

FESTIVAL SUNDAYS
IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10:30AM

October 18 – 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 25 – Reformation & New Members

We affirm that Christian faith is a call to ministry for all believers and receive new members joining in our church covenant.

November 1 – 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 *ofrenda* with photos and other artifacts of loved ones you would remember and pray for.

November 8 – Simple Gifts Hymn Festival

A mostly-musical liturgy of favorite hymns and anthems praising God's *Amazing Grace* and celebrating the *Simple Gifts* that make life full. *Now Thank We All Our God!*

November 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday

A grand celebration of our abundant blessings, and God's call to us to be a blessing to others.

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Peace UCC
900 High St.
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FALL 2026

Sunday Mornings

Worship at 10:30am
in the sanctuary

Thursday Evenings

Discussion of
*American Teenager: How Trans Kids
Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy*
by Nico Lang
Oct 1, 8, 15 & 22 – 7 to 8:15pm
Fireside Lounge

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AMERICAN TEENAGER:

How Trans Kids are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era

Discussion of the book by Nico Lang

Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22 – 7 to 8:15pm

These are especially challenging times for Transgender people who have been made a contentious topic in our culture wars – talked about but not so often listened to. Pastor Dave will be leading a small group to discuss Lang's book which tells the stories of eight Trans youth, with extensive quotations from them and contextual narrative that helps us to hear and understand.



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 Sundays, September 27 and October 4. Our next occasion for new members to join the church will be during the Sunday morning worship service on October 25th. For questions and additional information, contact:

PastorDave@PeaceUnited.org

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHES

Beginning in October, on the second Sunday of every month, food, friends, music sometimes, and always a good time, right after worship. (Starting around Noon.) For college students, graduate students, and recent grads. Note: our first gathering this Fall, October 11, will be an outing to get pumpkins for the October 17 FallFest, with lunch on us at the Davenport Road House. Transport to and from the church provided.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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.

Family Sundays – 1st and 3rd of the month. 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. Light bites and 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!*

SENIOR PERENNIALS

Perennials is a group for those over 55 to meet, share fellowship and enjoy a program of special interest. They meet after worship in the Fireside Lounge on the third Sunday of the month.



2026 FALLFEST

We're throwing a party with the musicians, dancers, service groups, clubs and other ministries that "do their thing" at our church's 900 High Street campus... and you're invited! Join us for FallFest food, music, fun and community. Enjoy a sampling of the important and exciting things that happen in Peace Village.