



Greetings in the name of our “contagious” Savior Jesus Christ,

Over the past weeks we have been exploring what it means to be “contagious” for Jesus Christ and the Good News that He has brought to all of humanity during His ministry here on earth – His message of unconditional love, forgiveness of our sins and eternal life.

We have looked at the “contagious message” that Jesus brought down to earth with him – sharing and showing us the very character of God, His – and our – Heavenly Father. We have also explored what it means for us to have a “contagious heart.” That by the way we live, our actions, our good deeds – those deeds being “attractive” to those living around us – our family, our friends, and our community. How the very way we live – speaks to whom we believe in for our salvation – and that others are attracted to/and want what we have.

On the first Sunday of February, we will be looking at God’s grace – His “amazing grace” and what that means for all of humanity. We will also look at being a “contagious church/congregation” (family of God) and how that will lead us to step outside the doors of our church, to leave the building and carry out not only the mission of the church which is to care for all people but go and fulfill the Great Commission – making disciples of all the nations.

What we will also be doing during the month of February is filling the committees in our church. We are looking for people who have a passion for serving in various roles and life of the church. I know that people like to be asked to serve – but myself and your church leadership are not always aware of where your passion lies. I am a firm believer that the church is only successful in fulfilling the Great Commission when **all** members are serving in an area of the church that they are passionate about. We have many committees that are short of members. Each committee should have nine (9) members with both men and women and teenagers serving as well. The Committees of our congregation are:

- Staff Parish Relations (SPRC)
- Trustees
- Membership
- Worship (which includes serving on/at our Sound Booth)
- Education
- Peace Foundation
- Finance
- Missions
- Music/Musicians

Some of these committees meet monthly, some quarterly and others as needed. If you have questions about a specific committee, their role and how often they meet, Val or I can connect you to that committee’s chairperson. We are asking you to please contact the church office at 825-4348 and let us know which committee you would like to serve on.

This is your opportunity to share your voice regarding the future of Peace UMC, but in saying that – remember we all serve for the greater good of all our members and not for our own wishes and desires. Where do you see yourself called to serve?

May we all be blessed with being “contagious” to others in the name of God the Father, Jesus Christ his One and Only Son, and the Holy Spirit –

Blessings upon blessings,
Pastor Velda



Pastor Velda's Schedule for February 2025

February 6 - LLP Meeting in Slayton
February 10 - PUMC Worship Committee Meeting
February 11 - Pipestone County Ministerial Meeting at Ridgeview
February 12 - PUMC Trustees Meeting
February 17 - PUMC Leadership Council Meeting
February 18 - Pipestone Human Rights Commission Meeting
February 20 - PUMC United Women in Faith Meeting
FPC Communion at Ridgeview
February 24 - FPC Session Meeting

Regular monthly activities:

PC Pastoral Prayer Breakfast - every Wednesday morning
J.A.M. and Confirmation Wednesday evenings
FPC Women's Coffee in Westminster Hall - First and Third Wednesday of the month
Peace Quilters - First and Third Monday of the month
Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry - Tuesday evenings
Kiwanis Meeting - every Wednesday at noon

Church Office Hours

The church office is normally open on Monday and Tuesday with limited hours.

1st and 4th Mondays are normally morning until early afternoon

2nd and 3rd Monday are late morning and afternoon. (Due to committee meetings)

Tuesdays are mornings only and may be subject to change.

Lenten Season

The celebration of the Easter season will soon be upon us. Mark your calendars for these upcoming services.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday March 5 at 7:00 pm. This is a combined service with First Presbyterian Church (FPC) and will be held at Peace United Methodist Church (PUMC).

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. This is a combined service with First Presbyterian Church (FPC) and will be held at First Presbyterian Church.

Easter Sunday

8:30 am service at PUMC (normal church service schedule)
10:15 a.m. service at FPC (normal church service schedule)

Also in March, we will begin taking orders for Easter Lillies to be displayed at the Easter Service. Keep your eyes open for the order forms.





The Missions Committee is Making BIG Plans

and They Include You!

The Mission Committee convened after church in December, and we have some exciting plans for the upcoming year, including a community project right here in Pipestone. We have decided to paint a house in the southeast part of town for a woman facing challenges in affording home improvements. Some minor repairs will be completed beforehand, but the painting will be done on **Saturday, May 17th**. So please mark your calendars as the Peace UMC members extend Christ's love to our neighbors. Our theme will be, "The church has left the building!"

Additionally, we discussed organizing an overnight mission trip. This year, we're focusing on something closer to home by partnering with Solar Oven Partners, a mission ministry of the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church. We plan to travel to Raymond, SD, for two days and one night to construct solar ovens, which will be shipped to locations in Africa, the Dominican Republic, or the Navajo Nation in Arizona. While we don't have exact dates yet, it will be scheduled for the latter half of September. There is camping space available, and several Peace Mission members have expressed interest in this option. The center in Raymond also offers a small "Hostel" with beds, a bathroom, and a kitchen for those without campers. For more information on this incredible ministry, visit <https://solarovenpartners.org/>.

Another idea discussed at the meeting is a trip in 2026 to Midwest Missions in Pawnee, IL, where we would work for several days and nights. You can learn more about Midwest Mission at <https://www.midwestmission.org/>. The Peace Quilters are actively sewing each month for this mission, making it a wonderful opportunity to engage more deeply in our support.

Keep an eye on the Announcements for details about our next Mission Committee Meeting in late March or early April. Are you thinking, "I'm no longer able to paint a house, that is too physical for me?" That is ok! Can we count on your financial help? Or how about helping with lunch or snacks for the workers? We need you, you are valuable to our mission, so we hope to see our whole church on Saturday, May 17th. Fun fact: Did you know that there are over 2,000 verses in the Bible urging us to assist the poor? James 2:17 reminds us that faith without action is dead. Church, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work, for this church is truly ALIVE!

To learn more about the ACE program, visit www.aceswmn.org

ACE Program - Advocate, Connect and Educate

Our church has started to participate in the volunteer ACE program- Advocate, Connect, Educate. Hours that a person volunteers are turned in monthly & the community receives funding for various programs, particularly, but not limited to adults 55 & up. Examples of volunteer activities that our church can receive credit for are attending committee meetings, church decorating, performance, sound system, maintenance, quilting, prayer shawl, cleaning, preparing food for bake sales, rummage sale, turkey dinner, visiting shut-ins, donating blood, Sunday school staff, & others. Members will need to fill out an ACE form found in the fireside room or by contacting Elly (507-215-3413).

After you complete the form, turn it in to Elly, the church office or place in the fireside room. Your name will be added to the volunteer worksheet that is on the cupboard doors in the fireside room. You can then write your volunteer hours on that worksheet by the end of each month & the hours will be tabulated & sent to ACE. (You can also let Elly know your hours.) We are hoping members will complete the form so that funding can be received for the volunteer activities you already do!

February 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue


Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Birthdays
Anniversaries
Church Events

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2 8:30 am Worship	3 Gwen Jaycox 9 am Peace Quilters 7:00 Church Clean-up	4 Josie Koppen 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	5 Tammy Johnson 6 pm J.A.M. FPC 6 pm Confirmation FPC	6	7	8
9 Carrie Backer 8:30 am Worship  Communion	10 Cindy Miller 4 pm Worship Committee	11 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	12 David Christensen 6 pm Trustees 6 pm J.A.M. FPC 6 pm Confirmation FPC	13	14 Bill and Cindy Miller	15 Jeff Terry
16 Andy Bucher Dale Wusow Mary Wabeke 8:30 am Worship	17 9 am Peace Quilters 4:30 pm Leadership Council	18 Cohen Lane 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	19 Judy Sheridan- Christensen 6 pm J.A.M. FPC 6 pm Confirmation FPC	20 10 am UWF Meeting	21	22
23 8:30 am Worship	24	25 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl	26 6 pm J.A.M. PUMC 6 pm Confirmation FPC	27 Cassandra Whipple Curt Hess	28	

MANY THANKS!



Members of Peace United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church once again rose to the occasion to support the Pipestone County Food Shelf. With compassionate hearts and a selfless spirit, they helped distribute essential

supplies to community members facing challenging times. Each act of kindness serves as a reminder of Christ's love, the strength of community, and the impact we can make when we unite for a shared purpose. We are reminded that we are all created in God's image. A heartfelt thank you to the food shelf workers!

Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."



A Big Thank You

for your donation to the Relay for Life. Every year we try and raise money that will help fight against cancer, and your donation has us off to a great start!

Thank you from the Relay Committee,

Vicki, Kristi, Sheila, Melissa, Shannon, Laura, Sal, Lisa

PEACE UMC HAS A WEBSITE!

www.peaceumcpipestone.com

We have three ways you can give back to your church!

By USPS:

Peace United Methodist Church; PO Box 26; Pipestone, MN 56164

Auto Giving through your bank:

Set up by the church treasurer in the church office. You will be able to designate the amount and frequency of your donations. All that is required is filling out a form and bringing in a voided check.

Online Giving:

On our website above, click the **GIVE** tab. You will be directed to the page where you can choose to donate either once, or on a recurring schedule to fit your family's budget. It is very simple and very secure!

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 9

MARCH 9

APRIL 13

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**UWF meets Thursday,
February 20, at 10 am**



**United
Women
in Faith**

JAM

Wednesday night JAM is always an adventure in learning about the Lord through word, music, movement, and creative art. Right now we are learning about how John the Baptist baptized Jesus.



JAM (Jesus and Me)

meets at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings.

January 29 JAM will be visiting Ridgeview to sing, craft, and decorate cookies with the residents.

February schedule:

February 5 at First Presbyterian Church (FPC)

February 12 at FPC

February 19 at FPC

February 26 at Peace United Methodist Church (PUMC)

If you know of any youngsters looking for a good time, send them our way!



PEACE QUILTERS Ministry



PLEASE JOIN US!

WE MEET THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 9 AM - 3 PM, IN THE BASEMENT FELLOWSHIP HALL. BRING YOUR LUNCH

Help us make warm quilts and blankets for Sleep Tight Pipestone, Pipestone Kiwanis, Sherriff and Fire Dept. and more. Don't sew? We need cutters, designers, and people to tie quilts and fleece blankets. All are welcome.

Thank you to the SW Initiative Foundation for the gift of \$1500 grant money for the Peace Quilters. This gift will enable our ministry to continue our outreach projects by providing quilts, receiving blankets, and cloth diapers to multiple missions.



Donations of quilts made on behalf of the Peace Quilters.

It is freezing cold down here in Florida and there are a lot of homeless people.

Paster Kelley lined us up with the police department who are opening a shelter to help those who are homeless and have no heat.

They sent Deputy Danny to pick up the blankets. They were excited and thankful to receive these items.



**Please lift up our shut-ins in your prayers, and please visit them!
You can see Gretchen Blom and Violet Werner at
Good Samaritan Society of Pipestone.**



**Everyday can be Valentine's Day
with God's love within you!**



Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m.

Peace UMC now has a sign-up list for various areas of the church building that you can specify and commit to cleaning. Please see the sign-up sheet for further



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

\$ 115.82
Received January 2025
To benefit
Pipestone County
Food Shelf

February donations will benefit the **Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy Program**

Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy is a nonprofit ministry privately funded through a partnership of churches, organizations, and individuals. Our support of the FIS Chaplaincy is vital in meeting the needs of the Native American students and being the hands and feet of Christ, sharing His love. Any amount you can give through February Change for Change will impact the student's lives.



2025 Giving Goal

\$125,303

Needed Each Month

\$10,442

Received in January

\$3,485

Leadership Council Meeting
January 20, 2025
4:30 pm

Present: Pastor Velda,

Pastoral Report: Pastor Velda

Pastoral Calls, Texts and Visits - 44

PUMC Parish Meetings - 3

FPC Parish Meetings – 1

PC Ministerial Caroling at Good Sam - 1

Pastoral Prayer Breakfast - 2

PC Ministerial Meeting

Peace Quilters - 3

Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry – 3

Kiwanis Christmas Share Event – 1

Premarital Meeting - 1

Wedding Rehearsal – 1

Community Meetings - 4

House Blessing - 1

Pastoral Review - FPC & UMC

UMC Charge Conference

Visitation at Hartquist Funeral Home -1

Funeral – 1

JAM and Confirmation Christmas Program and practices – 4

PAS Band Concert – 1

LLP Covenant group meeting - 1

Wedding Ceremony - 1

Treasurer's Report: Shelley Wiese

All bills and apportionments are paid to date.

- We are continuing to try to end our Vanco account. Hopefully by the end of February
- New electric meters are scheduled for the church and parsonage on January 30.

Trustees Report: Mark Wiese

January Meeting – Met on January 8 - 5 present

- Land sale to Mike DeZeeuw has been finalized. The money has been put into a CD
- Work on the boiler room sump pump has been finished
- The refrigerator in the pantry that has not been used for years. Steve Ewing is taking it for the Ambulance Association.
- Steve Schulze and Pete Sietsema are checking on how to repair the ceiling in the kitchen.

UWF Report: Jan Wussow

United Women in Faith met on Thursday, January 16 after not meeting since November. We passed our budget for 2025 and made disbursements to several local charities (see below) from the proceeds of the rummage and bake sales. Our next meeting will be February 20 (weather permitting).

Disbursements:

\$250 Nomads

\$250 UMCOr

\$250 Flandreau Indian Chaplaincy Program

Worship Committee Report: Elly Erks

The Worship Committee met on January 13 with 5 members present.

- We will wait until February to set a date to remove winter décor. Ash Wednesday is March 5.
- There will not be a Super Sunday soup gathering this year, but plans to prepare a breakfast brunch closer to Easter were discussed.
- The next meeting will be February 10.

Peace Foundation Report: Chuck Vaux

Nothing to report at this time, but we expect applications to be coming in this spring.

Children's Ministry Report:

SPRC Report:

Lay Leader Report: no report given

Mission Report:

If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings, remember we are available online! You can watch our Sunday Worship broadcast live on

Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:15 am!

www.facebook.com/peaceUMCpipestone/



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