

COMING EVENTS

- Sun, Jan 1 – No Sunday School, worship at 10:30
Tues, Jan 3– Health and Welfare Committee Meeting–7:00 pm
Weds, Jan 4 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00
Thurs, Jan 5 – Bible Study – 7:00
Sat, Jan 7 – Un-hanging of the Greens – 9:00 am
 4:30-6:30 Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner
Sun, Jan 8 – Communion and the ordination and installation of new
 council members
Tues, Jan 10 – Spiritual Council – 6:30
 Church Council – 7:00
Tues, Jan 17 – Baking Bunch – 7:00 am

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.

Church website.....	www.peaceunitedchurch.org
Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org).....	William E. Hoch
Organist.....	Mrs. Virginia Tobias
Assistant Organist.....	Mrs. Lois Haldeman
Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....	Ms. Olivia Moyer
Treasurer.....	Mr. Michael Madara
Altar Guild Workers.....	Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer
Acolyte.....	Emily Harting
Greeters.....	TBA
Head Usher.....	TBA
Attendance for Dec 18.....	146
Offering for Dec 18.....	\$3,479.00
Month to Date Offering.....	\$12,188.00
Amount needed each month to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00

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!



December 25, 2011
CHRISTMAS MORNING

**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHRISTMAS MORNING - 2011**

PRELUDE "The Quiet Carol"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelled in land of darkness on them has a light shined. Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, let the seas roar and all that fills it. Rejoice for Christ has come and Christ will come again to redeem the world and reconcile us to our God! His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!

People: Hymn #172 vs. 1

Leader: Mary did not choose to give birth in a stable where the only warmth was the steamy breathe of animals. Yet, in that place, Mary, who had carried this baby close to her heart for nine months – gave birth to a Savior!

People: Hymn # 172 vs. 3

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE LEADER

We light the Christ candle to proclaim that, out of love for the world, God dispelled darkness forever through the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. The candle is lit. May the Lord Jesus Christ take all darkness out of our hearts, now and forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we celebrate the coming of your Light into our world; we have prayed for that light to enter our lives, yet we confess that there have been times when we have obscured the light for others through insensitivity and prejudice, through careless and hurtful words or selfish and destructive actions. Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness and empower us with your Spirit to be faithful bearers of your light into all the shadowy and clouded areas of our lives. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Loving God, on this Christmas Day we give you thanks and praise. At the very beginning of time, you spoke the word that

replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light - A light which has nurtured generations of people, great and small, a light which also revealed the fear and powerlessness caused by corrupt and evil actions. And so you created the Word which would once and for all dispel the darkness of chaotic and clouded lives.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh - Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him – faithfully following and serving him, and awaiting with expectation the coming of his kingdom. Amen

HYMN "Good Christian Men Rejoice".....no. 177

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14 pg. 862

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....no. 193

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "What Child Is This"

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

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

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

***HYMN "Go Tell It On a Mountain".....no. 205**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

Altar Flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Connie Youndt and Family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer

Stewart Mohn

Betty Kilakis

Jim Murrin

Fern McBride

Sue Burky

Ruth Ann Zimmerman

If you have not yet picked up your poinsettias, we invite you to do so following worship this morning.