



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

November 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

A Future With Hope: *Things Change But God Is Still God*

The world is changing — and while truth does not change, and God does not change — the coronavirus pandemic has changed many things about our lives. We are so blessed to be a part of a church that has continued to love each other. Peace Church has continued to serve the needs of our community. We have continued to take care of our responsibilities to our staff and Pastor. We have continued to be nurtured through worship, spiritual growth opportunities for learning and service, and fellowship together. It is true the way we are doing these things is very different than before the virus but we are doing them! We have found that our methods of ministry must change if we're to remain effective in reaching our communities with the hope of Jesus Christ. The many ways we have found, since March, to worship together, to communicate with each other, to meet, to study, to teach, to fellowship have shown us what we are capable of with God's help and with the commitment and imagination of so many volunteers and servant leaders in our church.

This has all been possible through your continued stewardship commitment to the work of Christ through Peace Church. Many of you have given so much time and prayer to the church over these last nine months. Most of you have continued to give financially to the church, even though we have not been able to pass the plate on a Sunday morning. Those who made pledges are fulfilling them. Some of you have even stepped-up and given more financially than you planned to ensure this church is moving forward in doing the work God is calling us to in these unprecedented and uncertain times. All of this is the work of God's Spirit to hearts that are open and ready to receive and act. Peace Church is blessed by your faithfulness and vision. And we cannot stop now. We know that things are still changing as this virus is not yet done with us and the future and world around us changes. And we must pivot and change where we need to as well. We will faithfully and thoughtfully make the moves God calls us to and be Christ's Church for our community and continue do those things that made us who we are as Peace Church.

Everyone is being contacted by the Elders in the next two weeks to talk about your vision and hope for our future. You are receiving letters from some of the members of the church talking about their faith and life and hopes for Peace Church. Finally, you will be receiving your Pledge Card for 2021 soon. Prayerfully make your financial pledge for 2021 to the church God is calling Peace to be. Dedication Sunday is November 22nd. May your new stewardship commitment of time, talent and money be a show of your faith in what you expect God to do now and into the future through Peace Church and through you.

I am humbled and honored to be part of this journey as your pastor at this time in the life of our church. In everything we do for ourselves and each other as Peace Church, may we glorify and enjoy God in doing it.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19-21

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Bonnie





ADAPTING OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCES TO CHANGING TIMES

Starting this Sunday, November 1,
we will worship LIVE online via Zoom
and live-stream to Facebook.

We are excited to send you this invitation to our first Zoom Worship Service to be held at Peace this Sunday, November 1. As usual, the service will begin 10:15am. We will have a time of fellowship from 9:45-10:15 and again for 15 minutes after the service. We encourage you to join us during these times.

There are a couple of ways that you can join this fellowship and worship service. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353481181?pwd=NIphVVBUeU95aGlvbzcrZ2psdnNoQT09>

You may be asked to fill in this information: **Meeting ID: 883 5348 1181 and the Passcode: 1104**

You may also dial in on any phone: For landlines dial: 1 (312) 626 6799

For cell phones dial: (312) 626 6799 (long distance charges might apply)

You may be prompted to enter the above Meeting ID 883 5348 1181 and Passcode 1104.

If you have questions or need any help figuring out how to join us, call or text Rick King at (402) 669-3538 and he will walk you through the steps, and even arrange for you to practice at a time that is convenient for you. We are hoping that Zoom worship will be a way for us to connect and worship in these challenging times. Your presence will be a blessing to us. Let us know how we can help.

Everyone is invited to join the live Zoom fellowship and service. We believe this will help preserve the community we have experienced in Drive-In worship this summer and fall.

On this first Sunday of Zoom Worship, we ask for your grace and prayers and patience as we work through the new challenges of worshipping together this way.

3 Other Ways to Worship With Peace On Sundays

You may also come and **worship together in the Fellowship Hall** starting this Sunday, Nov. 1st.

You will see the service on a large screen as Pastor Bonnie leads worship on Zoom from Fellowship Hall. Safety protocols must be followed including social distancing, hand sanitizing and wearing masks.

For those not wanting or able to join us on Zoom or in-person, you can **watch the live-streamed service on our church Facebook page** at 10:15am each Sunday.

You may also choose to **watch the recorded version of the zoom worship service on our YouTube page**. It will be posted later on Sunday.

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Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Please contact any member of the Session or Reopening Task Team or call/email:

Pastor Bonnie: 870-415-2082, peacepcpastor@gmail.com

Scot Thompson: 402-618-1445, scot.thompson75@gmail.com

Church Office: 402-289-1104, peacepresby@msn.com

CREATING A CULTURE
of Generosity

The 2021 Peace Stewardship Campaign

In the next two weeks you will receive an invitation to make a pledge for 2021 of your finances as well as your time and your talents. We will gather to receive and dedicate our pledges on Sunday November 22.

Financially, a pledge is not a contract but is simply a gauge for the church to use as we plan for the coming year. It can also be a tool for you to use to help plan your finances for 2021.

Regarding service and ministry, the Time and Talent review sheet is used in much the same way as we plan the scope of ministry of the church for next year.

Situations in our finances and abilities change, and your pledge now in no way constrains you to support Peace at your initial chosen level of contribution should changes happen. In this time of uncertainty, we hope that will be an encouragement to you. As God directs our days, God also provides the funds, time and skills to support the many ways we are called to serve God and the church.

Please carefully read the stewardship items you receive, pray about God's direction, then act as God leads you.

Steve Brosz, Stewardship Chair

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Presbyterian Women will be collecting these items through the end of the year: soap/body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste. Also any size of the following: winter hats, gloves, mittens and socks. Drop your donation in the collection box at church or contact Liz Baker (402-203-0167) or JoAn Ferguson (402-289-0462) to arrange for pick up. These items will be donated to those in need in our community. Thank you!



YOUTH GROUP TENTATIVE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

- 11.1 Plarn / bracelets for Haiti
- 11.8 Plarn / bracelets for Haiti
- 11.15 Dog toy assembly
- 11.22 Humane Society volunteering
- 11.29 Happy Thanksgiving/No Youth Group



Unless otherwise noted, all youth events will be held from 4:00-6:00pm outside the church building. Depending on our activity, we will space beach towels or lawn chairs at least 6 feet apart and we will wear masks. If we are moving around, we remind everyone to keep a physical distance of 6 feet at all times. Email Jane King with questions at janeking94@yahoo.com.

BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL NOVEMBER DAY!

BIRTHDAYS: 1 Susan Bramow, Kinsley Koel; 2 Dave Fulton; 3 Ella Bartunek; 4 Bette Fulton, Brian Vance; 5 James Farr, Kalle Wellendorf; 6 Sharon Bossman, Kim Olsufka; 7 Erica Wagner; 11 Sheryl Ramsey; 12 Patty Karthaus; 13 Delaney Connolly, Maia McArdle; 14 Taylor Stelk; 17 Kathryn King, Evelyn Metzler; 19 Braxton Wentworth; 22 Dee Leighton; 24 George McIntosh, Nancy Robertson; 25 Ariel Moats; 26 Donna Peckham; 28 Leann Thompson; 29 Mary Vance

ANNIVERSARIES: Nov 10 Pete & Susan Hall; 15 Taylor & Brynn Stelk



Dear Men of Peace,

I would like to personally challenge each of you to join me in this year's "No Shave November". Each year, monies raised during the month of November help to support the continuing fight with all cancers, simply by putting down the razor and letting things go a little wild. Participating is easy and the rules are simple:

Clean Shaven on November 1. Make sure to take a picture of your cute baby face and then submit it by email to: noshavinatpeace@gmail.com. For the privilege of the extra time you'll enjoy each day, you pledge to pay a \$1/day Face Fee. So, in theory, at the end of November, your contribution would be \$30.

At the beginning of each week, snap another selfie (no mask required) and send to the e-mail. Your "Monday Morning Mugshot" will document your progress. *(Legal disclaimer: your pictures might be shared with the congregation via Flocknote, Facebook, and carefully crafted electronic correspondence.)*

Bailing out early? Too bad for you! If you can't make 30 days and shave before November 30, then you agree to pay the Face Fine: \$2/day for each day left in the month. So, for example, if you shave in the middle of the month (11/15), you would owe the \$1/day Face Fee for 15 days, and \$2/day Face Fine for 15 days for a grand total of \$45.

Finally, for anyone holding out any hope of remaining in good standing with the Men of Peace, but lacking the internal fortitude to bring themselves to join our fun, you can pay the "Whisker Whimp" fine of \$60 for being follicle-ly challenged.

Based on the final selfie on November 30th, we will honor one lucky guy with the Razor Reward! A prize so magnificent, I haven't figured out a good way to describe it. All monies raised will be donated to our friends at The Hope Lodge.

Here is what I propose:

Sign up – Let me know that you are in. Email noshavinatpeace@gmail.com

Clean shave on November 1 (Sorry Mike Young). Take a selfie and send it to the email address.

Take a picture each Monday, the "Monday Mug Shot" (Nov. 9, 16, 23,30) detailing your manly progress and email it to the address.

Winner of the best and worst beard will be determined by congregational vote.

Here's a great chance to have a little face friendly fun and fellowship. Don't miss out!

Dave Fulton, Peace Mission Chair



PEACE YOUTH LEAD OCTOBER 17 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

