

Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

May 2019



Pastor Ponderings...

Won't You Be My Neighbor: Committed to Loving Christ and One Another

A couple weeks ago I went to a screening of "Won't You Be My Neighbor," followed by conversations about the Neighborhood Associations throughout Omaha and surrounding areas. The documentary film was about the life and guiding philosophy of Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister and the host and creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." The film is the highest-grossing biographical documentary of all time. It was nominated for numerous awards, won the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary Feature, and was chosen by Time magazine as

one of its top ten films of 2018. I agree and I will watch it again.

I was very moved by the interviews with Mr. Rodgers and his profound love of children and high regard for their faith lives and worth. He focused on protecting, listening to, and valuing their observations, insights, and feelings. His grounded life in Christ was not spoken directly of in his programs but he lived it out fearlessly in the issues he tackled in his show.

Over the 33 years of the show's airing, the theological theme of love of God, yourself, and neighbor was central to the shows message. How many of us or our children or our friends and neighbors where helped in our journey of love of others because of the influence of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood? I think we are a better world because of him. Jesus worked through Fred in a unique way to help us live out his command, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." (John 13:34-35) We have to keep vigilant at replacing or blocking hate and intolerance with love and acceptance through committed relationships with all our "neighbors".

What more can this church do to be a good and loving neighbor to our community? What can you do to be a neighbor who loves like Jesus loves you? Let's keep working on answering those questions. After seeing the film and hearing the conversations, I have been moved to flesh out a vision I have had for a while now for new church development idea centered around sharing food and conversations at the table. "Table Neighbors" is a dinner church which would reach out to people in the downtown Omaha area, particularly focused on building multi-cultural relationships, grounded in Christ's love, for those looking for a non-traditional church experience. I will let you know how this endeavor is going in the months to come. It may be something we will initiate here at Peace as well. The Worship Committee is already talking and praying about the idea.

Mister Rogers once said, "Evil would like nothing better than have us feel awful about who we are." And once we feel bad about ourselves, "we look through those eyes at our neighbor, and see only what's awful--in fact, look for what's awful in our neighbor...Jesus ... [wants] us to feel as good as possible about God's creation within us.... [And when we] look through those eyes... [we] see what's wonderful about our neighbor."

In the midst everything that is occurring on our world today that would discourage us or keep us from being good neighbors who are committed to loving each other no matter what, let's strive instead to see the love and image of God in all of us. That will build the kingdom. That will strengthen our neighborhoods. That will share the love of Christ, neighbor to neighbor.

Peace, Pastor Bonnie

2019 Adopt-A-Plot

Once again, Peace Church is asking anyone who would like to do some gardening to take on the care of a landscaping plot for the church. This is a great way to play in the dirt and beautify the church at the same time. Plots can be sponsored by an individual or group. Please let Bernie Baker or Michael Young know if you are interested in helping out. Specific plots are available on a first come, first served basis. Thanks for your help!



COPE

COPE NEWS - At a COPE sponsor and supporter dinner in April, Executive Director Jim Tomanek reported the following statistics: In 2018 COPE served 377 families with 714 pantry baskets. Each family or single adult household received a pantry every 45 days.



Peace has booked Mitchell McVicker for a concert for on Friday, May 3, 2019! Invite your family and friends to join you!

Mitchell McVicker, singer-songwriter and Dove Award recipient (*My Deliverer*), will hold a concert featuring music from his 25 year career. McVicker has performed in over 2,000 concerts in 49 states

and 13 countries. A free-will offering will be received at the event.

Flyers with more information can be found in the foyer. Feel free to share them with friends, family. and neighbors.

Peace Church Landscape Plots

Following are the individuals or groups who have agreed to sponsor a plot for 2019. Thank you for your willingness to help out. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Baker (<u>bjb050@cox.net</u>), or Michael Young (<u>michaelyoung@cox.net</u>).

Plot	Sponsor (s)
1 – Entrance sign and flag pole (not shown in picture). Mulch, flowers, and periodic weeding.	Cub Scouts/Chloe Boyer
2 – Northeast corner of church. Mulch, flowers, and periodic weeding on the bank. Trim shrubs in front of the church and around air conditioners.	Cub Scouts/Chloe Boyer
3 – Prayer garden. Mulch, flowers, trim shrubs, and periodic weeding.	Girl Scouts/Dinah Claus
4 – Church sign – 204 th St. Mulch, flowers, and periodic weeding.	PW/Sharon Bossman
5 – Main church entryway. (North of driveway and both sides of entry sidewalk) Mulch, flowers, and periodic weeding.	PW/Liz Baker & Sheryl Ramsey
6 – Fellowship Hall entrance. (Retaining wall to driveway) Mulch, flowers, and periodic weeding. Also water flowers in pots in the main entryway (Home Schoolers)	Home Schoolers/Rachel Tran, Sara Wamsat, Pas- tor Bonnie
7 – Playground. Mulch and trimming of shrubs.	PW/Liz Baker
8 – South side of church. Mulch and trimming of shrubs. Also trim back weeds and brush along the property line.	TBD
9 – West side of church. Trim shrubs and trees. This is a large area with some initial challenges.	TBD
10 – Two flower pots at the entrance of the church.	Girl Scout Daisies/Paige Vorderstrasse







Presbyterian Women were able to help victims of the recent flooding by donating 52 Blessing Bags filled with personal care items. Your continued support of donating soap, shampoo, lotion, lip balm, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothbrushes are still needed. We never to have a need this early in the year, but because of your generous donations, were thankful to

expected to have a need this early in the year, but because of your generous donations, were thankful to be able to help. Please consider helping us rebuild our inventory so that we will again be ready to help with our donation late in the year to the Open Door Mission.

MAY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
May 1	7:00pm	Adult Choir practice—Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
May 2	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180th & Pacific; All men	Dave Fulton
May 3	11a-1p	PW Spring Salad Luncheon - Fellowship Hall; Everyone	PW
	7:00am	Mitchell McVicker Concert – Fellowship Hall; Everyone	Scot Thompson
May 5	8:40am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth Gr 4-12	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School - All ages; Children on Lower Level; Adults in Library	Jane King, Matt Marshall
	9:30am	1 st Sunday Choir Practice - All adults; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship/Communion/Teacher Recognition - Sanctuary;	Pastor Wilkins
		Everyone; Birth-3 years Nursery available	
	5:00pm	Youth Group; Library	Jane King, Mary McArdle, Mary Vance, Rev. Wilkins
May 8	12:00pm	Retiree Potluck - All Retirees; Library	Office
	6:00pm	Gathering of Committees - FH	Pastor; Session
May 9	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180 & Pacific; all men	Dave Fulton
May 12	8:40am 9:00am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth Gr 4-12 Sunday School Final Day till Fall - All ages; Children on	Scot Thompson Jane King, Matt Marshall
	9.00am	Lower Level; Adults in Library	Julie King, Matt Marshall
	10:15am	Worship/Communion, Graduate Recognition -	Pastor Wilkins
		Sanctuary; Everyone; Birth-3 yr. Nursery available	
	11:15am	Cookie Sunday - Fellowship Hall	Deacons
May 13	6:30pm	Cub Scout Graduation - FH/Kitchen; Scouts/Parents	Chloe Boyer
May 14	7:00pm	Mission Committee Meeting - Library	Dave Fulton
May 15	6:30pm	Garage Sale Organizational Meeting; Library	Steve Brosz
May 16	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180 & Pacific; all men	Dave Fulton
May 18		Non-Member Wedding; FH/Kitchen/Sanctuary	Church Office
May 19	8:40am	Youth Praise Team Practice - Narthex; Youth Gr 4-12	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School	Jane King; Matt Marshall
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Practice; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship - 30th Church Anniversary Celebration	Pastor Wilkins
		Sanctuary; Everyone; Nursery available Birth to 3 yr;	
	5:00pm	Youth Group	Jane King, Mary McArdle, Mary Vance, Rev. Wilkins
May 23	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180 & Pacific; all men	Dave Fulton
May 25		Member Graduation Party - FH/Kitchen	Church Office
May 26	9:00am	Worship - Sanctuary; All ages; NOTE TIME CHANGE	Pastor Wilkins
	6:00pm	Crossroads Connection	Dave Fulton
	10:00am	Start drop of off Garage Sale donations -Fellowship Hall	
May 30	6:00am	Men's Bible Study - HyVee 180 & Pacific; all men	Dave Fulton



Starting May 26 and running through August 25 Sunday Worship will move to 9:00am. DRSHIP Sunday School will be in recess from May 12 until fall date TBA.



BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

ANNIVERSARIES: May 1 Gordon & Jan Fritsch; 3 Carl & Denise Zaner; 4 Richard & Mardell Johanek; 17 Lyn & Sheryl Ramsey BIRTHDAYS: May 2 Chris Anderson, David Bramow; 5 Megan King; 7 Tom Hopkins; 8 Nancy Haack;

10 Bill Dermyer, Shirley Young; 12 Jodi Marshall; 14 Hunter Fritsch, Abby Wheeler; 15 Briggs Badalucco; 17 Brynn Stelk; 18 Colton Roessner; 25 Charles Bartunek, John Clark; 26 Roberta Todd; 27 Ken Bunnell, Ellen Carter; 31 Donna Osterchill.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS MAY-JUNE 2019

Ushers

May 5	Tom & Erica Wagner
	Nancy Haack, Sara Wamsat
May 12	Jim & Marilyn Schreiner
-	Jim Osterchill, Cannon Kinchelow
May 19	Matt Marshall, Terrie Dunavant
	Bill Dermyer, Penny Dumke
May 26	Larry & Gloria Woolery
	Tom Sladek, Monika Gross
Jun 2	Michael Young, Linda Hurt
	Bernie & Liz Baker
Jun 9	Sheryl Ramsey, Matt Marshall
	Sharon Bossman, Monika Gross
Jun 16	Larry & Gloria Woolery
	Taylor & Brynn Stelk
Jun 23	Tom & Erica Wagner
	Nancy Haack, Sara Wamsat
Jun 30	Jim & Marilyn Schreiner
	Bill Dermyer, John Sander

Sound Sextons

May 5	Sheryl Ramsey
May 12	Bill Dermyer
May 19	John Sander
May 26	Grant Fritsch
Jun 2	Sheryl Ramsey
Jun 9	Bill Dermyer
Jun 16	John Sander
Jun 23	Grant Fritsch
Jun 30	Sheryl Ramsey

If you are interested in serving in the weekly rotation please call or email the church office 402-289-1104, peacepresby@msn,com.

Acolytes

May 5	Morgan Anderson, Harper Bohaboj	Ma
May 12	Megan King, Brett Vance	Ma
May 19	Brynn Marsh, Aubrey Marsh	Ma
May 26	Morgan Anderson, Harper Bohaboj	Ma
Jun 2	Megan King, Brett Vance	Jur
Jun 9	Brynn Marsh, Aubrey Marsh	Jur
Jun 16	Megan King, Brett Vance	Jur
Jun 23	Morgan Anderson, Harper Bohaboj	Jur
Jun 30	Brynn Marsh, Aubrey Marsh	Jur

Greeters

May 5	Jim & Marilyn Schreiner
May 12	Steve & Shari Brosz
May 19	Linda Hurt, Jean Clanton
May 26	Karen Fulton, Nancy Haack
Jun 2	JoAn Ferguson, Matt Marshall
Jun 9	Sara Wamsat, Kalle Wallendorf
Jun 16	Dean & LaRue Marshall
Jun 23	Terrie Dunavant, Susan Domnanish
Jun 30	Matt & Jodi Marshall

PowerPoint

May 5	Bernie Baker
May 12	Rick King
May 19	Rob King
May 26	Bernie Baker
Jun 2	Rick King
Jun 9	Rob King
Jun 16	Bernie Baker
Jun 23	Rick King
Jun 30	Rob King

<u>Liturgist</u>

May 5 May 12	Susan Hall Monika Gross
May 19	Sharon Bossman
May 26	Jeanne Weaver
Jun 2	Julie Tartaglia
Jun 9	Cannon Kinchelow
Jun 16	Sara Wamsat
Jun 23	Marilyn Schreiner
Jun 30	Linda Hurt

Pantry Fillers

May 5	Dave & Karen Fulton
May 12	Tom Sladek, Nancy Haack
May 19	Bernie & Liz Baker
May 26	Sharon Bossman, Amy Marsh
Jun 2	Dave & Karen Fulton
Jun 9	Tom Sladek, Nancy Haack
Jun 16	Bernie & Liz Baker
Jun 23	Sharon Bossman, Amy Marsh
Jun 30	Dave & Karen Fulton

Nursery Helpers

Apr 7	Morgan Anderson
Apr 14	Brynn Marsh
Apr 21	Anna Vance
Apr 28	Brett Vance
May 5	Megan King
May 12	Brynn Marsh
May 19	Masyn Bunnell
May 26	Morgan Anderson

2019 Presbyterian Women's Spring Salad Luncheon

Friday May 3 11am-1pm

Peace Church 333 S 204th St. Elkhorn, NE

\$8.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24-26, 2019 9:00am-12:00pm



Registration forms attached to this Newsletter!

You Are Invited! **Peace Church** Vacation Bible School, 2019

- When: Classes will meet Monday through Wednesday, June 24-26 from 9:00am – Noon
- **Who:** Classes are open to all children who are four years old by June 1, 2019 through those who have completed fifth grade.
- What: Singing, crafts, Bible stories, exploration, and recreation to learn more about "*e Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God*!"
- **How:** Please fill out the registration form and drop off or mail to the church before June 26th.
- **Cost:** A free will offering will be accepted. Suggested donation: \$10 per child, maximum \$30 per family.

2019 PEACE VBS REGISTRATION FORM

Child #1:

First Name

Last Name Grade completed

Birthday _____

Allergies or other medical concerns

Child #2:

First Name	Last Name	Grade completed
Birthday		
Allergies or other	medical concerns	
Child #3:		
First Name	Last Name	Grade completed
Birthday		
Allergies or other	medical concerns	
FA	MILY INFORMAT	ION
Parent(s) Name		Phone Number
Parent(s) Name		Phone Number
Street Address		Emergency Phone
City S	State ZIP	

Home Church: _____

Email address:

Who is dropping off your child/children in the morning?

_____ Cell #: _____

Who is picking up your child/children at Noon?

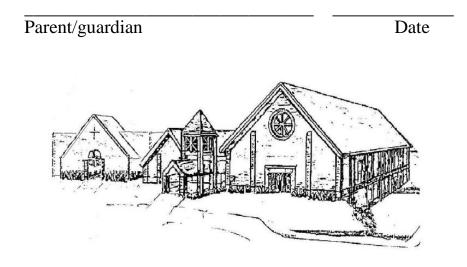
_____ Cell #: _____

I give permission for my child to attend VBS:

Parent/guardian

Date

Peace Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in church: print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.



Vacation Bible School

June 24-26, 2019

9:00 a.m. – Noon

"Your child will discover the wonders of God's universe, becoming a Voyager on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them!"



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333 South 204th Street, Elkhorn, NE 402-289-1104 (Highway 31, three blocks south of Dodge St.)