

We will be serving dinner for the Homeless at 1st Reformed Church in Lancaster on March 20th. Anyone interested in helping please speak with Pastor Bill or John McDonough. We would like to have a couple of people leave the church at about 3:00 to start set up and a second group leave about 4:00 to bring the food and serve.

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!

FROM STEWARDSHIP

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

COMING EVENTS

Mon, March 12 – Benevolence Committee- 7:00

Tues, March 13 – Spiritual Council – 6:30
Church Council – 7:00

Sat, Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Youth Fund Raiser – Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, please invite your friends and families.

Tues, Mar 20 – Baking Bunch – 7:00 am

Sat, March 24 – Youth gather to make Peanut Butter Eggs – to purchase PB eggs please speak with any member of the Youth Group.

Wed, March 28- 7:00 pm Gathering for anyone interested in joining or knowing more about Peace Church

Sat, March 31 – Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs, Apr 12 – VBS planning meeting – 7:00 pm

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 14 – Swamp Christian Fellowship - Phil Horning

March 21 – Gehman's Mennonite Church - Dave Brumbaugh

April 5 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 7:30

April 6 – Good Friday Service – Remembering – 7:30

Sign-Up chart for the Easter Vigil is posted on the Secretary's window

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!*



March 11, 2012
THIRD SUNDAY LENT
Girl Scout Sunday

Thought Before Worship

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Soliloquy"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens cannot keep silent!

All: The skies are shouting, too!

Leader: Because of God's might and majesty all of creation cries out in praise to God.

Women: We too must speak and shout and sing.

Men: Day and night, night and day, God's glory must be proclaimed!

Leader: The roar of praise will reach the farthest star.

Women: The sound of "hallelujahs" will be deafening!

Men: The chorus of worship simply cannot be contained.

Leader: Let us join all of creation offering God our thanks and praise as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN!**

***HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Sky".....no. 322**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the story of Jesus' outburst in the temple strikes a nerve with us. We confess that far too often we do not treat your space or your time as sacred. We do not keep the Sabbath. We count our money when we should be counting our blessings. We fill our lives to the brim with activity and noise, stifling any opportunity to share silence with you. Even in your house, we are preoccupied with our busyness and stress, rather than wholeheartedly focusing on you. Forgive us, merciful God. Reorient us to the truth that you love us and that your will for our lives is good and perfect and true. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- As surely as Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleanses our hearts. Receive this gracious gift of pardon – We are forgiven!

People- Let us live as loved and redeemed children of God!

AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 pg. 926

GIRL SCOUT CHOIR "Pass It On", "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", "Tell Me Why", "My Task", "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-25 pg. 863

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer".....no. 439**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised".....no. 402**

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 Woods

Greeters.....Girl Scouts

Head Usher.....John Haldeman

Attendance for March 4.....127

Offering for March 4.....\$4,077.00

Month to Date Offering.....\$4,077.00

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

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of our parents by Robert and Beverly Martin

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer

Paul Kachel

Dale & Betty Wisler

Cherie Maurer

Jean Knarr

David Tester

Pam Raymer

Cherie Riggs

Kleon Kegerise