

**FESTIVAL SUNDAYS**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10:30AM**

**September 29 – Homecoming**

A jazzy celebration of our faith community beginning a new season! After worship, there will be lunch provided as you circulate through ministry displays with information and invitation to opportunities for service, learning, and fun!

**October 20 – Blessing of the Beasts**

The service includes a blessing of animals, affirming their dignity as creatures and their special place in our caring for God's creation. All sorts are welcome, well-behaved humans too. If you want us to pray blessing on an animal who can't come with you, bring a photograph. Please call ahead if you're bringing an elephant!

**October 27 – Reformation & New Members**

We celebrate the Christian faith as a call to ministry for all believers, and receive new members joining in our church covenant.

**November 3 – All Saints & Holy Communion**

We remember those who have passed on from this life in the last twelve months, giving thanks to God for their legacy of faithfulness. You are invited to help build our *oferenda* with photos and other artifacts of loved ones you would remember and pray for.

**November 24 – Thanksgiving Sunday**

A mostly-musical liturgy giving thanks for our many blessings and a bountiful harvest. *Now thank we all our God!*

**December 15 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

A mostly-musical liturgy featuring Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*.

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# FALL 2024

**Sunday Mornings**

Worship at 10:30am  
in the sanctuary

**Wednesday Evenings**

*The Love That Is God*

An Invitation to Christian Faith  
Oct 9 to Nov 6 – 6:45 to 8:00pm  
Fireside Lounge

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## ***THE LOVE THAT IS GOD***

### **An Invitation to Christian Faith**

Wednesdays, October 6 – November 9

This five-week group led by Pastor Dave will explore the basics of Christianity with *The Love That Is God*, a book by Frederick Bauerschmidt as our guide. (Available from the church office for \$17.) This will be an excellent opportunity for those who are new to the faith and any wanting to take a fresh look at the Christian invitation in these challenging times. **Persons who may be interested in joining as members of Peace UCC are especially encouraged to participate in this group.** We'll consider the role of religion in the human quest for meaning, and reflect on what it means, and doesn't mean, to be a member of a church.

## **MEMBERSHIP @ PEACE UCC**

Whether you're "ready to decide" or "just looking," come learn more about our church and make new friends at two gatherings for prospective members, right after worship on Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, October 20. Our next occasion for new members to join the church will be during the Sunday morning worship service on October 27<sup>th</sup>. For questions and additional information, contact: [PastorDave@PeaceUnited.org](mailto:PastorDave@PeaceUnited.org)

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00pm & 10:00pm  
A mostly-musical liturgy with lighting of the Christmas Candles.

## **SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT LUNCHES**

Beginning October 13, on the second Sunday of every month, free food, friends, live music sometimes, and always a good time, right after worship. (Starting around Noon.) For college students, graduate students, and recent grads.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY**

[CYF@PEACEUNITED.ORG](mailto:CYF@PEACEUNITED.ORG)

**Kids' Night Out** – Third Friday of the month, 6:00 to 8:00pm. Games and free play, music and a lesson, treats and dinner (usually we make our own pizza!) A good time for children and a little free time for parents. For questions and to register, contact [CYF@PeaceUnited.org](mailto:CYF@PeaceUnited.org).

**Family Sundays** – Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 22. Worship at 10:30am includes a special Word Made Plain and Children's Blessing, with a separate (optional) program for kids during the scripture and sermon.

**Game Nights** – monthly on the last Friday, 6:00 to 8:00pm. Sometimes burgers and hotdogs, other times pizza, always a lot of fun and games for all ages. *Ping-pong, Backgammon, Cornhole, Twister, Dominoes, Chess, Checkers, Jenga, Yahtzee*, and we're always up for a new game you might bring. *Let the games begin!*

## **CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATH**

Saturday, December 7, 10:00am to 7:00pm

Retreat into quiet spirituality and contemplation here on our beautiful church campus, with disciplines of prayer and lots of open time for refreshment and renewal, paying attention to your soul and, if you need to, letting some things go.

Lunch and dinner are included. Register or inquire by e-mail: [lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com](mailto:lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com).

## ***KAFFEE KLATSCH***

Informal social gatherings for coffee and conversation, the *Kaffee Klatsch* on Sunday mornings after worship will feature discussion of topics that church members identified as important to them in a recent survey. Everybody is welcome. Bring your coffee and snacks to Fellowship Hall.

**October 6** – What are the priority repairs and improvements of our facilities that will best serve the ministries of Peace United Church of Christ? Bill Walton and Roger Bowers, leaders of our Buildings and Grounds team will facilitate this discussion. We are preparing for a capital campaign to fund the work, so please, come and participate!

**October 27** – Congregational meeting in the sanctuary, immediately following worship, to vote on authorizing a capital campaign.

**November 3** – Reclaiming Stewardship. It's not just something we "do." Stewardship is an orientation, a way of life, following in the way of Jesus.

**November 10** – What is a Not-for-Profit Organization and how might the creation of a new NFPO help us to organize and fund important parts of our ministry?

**November 24** – Legacy Giving. Does your will reflect the values and commitments of your life? Do you know that a "Life Income" gift can provide for your needs now and the church's later, with significant tax advantages? Do you know that including PUCC in your will may be a way to maximize the value of your estate?