

There is a large need for jelly at Ephrata Area Social Service. During the month of March the item for the Peace Pantry is **Jelly** – any size, brand or flavor!

We will be serving dinner for the Homeless at 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church in Lancaster on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FROM STEWARDSHIP**

We will continue to receive Commitment Cards for the campaign and you can now begin submitting your gifts. Thank You!!!

#### **COMING EVENTS**

- Tues, March 6 – Health and Welfare – 7:00
- Sun, Mar 11 – Girl Scout Sunday
- Mon, March 12 – Benevolence Committee- 7:00
- Tues, March 13 – Church Councils – 6:30 & 7:00
- Sat, Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Youth Fund Raiser
- Tues, Mar 20 – Baking Bunch – 7:00 am

If you would like to help contribute individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 31, there is a basket in the Narthex, please drop off candy at any time.

#### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

- March 7 – St. John's United Church of Christ - Mike Roney
- March 14 – Swamp Christian Fellowship - Phil Horning
- March 21 – Gehman's Mennonite Church - Dave Brumbaugh

#### **Children's Ministry is in need of people to serve as:**

1. chair person for Children's Ministry
2. people to help with and co-ordinate this year's VBS. Please speak with Tim or Kristine Butz or pastor Bill.

Please also be open if you are approached and asked to serve your church!

CARD SHOWER FOR Dan Wolf's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 115 Front Street Akron, PA 17501

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# PEACE

*United Church of Christ*

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*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!***



March 4, 2012  
SECOND SUNDAY LENT

**Thought Before Worship**

It is hard to find Christ in crowded places. We need solitude. In the crowd you will find noise, in the silence you find God.

Gold Hymnal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE "Cantabile"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this place to be with each other, to share in the love of our God.

**People: We come to this place to worship, pray and encounter the Christ who lived, who died, who rose.**

Leader: We come knowing that God cares for us, that we are bound together by faith and by the love of our God.

**People: Here we begin to see that we are one body – if one member suffers, all do; if one rejoices we share in that joy.**

Leader: Take time and experience God's presence right now. Feel God near you. Know the warmth of God's love for you.

Believe that he died for you. Then worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

**\*HYMN "The Church's One Foundation".....no. 547**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful Savior, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives reveal frequently aren't the same. We say that you are good, yet we're quick to blame you when discomfort, turmoil or distress arises. We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we continue to carry the baggage of our past. We profess that you are a faithful God, yet we're riddled with anxiety, fear and impatience.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the difference between what we say we believe and what our lives reveal. Then give us the conviction to close the gap. That what we say and how we live may be one. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your personal sins)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader- Hear and believe the Good News – the Grace of Christ covers all our sins. We are forgiven, be at peace!

**People- The love of God and the mercy of Jesus Christ is from everlasting to everlasting! AMEN.**

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

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:13-25 pg. 916

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lord of the Dance"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38 pg. 820

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**\*HYMN "Near the Cross".....no. 254**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Tristesse"

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

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

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine".....no. 67**

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.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer

Acolyte.....Emily Harting

Greeters.....Art & Karen Pannebecker

Head Usher.....John Haldeman

Attendance for Feb 26.....145

Offering for Feb 26.....\$3,005.00

Month to Date Offering.....\$13,448.15

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

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mrs. Richard L. Fisher

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Beatrice Stauffer

Ernie Shupp

Paul Kachel

Tom Hinkley

Jenny Conrad

Jean Knarr

Pam Raymer

Justin Conrad

Cherie Riggs