

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer  
Cherie Maurer  
Simon Hertzler

Paul Kachel  
Jeff Swartzentruber

Jean Knarr  
David Tester

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee is having a silent auction for a quilt that has been donated for their use. You can register for a number before and after worship and place your bids as you desire. Proceeds from this silent auction will go to the cost of replacing the roof. More information about the quilt will be in your next newsletter.

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

- Tues, Mar 27 – Stewardship Meeting – 7:00  
Wed, March 28- 7:00 pm Gathering for anyone interested in joining or knowing more about Peace Church  
Choir Rehearsal – 7:00  
Sat, March 31 – Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00  
Altar Guild will prepare palms for Palm Sunday- 8am  
Sun, April 8 – EASTER SUNDAY  
Tues, April 10 – Spiritual Council – 6:30  
Church Council – 7:00  
Thurs, Apr 12 – VBS planning meeting – 7:00 pm  
Sun, Apr 15 – Health & Welfare Sunday

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

- 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  
April 8 – Early Morning Worship – 7:00 am

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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 25, 2012  
FIFTH SUNDAY LENT

**Thought Before Worship**

"The Christian Life is about relationships, not performance."

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE " "

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

**People: Yet we gather as one people, united by God.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, journeying to Jerusalem.

**People: We gather as one people, guided by God's Spirit, moving forward, moving together.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

**People: Yet we gather as one people following in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ.**

Leader: In spite of worries or fears we journey to the cross where we will worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**AMEN.**

\*HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory".....no. 251

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you love us with a profound, outrageous love, and you generously bless us all that you have. Yet we fail to appreciate you or to respond in gratitude to your love. Like the prodigal son, we stubbornly choose our selfish ambition rather than receive your wise counsel. We pursue the pleasures of this world, believing that they will make us happy, only to discover that we're left with poverty of both soul and spirit. Or, like the elder brother, we hold ourselves aloof and apart, judging others and withholding compassion and mercy. Like these two we fail to understand that our truest treasure lay in our relationship with You — and that is our greatest sin. We ask for your forgiveness and your grace, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Even when we are far from God, God sees us and is filled with compassion. Know that by God's grace and compassion we are forgiven!

**People- In Christ Jesus we are made whole once again. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON Mark 4:35-41 pg. 816

CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley"

SECOND LESSON Mark 5:1-15 pg. 816

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

\*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....no. 253

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Judy High

*"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*HYMN "God be with you Til We Meet Again".....no. 523

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

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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.....	Allyson Butz
Greeters.....	Rosie Johnston & Tyler Hertzog
Head Usher.....	John Haldeman
Attendance for March 18.....	127
Offering for March 18.....	\$2,193.00
Month to Date Offering.....	\$8,997.00
Amount needed each month to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of the 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Robert and Hazel Fichthorn.