

Please take notice of the sign-up sheets on the secretary's window –

1. To serve as host or hostess for Fellowship Hours – Host or hostess would organize, serve and clean up after Fellowship hour, or be a volunteer to be willing to provide the baked goods that would be served
2. Assisting as Liturgist for Sunday morning worship by – lead call to worship and/or read scriptures

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer
Storm victims

Don Weber
Scott Musser & Shirley Long

Dick Beam

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Committee Reports are due into the church office by the end of October. Please submit those as early as possible to help with the compiling of our report book.

COMING EVENTS

Sun, Sept 18 – Church Picnic immediately following worship – Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, please see the sign-up sheet for ideas as to what you may bring.

Tues, Sept 20- Baking Bunch- 7:00 am

Weds, Sept 21 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Thurs, Sept 22 – Bible Study – 7:00

Sunday, Sept 25 – Harvest Home – Donations will be shared with Ephrata Area Social Services. We are asking for non-perishable foods that can be used in the average household. Donations can be dropped off this week or on Saturday between 9:00 am and 10:30.

Sunday, Oct 2 – World Communion Sunday. There will be a communion service for our Special Care and Concern members at 3:00. Dinner for the SCC members and their sponsors will follow. Anyone eating alone on Sunday is invite to this dinner. Please sign up at the Secretary's window.

NEW ADDRESSES

Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling
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Kathryn's Birthday 10-20

Ernest Shupp
250 Parkview Hgts. Rd #223
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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!*



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2011

Thought Before Worship

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you – not because they are nice, but because you are.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "I Thank Thee and Praise Thee"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader- Come, join and sing! Our God is ruler of all creation.

People- Come, stand and praise! Our God is sovereign over all the earth.

Leader- Come, lift your hearts! Jesus, our Savior, has risen from the dead.

People- Come, rest your souls! Jesus, our Savior, has defeated sin and death.

Leader- Come, watch and pray! The Holy Spirit is in this place.

People- Come, be still and listen! The Holy Spirit will guide us all into worship.

Leader- Come now and worship! Give praise to God- Father; Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

***HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise".....no. 332

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, in our minds, we believe we are attentive to those who are hungry or thirsty, welcoming to strangers we encounter, caregivers for those who are ill and friend to those who are imprisoned. But in our hearts, we know that we more often avert our eyes, pretending not to see the homeless person, avoiding anyone who is different, and staying away from those who are suffering because we don't know what to say.

Forgive us for when we did not recognize you in the face of a stranger and failed to care for those in need. Open our hearts so that we might see the stranger with your eyes and strive to be your hands and feet in the world. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Friends, we are not held captive by our sin! In Christ Jesus we are forgiven and set free to be the people of God.

People- We believe the Good News and know that we have been forgiven! AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1:21-30 pg. 953

CHOIR ANTHEM "Give Thanks"

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 20:1-16 pg. 801

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness".....no. 98

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Devotion"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN** "Lord, Speak to Me".....no. 625

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org).... William E. Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Ms. Olivia Moyer

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Mildred Krick & Janet Mattis

Acolyte.....Tiffany Burkey

Greeters.....Bruce & Kathy Palsgrove

Head Usher.....Linda Long

Attendance for Sept 11.....132

Offering for Sep 11.....\$5,084.50

Month to Date Offering.....\$9,017.50

Amount needed each month to meet budget.....\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Elwood and Doris Bailey by George and Eleanor Bailey.

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D (Lead On, O King Eternal; Rejoice,
Rejoice, Believers)

O God, our hearts were shattered on that horrendous day; we heard the news and gathered to grieve and then to pray. We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?" The world as we had known it had just been torn apart.

We heard of those who perished — of heroes' sacrifice. We paused again to cherish the gifts of love and life. We worried for the future; we hugged our loved ones then. We cried, "Can peace be found here?" "We can't let terror win!"

Some sought to answer terror the only way they knew — with anger toward the stranger And calls for vengeance, too. Yet this is not your answer, nor what you would create. May we live toward a future where love will conquer hate.

God, give us faith and wisdom to be your healing hands; Give open minds that listen to truth from all your lands. Give strength to work for justice; grant love that casts out fear. Then peace and not destruction will be the victor here.

O God, Our Words Cannot Express

ST. ANNE 8.6.8.6 (Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

O God, our words cannot express
The pain we feel this day.
Enraged, uncertain, we confess
Our need to bow and pray.

We grieve for all who lost their lives...
And for each injured one.
We pray for children, husbands, wives
Whose grief has just begun.

O Lord, we're called to offer prayer
For all our leaders, too.
May they, amid such great despair,
Be wise in all they do.

We trust your mercy and your grace;
In you we will not fear!
May peace and justice now embrace!
Be with your people here!

God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D (There's a Wideness in God's Mercy)

God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.