

Blessed are they who mourn

They will be comforted

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**Gold Hymnal**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Wherever we turn we see the bounty of this season!

**People: So much has already been gathered in, but there is still much to gather.**

Leader: Apples are still on the trees, pumpkins are still in the fields, the harvest continues.

**People: Our God has provided for us an abundance of good things!**

Leader: By God's grace may we provide for others by sharing the abundance that is ours. In the spirit of God's abundant love, let us worship. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People Come".....no. 392**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

This is the truth – In Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**People: In Christ we have new and abundant life! AMEN.**

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Leviticus 19:1-10 pg. 93

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:35-38 pg. 790

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*HYMN "Give of Your Best".....no. 516**

Sing chorus only after the last verse

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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

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

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "Let All Things Now Living".....no. 389**

Let There Be Peace on Earth no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of J. Walter, Mabel and

Harold El Shupp by Ella Mae Shupp.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose need remain silent.*

Doris Fultz

Sully Madara

Ethel Leshner

## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Marketing – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Communion

A Communion Service for our Special Care and Concern

Members will be held in the Sanctuary at 3:00. This will be followed by Dinner.

Thursday, October 6 – CHOIR REHEARSAL – 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-11:00 am

Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

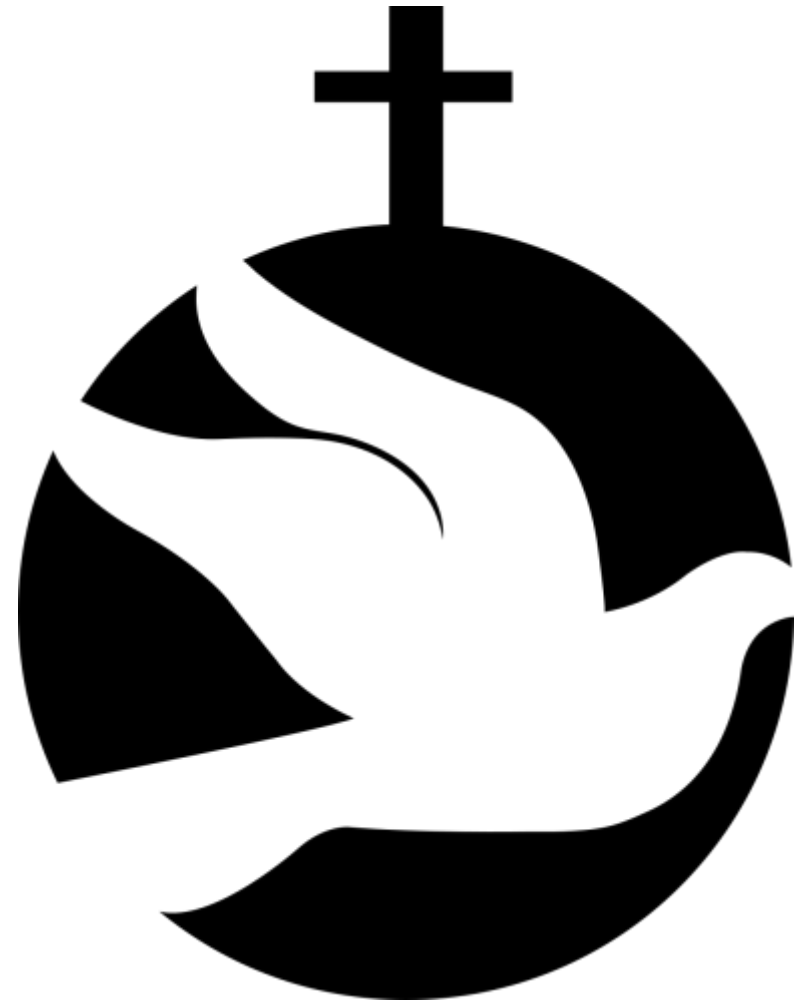
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Committee Chairpersons, please get your reports and budget requests into the church office.

**HARVEST HOME** – Today – Once again we celebrate harvest home. All food will be used to feed local families. Monetary donations will go to Ephrata Area Social Services for the Fuel for Families Program. We thank you for your continued giving to help support the food programs in our own community!

**SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN COMMUNION AND DINNER** – will be held on October 2nd. The worship service will be at 3 pm with the dinner following. The Communion Service is to give our SCC members an opportunity to have communion in their home church and the dinner to recognize the efforts of our SCC sponsors. If you will be eating alone on this day, we invite you to join us for dinner.

**TOTENFEST** will be observed on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have lost a loved one in the past 12 months and would like them to be remembered on this day, please give their name, date of death and their relationship to you to Pastor Bill.

# Peace United Church of Christ



September 25, 2016  
Harvest Home Sunday