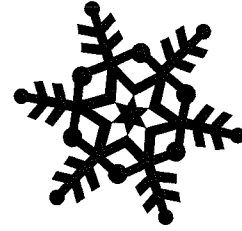




PEACENOTES



January

Peace United Church of Christ, 37 East Swartzville Road, Denver, PA 17517

PASTOR'S PAGE

At the end of each year, someone out there creates a list of predictions for the coming year. Last year there were predictions such as: by this time we would be fully engaged in WW III, along with typical opinions about the economy, floods and earthquakes. There was one psychic who predicted that there would be an increase in radiation around Korea (Japan maybe)?

What about predictions for this coming year? I read an article in which the author made these silly or obvious predictions:

- The world did not end in May or October of this year and it will not end on December 21, 2012! Can we forget about the whole Mayan Calendar thing?
- Hal Lindsey will revive his 1970's best seller, *The Late Great Planet Earth* with a new title, *The REALLY Late Great Planet Earth: Why I Got It Wrong the First Time*.
- You will turn to your 3 year old child or grandchild to help you set up your new iPad.
- Time and Newsweek will publish articles on Jesus (Easter) and Mary (Christmas).
- People will make a big deal out of 12-12-12 (December 12, 2012).
- Because of obsessive Texting on tiny hand held communication devices there will come a moment in 2012 (during the day) when no one in the USA will be speaking to each other face to face.

Okay, it's a little silly. And I don't think we can predict the future. So how about a wish list for Peace Church in 2012? My list would include things such as:

- Continued spiritual growth as a church and as individual members
- Increased participation in the events of the church
- Increased attendance in worship and new members coming into the life of the church
- A successful capital campaign so that we might complete our roof and reach out to the community around us

What are your hopes and dreams for your church as we move together into 2012?

► Check it out!

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pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org

To e-mail items to the secretary, use

secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

Church Council Officers

2011

John McDonough, *Council President*
Pat Acebo, *Council Vice-President*
Mary Getz, *Council Secretary*
Margaret Harting, *Financial Secretary*
Mike Madara, *Treasurer*

*2012 officers will be listed next month and will be as stated in the council minutes from Decembers meeting

ELDERS

Patricia Acebo.....445-9458
Jessica Fitterling.....490-5700
Mary Getz.....484-2216
John Haldeman484-2510
Charles Lightcap.....336-4798
John McDonough.....569-5835

DEACONS

Jay Burkey.....336-0142
Mel Gerhart.....484-1155
Courtney Hall.....575-6156
Jill Kegerise.....336-2421
Linda Long.....484-4590
Bev Madara.....484-0895
Fred Romich.....484-4420
Raymond Wolverton.....484-0176

ACOLYTES

January 1 Cassie Heil
January 8 Emily Woods
January 15 Nichole Burkey
January 22 Allyson Butz
January 29 Emily Harting

HEAD USHER

TBA

ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft
Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

January 1 None (New Years Day)
January 8 Marion Gerhart
January 15 Tim Valerie Heil
January 22 Keith and Barbara Hoffert
January 29 Harold and Ann Kohl

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 1 Mary Getz
January 8 Mildred Krick
January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff
January 22 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palsgrove and Family
January 29 Family of Jane Hornberger



The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Peace Notes is January 20th. Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the Secretary's desk or email it to:

secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

Thank you!

Note: this email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday Bulletin.

January Birthdays

- January 1** Jane Schweitzer**
 Shirley Endy
 David Bixler
January 2 Jaclyn Anderson
January 3 James Moser
 Audrey Youndt
 Patricia Harting
January 4 Kathi Good
January 8 Alicia Good
January 10 Donna Reinhart
 Julie LaSalle
January 13 Stewart Mohn
 Margret Harting
 Clifford Youndt
 Shawn Burky
January 16 Randy Stauffer
January 18 Janet Mattis
 Charles Graff
 Margaret Gress
January 20 Marian Trostle
January 21 Erla Hartranft
January 22 Donald Sunday
January 24 Pierce Leshner
 Karen Dorsey
January 25 Kendra Sauder
January 28 Staci Tobias
January 29 Vicki Garner-Sweigart
 Brady Sipe
 Ethan Sipe
January 30 Alverta Kilhefner**
January 31 Jerry Lee Englert

** Special Care and Concern Member

Please remember these members with a card that can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex.



Peace Pantry for January-Help our Homeless Veterans

During the month of January the Peace Pantry will be collecting **new white** men's socks for the homeless veterans throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.

January Anniversaries

- January 2** Scott M. and Lise Lausch
January 5 Claude and Bertha Adair
January 9 Galen and Georgan Bixler
January 10 Clair and Mardel Lausch

Thank You's

We would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts, given through the Peace Pantry, that we used as Christmas gifts at Colonial Lodge. You made their Christmas very special! We can say with certainty that if it were not for your generosity, many of the residents would have not received any gifts. From the committee and on behalf of the residents - Thank You!

Health and Welfare Committee

This is to thank all of you, for cards that were sent to me, they were all so beautiful. I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year and good health. May God bless you all!

Dorothy Nye

Thank You's

(Cont.)

Lester Youndt would like to thank all who remember his Birthday with beautiful cards, also that you for the beautiful fruit basket. We appreciate everything

Sincerely,
Lester & Dolly Youndt

Thank you so much for the fruit at Thanksgiving and the cookies, and many cards, felt tree and wooden stocking made by Jim Gress. Many Thanks to you all.

Sincerely,
Catherine Youndt

I would like to thank the Peace Church congregation and the Health & Welfare committee for my Thanksgiving fruit basket, the hand made Christmas tree and all my cards. The homemade cookies were delicious and I always appreciate Jim Gress's work of art. Also thank you for the Christmas party here at Colonial Lodge. It was a fun evening and I especially enjoyed making my snowman, singing along with Ernie, visiting with Santa Claus and eating the ice cream. God Bless and come to visit me.

Susan Sensenig

Thank you to all of Children's Ministry, teachers, youth and children for a great musical on Sunday December 11th. Our youth and children did a great job putting together "The Christmas Puzzle" and reminding us that we are all part of God's picture.

Janis and I appreciate all the thoughts, prayers and gifts shared with us this year. Your continued prayers and support mean so much. And, we look forward to serving together in 2012!

Pastor Bill & Janis

Health and Welfare Committee

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday January 3, 2012 at 7:00pm

SPECIAL REQUEST: When using church facilities, kitchen, fellowship hall of any additional rooms, please clean up (sweep, mop or whatever is needed) and put away any utensils so that the church is ready to be used by the next person or group.

SECURING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

At our December meeting, Church Council approved a bid of \$55,300 from Heartland Roofing to replace the flat roof portion of our building. This decision allows us to fine tune our campaign efforts to raise the much needed funding and move forward.

Based on the facts that we must allow a margin for material cost increases along with a need to build a cushion for our Capital Improvements and General Fund and future mission projects, we have set a campaign goal of \$108,000. This represents a need to raise \$36,000 per year over the life of our campaign in the next three years. In **February's** issue of Peace Notes you will find a **Campaign Commitment Form**. If yours is missing additional copies will be available in the narthex of the church. We are asking that you indicate your commitment choice and return this form to the church no later than **Sunday February 19th**.

This will allow us an opportunity to organize a confidential accounting procedure and allow time for any late returns before our campaign officially starts.

Using one-hundred (100) shingles as our unit of measurement allowed us to offer a number of options of contribution levels which we hope will meet everyone's comfort zone in supporting our needs. Special envelopes will be provided for your contributions and will be available in the narthex to be distributed according to your needs by a Stewardship Committee representative. The campaign will officially start on **Sunday March 4th**, at which time you can present your first contribution. We fully appreciate the fact that all of us face financial challenges due to the present poor economy which is why we are encouraging everyone to support our campaign and their church as generously as possible without creating additional burdens on themselves or their families.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill or John Haldeman, Stewardship Committee chairperson. Our church family has always been supportive and generous in the church's time of need and I am confident our campaign will be successful as we work together to **SECURE OUR FUTURE**. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee we thank you in advance for your generous support.

A campaign update presentation will be given to the congregation on Sunday January 29th. An opportunity to ask questions or express concerns will be provided at that time.

John Haldeman,
Stewardship Comm. Chairperson

Peace United Church of Christ Council Meeting December 13, 2011

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John McDonough, Pat Acebo, Mike Madara, Jack Bernstel, Jessica Klinkner, Chuck Lightcap, Ray Wolverton, Courtney Hall, Mary Getz, Linda Long, Bev Madara, John Haldeman, Mel Gerhart, Jay Burkey, Jill Kegeerise, Fred Romich, Jim Anthony, Jim Moser and Bobbi Porter-Kunkle.

President John McDonough brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Pastor Bill started the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes- Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- The payment of painting of the sanctuary came out of the Capital Improvement fund. We extended our contract with Scotts Lawn Service for another 3 years,

Account balances as of 11/30/11	
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
Money Market	(\$1,300.79)
CHECKING ACCT	\$1,204.63
GENERAL FUND (combined)	(\$96.07)
CD (12 month – restricted use)	\$5,005.02
ELDERBERRY FUND (MMA)	\$1,794.12
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$6,685.81
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2,021.60
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$15,410.48
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS (LIMITED USE)	\$34,375.79

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$5,000.00
ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENTS (RESTRICTED)	\$309,382.16
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$364,243.43

Administrator's report-The sanctuary was painted in three days. Jack said people need to return items back to where they belong after they are used. Jack requested that after somebody has an event at our church they make sure the facilities are clean before they leave. Members that are leaving council should give their church keys to Jack by February, 2012. The nursery room received a thorough house cleaning thanks to Linda Long and Bobbi Porter-Kunkel.

Pastor's report-Cocalico Ministerium Home of Hope has been put on hold until another home is found. The Ministerium is checking with Denver Cold Storage and Four Seasons Produce to see if they can store food items for them. Sometimes truck drivers from Acme will call with a case of food and there is no storage. The food would be used for the Hunger in our Community program. The Cocalico Valley Historical Society had a speaker at the meeting. Penn Central Conference is developing a blog and Jim Anthony is assisting. Council approved Pastor Bill to take a vacation day on January 1, 2012. January 7, 2012 will be the Unhanging of the Greens at 9:00A.M. and in the evening a spaghetti dinner will be held in memory of Abigail Butz. Sunday, January 8, 2012 Communion will be held and also the installation and ordination of council members. Ash Wednesday will be February 22, 2012. February 28, 2012 Pastor Bill will attend a seminary fair held at Lancaster Theological School to interview students for a possible new student pastor.

Benevolence Committee- Next meeting will be in March.

Children and Youth Ministry Report- The Sunday School Christmas program went very well.

Health and Welfare- The Christmas party at Colonial Lodge went very well. Everybody had a good time.

Outreach- No report.

Adult Ministry- No Report.

Altar Guild- White socks for homeless veterans will be collected.

Budget and Finance- No report.

Youth Report-Babysitting went very well. The youth are selling Cloister car wash tickets.

Stewardship Report – No reports.

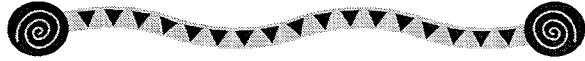
Old Business- The council asked Jack Bernstel to check with Heartland Roofing with some questions they had about the contract. The council will accept the contract after Jack receives answers to our questions. Heartland Roofing is from Honeybrook.

New Business- Courtney Hall will be head usher for Christmas Eve. There will also be a person at the door at the front of the sanctuary to give bulletins and candles. Election of officers was held. They are: John Haldeman – President, Pat Acebo – Vice President, Mary Getz – Secretary. The following were appointed: Jack Bernstel – Church Administrator, Mike Madara – Treasurer, Jim Anthony – Youth Representative.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00P.M.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Getz, Council Secretary



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENTS

The Youth Ministry Team of Penn Central Conference plans several activities throughout the year.

- **Winter Youth Retreat** – TBD
- **Confirmation Retreat** – TBD
- **National Youth Event** – July 10-14, 2012 at Purdue University (ages 13-18) with theme *Imagine*. We will be working on getting a list of interested youth and chaperones together. Penn Central Conference has reserved buses for youth throughout the conference. The cost will be \$525. **Registration is now open online.**

Anyone interested in attending these events, please contact Kristine or Timothy Butz.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE *Help be a Peace of the Puzzle @ Peace*

In December, Children's Ministry has been busy with the annual Christmas Pageant, *The Christmas Puzzle*. We thank all the children and youth for sharing talents with the congregations at Peace. We also thank those who went Caroling.

The other puzzle *peaces* for 2011-2012 at Peace being designed are:

- February 16th (6-9 PM) – Karaoke and Wii Night
- Saturday, March 3 - Game Night with Adult Ministry with "Minute to Win It" twist with a dessert planned by Adult Ministry.
- Saturday, March 31st – Easter Egg Night
- April 28th – Chicken Bar-B-Que
- May – Reading Phillies/Barnstormers Night TBD
- June – Hershey Park Day TBD

Please mark your calendars as well as invite family and friends to join us at these events. Thank-you to everyone who has signed up for prayer buddies, we have a couple more children/youth who are available for adopting.

Thank-you in for supporting the youth Cloister Car Wash sale. We are raising money for future activities including a mission trip and the National Youth event next summer.

At our last meeting, we discussed that we are in need a leader(s) for the youth group as well as a director for VBS this summer and/or coordinators for Children's Ministry for 2012-2013. If you are interested in helping to fill this piece of the puzzle in our Children's Ministry, please let us know.

If you have any questions or ideas, please see any member of the Children's Ministry Committee or Kristine and Timothy Butz. If you would like to receive the minutes from Children's Ministry meetings please e-mail Kristine. Our next Children's Ministry meeting will be Sunday, January 8th at 8 am with a light breakfast and planning for winter/spring activities.

YOU'RE INVITED...to the 5th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on Saturday, January 7th, 2012, from 4:30 to 6:30, at the Peace UCC Fellowship Hall.

The dinner is "free" for the entire community. We welcome dessert donations!

We will also be accepting donations for the Histio Society which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE. You may write a check directly to the organization for your 2012 tax deduction. Sign-up can be done either by telling the Butz family, sign-up at Peace UCC office, or by e-mailing us at ktbutz@yahoo.com or online at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wxOAm6Rvi8fOOJx6jTwndrj13UR2oISRjXhYZSosC24/edit?hl=en_US

Last year, we had a great turnout. We look forward to spending time with you at the spaghetti dinner as we support those in need and honor Abigail's life. Thank-you so much for your support.

Sincerely,
Abigail's Family
Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Kristine, and Timothy

BOXTOPS AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

We thank everyone for their continued support by saving box-tops and Campbell Soup Labels to support our local schools.

Calling all girls scouts young and old. In 2012 the Girls Scout organization is celebrating their 100th birthday. If you were once or still are a girl scout and have any pictures you would like to share for a bulletin board display please see that Kristine Butz receives them or by e-mail to ktbutz@dejazzd.com Whether you are a recent graduate or were in girl scouts many years ago please share your photos.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Sunday School 10:30 a Worship No Confirmation Elizabeth Mcilmoyle	2 Ryan Mcimoyle	3 Lillian Messner	4 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal Stewart Mohn	5 7:00 p Bible Study Dennis & Andrea Moore	6 James & Polly Moser	7 9:00 a un-hanging of the greens 4:30-6:30 Butz Family Spaghetti Diner Fund-raiser Jeffrey & Sherry Moyer
8 9 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship – Communion and installation of new council members 11:45 a Confirmation Olivia Moyer	9 Ruth Mumma	10 6:30 p Spirit. Council 7:00 p Council Daniel & Barbara Munsell	11 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal Casey & Sandra Murphy	12 7:00 p Bible Study Margo Murphy	13 Max Murphy	14 Dorothy Nye
15 9 a Sunday School, Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Worship Mary Oberholtzer	16 Marvin & Cindy Oxenreider	17 Bruce & Kathy Palsgrove	18 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal Richard & Robinette Palsgrove	19 7:00 p Bible Study Stephanie Palsgrove	20 Arthur & Karen Pennebecker	21 Chad Pennebecker
22 9 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship 11:45 a Confirmation Ronald & Carol Parker	23 Tim & Lori Patterson	24 Alex Plaisance	25 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal Ashley Plaisance	26 7:00 p Bible Study Brent Porter	27 Roberta & Raymond Porter-Kunkel	28 Audrey Priga
29 9 a Sunday School, 10:30 a Worship – 11:45 a Confirmation Ben Priga	30 Sarah Priga	31 Steven & Rebecca Priga	1 	2 	3 	4

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January Events

Saturday, January 7- Un-hanging of the Greens- 9am

5th annual Spaghetti Dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
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