

Items for the Peace Pantry in April – rice, canned potatoes & crackers.

Jessica Fitterling and Kevin Klinkner extend to the congregation, an invitation to their wedding ceremony, Saturday, April 9, at 4:00 pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer	Casey Coble	Mari Bleecher
John Leid	Mark Bailey	John Becker
People of Japan	Beverlea Manderbach	

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 16. Donations of individually wrapped candies are needed and appreciated. A container for the candy has been placed outside the secretary's door.

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies today, and April 10th and 17th before and after worship. The cost is \$7.00 for a 5 to 6 bloom plant. Flowers will be in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday and should be taken home after the service.

COMING EVENTS

Mon, Apr 4 – Health & Welfare – 6:30
Tues, Apr 5 – Women's Devotion Group – 7:00
Thurs, Apr 7 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00
Sun, Apr 10 – Children's Choir Practice – 9:00, Children's Choir sings
Tues, Apr 12 – Baking Bunch at 7:30 am (2nd Tuesday of the month!)
Spiritual and Church Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00
Sat, Apr 16 – Altar Guild will be preparing the palms for Palm
Sunday – 8:00 am; Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00
Tues, Apr 26 – Health & Welfare at Colonial Lodge – 6:30
Sat, Apr 30 – Chicken Bar-B-Que

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING

COMMUNITY SERVICES – Evening Services at 7:30 pm

April 6 – Swamp Christian Fellowship – Craig Snow
Apr 17 – Palm Sunday
Apr 21 – Maundy Thursday – Communion Worship
Apr 22 – Good Friday – Worship
Apr 23 – Easter Vigil – 6 am – 12 midnight
Apr 24 – Easter 7:00 & 10:30 Services – communion served at 10:30

PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denver, Pennsylvania

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
WELCOME!*



Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011

Thought Before Worship

**To be true to the voice of God that is calling from within
We must deny the voice of the crowd that is calling from without**

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us in this Lenten season learn new ways of living.

People: May we fast from words that pollute and feast on words that are kind.

Leader: Let us fast from judging others and feast on building others up in love.

People: Let us fast from despair and feast on an attitude of gratitude.

Leader: Let us fast from hatred and jealousy and feast on kindness and compassion.

People: Let us fast from thoughts of illness and feast on the healing power of God.

Leader: May we feast on the grace of God as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

***HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing".....no. 349**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, one by one the disciples left all they had to follow the long-awaited Messiah. You promised them hardship, rejection, a loss of comfort, hostility, suffering, and, finally, a cross to carry.

We give lip service to following you but complain when it is difficult; worry when we cannot see where you are leading; question "why" when suffering inevitably comes; and choose to ignore the parts of the gospel that disrupt our sense of security.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our selfish desire to have it both ways — to follow but at no cost; to claim you but not risk anything on your behalf; to embrace new life without experiencing the garden of Gethsemane. Remind us that we live not for ourselves but for you. Remind us that we are entitled to share in your joy only as we share also in your suffering. Give us boldness and courage, by the power of your Spirit, to be your disciples in truth and deed and not just in word. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God's grace is from everlasting to everlasting and by the mercy of Christ Jesus all our sins are forgiven.

People: We are forgiven and we are at peace! AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Judy High

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

PSALTER Psalm 23 pg. 435

CHOIR ANTHEM *"My Lord Is Like A Shepherd"*

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-12 pg. 871

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

***HYMN "Amazing Grace".....no. 107**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See".....no. 486**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand, +-kneel)

Church website.....	www.peaceunitedchurch.org
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Treasurer.....	Mr. Michael Madara
Altar Guild Workers.....	Shirley Kring and Linda Coventry
Acolyte.....	Ben Kegerise
Greeters.....	John Hamilton
Head Usher.....	Pat Acebo
Attendance for Mar 27.....	160
Offering for Mar 27.....	\$2,709.00
Month to Date Offering.....	\$12,974.50
Amount needed each month to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00

Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Richard & Virginia Tobias and Greg & Diane Tobias.