. Val has taken a test and is awaiting the results.

Robin Councilman asks prayer for a **patient and her husband** who are hospitalized for

covid-19. Her mother has already died from the virus. Please pray the patient who is struggling and for her children.

The Kusbista's grandson **Anjel Starr** is living in a facility in Utah. The virus has required his facility to cancel many social events and he is feeling isolated. In addition, there is a placement for him back in MN, but the virus has delayed his transfer.

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

Worship Resources

You can click on this link to join the zoom meeting, for Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

You can join the meeting by opening the Zoom app and entering the **meeting ID 504-676-8135**. To dial in, call 312-626-6799 (long-distance). The meeting ID is 504-676-8135.

To watch previous worship recordings on our YouTube channel, go to

www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOa5jl8xld1VtI105h6ZRA/. They are also on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/worship-recordings/>. We will continue to post Sunday bulletins ahead of the service on our website at <https://www.peaceprez.com/news/publications/>

Calendar

If you would like to join these meetings but do not have internet access you can:

- Call 312-626-6799 (long-distance) at the meeting time, and enter **meeting ID 504-676-8135**
- Call the church beforehand at 952-545-2586 and leave a message, and we can set up a phone buddy for you



This Week:

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 pm – Calvin for Armchair Theologians on Zoom, Chapter 4 and Wrap-up

Thursday, October 29

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom

Sunday, November 1

10:30 am – Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook; Katrina’s last day with us!

Next Week:

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day – our church will be used as a polling place

10:30 am – Morning conversation and prayer, on Zoom

Wednesday, November 4

11:00 am – Mission Group

12:00 to 2:00 pm – Worship Booklet Pick-up

Thursday, November 5

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom

10:45 am – Dinner at Your Door

Saturday, November 7

10:00 am – Book Club

Sunday, November 8

10:30 am –Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook

Upcoming Birthdays

Pat Wilson	Oct. 28
Mousa Carpenter	Nov. 2
McCall Fitzpatrick	Nov. 4
Bridger Fitzpatrick	Nov. 6
Betts Snyder	Nov. 9
Michele Gallick	Nov. 10
Penny Warren	Nov. 10
Drew Larson	Nov. 10
Greg Stauffer	Nov. 11

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 or 952-545-2586.